

## Reminder

Because of construction delays, the State Library is setting new re-opening dates for some services.

Audio/Visual Services and Library Development are open for business. The State Library is also taking interlibrary loan requests for library science materials. The State Data Center is taking phone calls.

Medical and Patents units will open for business in early December.

The Public Policy collection and Census Data Center will open in early January, State and Federal Documents in mid-January.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

## Ross, Runge presented ILA awards

Dale Ross, chair of the Iowa Commission of Libraries and member of the Central Iowa Regional Library Board, was presented the Iowa Library Association's (ILA) Outstanding Trustee Award at the ILA Fall Conference in October. Nominators called Ross "one of our most effective communicators with legislators at the local, state and federal levels. He speaks eloquently and is knowledgeable about issues affecting libraries." Another nominator noted that Ross is the "quintessential trustee...an expert in all areas of trustee responsibilities including policy-making, library finance, planning and advocacy...who generously shares that knowledge with other trustees."



Kay Runge, Davenport Public Library Director and President of the Public Library Association, was named ILA's Member of the Year. It was noted that Runge "has served on many committees and task forces, and has been especially involved in advocacy and legislative activities." "She is our spokesperson for libraries because it is a passion with her, and she makes herself available to communicate with anybody, anywhere about that passion."

## LSTA Partnership Grants awarded to seven communities

The State Library of Iowa recently awarded FY2000 Library Services and Technology Acts (LSTA) grants to the following community libraries and their partners.

**Linking BCLUW Communities.** BCLUW Community School, Beaman Community Memorial Library, Conrad Public Library, Union Public Library.

To provide community access to participating schools' and libraries' resources through the Internet. \$24,855

**Future Readers.** Clarinda Public Library, Bright and Beautiful Beginnings - Equilibrium Counseling, Growing Strong Families - Iowa State Extension.

To develop future readers by providing materials and resources to parents with young children. \$5,250

*"We (Marshalltown Public Library) know that service to our Latino patrons is not a supplemental service or special program, but an integral piece of fulfilling our mission of serving our community as a whole. This grant will help us to better meet the needs of our community."*

*Joa LaVille, Youth Services Librarian*

**Villisca Public/School Children Program.**

Villisca Public Library, Boost4Families, Villisca Community School.

To provide weekly programs that encourage children to read. \$5,689

**Third Age Project.** Cedar Falls Public Library, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Jesse Cosby Neighborhood Center, Waterloo Public Library. To increase the number of senior patrons using library

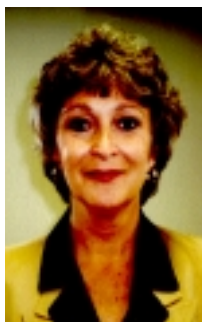
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## State Library welcomes new commissioner/staff

Pamela E. Bradley, R.N., M.S. has been appointed by Governor Vilsack to serve as the medical representative on the Iowa Commission of Libraries.



From 1985-1999, Bradley was director of the Iowa Methodist School of Nursing in Des Moines, IA. She is currently director of Health Career Programs, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington.

Alan Schmitz was recently hired as the SILO Coordinator. Schmitz was vice president of Systems Technology at E-Markets Inc., an Internet startup company in Ames. He also worked as a Network Engineer and Systems Analyst at Norwest Mortgage and Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). While at DMACC, Schmitz participated in the college's library automation project as the technical representative. As a consultant, he assisted the DMACC-Newton libraries and the Newton Public Library with connections to SILO.

Anyone with SILO questions or problems should contact Schmitz at (515) 294-3167 or e-mail [aschmitz@silolibia.us](mailto:aschmitz@silolibia.us).

Carol Simmons is the State Librarian's new secretary. She worked for the Department of Education for the past 19 years. She can be reached at (515) 281-4105 or [csimmon@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:csimmon@mail.lib.state.ia.us).



Amy Soltis has been employed to assist in listing and dispersing of outdated federal documents and other State Library materials presently stored at the Record and Property building in Des Moines.

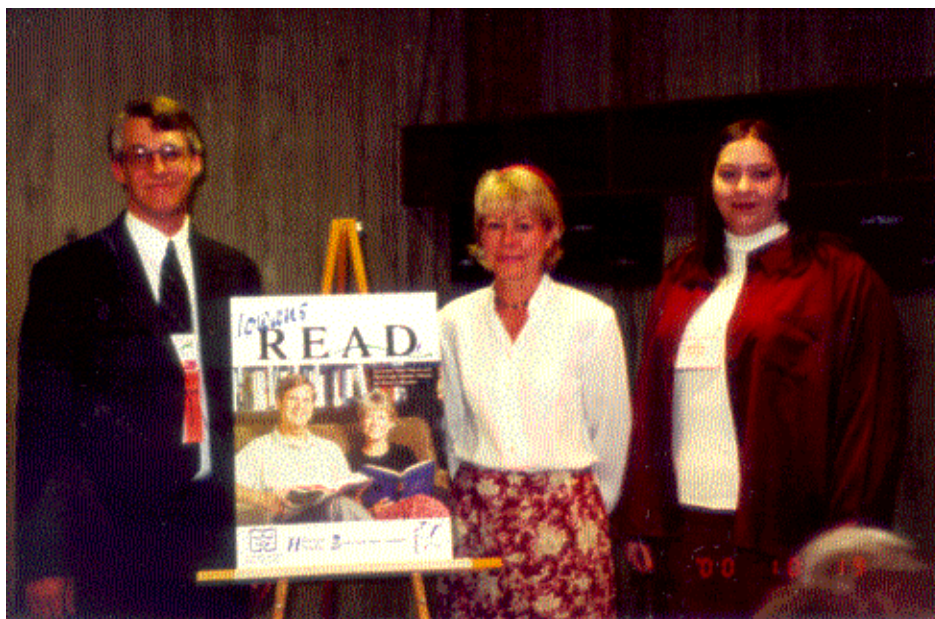
## ILA / IEMA complete public relations project

Members of the Iowa Library Association (ILA) and the Iowa Education Media Association worked together over the past year to develop a new "Iowans Read" poster featuring Governor and Mrs. Vilsack.

The posters are \$6 and available through the Iowa Library Association, Suite 823, 505 Fifth Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309. For more information, e-mail Laurie Hews, ILA Administrative Coordinator at [ialib@mcleodusa.net](mailto:ialib@mcleodusa.net).

Other famous Iowans will be featured on future posters.

*Shown unveiling the new "Iowans Read" poster at the ILA Fall conference are, from left, John Lerdal, ILA Public Relations Chair; First Lady Christie Vilsack; and Jill Hofmockel, Library Media Specialist, Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids.*



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## First Lady announces new website

*The following is a message from Iowa's First Lady Christie Vilsack:*

At a news conference November 21, I announced my new web site ([christievilsack.org](http://christievilsack.org)). At this site, anyone can find out about Stories 2000, my cookbook, Terrace Hill, and other projects I'm involved with.

I'm most excited about the new format for my book club, which will reappear at this site. One month, I will introduce a book or author, explain my choice, and suggest five questions.

The next month I'll feature *Book Briefs*, which will mention three books briefly. For instance, one month I may suggest a mystery, a book by an Iowa author and a children's book. Another month, I might suggest the Governor's choice, a classic, and an adolescent book.

Anyone can access the book club via the Internet, but not everyone has a computer or knows how to use one, so

I'm wondering if libraries would download a copy to make available at the circulation desk so that patrons can make a copy to take home. Patrons may use them as they wish--to share with a hometown book club or to send to a friend. I hope that's not too much trouble.

The Terrace Hill Cookbook will be out just after Thanksgiving. The cookbook is part of my Stories 2000 campaign to encourage people to read and tell their family stories. The proceeds benefit educational opportunities at Terrace Hill, including a CD-ROM virtual tour we are creating which will be available to schools and libraries. *Fresh from Terrace Hill* has great recipes from cooks all over the state, but it is also a storybook. The color photography makes me want to grab a fork and eat while I read. Anyone who wants an order blank can get one from the web site as well.

Thanks for your support.

## Mixed results in library votes

With a 67 percent approval rate, Iowa City voters recently approved an \$18.4 million bond referendum for a new library addition. The new addition will add 37,000 square feet to the original library.

In Burlington, voters defeated an bond issue referendum for a new \$11.5 million, 59,248-square-foot library. The final vote 2,235 to 4,378.

## Kearney named interim director of library school

The School of Library & Information Science at the University of Iowa has appointed Professor Joe Kearney as Interim Director for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Two new faculty members, Dr. James Elmborg and Dr. Christine Pawley, also joined the school this fall, and a national, external search for a new director/senior faculty member is underway.

## Mississippi River CD-ROM available to public libraries

Iowa Public Television's Interactive-Media division is producing an educational multimedia CD-ROM for middle school students centered on the virtual experience of traveling and exploring the Mississippi River.

"Earth Trails: Mississippi River CD-ROM" is an innovative approach to computer-based instruction. Users navigate through virtual environments, gathering sounds, images, and information to create multimedia portfolios.

Users travel from the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Lake Itasca, MN, all the way to the mouth of the river in the Gulf of Mexico.

The curricular focus of the program is for students to be engaged in Social Studies, Science, Math and Language Arts.

The package will be distributed to over 400 Iowa teachers in November. Iowa public libraries may also receive copies. Please e-mail your name, library's name, and address to Annette Wetteland, State Library, [awettel@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:awettel@mail.lib.state.ia.us).



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## Iowa Commission of Libraries - Minutes October 24, 2000 - Clive Public Library

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

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Present: Dale Ross, Chair; John Bennett; Dwight Carlson; Eldon Huston; Pam Bradley; Berta Van Ekeren; Bill O'Brien

Guests: Vicki Hibbert and Marie Harms, Clive Public Library; Kay Elliott, ILA Representative; Jim Sixta, Northeast Iowa Regional Library System  
State Library Staff: Sharman B. Smith, Mary Wegner, Alison Brinker, Annette Wetteland, Sandy Dixon, Mary Cameron, Carol Simmons

### 1.0 Set Agenda

The agenda was set as follows: 1) Agenda item 5.0. 2 Library Services Task Force (LSTF) moved to 8.0 A. 1. 2) Date corrected for the November meeting to Wednesday, November 29, 2000.

### 2.0 Welcome and Introduction

Mary Wegner introduced Pam Bradley the newest member of the Iowa Commission of Libraries.

Vicki Hibbert welcomed the Commission, gave a brief overview of the new Clive Library, and announced plans for a grand opening ceremony January 25, 2001, with First Lady Christie Vilsack as the featured speaker.

Marie Harms explained the library's technology and network management software and the Pharos desktop management system.

Sharman Smith introduced Carol Simmons, secretary to the State Librarian.

### 3.0 Approve Minutes

Motion made by Huston; seconded by Carlson to receive minutes for June 27, 2000. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bennett; seconded by Van Ekeren to receive minutes for August 22, 2000. Motion carried.

### 4.0 Financial Report

Brinker reviewed the FY01 financial report to date. The financial report was received as presented.

### 5.0 Communications

#### A. Commission Reports

1. Libraries for the Future - Dale Ross reported that Iowa was one of

eight states that received a grant from Libraries for the Future. There will be four trustee training sessions on library advocacy around the state in May 2001.

2. ILA Conference - Huston said the conference was very good. He attended the business meeting and census update. Smith reported that Beth Henning, State Library's Census Data Coordinator, was asked to go to Washington, D.C. to check the Iowa data. Mr. Huston also reported that D. Ross was named ILA's Trustee of the Year. Mary Wegner reported that a series of posters are being produced by ILA and IEMA. The first poster features Governor and Mrs. Vilsack. D. Ross reported that the American Library Association is on the verge of a five year public relations campaign.

B. State Librarian's Report - Smith reported on the building move. The east wing is not finished, but the move to third floor has begun. Smith reported that the building project is about three months behind schedule. Smith also shared a letter from General Services regarding art work and her response. She also discussed her appointment by the Governor to the Iowa Technology Council. Smith was elected chair. Discussion of the purpose and responsibilities of the council followed.

Wegner reported on the Gates Foundation meeting in Seattle. Wegner also reported that 17 Library Services and Technology Act Partnership Grant applications were received and seven were selected for funding. Discussion of the selection process followed.

#### C. Iowa Regional Library System Report

- Jim Sixta, Northeast Iowa Regional Library (NEIRL) represented the Regional Libraries. He reported how NEIRLS is using innovative ways to train librarians for certification. Sixta commented about the town meetings and how much they are enjoyed by librarians in his Region. The increase in insurance and the impact on the Regional Libraries budgets was discussed. Sixta received a Governor's Volunteer Award this year.

#### D. Special Reports

1. Stories 2000 - Mary Cameron, Youth Services Coordinator reported that seven communities are involved in the pilot project: Algona, Ames, Bayard, Belle Plaine, Cherokee, Independence and Oskaloosa. First Lady Christie Vilsack visited each pilot community, and plans to include 200 libraries in the project next year.

#### 6.0 Public Comment

Kay Elliott welcomed the Commission to the Clive Public Library and suggested they tour the facility. Elliott reported that the Iowa Library Association is looking into insurance coverage for members.

#### 7.0 Action Items

##### A. Appointment of ILA Foundation

representative - Ross will continue to serve as the Commission's representative.

##### B. Sub-Committee to evaluate State

Librarian - Ross asked that Van Ekeren, Bennett and Huston serve on the committee and to report at the December meeting..

#### 8.0 Discussion Items

A. Library Services Task Force - Sandy Dixon reported on the membership of the task force and the newsletter. Dixon provided a draft of the table of contents for the final report and asked for comments. Huston and Carlson reported on their involvement as members of the Task Force.  
B. FY2002 Budget Request - Smith reported on the FY2002 budget request. She discussed changes in the budget presentation and reported that state funds do not look promising in FY02. Discussion followed.

#### 9.0 Adjournment

Ross moved to adjourn. Huston seconded. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.

#### NEXT MEETINGS:

November 29, 2000, State Library of Iowa  
December 5, 2000, State Library of Iowa  
Both meetings have since been cancelled.

#### Dates have been rescheduled for:

January 4, 2001  
January 5, 2001

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## LSTA Partnership Grants awarded

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services by eliminating or decreasing access barriers, and providing services that target this audience. A manual for project replication will be developed. \$25,000.

### Cooperative Library and School

Services (CLASS). Norelius Community Library, Denison Community School, St. Rose of Lima School, Zion Lutheran School.

To maximize access to library resources in community via the Internet. \$25,000.

### Collection Enhancement for Kids and Those Who Care for Them.

Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar Public Library.

To increase resources for early childhood students, parents and children at the public library and NICC Wilder Library. \$10,117.

### Partners in Literacy: Reaching Children in the Latino Community.

Marshalltown Public Library, America Reads/ISU Extension, Woodbury Elementary School, Marshalltown Community School District ESL program, St. Mary's Catholic Church Hispanic Ministry, Iowa Valley Community College Adult Continuing Education.

To establish a Latino Collection and Services Advisory Committee and increase resources and services provided to Latino youth in the community. \$6,000.

LSTA grant requests were reviewed by the LSTA Advisory Committee. The grants are intended to assist libraries in pioneering innovative service with new partners, and to provide a mechanism for sharing their experiences with other libraries.

For more information on grants offered by the State Library, see the State Library of Iowa's website ([www.silo.lib.ia.us/Grants/fundindex.htm](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/Grants/fundindex.htm)) or contact Judy Jones, State Library, 1-800-248-4483; (515) 281-4499; e-mail [jjones@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:jjones@mail.lib.state.ia.us).

## Decorah library receives \$264,100 grant

The Decorah Public Library was recently awarded the Community Technology Centers Program Grant. The three-year grant, funded through the U.S. Department of Education, will total \$264,100 and be used to establish a technology resource and computer information center for area citizens.

Other goals include advancing the library's role of supporting family literacy, English as a second language and adult basic education; establishing an ICN point of presence; broadening the library as an educational, cultural and activity resource center for school-

age youngsters and for families proving home-school education; and sharing educational resources more fully between K-12, college and public libraries, and outside organizations and agencies. The grant will also allow for expanded career and job preparation classes, working cooperatively with Iowa Workforce Development.

The library will use in-kind matching funds consisting of existing budgetary funds and volunteer assistance that will match up to 50 percent by the end of the third year of the grant.

## New information on Iowa Workforce Development Web Site

The Iowa Workforce Information Network (IWIN) on the Iowa Workforce Development's website contains a wealth of economic information that is continually updated as new and more recent data becomes available.

IWIN provides timely, accurate data to job seekers, employers, economic developers and other persons interested in labor market trends. The system allows individuals to select a geographic region for which information is needed. Data on population, occupational wages, commuting patterns, labor supply and more is available for a selected geographic area.

Persons interested in moving to Iowa can also obtain current information on employment conditions from this system.

IWIN can be accessed at [IWIN.iowaworkforce.org](http://IWIN.iowaworkforce.org).

## Dates to Remember

### December 2000

December 15 - Internet Use Policy due  
December 15 - Enrich Iowa Status Report due  
December 25 - State Holiday  
January 1 - State Holiday  
January 4-5 - Iowa Commission of Libraries

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## @your library™

ALA has made a five-year commitment to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians to our communities, schools, academic institutions, and businesses, as well as to our society, democracy, and the new digital age.

Those wishing to get an advance jump on the upcoming American Library Association's "@ your library" campaign will find a plethora

of program logos available for download.

The basic "@ your library" logo design can be had in a wide variety of print and Web formats. Visit the ALA website for a preview look at the campaign, which will grow into an indispensable tool for library communicators. ([www.ala.org/@yourlibrary](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary))

Examples:

The Ultimate Search Engine @ your library  
Untangle The Web @ your library  
Everything You Can Imagine @ your library

## Certification Update

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

**Patricia Bell**, Arthur  
**Jimmy Burns**, Ottumwa  
**Glenda Frank**, Lake Park  
**Sandra Gooden**, Moulton  
**Pamela Haberl**, Lohrville  
**Susan Hasso**, Oskaloosa  
**Lynn Martz**, Somers  
**Cathy Shaw**, Edgewood  
**Ardis Sillick**, Iowa City  
**Mara Wiggins**, Scott County  
**Judy Wilkinson**, Kanawha

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### Iowa Commission of Libraries

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Dwight Carlson (Des Moines)  
Eldon Huston (Des Moines)  
William O'Brien (Des Moines)  
Dale Ross (Ames)  
Nancy Ross (Harlan)  
Berta Van Ekeren (Monroe)

### State Library Services

Audio/visual services; Information services and medical library; Specialized consulting services; Law library; Networking; State Data Center; Publications; State documents program

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