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**Westgate Lecture  
and Author's  
Conference  
set for April 24**  
(see pg. 6 for details)

**Change in  
Summer Library  
Workshop schedule**

The Summer Library Workshop scheduled for March 15 in the East Central Region will now be held at the Coralville Public Library.

**Newbery / Caldecott  
awards and M.L.  
Printz Award  
announced**

Christopher Paul Curtis, author of "Bud, Not Buddy," and Simms Taback, illustrator of "Joseph Had a Little Overcoat," are the 2000 winners of the John Newbery and Randolph Caldecott Medals, the most prestigious awards in children's literature. More information is available at the American Library Association's website, [www.ala.org/news/2000winners.html](http://www.ala.org/news/2000winners.html)

The Michael L. Printz Award, which exemplifies excellence in young adult literature, was awarded to Walter Dean Myers for "Monster."

## State Library receives grant for consumer health information website

The State Library of Iowa has received a \$40,000 grant from the National Library of Medicine to develop an Iowa-focused consumer health information website, with authoritative content that ranges from national databases to regional and local links.

The website will:

- provide guidance and support for consumers in searching for and evaluating electronic health information resources;
- create and provide access to a database of Iowa-specific consumer health information collections, resources and agencies;
- create links to regional, state and local consumer health information resources;
- provide direct access for consumers to the services and collections of the State

Medical Library;

- serve as the focal point for training public librarians, health professionals and the general public in the effective use of electronic health information.

In addition to the State Library, other participating organizations include:

- the Iowa Department of Public Health
- Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa
- libraries at Methodist/Lutheran/Blank Children's hospitals in Des Moines
- Ames Public Library
- Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center, Cedar Rapids Public Library

The steering committee for the grant will begin meeting in March to begin work on the website and training program.

## Brandau takes helm at Library of Michigan

*Christie Brandau, Assistant State Librarian for nine years, will begin her new duties as State Librarian in Lansing, Michigan next month. The following are her thoughts on librarianship, Iowa and the challenges ahead.*

***When did you decide to become a librarian?***

My husband John was stationed with the Army in Germany when we were married, and I needed a job. There were only three choices for civilian jobs: check out groceries at the commissary, sing at the NCO

*Christie Brandau*



club, or work at the Special Services Library. Luckily for everyone (especially the NCO club members), I chose the library. It turned out to be a terrific experience, and I was hooked on the work from the beginning.

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## Notes from the State Librarian

It is with mixed feelings that I begin my column this month. As you have read,



Christie Brandau, our Assistant State Librarian, is leaving to assume the position of State Librarian of Michigan. My mixed feelings come from my pride in Christie and her abilities to do the job, Iowa's loss of such a bright, articulate, and caring leader, and my loss of a very good friend.

Christie and I met just seven and one half years ago when I came to Iowa. We instantly formed a professional bond and friendship. Christie's contributions to the development of library services in Iowa are numerous. From her days as a Regional Library consultant, to her Iowa Library Association presidency, to her nine years as Assistant State Librarian and, for a time, Acting State Librarian, she

provided leadership in the deployment of the new federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), creation of SILO, revision of the public library quality measures, implementation of Enrich Iowa, and development & delivery of public library trustees training programs. There is no doubt, Iowa's loss is Michigan's gain. Best wishes to Christie and her husband.

On a happier note, I am proud to announce that the State Library's new website is up! While the original site served us well, it was four years old and

needed some major reorganization. Over the last couple of years, we have developed a new architecture, a new look, and a lot of new information for the site. Someone told me the new site now has more than 1500 pages and will continue to grow. The State Library sees this web presence as an extension of our services. As we all know, the Internet has become as important to our business as the telephone. I hope you find the site useful. Any suggestions for how we can make it more useful are always welcomed. Look for new information regularly. If you haven't done so, please visit our web site at: [www.silo.lib.ia.us](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us)



*Christie Brandau, center, at a Commission meeting in the mid-1990's with, from left, Dwight Carlson, Gordon Greene and State Librarian Sharman Smith.*

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## Brandau takes helm at Library of Michigan (Cont. from Pg. 1)

When I finished my undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in 1975 (B.A. in Political Science), I worked in the Riceville and Osage public libraries, and then went to work at the North Central Regional Library. There, Ann Swanson gave me the opportunity of a lifetime by hiring me and sponsoring me through library school. Then I came to the State Library, where I have had another tremendous opportunity: working with Sharman Smith and the great staff at the State Library.

There is no work as varied and satisfying as library work, and I've never regretted becoming a librarian.

### What have been the highlights of your position at the State Library?

Definitely the SILO grant/project and Enrich Iowa. Those two projects have enhanced library service across the state, and I'm proud to have been part of them. Oh, and another highlight was last year's Town Meetings where I got to wear 1890's clothing and say "Well, la-ti-da Miss Sharman!"

### What is your vision for libraries in the next 10 years?

I agree with a 1999 Gallup poll which found that all responders expected libraries to exist and be important in the future. I get a bit irritated when I hear the question asked as to whether libraries will exist when everyone has Internet access.

I've read that that question is like asking Picasso if photography would

make art passe, or whether Nintendo games make sports arenas a thing of the past. Libraries are more than the tools they house, and Internet access is just one of the tools.

I am concerned, however, about the future of recruiting library staff, especially in rural areas. We cannot expect that people with dedication, education and service skills will continue to be willing to work at the low salaries and for the few benefits offered by many libraries. The heart of the library is the staff.

### What will you miss most about Iowa?

Just about everything. I was born and raised here and I'll miss the land and the farms. But most of all I will miss the friends I have made over so many years.

My kids used to tease me because almost everywhere we would travel in Iowa, I could say "Oh, I know the librarian here!" And I know it really pained them when they would bring friends home from college and I would quiz them about the library in their town.

### What are you looking forward to in Michigan?

A whole new group of friends to meet, libraries to learn about, beautiful countryside to visit. My goal is to give my best and contribute whatever I can.

## Attend statewide workshop on time capsules

"Sending Today to Tomorrow: A Time Capsule Workshop," jointly sponsored by Humanities Iowa and the Iowa Conservation and Preservation Consortium, will be available at 20 Iowa Communication Network (ICN) sites from 2 to 5 p.m. April 26, 2000.

Loren Horton, a historian from Iowa City, will lead a session on selecting the objects for the time capsule and exploring the cultural implications of the selection. Other sessions include conservators demonstrating methods for preserving the contents, and educators giving tips on how to organize a time capsule project -- from the creation of the capsule to the final opening ceremony.

Participants will receive a time capsule booklet compiled by conservators, archaeologists, historians, librarians, and other educators to assist individuals with local time capsule projects.

ICN sites include Ames, Belmond, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Charles City, Creston, Davenport, Decorah, Denison, Dubuque, Elgin, Forest City, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, Laurens, Le Mars, Marshalltown, Pella, Red Oak and Waterloo.

The registration fee is \$20 for ICPC or Humanities Iowa members; \$25 for non-members. The workshop is open to the public.

Call Kristina Venzke at (319) 335-4153 or Nancy Kraft, (319) 335-3922 to register or for more information on ICN sites. Full ICN site information is also available at [www.humanitiesiowa.org](http://www.humanitiesiowa.org).

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## Information Services Highlights

Patents ☆ ILL ☆ Medical ☆ Census ☆ Public Policy ☆  
Library Science ☆ Federal Documents

(The following is a new Footnotes feature which will highlight new titles and other information from the Information Services unit of the State Library.)

Titles of interest in the Library Science collection:

### **Better Books! Better Readers!**

Linda Hart-Hewins and Jan Wells  
Stenhouse Publishers, 1999

Looking for sound advice on choosing books children will enjoy reading? This useful resource has suggestions about what to look for when selecting books for beginning, developing, and independent readers; effective strategies for working alongside young readers; and a bibliography of recommended books sorted by reading level.

### **The New Store Workbook**

The Museum Store Association,  
Inc., 1994

A number of libraries around the state have asked us for information about setting up a "library store." This workbook has practical information for all aspects of in-house stores from planning to inventory control. Library stores can be valuable not only as a source of revenue, but also for outreach and promotion in your community.

### **Founding and Funding Family Literacy Programs**

Carole Talan  
Neal-Schuman Publishers, 1999

Is your library planning to use Enrich Iowa funds to establish a Family Literacy Program? Carole Talan's manual for librarians thoroughly covers the steps needed to develop a library-based program that combines fundamental educational methods with sound parenting practices to foster the development of literacy and pre-literacy skills.

### **Teaching the Internet to Library Staff and Users**

William D. Hollands  
Neal-Schuman Publishers, 1999

Each workshop in this book includes an introduction, an objective, a timed lesson plan, tips, a sample script, and reproducible handouts. Ten customized workshops include Internet train the trainer, search engines and finding information on the web, and an introduction to HTML.

**The State Library has an extensive collection of library science books. They are available through SILO/ILL. If you have trouble finding the title you want in SILO, contact Rinda Kramme, State Library, 1-800-248-4483; rkramme@mail.lib.state.ia.us.**

## Wellsburg library hosts film series

"The American People," part two of the "From Rosie to Roosevelt: A Film History of Americans in World War II" will be the focus of a free, six-part viewing, reading and discussion series at the Wellsburg Public Library, March 7 through April 11.

The Wellsburg Public Library was one of 20 pilot libraries nationwide selected in 1998 to participate in the project. "The American People" will focus on the social and economic issues that emerged in America during the war years.

For more information, contact Dee Lindaman, (515) 869-5234.

## "Connect for Kids" day kicks off library week

Libraries may want to host "Connect for Kids" Day April 8 to kick off National Library Week 2000. The national event aims to focus attention on the variety of resources available to children and their families at the library and in their communities.

"Connect for Kids" Day is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) with support from the Benton Foundation to highlight the central role of libraries and librarians in connecting parents and children with education, recreation and other services.

For ideas and information, see the ALA web site at [www.ala.org/kidsday](http://www.ala.org/kidsday). A *Connect for Kids* web site ([www.connectforkids.org](http://www.connectforkids.org)) developed by the Benton Foundation focuses on information and resources for kids.



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## Iowa Official Register (Redbook) now online

The 1999-2000 edition of the *Iowa Official Register* is now available online at [www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us). Also known as the "Redbook," the book serves as a biographical and historical record of state leaders, government and people for 108 years.

The book also has information on the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, state agencies, federal government, local government, Iowa history, educational institutions and elections.

Printed copies of the Redbook are sent to every school and library in Iowa.

## J. David Martin named winner of Arthur Benton award

J. David Martin, head of the Marvin Pomerantz Business Library, has been named the first recipient of the Arthur Benton Excellence in Reference Services Professional Development Award. The \$1,000 award is given biennially to a University of Iowa Libraries' professional staff member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment in providing reference services for the University of Iowa community.

## LSTA Partnership Grants offered again

Because of the highly successful partnership projects funded last year, the State Library is providing another round of Library Science and Technology Act (LSTA) Partnership Grants.

Another \$100,000 in LSTA funds will be awarded to Partnership Grant projects which:

- encourage partnerships between libraries of different types, agencies, community organizations and other groups;
- achieve Goal III of the State Library of Iowa's *Five-Year Plan for the use of LSTA funds, FY98-Fy02* through an identified set of activities;
- follow the guidelines established by the State Library of Iowa and LSTA;
- include local match of 25 percent of the total cost;
- be an easily replicated project; and
- have a strong evaluation component.

Partnership grant projects must include at least one public library, but other partners may be libraries from other institutions or non-library agencies. Projects are not limited to technology. Any project that can be defined as cooperation or partnerships among agencies is eligible. Projects must enhance information and library services.

To participate, libraries included in any application must have on file at the State Library:

- current enabling ordinance;
- current Public Library General Information Survey (Annual Report);
- recent (within two years) application and report form for

accreditation; (Note: The library does NOT have to be accredited to apply.)

- recent technology plan if a major portion of the project involves technology (hardware, software, telecommunications);
- participate in Open Access and Access Plus programs and contribute bibliographic records to the SILO Locator.

To request an application for the Partnership Grant, contact the State Library of Iowa, E. 12th and Grand, Des Moines, IA 50319; 1-800-248-4483; e-mail Lisa Manley at [Imanley@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:Imanley@mail.lib.state.ia.us) or Fran Fessler at [ffessle@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:ffessle@mail.lib.state.ia.us). The packet may also be downloaded from the State Library web page ([www.silo.lib.ia.us/lsta/partnership\\_grants.htm](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/lsta/partnership_grants.htm)).

### Timeline for LSTA Partnership Grants Year Two - FY2001

- Feb. 1, 2000 - Announcement of LSTA Partnership Grants
- Feb. 1, 2000 - Grant information packets sent to Iowa libraries upon request.
- May/June - ICN session / Dates and times to be announced
- August 1 - Grant applications must be received by the State Library
- August/September - Grant review period
- October 1-15 - Grant award letters mailed
- October - Grant orientation session via the ICN / Dates and times to be announced
- November - Projects begin
- June 30, 2002 - Grant completion date
- August 30, 2002 - All grant funding claims must be received at the State Library

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## State Library announces 2000 Westgate Lecture

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Michael Cart, author of *What's So Funny: Wit and Humor in American Children's Literature* (HarperCollins, 1994) and *From Romance to Realism: Fifty Years of Growth and Change in Young Adult Literature* (HarperCollins, 1996) will deliver this year's Westgate Lecture from 1:30 to 4 p.m. April 27 at The Inn on Merle Hay, 5055 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. His topic will be "Young Adult Literature: A Golden Age." The event is free.

A nationally recognized expert in children's and young adult literature, he is the author of three other books: *Presenting Robert Lipsyte* (Twayne/Simon and Schuster, 1995); *My Father's Scar* (Simon and Schuster, 1996); and *Tomorrowland: 10 Stories About the Future* (Scholastic Press, 1999)

Cart is currently compiling two young adult anthologies of original short fiction to be published by Simon and Schuster and HarperCollins, and a collection of adult short stories to be published by the Overlook Press.

Formerly director of library and community services for the City of Beverly Hills, Cart has long been active in the American Library Association. He is member of the Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee and served as president of Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) in 1997-98. In 1998-99, he was chair of YALSA's Best Young Adult Book Award Feasibility Task Force, which created the Michael I. Printz Award.

Additionally, he has served on



Michael Cart

numerous ALA book award committees, including the Best Books for Young Adults, Caldecott Medal, and Notable Children's Book Committees.

Currently a columnist and reviewer for "Booklist" magazine, Cart wrote the "Children's Bookshelf" column for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Review from 1994-96 and in 1997-98 was Children's Book Editor of *Parents* magazine. He has also served as contributing young adult books editor for *barnesandnoble.com*.

From 1981 to date, Cart has been co-producer and host of *In Print*, a nationally syndicated cable television author interview program. Cart also has received American Library Association's John Cotton Dana Award and the Dorothy C. McKenzie Award for Distinguished Service to Children and Literature.

He is a graduate of Northwestern and Columbia Universities and makes his home in Chico, CA.

The Westgate Lecture series honors the late Hazel Westgate, former children's librarian at Iowa City Public Library. The series is funded in part by an endowment established by Westgate to support State Library of Iowa youth services programs. The lecture is sponsored by the State Library with support from the Iowa Library Association Children and Young People's Forum. The Westgate Lecture series is a biennial event.

**To register, contact Fran Fessler, State Library, (515) 281-5790; Fax (515) 281-6191; e-mail [ffessler@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:ffessler@mail.lib.state.ia.us). Include your name, library, and telephone and fax numbers. There will be no confirmation. Two CE credits will be given for the Westgate Lecture.**

## Certification Update

Congratulations to the following public library staff person who was recently certified for the first time through the State Library's Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians.

**Richard Bangma, Pella.**

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## First Author's Conference of the New Millennium

This year, the State Library of Iowa and Heartland AEA worked together to plan the Westgate Lecture and the Annual Author's Conference.

Following the Westgate Lecture at 4:15 p.m. April 27, Heartland's Ninth Annual Author's Conference will convene featuring Jacqueline Briggs Martin and Mary Azarian, author and illustrator of *Snowflake Bentley*, the 1999 Caldecott Award winner. Pre-autographed books will be sold. This event will also be held at The Inn in Johnston.

### Schedule:

4:15 to 4:45 - Registration/snacks  
4:45 to 5:30 - Azarian presentation  
5:45 to 6:30 - Martin presentation  
6:45 to 7:30 - joint presentation

Please photocopy and complete the registration form and send it to Heartland AEA. Public librarians will receive 2 CE credits for attendance.

The cost for the Author's Conference is \$10.

## Iowa libraries take part in Freedom Ship project

Part of this year's "I'll Make Me A World in Iowa" festival, held February 5 in Des Moines, included the Freedom Ship, an 11-foot-tall wooden ship built by Des Moines students from diverse backgrounds.

Each of the 14 sails was decorated by youth in Iowa communities, with the help of collaborating libraries and artists from 14 sites around the state. Those sites include Ottumwa, Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Clinton, Dubuque, Fort Madison, Mason City, Des Moines, Davenport and Muscatine.

Each sail is a visual representation of how the youths in each community chose to express what freedom means. The Freedom Ship will "port" in each of the 14 cities. For display dates, please contact the local library.

## North Central hires consultant

North Central Regional Library recently hired Tom Shepley to fill the consultant's position. He will begin March 1.

Shepley is currently employed at the South Carolina State Library as an Information Technology Librarian. He has an MLIS degree, as well as an MA in Applied History, from the University of South Carolina.

Shepley, formerly from Charles City, IA, has experience in training and consulting, primarily working with technology, including computers, software and web pages.

### Registration Form

Ninth Annual Author's Conference  
Heartland Area Education Agency 11

**Remember to enclose \$10 registration fee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Library: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

No phone registrations accepted. Confirmations will be mailed.

Enclose cash, check, or purchase order for \$10 payable to Heartland AEA 11. Return by April 18 to Linda Coy, Heartland AEA 11, 6500 Corporate Drive, Johnston, IA 50131

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## Librarians invited to attend 2000 State Arts Conference

The Iowa 2000 State Arts Conference will be held March 23-25 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Bobby McFerrin of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra has been invited as keynote speaker.

A pre-conference workshop on Thursday will be "Community Partnership Training." The workshop will encourage teams from communities to participate in problem-solving, consensus building and effective

program planning and management.

There are many workshops scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Some include "Working with Underserved Populations," "Using the Arts as a {crime/intervention} Prevention Tool," "Building Coalitions," "Web Site Development," "Access to the Arts Grant Writing Workshop," "Developing Innovative Marketing Plans," and "Meeting ADA Standards for Your Facility and Your Programming."

For more information, write to Technical Assistance & Community Development, Iowa Arts Council, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, IA 50319; e-mail [kbettis@max.state.ia.us](mailto:kbettis@max.state.ia.us); call (515) 281-6787; or visit their web site at [www.culturalaffairs.org/iac/confwkshps/stateartsconference.htm](http://www.culturalaffairs.org/iac/confwkshps/stateartsconference.htm).

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