Speaking before the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives on February 5, Gov. Tom Corbett unveiled his budget plan for fiscal year 2013–14. For the first time since he took office, the governor proposes an increase in the overall state budget—about 2.4 percent for next year.

It should be noted, however, that some of the increased spending relies on the legislature approving controversial measures including privatizing state liquor stores and a plan to move state employee and teacher pensions from a defined benefit to a defined contribution system. The pension problem alone is a huge wild card in this next budget as the governor and legislators try to solve a large gap between money coming in and benefits projected to be paid over the long-term.

For libraries, funding for all library line items is proposed to remain level-funded at slightly more than $60.8 million under Gov. Corbett’s budget plan. The good news is that this is the first time since 2007–08—before the economy crashed—that a governor’s budget does not propose cutting any library funding. Specifically, here’s what the governor proposes for library programs for next year:

- $53,507,000 Public Library Subsidy
- $2,821,000 Library Access
- $2,567,000 Library Services for the Visually Impaired and Disabled
- $1,946,000 Office of Commonwealth Libraries

More information and context will be made available to PaLA members through regular email and social media updates as well as on the PaLA website, www.palibraries.org.

As the economy continues to improve, as more people re-join the workforce, and as more revenue comes into state coffers, PaLA’s hope and plan is to regain the ground that libraries lost during the deep recession that just ended. In the coming weeks, the Appropriations Committees in both the state Senate and state House of Representatives will conduct budget hearings. Legislators will have a chance to offer their priorities during this process.

Thanks to all library supporters for great advocacy in the past. PaLA’s Legislative Committee will provide regular updates on strategy and messages for library advocates during this important budget cycle.

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Glenn R. Miller, PaLA’s executive director, is reading The Pun Also Rises: How the Humble Pun Revolutionized Language, Changed History, and Made Wordplay More Than Some Antics by John Pollack.
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Well, it is 2013! It’s hard to believe that my term has started when it seemed so far off in late August! I am excited about this year—there are so many great things happening in the library world and at PaLA headquarters.

We are all celebrating a new deputy commissioner of libraries for Pennsylvania. Stacey Aldrich is already reaching out to libraries and librarians across the commonwealth to learn about our strengths and to advocate for all of our libraries.

We are also celebrating the passage of our new library code which will offer us the opportunity to really make some changes over the next 18 months or so as we look at the regulations and policies and work to update them.

PA Forward is quickly approaching the first anniversary of its launch and is building active literacy teams that are already planning initiatives to broaden the impact of the program. We have 31 partners and we continue to grow and make connections with businesses and organizations that can help libraries enhance their visibility in local communities and across the state. Look for training opportunities in locations around the state in April and May as the PA Forward training team travels for hands-on workshops about incorporating PA Forward into programs in libraries of all sizes. The first two workshops held at Albright College and in Greensburg were well attended and got great reviews.

PaLA is launching work on its new strategic plan in 2013 as well. Affirmed by the board in December, we are now actively recruiting members for the work teams to create and implement the action steps for the five goals developed in the plan. We need members who are interested in helping with this initiative to contact me or call headquarters, and we will connect you with the appropriate team. Please look at the PaLA website to see the plan if you haven’t had a chance to do that yet. The plan focuses on several different areas including advocacy, membership, organizational structure, and professional development. It would be great to have representation from all areas of librarianship to work on these teams.

Speaking of checking out the website—I hope you are doing that regularly. Carolyn Blatchley and the website team have done a tremendous job of upgrading our site and managing it. This is the place to go for up-to-the-minute information on what is happening in Pennsylvania and nationally in the library world. Checking on things like the ebook issue and what the publishers are doing, advocacy issues in Harrisburg and Washington, and upcoming trainings and meetings across the commonwealth are all available on the website. The “members only” section gives you access to the Bulletin and other member opportunities. The website is a great way to stay connected to current library happenings.

I would like to thank Charity Leonette for accepting the challenge of filling the 3rd vice-president/membership vacancy for the final two years of this term. PaLA has lost membership over the last couple of years and 2013 is going to be a year of focusing on membership—recruiting new members, finding ways to retain current members, and looking for innovative ways to keep membership in the association are “must do” items for everyone! Charity has agreed to take on this task with the help of chapter membership chairs and some other eager folks who believe in membership in PaLA and its importance to the profession.

We have a lot of work to do this year, but we can make a big difference with your help! PaLA is the sum of its members, and each person is important to the success of the whole. Look at all the great opportunities listed here and others that will come up during the year and pick the one that excites you. Get involved and make a difference. It could be as little as making phone calls from your library or participating in a committee virtually, but whatever you choose to do will have an impact on the association and all of the other members.

I am excited about 2013 and what it can mean to PaLA. I hope that you will feel the excitement and get involved as well!
At their meeting on December 13, 2012, PaLA’s board of directors approved a new strategic plan for the next three years. This new plan was created and refined over the past year by a committee of hearty volunteers aided by facilitator Nancy Dering Mock. The committee consisted of Debbie Malone, Paula Gilbert, Rob Lesher, Cindy DeLuca, Tina Hertel, Mary Lou Repsher, and Glenn Miller.

The full text of the plan follows and it may also be viewed on the PaLA website, www.palibraries.org. An implementation plan will be put in place in early 2013 so that the plan becomes a living document and a constant resource for association activities and decision-making.

Hats off to the hard-working committee and a special tip of the hat to past president Debbie Malone who was the driving force to achieve a new and more vibrant strategic plan during 2012. Thanks, Deb!
Gov. Corbett Signs New Library Code Into Law

By Glenn R. Miller

Gov. Tom Corbett traveled to the Chester County Library in Exton to affix his signature at a public signing ceremony at the Chester County Library in Exton where he was joined by the prime legislative sponsor, Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi (r.).

Gov. Tom Corbett signed Act 210 of 2012, Pennsylvania’s new library code law. Joined by Senate Majority Leader and prime sponsor, Sen. Dominic Pileggi, the governor spoke about the value of libraries and the need to modernize the laws governing library services in Pennsylvania.

Among other provisions, the new library code modernizes certain service requirements, improves flexibility in circumstances when a waiver is needed, adds more librarians to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Library Development, and reaffirms provisions for continuing education. It is a good step forward that brings the library code more in line with current practice and adds greater adaptability in a rapidly changing economy.

The next big step for Act 210 involves new regulations that will need to be drafted, reviewed, and approved by the state’s Independent Regulatory Review Commission. It is expected that this process may take 18 months to two years to complete. This process is just in the beginning and PaLA expects to work with the Office of Commonwealth Libraries as the first draft is developed. There will be much more to learn and discuss about this in coming months and PaLA will provide updates as all of this moves ahead.

GOAL #4 To assure strong external and internal communications

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To provide timely and relevant communication and content concerning PaLA activities and initiatives for our members and the public.
- To leverage technology to strengthen communications streams.
- To enhance communications between and among PaLA groups and members to foster new leadership and maintain continuity of institutional history.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Website Committee
- PaLA Staff
- PaLA Board of Directors and Council
- An organizational structure review is necessary in this area

GOAL #5 To assure strong, efficient and accountable association management

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To evaluate organizational structure in response to strategic goals and objectives.
- To secure organizational sustainability and growth through cost control and creative revenue generation.
- To foster forward-looking leadership to assure a proactive response to association and member needs.
- To create a succession plan for association staff and leadership.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- PaLA Board of Directors
- PaLA Staff
- An organizational structure review is necessary in this area
PaLA Awards Committee Seeks Nominations

DEADLINE: AUGUST 26, 2013

I nominate ________________________________ for the ________________________________ Award, to be presented by the Pennsylvania Library Association in 2013.

I am making this nomination because of the following (attach additional sheets if necessary):
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Biographical information (attach additional sheets if necessary):
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My nominee can be reached at:
Address _________________________________________________________________
City, State, ZIP ___________________________________________________________
Telephone _______________________________________________________________
Fax _________________________________________________________________
E-mail ________________________________________________________________

Nominated by:
Name _______________________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________________
City, State, ZIP _______________________________________________________
Telephone _______________________________________________________________
Fax ________________________________________________________________
E-mail ________________________________________________________________

Please send your nominations to:
Rebecca Fetzner Long
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515 Millers Run Road
Morgan, PA 15064
Making PA Forward Work for You

By Kathy Silks

This spring PaLA and the PA Forward Steering Committee are offering new opportunities for you and your colleagues to learn how to use PA Forward’s branding, marketing tools, and five literacies concept to effectively frame your programming, marketing, partnership development, and advocacy initiatives.

We’ve scheduled a new round of PA Forward workshops across the state, similar to the two very successful training sessions we held in Reading and Greensburg in November 2012. Designed to appeal to a broad audience, these interactive, “how to” workshops will help participants develop a strong, consistent message about their library’s role in building literacy skills in Pennsylvania.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL FEATURE:

- A PA Forward overview and update on opportunities for libraries;
- An introduction to PA Forward’s PR Toolkit contents and examples of their effective use;
- A session on building effective partnerships;
- Participatory activities, including Elevator Speeches (how to communicate your library’s value anywhere, anytime) and Graffiti Walls (generating ideas related to the five literacies);
- Best practice presentations by area librarians, sharing replicable examples of library programs/services for each of PA Forward’s five literacies and the use of PA Forward branding in marketing; and
- Networking time at lunch.

The trainers include current PaLA president Paula Gilbert, past PaLA presidents Margie Stern and Mary Garm, and PA Forward’s project manager, Kathy Silks.

To encourage attendance, we’ve kept the cost low – in the $20 to $45 range per person (costs vary by region), and that includes lunch, refreshments, and materials. The workshops are typically four hours and fifteen minutes in length (including lunch), and attendees will earn 3.5 continuing education credits. Attendees can select the most convenient location and date (see workshop schedule). We thank the PaLA chapters that have worked with us to arrange PA Forward workshops in their areas.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? ANYONE WHO:

- Develops and/or implements programs and services at their library;
- Markets their library and promotes its programs;
- Develops partnerships with external organizations;
- Advocates with political and community leaders and fund sources on behalf of their library; or
- Plays a role in institutional positioning at their library.

Here’s feedback from fall workshop attendees: “Great workshop, informative & practical.” “This helped focus this initiative for me.” “This session was amazing! I love having an ‘elevator speech’ to use to quickly explain the initiative … I will be back again & again!” “… it gave me lots of good ideas.”

Please contact me if you have any questions about these PA Forward training opportunities. I hope to see you there!

Kathy Silks, project manager for PA Forward | Pennsylvania Libraries, is reading A Moment on the Edge: 100 Years of Crime Stories by Women, edited by Elizabeth George.
The CRD in 2013

As the 2013 chair of the College & Research Division (CRD), a primary task will be caretaking initiatives begun by my illustrious predecessors. The new peer-reviewed journal Pennsylvania Libraries: Research & Practice (PaLRaP) is now accepting submissions and is already garnering wide attention. Please consider submitting an original research, practice, or commentary article. More information and the submission guidelines are available online at palrap.org.

Another CRD project focused around online workshops and discussions using Adobe Connect was quite popular last year and more offerings will be available in 2013.

The CRD is again the recipient of an LSTA grant to develop and fund professional development opportunities for Pennsylvania academic librarians. The CRD has implemented new guidelines to ensure consistency in the awarding of LSTA grant monies, so please review the material provided with the application. If you are planning a program that will provide education for Pennsylvania academic librarians, I encourage you to submit an LSTA Funding Request Form online at crdpala.org.

The CRD has a great slate of speakers for this year’s annual spring program on ebooks at Penn State Hazleton. David A. Bell, professor of history at Princeton University, and Nancy Magnuson, college librarian at Goucher College, will be the two keynote speakers.

Breakout session presenters include Michelle Foreman, associate dean and director of the library at Shippensburg University; and Becky Albitz, acquisition librarian at Bates College; and Beth Transue, collection development coordinator at Messiah College. Mark your calendars now and watch crdpala.org/upcoming-events for updated information.

If you are a member, thank you! If not, this is the time to join.

Paul Proces is the new media librarian at Bucks County Community College. He can be contacted at pproces@gmail.com. He is reading A Memory of Light by Robert Jordan and Brian Sanderson.

PaLA Launches Scholarly, Open Access Journal

The College and Research Division (CRD) of the PaLA launched a scholarly, open access journal. The journal, which was introduced at the PaLA annual conference in Gettysburg on October 1, will share information about the research and practices taking place in Pennsylvania’s academic libraries.

The journal, Pennsylvania Libraries: Research & Practice (PaLRaP), will be peer reviewed by members of the Pennsylvania library community and will be freely available online for anyone to read.

The first issue will be published in March 2013 and will be available at the journal’s website: www.palrap.org. Submission guidelines can be found on the journal website.

The journal will initially be published two times per year (March and October) and will provide an opportunity for librarians in Pennsylvania to share their knowledge and experience with practicing librarians across the commonwealth and beyond. Readers will be exposed to the unique and valuable work of librarians in Pennsylvania that may not be published elsewhere in the library literature. PaLRaP will include research, practice, commentary, and news articles from all areas of librarianship, with a special focus on activities in Pennsylvania’s academic libraries. Open access to the journal will ensure that submissions are distributed widely and freely to all interested readers. When available, audio and video content will supplement text-based documents.

The scholarly community in the U.S. and beyond is making a move toward open access content so that research is made freely available to everyone. PaLA joins a group of library associations across the country that offer their own scholarly, open access journals; this group includes the Association of College & Research Libraries and the Medical Library Association.

This journal is run by a volunteer staff of CRD members, each with two year terms in various journal management positions.

For more information, visit www.palrap.org or contact palrap@mail.pitt.edu.
CRD Membership Survey

Recently, the College & Research Division of PaLA distributed a survey designed to solicit feedback from academic librarians about their involvement in professional associations. The survey also asked what the CRD can do to better serve Pennsylvania’s academic librarians.

What do you see as the primary benefits of PaLA membership?

Most people who responded to the survey indicated that either networking (41 percent) or professional development (31 percent) were the primary benefits of PaLA membership. Many answers combined networking with professional development. Other benefits mentioned were presenting at conference and workshops, advocating for PA libraries, opportunities for leadership, committee work, service to the profession, and resume building.

Why did you initially join?

Only about 15 people responded to this question, but about half of those individuals said that they joined to support Pennsylvania libraries and the library profession. Other reasons included the opportunity for service to the profession, opportunities for volunteering that would help with faculty promotion, and to get a discounted rate at conference.

How could the CRD make PaLA membership more valuable to you?

Although some respondents thought that the CRD is doing a good job, many survey takers did offer some ideas. The top suggestion (17 percent) was that CRD should use Adobe Connect to hold online workshops and discussions. Others suggested that CRD should provide more professional development and networking opportunities, including social events, in more regions across the state. It should be more relevant to them, providing programming that has a broader focus than just reference and teaching, including topics on emerging trends, archives and special collections, and technical services. One responder said that CRD has a “scholarly-lite” reputation and suggested that it try to change this perception. Along the same line, others want “a clear way to be active in the association in ways that can contribute to the tenure process” or want CRD to maximize “opportunities for me to share my research with my colleagues, and for me in turn to be exposed to the research my colleagues are doing.”

Please note that the It’s Academic column in this issue from CRD’s incoming chair, Paul Proces, mentions two initiatives, future Adobe Connect workshops and our new peer-reviewed journal, that go a long way in helping to address some of the comments described above.

The CRD board would like to thank the group of 2011 PALS (PaLA Academy of Leadership Studies) graduates for collaborating with us to create the CRD membership survey. The group included: Courtney Coleman (Northampton College), Tara Wink (West Chester University), Maureen Williams (Neumann University), Stephanie Riley (Immaculata University), and was chaired by Sameera Redkar (Misericordia University).
PaLA presented its 2012 Elected Official of the Year Award to Rep. Samuel H. Smith, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who represents Pennsylvania’s 66th district encompassing 60,000 residents in Jefferson, Indiana, and Armstrong counties. The speaker attended PaLA’s annual Leadership Orientation in December in Monroeville.

This award salutes Speaker Smith for his consistent advocacy on behalf of the millions of Pennsylvanians who rely on the books, computers, programs, and expertise available in our public, academic, and school libraries. He is an especially strong voice for improving public library services, a reflection of his commitment to the literacy resources provided by libraries to pre-schoolers, students, workers in transition, small businesses, and lifelong learners interested in self-improvement and independence.

His commitment to improving the quality of library services comes in many forms. He has supported and delivered Key 93 as well as Community and Economic Development grant funding for capital improvements, and helped to secure improved technology and Internet access for libraries in his district.

Speaker Smith is also an energetic advocate for early learning and reading programs provided by librarians for pre-school and school-age children. Every year, Speaker Smith devotes part of his time reading to children in libraries, schools, and day care centers. A strong supporter of the PA One Book, Every Young Child program, Speaker Smith so often read aloud the 2012 One Book selection that he may have passages from *Stop Snoring Bernard* committed to memory.

During the 2012 budget debate when many state programs faced deep cuts, Speaker Smith was instrumental in securing level funding instead of the five percent reduction that had been proposed. In so doing, Speaker Smith underscored once again his commitment to high-quality library services not just for the constituents in his district, but for all Pennsylvanians.
Cynthia K. Richey has been named the 2013 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), honoring an individual who has made significant contributions to library service to children and to ALSC.

Richey began her career as children’s librarian in 1971 and for the past 17 years has served as director of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library. She has been a role model and mentor to many over the years. ALSC, libraries, children and their families have significantly benefited from her exemplary practical and visionary leadership and knowledge of both children and children’s literature.

Richey was 1994 president of PaLA and was on the board of directors of the Allegheny County Library Association. In 2006, she won the New York Times Librarian Award. She is a frequent speaker and spokesperson for libraries in print and broadcast media throughout her state and around the country. She also serves as chair of the Pennsylvania Governor’s Advisory Council on Library Development, and is an Honorary Life Member of the Pennsylvania PTA.

She has been an active member of ALSC and ALA throughout her career. In addition to serving as ALSC President (2003–2004) and on ALA Council, she has served on numerous committees and as a priority group consultant. “I am deeply honored to be admitted to this distinguished group of colleagues who share a passion for the profession and an abiding commitment to the very best library service to children and their families,” said Richey. “I absolutely love my service for ALSC and libraries and librarians everywhere. It is the most rewarding career.”

“Cynthia has been active on the local, state, and national levels, taking on more responsibility as she progressed to leadership levels,” said Distinguished Service Award Committee chair Carol Doll. “Her contributions to children and to ALSC are far reaching and long lasting in developing literacy in children and in moving ALSC forward in a positive, helpful way that brings out the best in all of us.”

ALSC, a division of ALA, is the world’s largest organization dedicated to the support and enhancement of library service to children. With a network of more than 4,000 children’s and youth librarians, literature experts, publishers, and educational faculty, ALSC is committed to creating a better future for children through libraries. To learn more about ALSC, visit ALSC’s website at www.ala.org/alsc.

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Barb Zaborowski is the dean of Learning Resources at PA Highlands Community College. She is reading Two Graves by Lincoln Childs and Douglas Preston.
New Partnership Can Save You Money and Boost PaLA Scholarships

BY GLENN R. MILLER

Beginning in 2013, a new partnership between PaLA and Utility Rates Analysts (URA) can save your library money and help to fund scholarships at PaLA. If you have a desire to save money on your utility bills, all that’s required is a little time spent providing baseline information and URA does the rest.

Utility Rates Analysts is based in Camp Hill and has a 22-year track record of successfully helping clients across the Mid-Atlantic region scrutinize utility bills of all kinds. They identify overpayment for services, secure refunds, and/or help to establish utility services at a lower cost. They do not charge up-front fees, and they make their money by splitting savings with their client customers—in this case, your library.

They’re skilled in this business and you can view the list of their clients on their website, http://www.utilityratesanalysts.com/index.php. PaLA also has a track record with them. URA examined our utility payments and managed to save us about 29 percent, which amounts to nearly $500 over the next three years (and we’re a pretty small office operation).

Maybe, like PaLA headquarters, you’re a smaller library with a limited staff and precious little time and expertise to analyze utility bills and shop around for cheaper rates. Or maybe you’re a larger library or library system and have a facilities department that handles your utility purchasing but you’re still interested in potential savings. Whatever your circumstances, it may be worth your while for URA to take a look. It doesn’t cost you a thing and could end up saving you some serious money.

And there’s one more great incentive: If URA finds you some savings or serves as a broker to secure you lower rates, this will assist library students who are supported by PaLA scholarships. URA offers two principal services:

1. a billing audit to find overcharges or refunds, and
2. procurement services where they shop for lower rates and provide you with alternatives.

If they perform an audit that results in some form of savings for your library, those savings are split 50 percent library, 37.5 percent URA, and 12.5 percent PaLA. If URA acts as a broker on your behalf, they are paid a commission from the chosen alternate supplier. Then, out of URA’s commission, 25 percent will be donated to PaLA’s Scholarship Fund.

If there were ever a win-win-win situation, this is it. You have nothing to lose and, in fact, could win some serious savings for your library and, at the same time, raise some scholarship support for future library students through PaLA’s scholarships.

It’s easy to get started. Just visit the PaLA home page (www.palibraries.org) and follow the links, or contact URA directly at (717) 761-5150, or email Mike Walker at mike@utilityratesanalysts.com.

Save some money and fund some scholarships at the same time! That’s truly a winning combination.
Three MLS Scholarships Available

Thanks to the continued support of both individuals and corporate sponsors, scholarship opportunities for MLS courses are available again in 2013 to PaLA members. Three MLS Scholarships are available to Pennsylvania residents and PaLA personal members who are seeking a master’s degree in the Library Science field that will earn them professional status.

Deadline for submission
May 15, 2013

This $1,500 award requires that twelve credits must be completed toward the degree during the scholarship year. Verification of enrollment in an ALA accredited program is required.

Online application available at www.palibraries.org.

PA Librarian Featured in 2013 Calendar

By Jonelle Darr

Like many of her former colleagues at the Cumberland County Library System in Carlisle, retired technical services librarian Felicity Hajjar loves cats as much as books. So she responded enthusiastically to a national call this summer for photos of librarians with their cats. The “Cat Librarian” calendar is the brainchild of librarians Julia Skinner and Emily Drabinski, who share an interest in open access and cats. Proceeds from their fundraising calendar benefit the site Project Gutenberg, which encourages the creation and distribution of e-books.

As advocates of open access, both Skinner and Drabinski were committed to using the proceeds to support the cause. “We are both involved in the group Librarians Against DRM,” noted Skinner, “and believe that Project Gutenberg is a great resource for DRM-free materials. The proceeds from the calendar will go to Project Gutenberg to continue their important work.”

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Jonelle Darr is the executive director of the Cumberland County Library System. She is reading My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist’s Personal Journey by Jill Bolte Taylor.

National Library Advocacy Day

May 7–8, Washington D.C.

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Amanda DeKnight
Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Dana Farabaugh
Portage Public Library

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Millersville University Library

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Rather, this is a sincere request to PaLA members to give some serious thought to including PaLA on your list for charitable giving in 2013. Contributions to PaLA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Also, as you conduct your own personal long-range planning, we hope that you will consider including PaLA as a beneficiary in your will. For an organization of our size and resources, even modest bequests can help to provide long-term stability and improved services for the library community.

Just some food for thought for your long-range planning. If you have questions or need any additional information, please call me at (717) 766-7663.

Glenn R. Miller
Executive Director
David Voros Retires; Served in Many PaLA Leadership Posts

BY GLENN R. MILLER

Longtime PaLA member David Voros has retired from his position as dean of Library & Instructional Resources for the Lehigh Carbon Community College. David was a librarian for 38 years, 33 of those years at LCCC. David had a real calling to serve his profession through PaLA. Over the years, he served as a director-at-large for PaLA as well as membership chair, College and Research Division chair, and ALA Councilor. He also was frequently involved in PaLA conference sessions and activities, and served as conference chair.

For many years at PaLA conferences, the trio of Karl Helicher, David Schappert, and David Voros produced a daily, tongue-in-cheek newsletter they ran off the presses early every morning of each conference day. A lot of creative energy, ample dashes of obtuse humor, and — most notably — generous helpings of barley and hops fueled the publication known to conference-goers as, The Daily PLAnet. This was PaLA’s precursor to the Onion, America’s Finest News Service.

Thanks, David, for your commitment, great service, and many laughs. Happy trails to you until we meet again.

Help PaLA Update the Dictionary of American Library Biography

BY BERNADETTE A. LEAR

Do you know any recently-deceased librarians, library workers, or library advocates who have influenced the profession at a national level?

Carolyn Field? Judith Krug? Any others?

If so, please let us know!

Ed Goedeken, the collections coordinator at Iowa State University Libraries, is compiling a new volume of the Dictionary of American Library Biography (DALB) and is seeking nominations for inclusion. Similar to the Dictionary of Literary Biography, a reference source that provides information about novelists and poets, the DALB summarizes the life stories and professional achievements of notable librarians within the United States.

The first volume, edited by George S. Bobinski, Jesse Shera, and Bodhan Wynar, appeared in 1978. Supplements published in 1990 and 2003 focused on path-breaking librarians who had passed away since the first edition was published. Goedeken is seeking potential subjects as well as individuals who are willing to research and write encyclopedia-style articles. The DALB includes entries on academic, public, school, and special librarians. The main criteria are that the subject is deceased, and he/she has made nationally-important contributions to the librarianship.

PaLA’s Archives and History Committee is currently combing through old PaLA Bulletins to identify names for the DALB. If you’d like to suggest anyone, please contact Bernadette A. Lear, PaLA Archives and History chair. Her email is BAL19@psu.edu.

Bernadette A. Lear serves as the PaLA Archives and History Committee chair, and is Behavioral Sciences and Education librarian at Penn State Harrisburg Library. She is reading Ten Little Indians by Sherman Alexie.
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