

WHAT'S HAPPENING: A PRE-MIDWINTER UPDATE
January 14, 2006

KEY NUMBERS

- As of September 2005, **ALA membership** was 66,547, compared to 64,547 in September 2004 – a net change of 3.43%. This includes 62,213 personal members (compared to 59,878 in September 2004), 4,055 organizational members (compared to 4,218) and 279 corporate members (compared to 243).

As of September 2005, division and round table total memberships (compared to September 2004) were as follows:

○ Division memberships	9/2005	9/2004
▪ AASL --	10,212	9,820
▪ ACRL --	13,048	12,276
▪ ALCTS --	4,801	4,772
▪ ALSC --	3,906	3,765
▪ ALTA --	1,237	1,258
▪ ASCLA --	890	912
▪ LAMA --	4,853	4,852
▪ LITA --	3,987	4,389
▪ PLA --	9,994	10,461
▪ RUSA --	5,107	4,946
▪ YALSA --	4,802	4,338
○ Round Table memberships		
▪ CLENERT --	422	411
▪ EMIERT --	642	649
▪ ERT --	432	404
▪ FAFLRT --	347	371
▪ GLBTRT --	721	630
▪ GODORT --	981	974
▪ IFRT --	1,717	1,762
▪ IRRT --	1,132	815
▪ LHRT --	534	496
▪ LIRT --	1,467	1,425
▪ LRRT --	954	1,013
▪ LSSIRT --	730	470
▪ MAGERT --	380	382
▪ NMRT --	1,822	1,553
▪ SRRT --	1,872	1,690
▪ S[T]ORT --	267	305
▪ VRT --	277	266

- **Advance registration for the 2006 Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio**
 - As of January 13, 2006, paid advance registration is 5,724, including 228 paid exhibits-only. Total advance registration is 6,042.
 - Last time in San Antonio (2000), advance registration was 4,716 and 967 paid exhibits only; total (including all on-site registration) attendance was 10,715.
 - 2005 Midwinter Meeting in Boston – 6,360 paid advance registration, with 6,815 total advance registration.

- **Advance registration – pre-Midwinter Institutes:** As of January 13, 2006, there were 631 registrants in 19 Pre-Midwinter Institutes.

- **Early-Early Bird Registration for the 2006 ALA Annual Conference:**
 - As of January 13, 2006, there were 1,885 individuals registered for the New Orleans Conference, with 23 weeks of registration remaining. The first “snapshot” of pre-registration for Chicago – at the 22 week period – showed 2308.

HOT TOPICS

- **USA PATRIOT Act**

In December 2005, after months of delay, the House passed a conference report reauthorizing the expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and sent it to the Senate, which turned it down and extended the provisions for 6 months. In turn, the House rejected the Senate’s extension and sent a 5-week extension back to the Senate – which accepted it prior to going home for the holidays. Congress voted to continue debate about the controversial renewal of the PATRIOT Act authorities for a five-week period that concludes on February 23, 2006.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, ALA’s Washington Office and the Campaign for Reader Privacy continue to focus on the efforts to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to include increased substantive protections for library users’ privacy and civil liberties as Congress continues to debate proposed amendments to Section 215 and the statutes authorizing National Security Letters. There will be a national call-in effort on January 25th. ALA members are encouraged to call and ask their Members of Congress to support the Senate version of the PATRIOT reauthorization bill on January 25th.

In September 2005, ALA joined with the Freedom to Read Foundation and other groups to file an *amicus curiae* brief in support of a Connecticut library entity that has filed a legal challenge to the statutes authorizing the use of National Security Letters (NSL) under the USA PATRIOT Act. The library entity, a member of the American Library Association, joined with the national ACLU to file its lawsuit after it was served with a NSL that sought the names and other identifying information of every person who had used a library computer on a particular day. The library entity is asking the court to quash the NSL and to overturn the NSL statute on Constitutional grounds; it is also asking the court to terminate the gag order imposed upon the library entity on First Amendment grounds. The library entity must remain anonymous as a result of the gag order.

Want to find out more?

- For more information, visit:
www.ala.org/ala/washoff/Woissues/civilliberties/theusapatriotact/usapatriotact.htm
 - You can also check www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/usapatriotact.html
 - Counsel for FTRF and the ALA will provide a full update on the lawsuit at **FTRF’s Midwinter Meeting**, which will take place on Friday, January 20, 9:00am in Salon D in the Marriott Rivercenter.
 - In addition, the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will present the **Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award** to the Connecticut library entity during a reception to be held on Saturday, January 21, 6:00-7:30pm, at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk.
 - Want to show your support? Last month, documents obtained from the FBI by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request revealed a series of e-mails in which FBI agents complained about the “radical, militant librarians” while criticizing the reluctance of FBI management to use the secret warrants authorized under Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act. Now, the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom is offering ALA members an opportunity to proudly proclaim their “radical” and “militant” support for intellectual freedom, privacy, and civil liberties. White, red, and blue buttons proclaiming “**Radical Militant Librarian – Defending Access, Defending Privacy, Defending Freedom**” will be available for sale in the ALA Store at a cost of \$2.00. Quantity discounts are available through OIF (email to oif@ala.org). A secure online order form is available at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/basics/basicrelatedlinks/radicalbutton.htm>
 - Watch for a resolution being developed by the ALA Committee on Legislation for action by the ALA Council.
 - January 25, 2006, has been designated National PATRIOT Act Call-In Day (see *ALAWON*, V. 15, Number 4, January 13, 2006, for additional information)
- **Appropriations**
The FY2006 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Conference Agreement was signed by the President at the end of December. *Improving Literacy Through School Libraries* was funded at \$19.486 million. ** LSTA was one of the few non-defense programs to receive an increase. LSTA was funded at \$210.597 million, almost a \$5 million increase.

<i>Funding for Selected Programs</i>	<i>FY2005</i>	<i>FY2006 Final</i>
<i>Institute of Museum & Library Svcs</i>	\$280,564	\$247,144
<i>Library State Grants</i>	\$160,704	\$163,746
<i>Native Amer. Lib. Svcs</i>	\$3,472	\$3,638
<i>Nat’l Ldrshp Grants – Libs</i>	\$12,301	\$12,375
<i>Recruitment of Librns</i>	\$22,816	\$23,760
<i>Library Administration</i>	\$6,658	\$7,078
 <i>Total, Lib programs/administration</i>	 \$205,951	 \$210,597

** AASL will host an informational session with the U.S. Department of Education at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, Sunday, January 22, 1:30-3:30pm, Hyatt Regency San Antonio, Navarro Meeting Room. Irene Harwarth, the team leader for *Improving Literacy Through School Libraries* Program at the U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, will present information on the new government application procedures for federal education grants. She will specifically address the *Improving Literacy Through School Libraries* grants and answer questions about the new online application process.

- **Privacy (including RFID)**

- The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee is sponsoring an opening hearing on Saturday, January 21, in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217C, 1:30-3:30pm, on the IFC's draft "Guidelines for Implementing RFID Technologies in Libraries." For more information on this and other hearings, see <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/oifprograms/openhearings/openhearings.htm>

- **E-Rate**

In August 2005, the E-Rate Task Force met to discuss priorities for the FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). Simplification of the application and disbursement process was identified as the #1 priority. In October 2005, ALA submitted comments to the FCC that proposed radical simplification of the E-rate program. These comments were well received by many groups.

Congress has given itself a very full telecommunications agenda for the 2nd session of the 109th Congress. Both House and Senate Commerce Committees will be addressing Universal Service, including the E-rate as well as digital television, spectrum allocation and other issues. Some Hill leaders have announced that "reform" legislation will be passed this session. Even if that timing appears unlikely, ALA will be heavily involved, especially in the Universal Service and equity of access issues. Grassroots library supporters will be key to prevailing on library-related concerns.

- **Copyright / Digitization**

Copyright-related activities will continue to appear on the congressional agenda, including fair use, fighting infringement through the Internet, the transition to digital TV and solving the "orphan works" problem.

The **Copyright Advisory Network** is a free service where librarians can discuss copyright concerns online with more knowledgeable colleagues. The Network does not offer legal advice, but options that librarians can consider when facing a work-related copyright problem. Trained experts will respond to all queries within 48 hours, although all users are invited to engage in this new learning community. The revised web site (www.librarycopyright.net) includes FAQs, annotated bibliography and other resources. For additional information, contact Carrie Russell in the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy.

Want more information on digitization and copyright?

- Clifford Lynch, Executive Director of the **Coalition for Networked Information** (CNI), will moderate a panel discussion Saturday, 10:30am to 12:00noon on mass digitization projects, copyright and libraries. Discussion will

focus on the implications for libraries of commercial and library-based digitization projects. Participants include Jonathan Band, Esq.; Liz Bishoff, Executive Director, Colorado Digitization Project; and, Dan Greenstein, University Librarian for Systemwide Planning and the California Digital Library. The discussion is scheduled in the Convention Center, Room 218.

- **Academic Bill of Rights**

The Intellectual Freedom Committee will be discussing a draft resolution proposed by ALA Councilor Mark Rosenzweig. This is also on the ACRL IRC agenda.

- <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/ifissues/academicfreedom.htm>

- **65% Funding Formula and the Definition of School Librarians**

A new funding-formula proposal from the nonprofit group First Class Education that calls for all 50 states to require school districts to spend at least 65% of their budgets on direct classroom instruction by 2008 is raising significant concern about safeguarding school libraries and school library media specialists, who are classified as “outside-the-classroom” overhead. In August 2005, Texas governor Rick Perry ordered the phasing-in of the 65% classroom funding formula. It has been endorsed in other states, including Kansas and Louisiana. Ballot measures or legislation are under consideration in still other states. One of the issues is the definition of the work of school library media specialists by the U.S. Department of Education’s NCES.

- Want more information? See the January 2006 issue of *American Libraries*, pp. 19-20. Also check the Winter 2005 issue of *Texas Library Journal*, pp. 158-159.
- Watch for a resolution being crafted by concerned ALA members for consideration by the ALA Council.
- The ALA School Libraries Task Force will meet on Sunday, January 22, 1:30-6:00pm, HCB 003B.

- **ALA Disaster Relief Efforts**

The ALA Washington Office has been working with Congressional offices to get libraries included in the various pieces of hurricane relief legislation. As part of the final FY2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Agreement, Congress also included funding for a variety of initiatives aimed at assisting states impacted by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico during 2005. Funding included \$1.6 billion to assist schools and students impacted by natural disasters. Of this amount, \$750 million is targeted toward immediate aid to restart schools and \$645 million is to help public and private schools serving displaced students. These two funds are available to school libraries.

Also, among other programs funded is \$11.5 billion for the Community Development Block Grants to cover “expenses related to disaster relief, long term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and mitigation in communities in any declared disaster area in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Texas related to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.”

The ALA Washington Office is working with IMLS to better inform members of Congress and their staffs on the situation of libraries in the Gulf Coast, including seeking to mount a display of photos of the impacted area and supply information through one-pagers and a personal briefing by a librarian from the area.

- **ALA has raised \$270,000** for hurricane relief so far – and will be fundraising during the Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. Stop by the ALA Membership Booth in the Registration Area to make a donation. Donations can also be made online at <http://www.ala.org/katrina> Meetings will be taking place in San Antonio between ALA and the Chapters (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas) to discuss the disbursement of these funds to the Chapter relief efforts.
- The ALA Chapter Relations Office has matched up 275 libraries from outside the Gulf region with libraries in need through the **ALA “Adopt A Library” program**. There are still libraries in the region in need of assistance and CRO continues to partner libraries with those in need.
- FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist Alan Aiches and Kristin Gossel, Director of the Department of Homeland Security’s READY Campaign, will lead a **workshop on libraries and disaster preparedness**, moderated by Tom Claerson of the PALINET Library Network. Highlights include discussions by Robert Lipscombe, whose Harrison County [MS] Public Library suffered severe damage from Hurricane Katrina, and Mary Chute, Acting Director of IMLS, who will discuss her organization’s online tool designed to help libraries prepare for disaster. The workshop is co-sponsored by ALCTS and the ALA Chapter Relations Office on Saturday, 10:30am-noon, HCB 213A.
- Librarians and library staff attending the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans can show how “Libraries Build Communities” through day-long **community service efforts** to help rebuild New Orleans. Conference attendees will be able to volunteer for a full-day community service project on Friday, June 23, or Tuesday, June 28. Volunteer activities will assist the New Orleans Public Library, Orleans Parish School District, and other community rebuilding efforts. To volunteer, register (in the “Special Registration” area) at <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/registration.htm> There is a \$10 fee to cover transportation and lunch.
- **2006 Annual Conference New Orleans**
 - For the latest FAQ on the ALA 2006 Annual Conference in New Orleans, click on the “Annual Conference FAQ” button on the ALA home page or <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/nofaq.htm>
 - Information on the 2006 Annual Conference is included in the Meetings and Exhibits Guide for the Midwinter Meeting, pp. 20-35. See a listing of pre-conferences, look at the hotel map. Watch for the March issue of *American Libraries*, which will include the Annual Conference Preliminary Program.
 - Talk to New Orleans representatives – and make your hotel reservation – at the New Orleans information desk in the convention center lobby.
- **Dues Increase Proposal**
 - For the latest FAQ on the proposal, go to www.ala.org/duesproposalq&a
 - Information on *ALAhead to 2010* is at www.ala.org/ala2010.
 - Get information at the **ALA Ahead to 2010 booth** in the ALA Services area in the Convention Center -- adjacent to the scholarship bash counter, restaurant

reservations and the San Antonio and New Orleans travel and housing counters – 8:00am-6:00pm on Friday, 7:30am-5:00pm on Saturday & Sunday, 7:30am-2:00pm on Monday.

ALSO ON THE ALA BOARD OR COUNCIL DOCKET

- **Executive Board I**
 - ALA/Beta Phi Mu Distinguished Lecturers Project – Herman L. Totten (Chair, ALA/Beta Phi Mu Task Force) will report on the Task Force recommendations.
 - The Board will discuss proposed FY2007 programmatic priorities for recommendation to ALA Council later in the 2006 Midwinter Meeting.
 - The ALA Executive Board will hear reports from the ALA Washington Office and Development Office.
- **Executive Board II**
 - Both the ALA Endowment Trustees and the auditors (Ernst & Young) will be reporting to the Board.
 - The School Libraries Task Force (Barbara Stripling, Chair) will deliver an interim report.
 - OITP Advisory Committee (Sherrie Schmidt, Chair) will report on emerging digitization and copyright issues, including the Google Book Search Project.
- **Executive Board III**
 - A wrap-up report on the 2006 Midwinter Meeting, as well as a status report on the 2006 Annual Conference and the BARC report (Patty Wong, Chair) are on the schedule.
- **ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session**
 - Reports from the ALA Budget Analysis & Review Committee (Patricia M. Wong, Chair), the Endowment Trustees (Rick Schwieterman, Senior Trustee) and the Nominating Committee (Ismail Abdullahi, Chair) head the agenda.
 - ALA Treasurer Teri Switzer and Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels will provide an overview of the ALA Ahead to 2010 strategic plan and the proposed membership dues increase.
- **Council I**
 - Nominations for the 2006 Executive Board Election head the agenda at Council I, along with appointment of the Tellers Committee for the election.
 - Also on the Council I agenda are leadership reports from ALA President Michael Gorman, President-elect Leslie Burger and Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels.
- **Council II**
 - At Council II, ALA Membership Committee Chair Marcia Boosinger will present the proposal for an ALA membership dues increase to Council for deliberation.
 - Immediate Past-president Carol Brey-Casiano will report on ALA Honorary Membership nomination.
 - Other reports on the Council II docket include Policy Monitoring Committee (Stephen L. Matthews, Chair), the Freedom to Read Foundation (John W. Berry), the ALA Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Teri Switzer). Teri Switzer will also move the FY2007 Programmatic Priorities for Council deliberation and action.
- **Council III**
 - While much of the Council III agenda will evolve during the Midwinter Meeting, these reports are on the docket: Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Norman

Horrocks, Chair), Intellectual Freedom Committee (Kenton L. Oliver, Chair), Committee on Legislation (Larry Romans, Chair), International Relations Committee (Ismail Abdullahi, Chair) and Committee on Organization (Melora Ranney Norman, Chair).

ELSEWHERE AT THE MIDWINTER MEETING

- **Exhibits:**
 - **Over 800 booths** await you in Exhibit Halls B, C and Bridge at the Gonzalez Convention Center. For a complete listing and exhibit floor map, see the *Meetings and Exhibits Guide*, pp.121-192.
 - Start with the Exhibits Opening Ceremony and the ***ALA/ERT All-Conference Reception, Friday, 5:15-7:30pm***, with entertainment, raffle and refreshments. See the Midwinter Meeting program for a complete list of raffle items and donors.
 - **Regular Exhibit Hours:** Saturday-Sunday, 9:00am-5:00pm, and Monday, 9:00am-2:00pm.
 - Other Exhibit Hall **special events:**
 - **Adult Literature Spotlight** – Saturday, 2:00-4:00pm –with signings, books, galleys and posters from HarperCollins Publishers, Holtzbrinck Publishers, McGraw-Hill, Norton, Penguin, Perseus Book Group, Random House and Time Warner Book Group.
 - **Technology Showcase** – Monday, 10:00am-1:15pm – with Serials Solutions (10:00am and noon), Alexander Street Press (10:40am), Digital Library Reserve (11:20am), Kirtas (12:40pm).
 - The **Internet Room** (Exhibit Hall D), sponsored by Elsevier, is open during normal Exhibits hours.
 - Have packages to mail home? **Postal Services** are available in Exhibit Hall D, at the end of Aisle 1400. The Post Office is open Saturday and Sunday, 9:00am –4:15pm, and Monday, 9:00am-1:15pm.
- **ALA Store** -- in the **East Registration Lobby, Level 1** (across from ALA Midwinter Meeting Registration)
 - Hours:
 - Friday, 10:00am-6:00pm
 - Saturday-Sunday, 8:00am-5:00pm
 - Monday, 8:00am-2:00pm
 - In the ALA Store you'll find a full range of books and other resources, including these "hot off the presses" titles: *The Intellectual Freedom Manual*, 7th ed. (OIF); *The Whole Library Handbook 4* (George Eberhart); *Sizzling Summer Reading for Young Adults*, 2d ed. (Katharine Kan); and the latest in the PLA Results series – *Demonstrating Results* (Rhea Joyce Rubin). Along with National Library Week 2006 campaign materials, you'll find new READ posters, including posters featuring Anthony Hopkins, Kelly Ripa, John Leguizamo, as well as character posters featuring Emily the Strange, Chronicles of Narnia, and Teen Titans. You can also get information on the digital art programs. Stop by, pick up a new catalog – and take a quick survey to enter a raffle.

- There will also be many ALA Division publications in the ALA Store, including *From Catalog to Gateway: Charting a Course for Future Access* (Sleeman); *Knowledge with Boundaries: Organization Information for the Future* (Chopey); and *Community, Collaboration, and Collections: The Writings of Ross Atkinson* (Alan and MacEwan), and the *Risk and Insurance Management Manual for Libraries* (Breighner, Payton and Drewes).
- Also in the ALA Store, ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom is selling bracelets, designed by Carolyn Forsman (jewelry designer and longtime supporter of the FTRF) featuring the covers of frequently challenged books. "Adult" and "Kids" versions – referring to both the sizes and titles – are available. Help raise awareness that books continue to be challenged.
- **ALA Placement Center**
 - Gonzalez Convention Center – Ballroom A
 - Hours: Friday, January 20, 12:00noon-5:00pm; Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, 9:00am-5:00pm; and Monday, January 23, 9:00am-1:00pm
- **ALA Press Office**
 - Parkview Registration Lobby – Concourse Level One.
 - Hours: Friday -- 8:00am-7:30pm, Saturday-Monday – 7:30am-5:00pm.
 - Telephone: (210) 582-7038, 582-7040.
- **Internet Café**
 - Parkview Registration Lobby (Concourse Level)
 - Open 6:00am-10:00pm Friday through Monday
- **ALA Office Area**
 - Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Ballroom C, Level 3.
 - Hours: Friday, 10:00am-10:00pm; Saturday-Tuesday, 6:00am-10:00pm; Wednesday – 6:00am-noon.
 - **Want WIFI?** It's available for ALA attendees at the convention center for \$25 for the entire conference – a substantial discount. Check with Conference Services in the ALA Office Area.
 - ALA Reprographics will be located in the Office Area. Reprographics hours are Friday, 10:00am-10:00pm; Saturday-Tuesday, 7:30am-10:00pm; Wednesday 9:00-11:00am.
 - To reach ALA Conference Services on-site, call (210) 582-7018. To reach Reprographics, call (210) 582-7007.
 - To reach the Message Center/Information Center, call (210) 582-7048, 582-7049.
- **Midwinter Meeting Registration**
 - Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, East Registration Lobby (Level 1 - Street Level, near Exhibit Hall C).
 - ...and while you're in the Registration area, look for the ALA-APA suggestion box and share your ideas.
 - Friday, January 20, 8:00am-7:30pm.
 - Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, 7:30am-5:00pm.
 - Monday, January 23, 7:30am-2:00pm.
 - Need to call ALA Registration? Dial (210) 582-7031.

- **Getting Around**
 - Free shuttle bus service will be running Friday through Monday between participating hotels. Service schedules will be available on-site and in *Cognotes*.
 - For Street Car information, go to www.viainfo.net/Ride/Streetcar.aspx
 - For your convenience, pick up a *Pocket Map* at Registration.
- **ALA Council sessions** -- Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Ballroom C.
 - ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, Sunday, January 22, 9:00-10:00am.
 - ALA Council I, Sunday, January 22, 10:45am-12:15pm.
 - ALA Council II, Tuesday, January 24, 9:15am-12:45pm.
 - ALA Council III, Wednesday, January 25, 8:00am-12:30pm.
- **ALA Executive Board** -- Marriott Rivercenter, Conference Room 17/18
 - Friday, January 20, 8:30am-12:00pm.
 - Monday, January 23, 1:30pm-4:30pm.
 - Wednesday, January 25, 2:00-5:30pm.*
(*or at the conclusion of Council III)

SOME SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Coming in early? There are a number of **Pre-MidWinter Institutes**, including these: (Check with the sponsoring group for space availability.)
 - **Institute for Library Support Staff or Paraprofessionals: Circulation – Front Line and First in Service**, sponsored by ALA HRDR, on Friday, January 20, 9:00am-5:00pm.
 - **Defending with Confidence: An Intellectual Freedom Train-the-Trainer Institute**, sponsored by PLA, beginning Thursday, January 19, 1:00pm and ending on Friday, January 20, at 5:00pm. Go home with a fully-developed training program on intellectual freedom, including a reproducible training workbook.
 - **User Centered Design: Design Process**, sponsored by LITA, on Thursday, January 19, Gonzalez Convention Center 213A. And, **User Centered Design: Usability**, from LITA, Friday, January 20, Gonzalez Convention Center 213A. On-site registration is available for the workshops.
 - **Library Media Best Practices Workshop and Tour**, sponsored by AASL, January 20, 8:30am-4:30pm.
 - **Creating a Marketing Plan for Your Academic and Research Library**, sponsored by ACRL, Friday, January 20, 8:30am-4:30pm.
 - **Combating the Culture of Copy: Information Literacy Interventions for Plagiarism**, from ACRL, Friday, January 20, 1:00-4:30pm.
 - **Traces and Trails of Genealogy of the Southwest**, from RUSA, Friday, January 20, 8:30am-4:30pm, at the Alamo.
- Arriving on Friday? Attend the **Forum on Education for Librarianship**, sponsored by ALA President Michael Gorman, Friday, January 20, 1:00-5:30pm, Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 006. Both ALA and ALISE registrants are invited to attend. Background papers are available at <http://mg.csufresno.edu/initiative.htm>.

- Also on Friday, 10:00am-2:30pm, Hilton Palacio del Rio, Del Rey Central & South, **The Advocacy Institute**, coordinated by the ALA Public Awareness Committee, ALTA, the ALA Chapter Relations Committee, the ALA Committee on Legislation, and Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA). Supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation, this institute will focus on effective advocacy strategies, message development, lobbying basics and coalition creation. Register onsite beginning at 9:00am.
- Later on Friday, 4:00-5:15pm, Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217A, is the **Best-Selling Author Forum** with authors Mark Gimenez (*The Color of Law*), Ron McLarty (*In the Memory of Running*) and Joni Rodgers (*The Secret Sisters*).
- Enjoy the ALA/ERT All-Conference Reception in the Exhibit Hall, then go to the **ALTA President's Reception**, 7:30-10:00 pm., Mexican Manhattan Restaurant on San Antonio's Riverwalk. Please join ALTA and friends for this annual reception, held at what is considered one of the city's finest Mexican food restaurants. Tickets are \$50 per person. Register Friday when you pick up your badge.
- Take the opportunity to listen to and question the candidates at the **ALA Presidential Candidates Forum** on Saturday, January 21, 11:00am-12:00noon.
- On Saturday, January 21, celebrate the longest-running competition in the library field at the **60th John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards Press Conference**, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 218. Be there for the announcement of this year's winners and view the winning entries. The event is sponsored by the LAMA Public Relations and Marketing Section and the H.W. Wilson Company and Foundation.
- Attend the **ALA President's Program – *The Future of Our Profession: Educating Tomorrow's Librarians*** – on Sunday, January 22, 3:30-5:30pm, Gonzalez Convention Center, Theatre. Novelist, essayist, filmmaker and poet **Andrei Codrescu** will keynote the session. ALA President Michael Gorman will explore key issues in library education.
- Author **Sandra Cisneros** will read from her work at a fundraiser for the **Freedom to Read Foundation**, Sunday, January 22, 6:00-8:00pm, San Antonio Public Library. To register and donate to the FTRF, go to <http://tinyurl.com/c5lzb>
- The **best books and videos for children and young adults** will be announced at the **annual press conference**, Monday, January 23, 7:55am, in the Convention Center, Hall C. A clip from the new video celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Pura Belpré Award (ALSC/REFORMA) will be shown at 7:55am. Awards being announced are:
 - **Alex Awards** for the best adult books that appeal to teen audiences.
 - **Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Award** recognizing an author, critic, librarian, historian or teacher of children's literature, of any country, who then presents a lecture at a winning host site.
 - **Batchelder Award** for an outstanding children's book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the U.S.
 - **Belpré Award** honoring Latino/Latina writers and illustrators whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience.
 - **Caldecott Medal** for the most distinguished American picture book for children.
 - **Carnegie Medal** for excellence in children's video.

- **Edwards Award** for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults.
 - **Theodor Seuss Geisel Award** for the outstanding book for beginning readers (debut award).
 - **Coretta Scott King Award** recognizing African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults that demonstrate sensitivity to “the true worth and value of all beings.”
 - **Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children’s literature
 - **Printz Award** for excellence in literature written for young adults.
 - **Schneider Family Book Award** for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience.
 - **Sibert Informational Book Award** for the most distinguished informational book for children.
- The **best books for adults** will be announced at the third annual RUSA CODES Awards Recognition Reception, Sunday, 4:30–6:30 pm, Westin, Olivares/Goraz. Winners of the **Notable Book List**, the **Dartmouth Medal**, **Outstanding Reference Sources**, the **Louis Shores/Greenwood Publishing Group Award** and the **Sophie Brody Award** will be announced. This is the debut of the Sophie Brody Award, which recognizes the best in Jewish literature. The award is named for Sophie Brody, a philanthropist and community volunteer who held major leadership positions in the Jewish community.

THE MIDWINTER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- **Bring your stories, your knowledge, your examples and your questions. Join one of the many discussion groups, interest groups, and membership initiative groups providing opportunities to establish professional contacts, exchange information and discuss important professional issues.** These groups are among the many that have proposed one or more topics for discussion. See the *Midwinter Meeting Meetings & Exhibits Guide** (pp. 84-87) for a more extensive listing.

(*You’ll see acronyms and more acronyms! For a list – and translation – see pp. 81-82 of the Meetings & Exhibits Guide, right before the “Daily Schedule of Meetings.”)

FRIDAY, January 20

- **LITA/ALCTS Electronic Resources Management Interest Group**, 7:30-9:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217D.

SATURDAY, January 21

- **LITA Distance Learning Interest Group**, 8:00am-10:00am, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon D.
- **RUSA STARS Interlibrary Loan Discussion Group**, 8:00am-12:30pm, Henry B. Convention Center, Room 217C.
- **ALCTS Electronic Resources Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217A.
- **LITA Electronic Publishing/Electronic Journals Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, St. Anthony Hotel, Houston Room.
- **ALCTS CMDS/RUSA CODES Collection Management in Public Libraries Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Menger, Ballroom B.
- **RUSA Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Crowne Plaza, Executive Salon 3.

- **RUSA MARS Hot Topics in Electronic Reference Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon I.
- **ALCTS Collection Development Librarians of Academic Libraries Discussion Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 215.
- **ALA Fostering Civic Engagement Membership Initiative Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Palacio Del Rio, Corte Real C.
- **LITA BIGWIGS (Blogs, Interactive Media, Groupware and Wikis Interest Group)**, 1:30-3:30pm, Marriott Riverwalk, Crockett Room.
- **LITA Digital Library Technologies Interest Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, La Mansion del Rio, Madero Room.
- **LITA Internet Portals Interest Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Sheraton Gunter Hotel, Crystal BR.
- **LITA JPEG 2000 Interest Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, La Mansion del Rio, Iberian A.
- **LITA/ALCTS MARC Formats Interest Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Palacio del Rio, North.
- **LITA Topic Maps Interest Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo Room.
- **RUSA MARS Virtual Reference Discussion Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 001.
- **RUSA RSS Hot Topics in Frontline Reference**, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 206A.
- **ASCLA ICAN Network Management Discussion Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 002B.
- **LITA Standards Interest Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 088B.
- **LAMA Middle Management Discussion Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, La Mansion del Rio, Veramendi Room.

SUNDAY, January 22

- **ALA Information Commons Membership Initiative Group**, 8:00-10:00am, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 206A.
- **ALCTS Networked Resources and Metadata Interest Group**, 8:00-10:00am, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 207B.
- **ASCLA ICAN Interlibrary Cooperation Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon J.
- **RUSA BRASS Business Reference Services Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Hilton, De Rey South.
- **RUSA Products and Services**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Plaza, Hidalgo Ball Room A.
- **RUSA RSS Reference Service in Public Libraries Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 211.
- **LITA Heads of Library Technology Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Menger Hotel, Patio.
- **LITA Human Machine Interface Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Plaza San Antonio, Primavera.
- **LITA Imagineering Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Hilton Palacio del Rio, La Princesa.
- **LITA Internet Resources Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Conference Room 9.
- **LITA Personal Computing Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Conference Room 8.

- **LITA RFID Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Plaza, Cavalier Room.
- **LITA Secure Systems and Services Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo Room.
- **ALCTS Collection Development for the Practitioner Interest Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, La Mansion del Rio, Veramendi Room.
- **RUSA RSS Reference Service in Large Research Libraries**, 1:30-3:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 217D.
- **LITA/ALCTS Authority Control in the Online Environment Discussion Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon L/M.
- **ALSC Preschool Services Discussion Group**, 4:00-5:30pm, Marriott Plaza San Antonio, Hidalgo BR C.
- **ALCTS Creative Ideas in Technical Services Discussion Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Hilton Palacio Del Rio, Del Rey South Room.
- **DINE: Diversity Interest Network & Exchange**, 4:00-6:00pm, The St. Anthony Hotel, St. Anthony Club.
- **LITA Open Source Systems Interest Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Marriott Riverwalk, Salon A/B.
- **RUSA RSS Reference Service in Small and Medium Sized Research Libraries Discussion Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Convention Center, Room 211.
- **RUSA Local Systems & Services**, 4:00-6:00pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon D.
- **ACRL Scholarly Communication Discussion Group**, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 213.

MONDAY, January 23

- **ALCTS Heads of Cataloging Discussion Group**, 8:00-10:00am, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217A.
- **ALCTS Publisher-Vendor-Library Relations Interest Group**, 8:00-10:00am, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 204B.
- **ALCTS Copy Cataloging Discussion Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 213A.
- **LITA Emerging Technologies Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 217D.
- **ALCTS/LITA Technical Services Workstation Interest Group**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Conference Room 3 / 4.
- **ASCLA ICAN Virtual Library Discussion Group**, Monday, January 23, 1:30-3:30pm, Marriott Rivercenter, Conference Room 7.
- **LAMA Dialogue with Directors Discussion Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Marriott Riverwalk Salon C.
- **ALCTS Scholarly Communications Discussion Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 211.
- **RUSA History Librarians Discussion Group**, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton, Del Rey North.
- **RUSA RSS Performance Issues for Reference and Information Librarians**, 1:30-3:30pm, HCB 207A.

Want to **get more involved** in the association? Here are some starting places:

- Attend the **3rd Annual ALCTS Volunteer Forum**, Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Riverwalk, Salon E/F.
- Volunteer to blog your Midwinter experience. Michelle Boule is organizing **blogging volunteers for LITA**. Check with LITA in the ALA Office area.

- Attend the **RUSA Volunteer Forum**, January 21, 4-6 p.m., Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 004. The goal is to take the mystery out of the committee appointment process!

SOME OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

(For a complete list, see the *Meetings and Exhibits Guide*.)

FRIDAY

- The **ALCTS All-Education Action Summit**, 1:00-5:30pm, St. Anthony Hotel, Peraux Room, is seeking assistance in identifying emerging technical skills and competencies needed by their members and the library community.

SATURDAY

- Join in shaping the **LAMA 2010 Strategic Plan** at the LAMA Board of Directors meeting, 10:30am-12:00noon, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 216A.
- **The ALA Committee on Professional Ethics** is holding an open hearing to determine if the ALA Code of Ethics lives up to the challenges of the 21st century. Share your thoughts with the COPE, 1:30-3:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 008B.
- **Library Advocacy Now! (LAN) Training: Speaking Up About the Hard Issues** – 1:30-3:30pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217A, sponsored by the ALA Public Awareness Committee and Committee on Legislation. Learn how to frame and reframe and refine key messages for today’s hottest library issues, techniques for dealing with the inevitable tough questions and strategies for making sure that compelling library messages are heard at local, state and federal levels.
- **PLA’s Leadership Development session**, from the PLA Leadership Development Committee, 3:00-5:00pm, Hyatt Regency, Rio Grand West/Center, will be discussing the four essential competencies of leadership in a voluntary context, leading collaborative development of strategy, leading knowledge-based decision making.
- **The ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom** is holding an Open Hearing, 4:00-6:00pm, Gonzalez Convention Center, on its draft “Q&A on Labels and Rating Systems,” drafted in conjunction with the newly-revised “Labels and Rating Systems,” an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights.
- **The Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture**, 4:00-5:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 007, is sponsored by the ALA Public Awareness Committee. Listen to a performance by Reginald R. Robinson, celebrated ragtime pianist and composer, winner of a 2004 MacArthur “genius” grant.
- **The ALCTS Big Heads Working Group on Catalog Record Enhancement** will be reporting on RichCat, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 211.
- **SPARC-ACRL Forum – Authors and Authority: Perspectives on Negotiating Licenses and Copyright**, 4:00-6:00pm, Hilton Palacio del Rio, Salon Del Rey (Central & South). This discussion will continue at the ACRL Scholarly Communication Discussion Group on Sunday, 4:00-6:00pm.

- **Resource Description & Access (RDA) Update Forum** will be led by the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR, 4:00-6:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Theater.
- ALSC will launch the 10th Anniversary Celebration of **El día de los niños/El día de los libros** – an annual celebration of children, books, languages and cultures – at the San Antonio Public Library (600 Soledad St), 6:00-7:00pm with children’s author Pat Mora. See www.ala.org/dia
- Also on Saturday evening, catch the **REFORMA fundraiser** to support the Pura Belpré award and celebration, 7:00-11:00pm, at the Menger Hotel. (suggested donation \$45, at the door)

SUNDAY

- **YALSA’s Best Books for Young Adults Committee Meeting**, 2:00-4:00pm, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 214 B/C will feature teens giving input on their favorite books.
- The **ASCLA/COSLA Reception**, 9:00 p.m.-midnight, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon B. We hope you’ll be able to join us at this ASCLA tradition!

MONDAY

- The **LITA Town Meeting** will include both celebration and strategic planning, 8:00-10:00am, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon J.
- The **1st ALCTS Open Forum** will be held 10:30am-12:30pm, Marriott Riverwalk, Salon D.. The initial Forum, moderated by ARL president Brian Schottlaender, will feature *A Conversation with Cathy DeRosa* (VP of Marketing and Library Services, OCLC) on the new report *Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources*, recently published by OCLC.
- **RUSA BRASS Business Reference Sources Committee – Publisher’s Open Forum: Fee vs. Free Financial Information**, 10:30am-12:30pm, Hilton, Corte Real A-C.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- EVENTS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

February 6 – March 6, 2006 –online– *Reference Interview Course*, from RUSA,
<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/onlinereferenceinterviewcourse/refinterview.htm>

February 6 – 28, 2006 –online – *ACRL Online Seminar: Current Copyright Issues Facing Academic Librarians*, www.acrl.org/e-learning

March 13-April 10, 2006 – online – *Business Reference 101*, from RUSA,
<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/onlinebusinessreference101course/busref101ce.htm>

March 21-25, 2006, in Boston – *PLA 11th National Conference*, www.pla.org .

March 31-April 4, 2006, in Chicago – Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference -- “The Future-Focused Organization: 2016 Ready or Not?” This includes sessions co-sponsored by ACRL. See <http://www.ncahlc.org/annualmeeting/>

April 17-May 15, 2006 – online – *Readers' Advisory 101*, from RUSA,
<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/onlinereadersadv101course/readadv101ce.htm>

April 17-May 15, 2006 – online – *Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults*, from ASCLA,
<http://www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/prodevonline.htm>

April 20-21, 2006 – online – *ACRL/CNI/EDUCAUSE Joint Virtual Conference, "Innovate and Motivate: Next Generation librarians:*
<http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events/virtualconference.htm>

Midwinter attendees: Go the ACRL Booth in the Exhibit Hall and register to win a free registration to the ACRL/CNI/EDUCAUSE Joint Virtual Conference.

April 25, 2006, in Houston – *Lawyers for Libraries, TLA Training Institute*, sponsored by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Texas Library Association,
www.ala.org/lawyers

May 1-2, 2006, National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC, for information see:
www.ala.org/washoff/legislateday.html

June 20 - 23, 2006, Austin, Texas—ACRL 47th Annual RBMS Preconference *Libraries, Archives, and Museums in the Twenty-First Century: Intersecting Missions, Converging Futures?* <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events>

June 22-28, 2006, in New Orleans, *ALA Annual Conference* -- www.ala.org/annual

Among the Preconferences in New Orleans: (see www.ala.org/annual for a complete list)

- *Assessment and Beyond: Starting It Off, Pulling It All Together, and Making Decisions*, from ACRL, www.ala.org/acrl/events
- *Behind the Genealogy Reference Desk: A Tribute to New Orleans*, from RUSA, <http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/rusaannual/preconferencesa/precon.htm>
- *Cultivating the Future: Growing the Staff You Really Need*, from LAMA, www.ala.org/annual
- *Federated Search: How Do We Teach It?* from ACRL, www.ala.org/acrl/events
- *Get Strategic: Building Effective Advocacy through Branding, Marketing and Public Relations*, from LAMA, www.ala.org/annual
- *Impacting Student Learning: Best Bank for the Buck*, from AASL, www.ala.org/annual
- *Millennials: If You Build It, Will They Come?* from LAMA, www.ala.org/annual
- *Reaching Out to Serve Older Adults: The Why & How of Excellent Library Service!*, from the ALA Office for Literacy & Outreach Services, olos@ala.org
- *Reinvented Reference: The Integration of Digital and Traditional Reference Services*, from RUSA, <http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/rusaannual/preconferencesa/precon.htm>
- *Taking Your Library Liaison Program to The Next Level: Strategies for Outreach and Integration,* from ACRL. <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events>

- *Spinning Straw into Gold: Leadership Potential to Management Results*, from ALSC, www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscevents/2006ALSCPreconference.htm Additional preconference to be offered at Annual:
- *Taking Your Library Liaison Program to The Next Level: Strategies for Outreach and Integration*, <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events/ACRLatAnnual.htm>
- *Transforming Your Program through Advocacy*, from AASL, www.ala.org/annual

Other events to catch in New Orleans:

- **Empowerment 2006: Taking Charge in a Sea of Change** – Designed specifically for library support staff, the 2006 Empowerment Conference, Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25, offers a choice of four program tracks. For more information, go to www.ala.org/annual and click on “Library Support Conference.”
- The *new* **ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Awards** program, from LAMA, Monday, June 26.
- **Literary Tastes: Notable Books Breakfast**, Sunday, 7-10am, from RUSA. Meet three authors whose books have been selected by the Notable Books Council as the most notable fiction, nonfiction, and poetry of 2005, <http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/rusaannual/preconferencesa/precon.htm>

July 12-14, 2006, in Los Angeles – *Institute for Scholarly Communication*, co-sponsored by ARL and ACRL. www.ala.org/acrl/events

August 6-11, 2006, in Cambridge (MA), *ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute*, www.ala.org/acrl/events

September 14-16, 2006, in Pittsburgh (PA), ALSC 2006 National Institute: *Children’s Services Today and Tomorrow*, <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscevents/06Institute.htm>
Registering for the Institute? Plan to attend the no-charge pre-conference for Institute attendees on *Legal Issues in Children’s Services*.

October 13-15, 2006, in Warrick (RI), *AASL Fall Forum: Assessing Student Learning in the School Library Media Center*, www.ala.org/aasl/fallforum, focused on the role of the school library media specialist in assessment of student learning.

October 26-29, 2006, in Nashville (TN), *LITA National Forum Netville in Nashville: Web Services as Library Services*, www.lita.org/forum06

January 19-27, 2007, in Seattle (WA), *ALA 2007 Midwinter Meeting*

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD?

March 1-3, 2007, PLA Spring Symposium, at the Fairmont, in San Jose (CA). www.pla.org

March 29-April 1, 2007, in Baltimore (MD), ACRL 13th National Conference: “Sailing into the Future: Charting Our Destiny,” The deadline for contributed paper, panel session, preconference and workshop proposals is May 10, 2006. www.acrl.org/baltimore

May 1-2, 2007 – *National Library Legislative Day*, in Washington DC

June 21-27, 2007, in Washington, DC, *ALA 2007 Annual Conference*

October 4-7, 2007, in Denver, *LITA National Forum*.

October 25-28, 2007, in Reno NV, *13th AASL National Conference and Exhibition: The Future Begins @ your library* .

January 11-16, 2008, in Philadelphia, *ALA 2008 Midwinter Meeting*

OTHER ALA NEWS

- **CELEBRATE!** 2006 is an anniversary year for several ALA groups, as well as publications and programs.
 - **ALCTS and LRTS** – 50th anniversary
 - **LAMA** – 50th anniversary
 - **LITA** – 40th anniversary
 - **ALSC/REFORMA** – Pura Belpré Award – 10th anniversary
 - **ALSC -- El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros** – 10th anniversary
 - **John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards**, from LAMA and the H.W. Wilson Company and Foundation – 60th consecutive year

- **ADVOCATE!** ALSC will have a “soft launch” of its **Kids!@ your library** public awareness campaign during the 2006 Midwinter Meeting. *Campaign Fact Sheets* will be available at all major **ALSC** events and at the ALA/PIO Press Office. The formal launch is scheduled for the 2006 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

- **CONGRATULATE!** – ALSC will announce the first of what will be three annual **Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Visit Awards** during the 2006 Midwinter Meeting. The award, established by Simon and Schuster Publishing and ALSC, will provide up to \$4,000 to an ALSC member library to fund a visit from an author/illustrator who will speak to children who have not had an opportunity to hear a nationally known author/illustrator.

- The selection process for a new content management system (**CMS**) for the ALA website is nearing completion. After reviewing proposals from more than 20 vendors, a selection committee comprised of both staff and members has narrowed the choice to two finalists, both of whom made detailed presentations to the selection group. Based on these presentations, a final vendor has been identified. References have been checked and now ALA’s Information Technology and Telecommunications Services staff is working with the proposed vendor on a “proof-of-concept” to take place by the end of January. Pending satisfactory results, a formal announcement and contract negotiations should begin in February 2006, with development to take place this winter. Rollout of the new CMS would take place in 2006. Questions may be sent to Sherri Vanyek, Director, ITTS.

- By the 2006 Midwinter Meeting, ALA members will have received two issues of **American Libraries Direct**, the new membership-perquisite weekly supplement to American Libraries. The electronic newsletter launched January 11, and *AL* editor-in-chief Leonard Kniffel will be collecting feedback during the conference. Members who want to provide feedback will be able to talk with Kniffel, as well as Managing Editor

Gordon Flagg and Associate Editor Pamela Goodes, at the *AL* booth during the exhibits opening (Friday, 5:30-7:00pm). The *American Libraries* Advisory Committee meets Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, and response to *AL Direct* will be on the agenda. The e-newsletter launch is made possible by SirsiDynix.

- Also on the new member benefit list: Through an ASCLA-initiated arrangement with SEFLIN (Southeast Florida Library Information Network), beginning January 20th, ALA members can purchase access to more than 1,500 Web-based courses on office productivity, business fundamentals, and computer-related topics from Element K® at affordable prices. For more course information and registration, go to www.libraryelearning.org/ala

AND ALA-RELATED NEWS: ALA-Allied Professional Association

- **Certification**
 - The application form for the **Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA)** goes “live” on January 17, 2006. To be among the first to participate go to www.ala-apa.org/certification/cplaapplication/html The application fee is \$250 for ALA members and \$300 for non-ALA participants. Applications will be reviewed by the CPLA Certification Review Committee on a quarterly basis, with the first reviews taking place in spring 2006. Candidates will be provided with a list of providers, descriptions of courses and fees charged by course providers. Courses taken must have an evaluative component. Each candidate must satisfy seven of nine competency standards, four core standards and three electives. Candidates have three years from the date of acceptance into the program to complete coursework for seven standards. The CPLA program is jointly sponsored by the ALA’s Public Library Association, Library Administration and Management Association and Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies. The ALA-APA Certification Review Committee (CPLA CRC) reviews, approves the requirements for certification and re-certification, and administers the CPLA program. Certification is granted by the ALA-APA.
- **Salary Surveys**
 - The Survey of Librarian Salaries was expanded in 2005 to include smaller libraries and to present state-level data. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase in the ALA Store during the 2006 Midwinter Meeting.
 - In 2006, ALA-APA, working with the ALA Office for Research, will conduct the first non-MLS salary survey, in response to the need to have accurate and current information about how the broad spectrum of library staff are compensated.
- The ALA-Allied Professional Association **Renaming Contest** has been extended to January 31, 2006.
- **ALA-APA Board and Council agendas**
 - **ALA-APA Board of Directors**, Friday, January 20, 11:00am-noon, Marriott Rivercenter, Conference Room 17/18

- The Board will hear reports from ALA-APA Treasurer Teri Switzer and APA Bylaws Committee (Norman Horrocks, Chair) and will discuss the 2006 Fundraising Campaign and a proposal for an ALA-APA Advisory Committee.
- **ALA-APA Council**
 - At the **Information Session (Sunday, January 22, 10:00-10:30am)** ALA President Michael Gorman and ALA-APA BARC Chair Patricia L. Wong will report. Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels will provide an update on the revised business plan. ALA-APA Director Jenifer Grady will provide a salary survey report.
 - Reports on the **ALA-APA Council (Monday, January 23, 10:15-11:15am)** agenda include the ALA-APA Certified Public Library Administrator Program Certification Review Committee (Eva Poole), the ALA-APA Committee on Salaries and Status of Library Workers (Diane Fay), as well as ALA-APA Bylaws Committee (Norman Horrocks), ALA-APA Committee on Organization (Melora Ranney Norman) and the ALA-APA Treasurer's Report (Teri Switzer).

OTHER NUMBERS YOU CAN USE

Need an on-site list of phone numbers? Here's a starting list....

Emergency Telephone Information

Ambulance, Fire, Police – 911

Police Department (non-emergency) – 210-659-1999

Fire Department (non-emergency) – 210-653-9140

Hospital

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital -- 210-704-2011

333 N. Santa Rosa St.

San Antonio, TX 78207

Dental Referral Service – 210-704-2011

Doctor Referral Service – 210-734-6691

San Antonio Hotels* (all area 210) -- * co-headquarters

***Marriott Rivercenter – 223-1000**

***Marriott Riverwalk – 224-4555**

AmeriSuites Riverwalk – 227-6854

The Crockett Hotel – 225-6500

Crowne Plaza Riverwalk – 354-2800

Drury Inn & Suites Riverwalk - -212-5200

El Tropicano Riverwalk – 223-9461

Emily Morgan Hotel – 225-8500

Hilton Palacio del Rio – 222-1400

Holiday Inn Downtown/Market Square – 225-3211

Holiday Inn Riverwalk – 224-2500

Homewood Suites by Hilton Riverwalk – 222-1515

Hotel Contessa – 229-9222

Hotel Valencia Riverwalk – 227-9700

Hyatt Regency San Antonio – 222-1234

La Mansion del Rio – 518-1000

La Quinta Inn & Suites – 222-9181

Marriott Plaza San Antonio – 229-1000

Menger Hotel – 223-4361

Residence Inn by Marriott Alamo – 222-5555

Sheraton Gunter – 227-3241

St. Anthony-Wyndham Hotel – 227-4392

Westin Riverwalk – 224-6500

- **For the San Antonio Hotel Map and room locations, see pp. 63-73 in the *Meetings & Exhibits Guide*.**