It’s Time To Tell Our Story!

September 26 – 29, 2001

Holiday Inn

Cody, Wyoming

Glance through the programs on the conference schedule and I am sure you will find a “story time” you won’t want to miss! Thanks to the Program Council for all the great suggestions and hard work.

I hope you will be able to join me in welcoming Mamie Bittner, Director of Public and Legislative Affairs for the Institute of Museum and Library Services to Wyoming. Mamie talks daily with Congressional members and I know we can all gain a few “story” telling pointers from her.

Frances Clymer and Arlene Ott, local arrangements co-chairs, have been busy commissioning art pieces for our silent auction and preparing to show ‘n tell us all about “their” town!

For me the hardest part is still ahead….deciding which programs to attend! (Sort of like which present to open first on Christmas!) Hope to see you in Cody!

Trish Palluck, 2001 Program Council Chair

Opening Reception – Buffalo Bill Historical Center

Meet and greet friends, colleagues and vendors at the Opening Reception to be held at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 26, 2001. Refreshments and light hors d’oeuvres will be provided.

This is always a fun event to kick off conference – Plan to attend!

SPECIAL BUFFALO BILL ADMISSION DURING CONFERENCE!!!

Special Buffalo Bill Historical Center Admission for conference attendees. Pre-register for admission to the Center with your conference registration. Cost is $7.00 (a $3 savings). You will receive a special pass valid throughout the conference!
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR!
SIGN UP EARLY!!! SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

When: Wednesday, September 26, 2001

Leave Buffalo Bill Historical Center @ 7:00 AM to travel to Yellowstone National Park. Return to Cody around 5:00 PM.

Cost: $50

Join Charles R. Preston, curator of the Draper Museum of Natural History of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, for a special pre-conference tour of our first National Park. Preston will provide a naturalist’s view of the wonders of Yellowstone with discussions of its flora, fauna and geological features. A box lunch will be provided. Several lunch selections are available and choices must be included with registration for the tour.

The tour will return to Cody in time for participants to attend the conference opening reception at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

Note: Seating is limited. First come first served basis. The tour will be cancelled if we don’t get 35 participants. You will get a refund and notification if it gets cancelled.

EXHIBITOR’S ARE ALWAYS A BIG HIT AT CONFERENCE!

*Bibliographical Center For Research
*Quality Books Inc.
*EBSCO Information Services
*Book Wholesalers, Inc.
*3M Library Systems
*The Millbrook Press
*Twenty-First Century Books
*Powerkids Press – A Division of Rosen
*Baker & Taylor
*SIRS Mandarin, Inc.
*Sagebrush Corporation
*epixtech
*Children’s Press
*Lerner
*Gale Group
*Gaylord Information Systems
*Ex Libris
*Sagebrush Corporation
*Univ. of Arizona – School of Information Resources & Library Science

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Mary Rhoads
President of WLA

Hello! Isn’t summer in Wyoming wonderful? This is the busiest time of year, and the most fun, for many of my fellow children’s librarians. The children’s enthusiasm for reading and listening to stories is why I love my job!

This spring the members of the Indian Paintbrush, Buckaroo and Soaring Eagle committees, along with their counterparts at the Wyoming Reading Council, held a joint meeting to select the winning title for 2001 and to establish the nominees for 2002. At this time, the group looked at needed by-law changes. I think we accomplished what we intended to. I am looking forward to the conference in Cody this September. At last year’s conference, all I did was worry about what could go wrong or what I had forgot to do. It went very smoothly, largely in part from a wonderful local arrangement group headed up by Ada Howard and Carol Deering. I found it easier to be the Vice-Chair than the President of WLA. I had wanted to do more and had high expectations, but they all fell by the wayside. Your next President, Trish Palluck, is very organized and efficient so I

SILENT AUCTION:
LOCAL ARTISTS DONATE
FABULOUS ITEMS!

Bring your credit cards (VISA/MASTERCARD), money, checks... (it doesn’t matter, we’re not picky) to bid on the fabulous items in the silent auction.

Frances Clymer has gotten local artists to donate some very good, locally handmade items for the silent auction. Items such as pottery and furniture will be donated for you to have a chance to bid on and win!

Items will be posted ASAP to the wyla.org website for your viewing prior to conference. These will be items you definitely will want to bid on!

Holiday Inn: Host Hotel
(307) 587-5555

The WLA hotel site is the Holiday Inn. We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, the Comfort Inn and the Buffalo Bill Village. These hotels are owned by the Blair Hotel chain. The rates are the same. We have 50 rooms at the Holiday Inn, 25 rooms at the Comfort Inn (307) 587-5556 and 25 rooms at the Buffalo Bill Village 1-800-527-5544. All of these hotels are together in the same complex.

Rate: $69 plus tax per room 1-4 Adult Occupancy – Holiday Inn and Comfort Inn
Rate: $59 plus tax per room 1-4 Adult Occupancy – Buffalo Bill Village

Check in is NOT allowed prior to 3 p.m. Check Out is Required prior to 10:00 a.m.

Alternate Hotels/Rates in Cody:
American Lodge & Suites – 1-800-634-3444 – $89 Plus Tax
Best Western Sunset Motor Inn – 1-800-624-2727 – $75 Plus Tax
Burl Inn – 1-800-338-2084 – $45 Plus Tax
Cody Motor Lodge – 1-800-340-CODY – $59 Plus Tax
Best Value Inn – 1-800-341-8000 – $48 Plus Tax
Irma Hotel – 1-800-745-4762 – $69 Including Tax
Rainbow Park Motel – (307) 587-6251 – $40 Plus Tax
Summit Inn – (307) 587-4040 – $87 Plus Tax

Please reserve your rooms as early as possible to assure you get into the hotel of your choice!
Ballots out soon for WLA Office!

Candidate for President-Elect: Kay Carlson, Northwest College, Powell
Candidates for Recording Secretary: Arlene Ott, Park County Library, Cody & Lalia Jagers, Campbell County Library, Gillette

Thank you for agreeing to run for office!

Thanks to Crystal Havely Stratton and the nominating committee for their work!

WLA Directory of Membership to be out in early October!

If you requested a WLA Directory and you are wondering where it is…..it will be out in October. It was decided that since the WLA membership is more complete by October (after conference), and the new officers are elected and the new WLA Board is in place for the upcoming year, etc. that it would make more sense to have the directory published each October.

So, as soon as the conference wraps up, the directory will be sent out!

Thank you for your patience!
ALA COUNCILOR REPORT
ALA Annual Conference
June 14-20, 2001
By Lucie Osborn,

The full Councilor report will be available on the WLA website, so for more information, please look there. If you have any questions about any ALA information or issues please contact me at losborn@larm.lib.wy.us or (307) 635-1032, ext. 122.

Key points of discussion at committee and Council meetings include:

- The Campaign for America’s Libraries which is a five year public relations/marketing program that ALA has embarked on. See www.ala.org/@yourlibrary.

- Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Under CIPA libraries with Year 4 e-rate approval letters must begin taking steps to study their options prior to 7/1/01. Studying options include such activities as:
  
  If you attended update at WYLD Annual Meeting
  A session on issue at ALA
  Conducting a staff meeting with CIPA as an agenda item and you discuss how you are going to comply with the requirements of CIPA.

Please regularly check www.ala.org/cipa for updated information.

ALA Adopted the following policy: “ALA affirms that publicly funded libraries should remain directly accountable to the public they serve. Therefore, the American Library Association opposes the shifting of policy making and management oversight of library services from the public to the private, for-profit sector.”

The establishment of an allied professional association to certify individual librarians in areas of specialization beyond the ALA – recognized masters degree was approved. This will provide recognition of study beyond the masters degree.

A revision of ALA’s Preservation Policy was adopted. Please see the policy at: http://www.ala.org/work/freedom/lbr.html

The chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) provided a brief report on committee activities. Items which you might find useful are listed below.

1. Libraries & the Internet Toolkit is a work in progress and will be changed as needed. You can find the toolkit at http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/internettoolkit.html.
2. Families Online week will be an annual event. Find information at: http://www.getnetwise.org/
BY-LAW CHANGES
TO BE VOTED ON AT CONFERENCE!

This is the proposed new Article XI  Section #9

YOUTH BOOK AWARD STANDING COMMITTEES

(A) The Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council will jointly sponsor three awards:

- The Buckaroo Book Award for children in grades K-3
- The Indian Paintbrush Book Award for children in grades 4-6
- The Soaring Eagle Book Award for youth in grades 7-12

(B) The purpose of the Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush and Soaring Eagle Book Awards will be to provide an opportunity for the youth of Wyoming to read and select favorite books and to honor the authors of those books.

(C) The Wyoming Library Association shall have a standing committee for each of the three awards.

(D) The division of representation between the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council shall be as follows for all three book award committees:

- The Wyoming State Reading Council shall appoint four members to each committee.
- The Wyoming Library Association President shall appoint four members: two from the School Library/Media Personnel Section and two from the Children’s/YA Section, to each committee.
- Each book award committee shall have co-chairs, one from the Wyoming Library Association and one from the Wyoming Reading Council.
- Committee members shall be appointed for 3-year terms.

(E) The committee shall serve as specified in the guidelines that govern each award.

(F) The Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council agree to split the costs of the three awards.

- The cost for the Wyoming Library Association shall be paid from funds accrued in the Children’s Author Funds.
- If these funds are exhausted, the School Library/Media Personnel Section and the Children’s/YA Section will each pay equally from their own budgets the costs of supporting the book award programs.

Please consult the wyla.org website to see how the old by-laws read, or your WLA Directory!