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## Dubuque area librarians' consortium builds strong relationships

For nearly 20 years, staff from all types of libraries in the Dubuque, Ia. area have met monthly in what many describe as a satisfying, helpful and important partnership.

The Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium's (DALINC) purpose is to foster communication among libraries and to facilitate change for Dubuque libraries. The partnership has produced innovative programs and workshops, grants for equipment for member libraries, and the satisfaction of knowing there are colleagues close by they can talk to who may be struggling with the same problems and issues.

Jim Lander, director of the health science library at Mercy Medical Center in Dubuque, said DALINC originally began as a group automation project back in the 1980s, receiving its 501(C)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service so they could raise funds and receive grants.

"We changed our mission from group automation to one that fosters communication, support and continuing education for librarians in the greater Dubuque area," said Lander.

Membership includes staff from academic, special, school and public libraries who get together for formal meetings every other month. They meet informally during the months in between for breakfast and conversation.

"The breakfast meetings can often be the better as we sit and chat and end up coming up with ideas to help one another," said Carnegie-Stout Public Library Director Susan Henricks. "I learned more about OCLC interlibrary loan during one of those meetings and made a decision that ended up saving the library about \$26,000 a year."

Over the years the organization has evolved and is still going strong according to Clarke College library director Paul Roberts.

"An organization such as this can pretty much go anywhere it wants and do things for the benefit of its member libraries. We have found it rewarding to have this consortium in place here in Dubuque," said Roberts, who also serves on the Iowa Commission of Libraries.

Formal meetings rotate between member libraries. The library sponsoring the meeting is asked to present a brief program after the business meeting. According to Roberts, the program can take the form of a presentation, tour of a new or renovated building or new technologies.

In addition, the group sponsors one program a year related to libraries and library issues that is open to all librarians, staff, and friends of libraries in the tri-state area. Past programs have included the future of the book, the future of libraries, and copyright issues on the Internet which was a video conference live via satellite that was sponsored by DALINC, BCR and the State Library of Iowa.

DALINC has also sponsored many satellite downloads for members and the general public, said Roberts.

"Along the way I think we had some fun by doing a couple of 'Mystery Dinner' meetings for members and the interested public," said Roberts.

Members include representatives from the Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Cascade Public Library, Clarke College Library, Divine Word College, Dubuque County Library, East Dubuque District Library, Emmaus Bible College, James Kennedy Public Library in Dyersville, Loras College Library, Mercy Hospital Library, North Iowa Area Community College, University of Dubuque Library, Wahlert High School Library and Wartburg Theological Seminary.

"What has been especially helpful to me is that DALINC has helped build relationships," said Henricks. "The bottom line is, no matter if you are public, hospital, school, or academic, you are a library and we have so much in common. Together we are stronger."

Roberts agreed. "It enables all of us to view things from other library type perspectives," he said. "Programs and cooperative ventures are easier to launch because we do communicate and see each other. It fights the tendency for all of us to isolate ourselves with others of our library type."

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## Von Wald named ILA Member of the Year

Katherine Von Wald, coordinator of the Iowa Center for the Book and former administrator of the Central Iowa Library Service Area was named Member of the Year at the Iowa Library Association (ILA) Fall Conference.

The award is conferred upon a librarian, trustee, friend or institutional member of ILA. When presenting the award, Gina Millsap, director of the Ames Public Library and past president of ILA, noted that Von Wald "has been tireless in her efforts to encourage cooperation among libraries and to provide the highest quality reference services to her own library service area members and statewide."

"Her honesty and ability to see to the heart of any matter have made her a priceless sounding board for librarians from all types of libraries during her career," said Millsap.



## Henning elected to federal steering committee

Beth Henning, coordinator of the State Data Program at the State Library of Iowa, was elected to a two-year term on the steering committee for the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates (FSCPE).

FSCPE has members from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the U.S. Census Bureau. The goals of FSCPE are to 1) promote cooperation between the states and the Census Bureau, 2) produce high quality population estimates through the use of established methods, comprehensive data review, and thorough testing, 3) reduce duplication in the production of population estimates and improve communication among the groups compiling population estimates, 4) improve and advance techniques and methodologies and encourage joint research efforts, and 5) enhance the recognition of local demographic work.

The FSCPE steering committee has seven members elected at large from among the member states. The committee helps facilitate issues between the states and the Census Bureau; coordinates member responses to federal proposals and initiatives related to demographic estimates, policy issues, and decennial census planning; and conducts meetings of the FSCPE and the Census Bureau twice a year.



## Sibley receives free books for AIR 2004

Sibley Public Library will receive 15 free copies of *Niagara Falls All Over Again*, the 2004 All Iowa Reads selection. Because the library had registered its 2003 All Iowa Reads program on the Iowa Center for the Book web site, they were eligible for a drawing held at the Iowa Library Association Fall Conference.

Said library director Connie Mataloni, "We just want everyone to know how thrilled we are to receive the 15 copies" of the book. "This may give other libraries the incentive to register their programs" in 2004. (See page 5 for related story.)

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## Kitson wows workshop attendees

Nearly 400 people turned out to participate in workshops with Jane Kitson (a.k.a. Mother Goose) in Creston, Alta, Waterloo, and Ottumwa in October. The workshops, sponsored by the State Library, centered on the language to literacy link and were attended by librarians, representatives of Head Start programs, child care providers, child care resource referral personnel, early childhood consultants from area education agencies, and speech/language pathologists from area education agencies.

According to Mary Cameron, youth services consultant, State Library, Kitson presented ideas for adults to use with children to help them make the language to literacy link. Kitson shared songs, fingerplays and many stories.

Those who attended the workshops said Kitson gave an "enthusiastic, informative, and energetic" presentation. Another noted, "It was one of the best workshops I have ever attended! Everything was great."



Jane Kitson

## Certification update

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

**Sarah Andrews**, Iowa City and Coralville

**Judith Behm**, Carroll

**Laura Blaker**, Independence

**Kimbirly Buss**, Glidden

**Shirley Delf**, Garwin

**Kim Earnest**, Mediapolis

**Amy Gardner**, Hiawatha

**Janet Hansen**, Shenandoah

**Loretta Hanson**, Williamsburg

**Yvonna Hoskins**, Independence

**Myra Jones**, Lytton

**Ruth Lauman**, Hamburg

**Sandra Mason**, Davenport

**Rhonda Mixon**, New London

**Theresa Pennington**, Martelle

**Lori Rogers**, What Cheer

**Rebekah Schnelle**, Terril

**Candice Smith**, Iowa City

**Cynthia Sorenson**, Hanlontown

**Paula Spoo**, Estherville

**Janice Sportsman**, Fort Madison

**Stephanie Sueppel**, Iowa City

**Karen Tiedt**, Fairbank

**Jennifer Westemeier**, Independence

**Angela Wilson**, Ankeny

**Shirley Yeries**, Tiffin

## Important Dates - 2003

### December

**December 9 - Commission Meeting, State Library**

**December 15 - Direct State Aid Report due at State Library**

**December 25 - Christmas holiday - State Library Closed**

## Health information videotape available

The State Library has the following videotape available for interlibrary loan: *Reading Between the Lines: Focusing on Health Information Literacy*.

The tape, from the Medical Library Association's videoconference held on September 10, is two hours long and is accompanied by a manual of information which includes a bibliography of web sites on the topic.

To borrow the tape, contact Rinda Kramme, State Library of Iowa, 1-800-248-4483, (515) 281-6920; rinda.kramme@lib.state.ia.us.

## Crowner, library honored

Congratulations to Dee Crowner and the North Liberty Community Library staff for recently receiving a Literacy Award from the Iowa Council of Teachers of English. The award honors contributions to language development and learning of literacy in the state of Iowa.

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## State Library funds three LSTA competitive grants

The State Library awarded three Library Services and Technology Act FY04 grants to libraries for projects that focus on "Information Literacy" or "Telling the Library Story." LSTA competitive grants are intended to assist libraries to develop pioneering innovative services, programs and technologies and to share the knowledge learned from that experience with other libraries.

The following grants were awarded to Iowa libraries and agencies:

- **Cedar Falls Public Library and Waterloo Public Library.** "Gray Matters" is a project designed for active senior citizens and seniors who live in retirement/nursing homes. The project will provide aids and devices that will enhance visits to the libraries by seniors, including motorized carts and special walkers. Project coordinators will also initiate monthly memory stimulation classes at nursing/retirement homes through the use of Bi-Folkal kits, also known as reminiscence programming, and will provide book discussion groups at various senior outreach sites. A special web site outlining all the libraries' programs and services for seniors will also be developed. \$20,000
- **Central Iowa Library Service Area and Heartland Area Education Agency.** "Building Iowa's Future – One Library at a Time" is designed to assist schools and public libraries that are contemplating building projects. A web site will be developed that provides 360-degree views of new or remodeled libraries, as well as information that can be used when libraries are developing a remodeling or construction plan, or a space planning review. It will provide information on "what works" in libraries, with photographs of before and after construction/remodeling projects and how they relate to library programs, services and best practice. Library administrators considering new projects will be able to visit libraries "virtually" before deciding which ones to visit in person. The project is designed to "Tell the Library Story" about what is new in construction projects and how other libraries have solved facilities problems. \$11,896
- **Southwest, Northwest and Central Iowa Library Service Areas, Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13, Atlantic Public Library, Southwestern Community College and Dordt College.** "In the Know: Information Literacy for Iowans" will be developed to help Iowans find, evaluate and use information effectively by teaching librarians good information literacy skills. A multi-type team of 12 representatives will develop a series of tools for librarians in all types of libraries to use in teaching their patrons these skills. The tools will be made available on a web site created as part of the project. Train the Trainer sessions will be held in at least five libraries in each participating Library Service Area. \$8,102

## Last year for competitive grants

The State Library, in consultation with the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council, has decided to suspend funding of LSTA competitive grants for FY05.

According to State Librarian Mary Wegner, "With our current funding challenges, we believe that we should focus our federal spending on broad-based programs that benefit multiple libraries such as SILO and the purchase of databases."

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## New book chosen for All Iowa Reads 2004

*Niagara Falls All Over Again* by Elizabeth McCracken has been selected for All Iowa Reads 2004, a project of the Iowa Center for the Book. The title was announced by Susan Craig and Ed Goedeken, co-chairs of the All Iowa Reads Committee, at the Iowa Library Association Conference on October 16.

The purpose of All Iowa Reads is to encourage Iowans statewide to read and talk about a single book in the same year. According to Craig, more than 120 programs have been held in Iowa libraries, schools, universities and book clubs in 2003, the first year of the project, to discuss *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger.

"All Iowa Reads has proven to be a great success," said Craig. "In many Iowa communities, people are coming together for the first time to talk about a book. Our goal is to select a book that appeals to different age groups, has a variety of themes, and promotes discussion."

Author McCracken is a National Book Award finalist and author of *The Giant's House*. In her latest novel, *Niagara Falls All Over Again*, she chronicles a flawed, passionate friendship and weaves a powerful story of family and love, grief and loss. The main character in the story, Mose Sharp, is born into a Jewish family in small-town Iowa and by age 16 joins the vaudeville circuit where he forms a comedy team with Rocky Carter that spans 30 years.

McCracken attended the Iowa Writers' Workshop from 1988 to 1990 and is a visiting professor this fall in Iowa City. Her grandparents lived in Des Moines. Though she has traveled extensively, she told *The Des Moines Register* in a 2001 interview that she is "culturally from Des Moines."

For more information on All Iowa Reads, visit the Iowa Center for the Book website at [www.iowacenterforthebook.org](http://www.iowacenterforthebook.org). Additional information such as discussion questions will be added soon.



*Susan Craig announces the 2004 All Iowa Reads book*

## Snapshots from 2003 Iowa Library Association Conference



*From left, ILA President Betty Rogers; former State Librarian of Iowa, Sharman Smith; State Librarian Mary Wegner, former Assistant State Librarian Christie Brandau and Ames Public Library Director Gina Millsap.*



*Two Roys and a Dale. From left, Roy Kenagy, Roy Rogers and Dale Van de Haar at the Summer Library Program booth.*



*Susan Craig, left, and First Lady Christie Vilsack talk with Peace Like a River author Leif Enger.*

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## Iowa represented at National Book Festival

Representatives from Centers for the Book nationwide attended the 2003 National Book Festival on October 4 on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

First Lady Christie Vilsack, and Mary Cameron and Annette Wetteland from the State Library were on hand at the Iowa booth in the Pavilion of States to greet some of the nearly 65,000 people who attended the event. Those who toured the pavilion received a sticker or stamp from each state that was placed on a map of the United States. Iowa maps and other handouts highlighting Iowa were also available.

More than 80 authors, illustrators, poets and storytellers were also on the Mall to inform and amuse readers of all ages, including actress and author Julie Andrews, Steven Kellogg, R.L. Stine, David Baldacci and J.A. Jance.

The event is sponsored and organized by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush.



*Pictured at the Iowa booth, Pavilion of States, from left Annette Wetteland; Christie Vilsack; John Cole, director, Center for the Book, Library of Congress; and Mary Cameron.*

## Library initiatives pass in several Iowa cities

The following library-related election results were received from the State Library. Most were decided during November 4 elections.

- Davenport voters approved a referendum needed to fund the operation of two new branch libraries. The final vote was 9,147 to 8,818. Davenport property owners will pay an additional property tax of 27 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value. The tax is expected to generate between \$600,000 and \$700,000 a year. A ceremonial groundbreaking event took place on November 5 at the site of the new westside branch library.
- Kalona overwhelmingly passed a \$1.4 million bond issue for a new library with 81 percent of voters in favor. According to library director Anne Skaden, supporters were “very excited” and hope to be in the new library by January 2005.
- A special book levy that has been in effect in Cedar Rapids for 17 years was reapproved. The tax, which costs the average homeowner \$4 a year on a home valued at \$100,000, raises \$180,000 a year for library books.
- The Pocahontas Public Library’s request for a levy of 27 cents per \$1,000 valuation was agreed upon by 69 percent of voters. The levy will be in effect for five years, with the option to renew at that time.
- Jewell voters easily passed a special assessment levy for library services that will raise about \$6,000 per year for library use.
- In July, Centerville voters passed a local option sales tax of one cent, with 25 percent of the revenue going to the public library.

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## Task force meets to discuss library standards

The State Library Standards Advisory Task Force met on October 30 in Des Moines to discuss possible revisions to the third edition of *In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality*.

State Librarian Mary Wegner asked task force members to work with the State Library to review current standards in light of known best practices and current trends, and to develop the fourth edition of *In Service to Iowa*. Gerry Rowland, a State Library consultant, gave an overview of the history of *In Service to Iowa* and the library standards program.

Iowa is unique among the states in not only setting standards for libraries but also in tracking progress toward meeting standards and providing a tiered approach to state aid that incorporates 88 standards in six major areas, including administration, staffing, collections, services, public relations, and access/facilities. There are currently 266 accredited public libraries in Iowa.

The fourth edition, which will be completed and ready for comment by spring 2004, will

- be based on a review of the third edition
- be briefer than the third edition
- emphasize using data to evaluate the quality of collections and services
- be based, when possible, on documented best practices or national norms
- promote excellent customer service
- anticipate changes in public library organizational structures, including the way that standards will be applied to library districts as allowed by Iowa Code 336.2
- consider current library funding realities but will not be entirely based on economic feasibility
- be challenging, but realistic.

In addition, the State Library will be able to audit compliance with the fourth edition standards, and the task force will acknowledge and work with the tension between local community/library board control and the existence of statewide standards.

### **Task Force Members**

Linda Adams, Fayette Community Library  
Joyce Amdor, Norelius Public Library, Denison  
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library  
Monica Gohlinghorst, Iowa Commission of Libraries, Council Bluffs  
Vicki Hibbert, Clive Public Library  
John Lerdal, Pleasant Hill Public Library  
Vicki Myron, Spencer Public Library  
Emily Navarre, Southeastern Library Services, Davenport  
Debra Tobias, East Central Library Services, Cedar Rapids  
Berta Van Ekeren, Iowa Commission of Libraries, Monroe

### **Ex-Officio Members**

State Librarian Mary Wegner  
Sandy Dixon, State Library of Iowa  
Gerry Rowland, Standards Program Coordinator, State Library of Iowa

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## Statistics say it all: EBSCOhost is a huge hit

In the past year, lowans found over two million full-text articles using EBSCOhost according to State Library statistics. And usage keeps growing. Logins increased 31 percent and searches increased 52 percent from the first quarter of FY03 to the first quarter of FY04.

“With all the funding problems, EBSCOhost is even more important,” said Fairfield Library Director, Jim Rubis. “It has been wonderful for us.”

“We would hate to be without it even for a day,” said Jeanette Andrews, a librarian at the Urbandale Public Library.

Below are some interesting EBSCOhost statistics from July 2002 to June 2003.

### Participation:

Public Libraries	402
Academics	51
State Agencies	17
Special libraries	8

Logins: 745,274

Searches: 2,243,773

Full-text articles retrieved: 2,098,757

Most accessed journal titles: *Economist*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Newsweek*

Cost per login: \$.37

Cost per search: \$.12

For the latest information and tips for using EBSCOhost, sign up to receive messages on the *ebsciowa* mail list. Go to <http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-ia-libraries/SILO/index.html>. Select Mailing Lists and Discussion Groups, then Subscribe or Update SILO mail lists. Simply type in your e-mail address, mark *ebsciowa* and hit submit.

Watch for new EBSCOhost databases beginning January 1, 2004. For more information, contact Judy Jones, State Library, 1-800-248-4483; (515) 281-4499; [judy.jones@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:judy.jones@lib.state.ia.us).

## Ertz joins SILO team

Paul Ertz of Ames was recently hired as a systems analyst for the State Library's SILO program at Iowa State University.

His primary responsibilities will be developing and maintaining the State Library's web sites, including HealthInfolowa and the Iowa Center for the Book. Ertz was a web application developer with E-Markets, Inc., in Ames. He received his bachelor of science degree in management information systems from Iowa State University in August 1999.

“I have a strong interest in not only literacy and education, but in promoting excellence and innovation in library services through web applications that provide statewide access to information for all lowans,” said Ertz.



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Iowa Commission of Libraries - Minutes  
October 23 - Judicial Building, Des Moines

*(These minutes are considered draft until approved by the Iowa Commission of Libraries)*

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Present: David Boyd, Pam Bradley, Monica Gohlinghorst, Eldon Huston, Paul Roberts, Dale Ross, Berta Van Ekeren

Staff: Barb Corson, Steve Cox, Sandy Dixon, Fran Fessler, Judy Jones, Mary Wegner, Annette Wetteland

Guest: Lily Lau, East Central Library Service

## 1.0 Set Agenda:

Agenda was set with the following additions:

### 4.0 Communications

#### (B) Commission Reports

ILA Conference report by Dale Ross and Paul Roberts

### 7.0 Discussion Items

#### 7.1 New Business

ILAF appointment to be acted upon at December 9 meeting

#### 7.2 LSTA Grants

Motion by Berta Van Ekeren to approve agenda, Monica Gohlinghorst seconded. Motion carried.

## 2.0 Approve Minutes

Eldon Huston noted the August 18, 2003 minutes did not list the members that attended the August retreat in Perry. Minutes were amended to reflect all members attended except Pam Bradley. Gohlinghorst moved to accept the minutes with the change, Huston seconded. Motion carried.

## 3.0 Financial Report

Steve Cox provided handouts detailing the state and federal budgets through September 30, 2003. The impact of the Governor's 2.5 percent across-the-board cut announced on October 10 was also discussed. The cut affects both the State Library's operating budget and the Open Access and Access Plus programs. At this time the library budget is on target. Concerns were voiced about the impact of any future budget cuts on library programs and services.

Direct State Aid checks will be mailed out to public libraries in November. Open Access, Access Plus and Library Infrastructure checks will go out later. Van Ekeren moved to approve the financial report, Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

## 4.0 Communications

### A. Special Reports

#### 1. EBSCOhost database use

Judy Jones reported that the first year (July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003) of EBSCOhost databases provided by the State Library was very successful. She distributed an EBSCO fact sheet which showed that during the first year there were 745,274 logins; 2,243,773 searches; and 2,098,757 full-text articles retrieved. The overall cost per login was \$.37, and the cost per search was \$.12. During the first quarter of the current fiscal year, logins are up 31% and searches are up 52%. Jones said she has received many positive responses and success stories from librarians and customers using EBSCOhost.

### B. Commission Reports

1. Van Ekeren reported that the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the State Library on September 24 went well. She said there were great speakers and music groups. Bradley reported that Emily Navarre hosted a combined

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meeting and picnic for multi-type libraries in the southeast Library Service Area. Gohlinghorst reported "Niagara Falls All Over Again" by Elizabeth McCracken has been selected as the new All Iowa Reads book. Ross said a book discussion about the new selection will be held over the ICN in January. Gohlinghorst said the literary calendar, a web project of the Iowa Center for the Book, is still being developed and that the Council Bluffs Public Library is still looking for a director.

2. ILA Conference report. Ross and Roberts both attended the ILA Conference in Cedar Rapids. Both said it was a good conference with good programs. According to Ross, the Iowa Library Association Foundation conference fundraising efforts were successful. Ross reported that the ILA member of the year award was presented to Katherine Von Wald, who is now serving as coordinator of the Iowa Center for the Book. Lief Enger, author of "Peace Like a River," was the main speaker at the Friday luncheon. The ILA conference will be in Sioux City in 2004.

### C. Library Service Area Report

Lily Lau, administrator of East Central Library Services (ECLS) in Cedar Rapids reported that they provide services to 67 public libraries in a 10 county area, which range from very small (Morley, pop.88) to large (Cedar Rapids, pop. 120,000). Unique libraries in the area are: Lone Tree High School library that provides service to the community; Amana School/Community Library, which recently celebrated its 20 year anniversary, and Mount Vernon which shares a combined college/public library. She said her library service area worked well with the Grant Wood AEA. They are able to use their printing services and media production lab, and cooperatively have awarded grants to school and public libraries. Lau expressed her appreciation of the LSTA Building Consulting Grants. She passed around pictures of new and renovated libraries in her area that had received the grants and felt that it is what made their projects successful. Lau described the Linn County Library Consortium which meets every six weeks and has members from different types of libraries. They co-sponsored the keynote speaker at this year's ILA conference and have helped with the promotion and funding of the Iowa Reads posters. She reported that the library service areas are each taking a \$5000 reduction in their budgets because of the recent 2.5 percent state cut. ECLS will not cut services, but will delay the purchase of a copy machine.

### D. State Librarian Report

Wegner reported that attendance at Town Meetings was down by about 100 people; around 350 attended. She noted this decrease may have been the result of both Gates computer training and budget reductions. The focus of Town Meetings this year was developing information literacy skills in the public library. The morning skit was "Survivors in the Information Age" and was formatted like the Survivor television show. The skit demonstrated how the public library has an important role to play in helping their customers find, evaluate and use information. The afternoon sessions included: Leading Adult Book Discussion Groups, Library Shopping Network, and Main Street Partners: Libraries and Economic Development.

Wegner reported that a Leadership Institute is being developed through ILA and will be supported with LSTA funds. Wegner and Sandy Dixon serve on the task force developing the institute, which will be held in August 2004 at Central College in Pella.

Paul Ertz has been hired as the new web programmer and will work under Alan Schmitz, SILO coordinator. Wetteland and Corson were on the interview team. Ertz will begin by working on the Iowa Center for the Book and literary calendar, State Data Center projects and the Iowa publications online program.

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Wegner reported that public library annual surveys are due Oct 31 and that this is the first year libraries have been required to submit their information electronically through web software made available by the State Library. The second annual school library survey is progressing well.

Preliminary results of the reinvention survey showed that with 58 percent (314) of the libraries reporting, more than \$1.8 million has been cut from budgets of Iowa public libraries as a result of the Reinvent Iowa Bill. Approximately 40 FTE library staff positions have been eliminated and about 237 library hours have been cut.

Wegner, Dixon and Alan Schmitz attended an informational meeting about WebJunction in Columbus, OH. WebJunction is a web site supporting public access computing developed by OCLC and others, with support from the Gates Foundation. Iowa has agreed to serve, along with five other states, as pilots in a Community Partner project. The State Library will receive customized web content from WebJunction, including online courses, at a discounted price. The web site will enhance the State Library web site and make online courses available to Iowa librarians. This will support the State Library's goal of working with libraries on the development of information literacy skills.

Bob Anderson, executive director of IRIS, Inc (Iowa Resource for International Service), in partnership with the Colorado State Library, has received a grant from the State Department to work with libraries in Bulgaria. The grant will help libraries provide community information services to local government and Bulgarian citizens. Iowa public libraries have the opportunity to develop a partnership with a Bulgarian library as part of this process. The project would involve a two-week internship. The State Library will assist in identifying the Iowa public libraries who will be partners.

Wegner reminded Commissioners about the fall trustee workshop "Hard Times/Smart Choices on November 4 and 5 in Fort Dodge, Waverly and Marion. The Waverly session will be broadcast over the ICN.

5.0 Public Comment - None

6.0 Action Items - None

7.0 Discussion Items

7.1 Iowa Library Association Foundation (ILAF) appointment

The ILAF appointment will be added to the agenda as an action item at the December 9 meeting. Ross is presently on the ILAF board, and has agreed to remain if there are no other nominees.

7.2 LSTA Grants

The LSTA Advisory Council reached a decision that competitive partnership grants will not be offered to individual libraries or groups of libraries during the next year. Wegner said that more people benefit from broader-based LSTA programs such as purchasing databases and supporting SILO. Commissioners concurred.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Following adjournment David Boyd gave a tour of the new Judicial Building

NEXT MEETING: December 9, 2003, State Library of Iowa