PaLA Annual Conference
Foundations and Building Blocks for Everyone!

BY ANN KEMPER

What do you like about attending PaLA’s annual conferences? The food? The speakers? The informational sessions? The tours? Making new friends? Connecting with colleagues? Did I mention the food?

There is always something for everyone at the PaLA annual conference. This year’s event will feature some amazing keynote speakers:

- Dr. Franklin Toker (www.franklintoker.com), professor of art and architecture at the University of Pittsburgh and author of *Fallingwater Rising: Frank Lloyd Wright, E. J. Kaufmann, and America’s Most Extraordinary House*;
- Andre Dubus III (http://andredubus.com/bio.html), author of five books, including *House of Sand and Fog*;
- Carl Kurlander (www.english-film.pitt.edu/faculty/kurlander.html), senior lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh who has worked as a television writer, producer, and screenwriter (*St. Elmo’s Fire* and *Saved by the Bell*).

There will also be the extraordinary informational presentations by colleagues, such as:

- Building Bridges and Bridging Cultures: Partnerships Between Academic and Public Libraries
- Learning Commons: Re-envisioning the 21st Century Academic Library
- Making Every Book Count: Cooperative Collection Development for a Small Library System
- Marketing Your Library: 60 Ideas in 60 Minutes
- Beg, Borrow, Steal: Adapting Cool Ideas for Your Library and Community
- Adult Author Panel: The Mysteries of...Writing
- Capture All the URLs: First Steps in Web Archiving
- Show Me the Money! Grants and Proposal Writing for Libraries
- RDA Lite for School and Public Libraries

There will also be a Career Center for those building a professional career. This will include one-on-one résumé and interview coaching sessions, as well as presentations to help you launch or advance your career.

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PA Forward: It Really Is ‘Moving’ Us to a New Level!

BY PAULA GILBERT

I hope that by now you have been able to attend at least one of the PA Forward workshops that our training team (Kathy Silks, Mary Garm, Margie Stern, and I) have presented across the commonwealth since March. Great information, hands-on work, and lively interchange have reaped tremendous feedback on our evaluations from the seminars.

Attendees are excited about the PA Forward tool kit and the program ideas that are shared and really like the fact that everything is on the PaLA website for quick reference. Libraries have also shared the positive stories they experienced by using PA Forward in their own locations. Don’t despair, though, if you missed the workshops—more are coming this fall and next spring, including workshops especially for academic librarians.

Hopefully you are looking forward to the conference in October—and PA Forward will be there as well! From October 20–23 you will have the opportunity to attend several sessions focusing on PA Forward’s five literacies and effective marketing techniques. The PA Newsmedia Association, a PA Forward civic and social literacy partner, will conduct a panel discussion on building effective relationships with print, online, and broadcast media, including how to get coverage for your local events.

There will be a “lightning round” showcase of best practices from libraries sharing solid success stories about the literacy-based programs they have held.

Health literacy will be a major focus as our partner, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region, presents a program to help librarians identify reliable health information resources for consumers. This program will tie into a joint PaLA/Office of Commonwealth Libraries initiative to prepare for the launch of the Affordable Care Act in October. We want every library to be armed to answer questions from the public and be able to direct patrons to further help from qualified sources.

By the time you read this, PA Forward will have successfully held its first Information Literacy Summit in State College. A product of PA Forward’s Information Literacy team, the program focused on academic and school librarians and was completely filled in three weeks. Outcomes from the summit will be shared with all members. The Basic Literacy team is planning an initiative called PA Forward Speak Up! Authors & Illustrators Speak Up for PA Libraries, giving Pennsylvania libraries the opportunity to have authors and illustrators visit them for free during a specified time period in 2014. And the Financial Literacy team has introduced opportunities for libraries to partner with their choice of financial institutions to present financial education programming to children and adults.

Please participate in PA Forward personally and professionally and get your library involved. This program is growing into a driving force for all libraries in PA. Legislators recognize the name and laud the public-private partnerships, and thought leaders see it as a valuable tool for libraries. We need you to share the amazing success of PA Forward with your library, your co-workers and your community.

Paula Gilbert is the director of Youth Services for the Martin Memorial Library in York. She is currently reading Ricochet by Sandra Brown.
This year’s conference will offer more educational sessions than ever before, 86 to be exact, plus the return of the un-conference, as well as numerous poster sessions to enable you to continue to build upon your professional expertise. The Library Products & Services Trade Show will also be a big draw, to feature nearly 90 exhibitors all displaying innovative ideas for your library!

Did I mention the food? There will be a barbecue, the President’s Dessert Reception, the All-Conference Banquet, breakfasts and lunches with colleagues, and the Closing Luncheon!

In addition, there will be opportunities to tour some local attractions to further enrich your conference experience, including the Flight 93 Memorial (www.nps.gov/flni/index.htm) and Fallingwater (www.fallingwater.org/).

The 2013 annual conference will be held October 20–23 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, (www.7springs.com/). Pack your bags and get ready to build your future!

Ann Kemper is an instructor/reference librarian at West Chester University and the 2013 Conference Publicity chair. She is currently reading The Snake, the Crocodile and the Dog by Elizabeth Peters

**Attention all PaLA institutional members: Watch your mailbox for some PaLA “Bucks” that can save you some money when your staff, trustees, or Friends attend the PaLA conference at Seven Springs resort in October.**

The PaLA Bucks program has been around for a number of years but we’ve discovered that many institutional members are still not familiar with it. This year we want to highlight the program in the hope that more institutional members will take advantage of these savings.

First, please remember that the “member rate” for the conference applies only to personal members of PaLA. If you’ve joined as an individual, you’re entitled to the discounted member rate when you register.

Institutional members do not receive this benefit. Why? Well, simply put, PaLA relies heavily on conference income to survive. If the discounted rate applied to everyone associated with an institutional member, theoretically, five or 10 or 15 people from one library could register at the lower rate and PaLA would lose two ways: It would mean lower conference revenue and serve as a means of discouraging people from joining as personal members.

**BUT**, institutional members can still save on conference registrations by cashing in their PaLA Bucks. PaLA “Bucks” are sent to every institutional member at the address provided to us on their membership form. For every $100 paid in institutional membership dues, one PaLA Buck is issued. That Buck entitles one non-PaLA member from your institution to attend the conference at the discounted personal member rate.

For example, if you paid $400 in institutional dues, we’ve sent you four PaLA Bucks. With those four PaLA Bucks, you can register four non-PaLA members for the conference at the discounted personal member rate. All you need to do is simply staple the PaLA Bucks to the appropriate conference registration forms and mail them in.

If you haven’t received your PaLA Bucks (and past experience seems to suggest that they are often overlooked or ignored), please contact Ellen at the PaLA office at (717) 766-7663 or ellen@palibraries.org and we’ll make sure you receive them.

We hope you agree that this is a good deal—and we urge you to take advantage of it. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Glenn Miller is the executive director of PaLA.
A state budget for 2013–14 was passed on time and, for the first time in six years, some library funding increases—albeit modest ones—are included.

The new state budget:
- level-funds the Public Library Subsidy at $53,507,000;
- level-funds Library Services for the Visually Impaired & Disabled at $2,567,000;
- increases funding for the State Library by $11,000 up to $1,957,000 (+ 0.5%); and,
- increases funding for Library Access/POWER Library by $250,000 up to $3,071,000 (+ 8.9%).

The increase for Library Access is particularly good news since PaLA has pushed hard for several years to recharge the POWER Library after the damage done by budget cuts. This increase does not solve the problem overnight but helps to rebuild a vital online resource for Pennsylvania library users, especially students.

Much work remains in the years ahead to improve and modernize library services that the public lost during the Great Recession. This new budget represents a bit of progress and perhaps most importantly bends the funding curve, even modestly, back in a growth direction, no small accomplishment considering the slower-than-expected economic recovery.

PaLA members’ contacts with elected officials locally—combined with PaLA’s work in Harrisburg—helped to secure this increased funding, the first increases of any kind since 2007. This outcome is a great reflection on the power of advocacy and gives all of us encouragement for the battles ahead.

Great thanks go out to all PaLA members who pitched in. Your membership, your perseverance, and your passion make all the difference in the world!

Glenn R. Miller, PaLA’s executive director, currently is reading Cronkite by Douglas Brinkley.
Penn State University Libraries recently hosted the first PA Forward Information Literacy Summit, organized by the Pennsylvania Information Literacy Learning Community, an online group of librarians from K-12 schools, higher education, and public libraries who share strategies, experiences, and best practices in the field of information literacy instruction. More than 85 attendees explored this year’s theme, “Building Bridges through Curriculum and Collaboration,” in the day-long meeting.

Ellysa Stern Cahoy, Penn State education and behavioral sciences librarian and assistant director of The Pennsylvania Center for the Book, was on the planning team and one of the keynote speakers at the event. She noted, “This event is the first of its kind. Public, school, and academic librarians from across Pennsylvania came together to strategize on how to maximize students’ ability to find, evaluate, and use information. It was an honor to be a speaker at the event and exciting to learn new educational strategies from my state-wide library colleagues.”

Penn State University Libraries’ Learning Services director Loanne Snavely was pleased that Penn State could host this summit on Information Literacy in Pennsylvania. She added, “The summit has provided the groundwork for collaboration and progress between and among libraries of all types in promoting information literacy for Pennsylvanians of all ages.”

Support for the summit was provided by the following partners: Central PA K-16 Librarians Information Literacy Network, an outreach project of Penn State’s Libraries; PaLA College & Research Division, with partial funding provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education; PaLA Teaching, Learning & Technology Roundtable; and the Penn State University Libraries.

PA Forward is a PaLA state initiative that supports libraries in helping Pennsylvanians improve their essential literacy skills. It focuses on five critical literacies — basic, information, civic and social, health and financial — to give voice to what the library community already knows, and what other states throughout the nation are also recognizing:

With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.

Libraries have moved far beyond just being book repositories. They are agile institutions serving real-life needs. Libraries can be key to powering progress and elevating the quality of life in Pennsylvania by fueling the types of knowledge essential to success.

For more information on the Pennsylvania Information Literacy Learning Community and the PA Forward initiative, go to http://www.paforward.org.
The Juniata-Conemaugh Chapter of PaLA met during the annual spring workshop on May 14 at the Schlow Centre Region Library in State College.

PaLA president Paula Gilbert and executive director Glenn Miller provided opening remarks. The membership present approved the 2013 revision of the chapter bylaws; previous revisions occurred in 1980 and 1973.

Jennifer Knisely of the Altoona Area Public Library was presented with the Exceptional Service Award by Stacey Aldrich of the Commonwealth Libraries and chapter chair Karen Lambert. Other business included chapter approval of sponsoring Stefanie Gorzelsky, Centre County Library and Historical Museum, to attend the 2013 PALS program.

Looking ahead to 2014, nominations for secretary/treasurer are Sherry Roth, Penn State University, and Stefanie Gorzelsky; the vice-chair nominee is Laura Ax-Fultz from Penn State; and the nominations nominee is Karen Lambert.

David Bendekovic, lead PALS instructor and presenter at the 2012 PaLA conference in Gettysburg, presented an active learning workshop on what leaders do best. Attendees discussed how to develop leadership skills in all levels of personnel, take ownership of their library’s role in the future, and create collaborative spaces in their communities.

Lori Lysiak is a librarian with Penn State Online and the vice chair of the Juniata-Conemaugh Chapter. She is currently reading Cornplanter: Chief Warrior of the Allegany Senecas by Thomas S. Abler.
Standards at a Crossroads:
Treading Revision Road

BY ALISON S. GREGORY

Ask most any academic librarian about “the Standards” and he or she will likely be able to rattle them off for you: Determine the nature and extent of the information need, access information effectively, evaluate the information for quality and appropriateness, use the information effectively to purpose, and use the information ethically.

These five elements of information literacy have served higher education libraries since their approval by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) in 2000, providing a basis for the information-seeking skills and habits that librarians strive to impart to college and university students as a way to better the students’ lifelong learning opportunities. While the performance indicators and learning outcomes based on these standards have been significant to higher education, are they still a valid way to conceptualize the thought processes and skills they are intended to foster? The time to reconsider the standards is nigh, as “information literacy skills now encompass the need to be fluent with a variety of technologies and applications”.

In 2011, an Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education Review Task Force was created to study the relevancy of the standards and to make a recommendation to ACRL – should the standards be reaffirmed for another five years, be revised, or be removed?

The review task force concluded that it is time to look anew at the applicability of the standards in light of “emerging models of information literacy, recognizing the development of multiple new literacies and the need to provide a stronger continuum of literacy from K-16”. In fact, the task force recommended significant changes and that the standards be “extensively revised”.

The task force has charged the Standards Committee to revise the information literacy concepts in such a way as to: simplify the model and eliminate library jargon as ways to encourage use by non-library audiences; include both cognitive and affective learning outcomes; and acknowledge and include multiple literacies, including transliteracy, digital literacy, media literacy, and visual literacy. The standards—should they continue under that moniker—must also examine the role of the student as both content creator and content user.

Trudi Jacobson, head of the Information Literacy department for the University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY, and Craig Gibson, associate director for research and education at the Thompson Library at Ohio State, serve as co-chairs of the task force, which has been charged by the ACRL board of directors to consider revision of the standards in light of current:

- creation and dissemination of knowledge;
- changing global higher education and learning environments;
- shift from information literacy to information fluency; and
- expanding definition of information literacy to include transliteracy, media literacy, and digital literacy.

The task force foresees the creation of a “conceptual approach” that addresses a set of archetypal or core abilities” rather than following the format of the current standards with its “detailed listing of skills”. Jacobson and Gibson, on behalf of the task force, have proposed a more flexible approach to information literacy, one that “might serve as a curriculum planning document, rather than designating it as a set of standards”. This less rigid approach to the concepts of information identification and use may well make them more accessible to a wider audience.

The task force submitted a prospectus to the ACRL Executive Committee, and the committee has approved the proposed plan to expand the association’s definition of information literacy and has asked that the revised standards “better address the total learning environment of higher education and apply to student experiences outside the classroom, as well as within”.

There was an open forum for the revision of ACRL’s vision for information literacy held at the 2013 ALA annual conference. For those librarians working to teach these critical concepts, consider attending a second open forum, slated for the ALA Midwinter 2014 meeting, and visit the PaLA College & Research Division “It’s Academic!” blog at http://crdpala.org/ to share your thoughts on both the old and new standards.

Alison Gregory is the associate dean and director of Library Services at Lycoming College in Williamsport. She is the publicity coordinator for the PaLA CRD. Alison is reading Drunk Tank Pink: And Other Unexpected Forces That Shape How We Think, Feel, and Behave by Adam L. Alter.
On June 21, the James V. Brown Library and the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy partnered to celebrate the Keystone Park, Recreation, and Conservation Fund’s 20th anniversary. Libraries and community organizations across the North Central region came together to create awareness and celebrate the impact this fund has made on their communities.

For more than two decades, the Keystone Park, Recreation, and Conservation Fund has been helping communities protect open space, develop community parks, support library expansions, preserve historic sites, and improve our state game lands.

Rep. Rick Mirabito thanked the Keystone for specifically helping many of our libraries in the area including the James V. Brown Library, Jersey Shore Public Library, Annie Halenbake Ross Library, and the Blossburg Library—to name a few.

Cindy Dunn, deputy secretary for Conservation and Technical Services, shared with the group many of the reasons why Pennsylvania residents benefit from Keystone projects, including overall quality of life, an increase in tourism to the area, and preservation of our many natural resources.

More than $37 million to 303 projects has been allocated to libraries in Pennsylvania through the Keystone Grant in the past 20 years. Keystone Grants are administered by Beth Bisbano at the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. For more information about the Keystone Grant visit: http://www.pde.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/keystone_recreation_park_and_conservation_fund/8701

Melissa Rowse is the chair of the West Branch PaLA chapter and district consultant for the North Central Library District. She is reading He’s Gone, by Deb Caletti.
Allison Mackley Selected for Competitive New ALA Leadership Institute

Allison Mackley, librarian at Hershey High School, is one of only 40 librarians selected from a highly competitive national pool to participate in Leading to the Future (http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/ala-leadership-institute), a new four-day immersive leadership development program for future library leaders offered in August by the American Library Association (ALA).

Allison is a national board-certified teacher-librarian who is actively involved at the local and state levels to promote library program services, to foster teacher leadership, to build professional learning networks, and to embrace 21st century teaching and learning.

Allison acknowledges the changing role of librarians and, in her collaborative partnerships, she has advocated for an integrated and relevant curriculum that will empower students to reach their greatest potential as digital and information literate citizens.

When asked what she hopes to bring back to Hershey High School, Allison responded, “I hope to find more effective ways to honor the strengths of others. By doing so, there is a greater chance for distributive leadership and collegiality that is necessary in order to create innovative and necessary change. Overall, I believe you should do work with others. Lift each other up. Celebrate the accomplishments.”

The selection committee looked for a diverse participant mix based on type of library (public, academic, school, or special library), professional responsibility, geography, gender, and race/ethnicity, as well as demonstrated leadership potential, readiness for increased responsibility, professional achievement, and community or campus involvement. Participants are expected to return to their library equipped with new skills for leading, coaching, collaborating, and engaging within their organizations and in the communities they serve, and prepared to identify, develop, and implement solutions that benefit everyone.

Led by leadership experts Maureen Sullivan (2012–2013 ALA president) and Kathryn Deiss (content strategist for the Association of College and Research Libraries), the institute takes place in August and is designed to help participants develop and practice their leadership skills so they can better help the libraries and the communities they serve thrive in a future that promises continued turbulence and uncertainty.

Welcome New Members

PERSONAL MEMBERS

Sheila Mikkelson
William Jeanes Memorial Library

Jackie Rhule
Martinsburg Community Library

Danielle Looman
Abbottstown

Denise Lang
South Fork Public Library

Emily Bryan-Reeder
Wilkinsburg Public Library

Jennifer Cifelli
Centre County Library & Historical Museum

Denni Grassel
Delmont Public Library

Mary Makin
Ebensburg-Cambria Public Library
Over ninety people attended the Southeast Chapter’s (SEPLA) Fourth Annual Support Staff workshop held on June 11 at the Upper Merion Township Library in Valley Forge. This year’s workshop, “Staying Safe While Playing It Smart @ Your Library,” featured presenter Mark Willis, who was Community Relations Manager at the Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library until his retirement in early 2013.

During the workshop, attendees reviewed strategies for effective customer service to minimize patron and staff conflicts. Mr. Willis also addressed how support staff can best raise concerns with their supervisors and library directors in order to reach successful resolutions. Attendees found Mr. Willis to be very engaging and humorous as he shared personal library stories and fun video clips demonstrating the principles of good customer service. Mr. Willis showed how just a handful of easy strategies can go a long way toward creating and maintaining a safe library environment.

Following the workshop, attendees were energized by the practical and positive advice provided during the program.

Since 2010, SEPLA has offered support staff workshops to fill a gap in continuing education opportunities geared specifically for front-line library staff members who may not have the MLS degree. These workshops provide a chance for support staff to venture outside the library, expand their knowledge of libraries and the profession, network with other support staff throughout the region, and learn about the benefits of PaLA membership. As attendance demonstrates, regional support staff appreciate the chance to attend trainings tailored to their needs; they had plenty of suggestions for next year’s workshop!

Kim Braun is the head of reference and adult services for the J. Lewis Crozer Library in Chester, Pa. She is reading The River of No Return by Bee Ridgway.

Dana Barber is the associate library director of the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library in Bristol. She is reading The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes.

Mark Willis provides tips for “Staying Safe While Playing It Smart @ Your Library”
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tion development, cataloging and metadata development for libraries…” That experience lead to a position at LibLime as the open source evangelist, before she moved into her current position. About ByWater Solutions, Engard writes, “I get to merge my love of learning, teaching, writing, technology and libraries all in one job where I go out into the community to increase awareness of open source offerings for libraries”. During her presentation, Engard identified several trends that are being implemented in libraries including cloud computing, open source software as well as open source ILS, screencasting, mobile devices, and 3D printing.

After Engard’s presentation and an opportunity for questions, the workshop moved into the Pecha Kucha session. A Pecha Kucha is a presentation done with 20 slides and the presenter has 20 seconds to discuss the slides. This was the first time the Northeast Chapter had a Pecha Kucha session at the workshop and the response was positive. Of the seven presentations, “Crowdfunding” by Michele Legate generated the most questions from the audience.

After lunch and the business meeting, there were two breakout sessions. During the first session, attendees could choose between a discussion on open access or technology for kids and teens. During the second session, attendees could choose between knowledge commons/makerspaces or embedded librarianship.

Photos of the event can be viewed at: http://www.flickr.com/photos/sleepysmile/sets/7215763393434431801/with/8953057539/

Leslie Worrell Christianson is the public relations/marketing chair for the Northeast Chapter and the user services librarian/assistant professor at Marywood University in Scranton. She is reading Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn.

Lehigh Valley Chapter Conference
B Y C A T H E R I N E S T E W A R T

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of PaLA held its annual one-day conference on May 23 at Muhlenberg College in Allentown.

The theme was Creating Community Connections: Innovative Programs and Partnerships. Over 120 academic, public, school and special librarians attended. Sessions included the following topics: Choosing children's books, copyright, therapy dogs, unique spaces, disaster planning, connecting unconventionally, Pennsylvania law, an unconference on reference, and panel discussion with college students about their library experiences.

Glenn Miller and Paula Gilbert, representing PaLA, were our special lunch guests. Our keynote speaker was Siobhan Reardon, president and director of the Free Library of Philadelphia, who gave a dynamic and inspirational speech. Thanks to the chapter committee who made the day run so smoothly.

Catherine Stewart is the chair of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of PaLA and the children’s librarian/assistant director of the Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity. She is currently reading The Summer Girls by Mary Alice Munroe.
Penn State Team Wins the 2013 AgNIC Partner of the Year Award

A Penn State team has won the 2013 AgNIC Partner of the Year Award that recognizes outstanding contribution to the vision and goals of the Agriculture Network Information Collaborative (AgNIC).

Since becoming a member in 1999, Penn State has demonstrated leadership and innovation as an AgNIC partner. The university supports AgNIC subject websites in the areas of Home Gardening and Turfgrass. Of particular note are two additional sites: Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Youth Development. These resources are the products of a highly successful collaboration between the Penn State Life Sciences Library and the College of Agricultural Sciences, with support from the USDA and the National Agricultural Library through a specific cooperative agreement.

EFNEP, which has been in existence for forty years, educates low income families in the areas of nutrition, food preparation, and food management. The AgNIC site provides a database of professional and graduate research studies conducted about the program.

The Youth Development site is an effort to document the entire research base for 4-H from 1911 to 2011 and beyond. Two databases, one for 4-H graduate studies and another for 4-H state experiment station and national projects, may be searched by keyword, author, title, year, or institution.

As an AgNIC partner, Penn State embodies the qualities valued by the AgNIC collaborative: providing access to reliable, quality information and creating useful services to internet users. In both projects, the team has gone to extraordinary lengths to identify and make accessible research publications related to EFNEP and to 4-H and youth development. Through searchable databases, these resources are made available to customers in need of this research. Their great success is due in no small measure to an effective and innovative partnership between the faculty of the library and the college, which has been cultivated and sustained over many years.

For additional information, contact Amy Paster, head of the Life Sciences Library at alp5@psu.edu or 814-865-3708.

Libraries’ Hayya Is Designated Proxy for Students with Disabilities

Susan Hayya, Penn State University Libraries’ coordinator for Adaptive Technology and Services and a long-time champion of services for individuals with disabilities, has been designated Penn State’s proxy for HathiTrust users with print disabilities.

Through this program, eligible users at HathiTrust partner institutions will receive special access to in-copyright materials contained in HathiTrust, rather than having to physically search for the items through another library or store.

The HathiTrust is a cooperative shared digital repository using the Google Books project collections—now with upwards of 10 million books accessible online. It was developed at the University of Michigan, a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), the academic arm of the Big Ten Conference. For out-of-copyright books in the public domain, there is access to the full text of the book online through both Google Books and the HathiTrust. Books still in copyright are not freely available online to the general public, but with the new proxy service, they will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. HathiTrust is in the process of naming proxies for more than 80 universities to use this service.

For more information about the program, see: http://www.hathitrust.org/accessibility

For more information about the services at Penn State, contact Susan Hayya at shh2@psu.edu or 814-865-0284.
Rimland Awarded Scholarship for Emerging Leadership Institute

Emily Rimland, the Sally W. Kalin Early Career Librarian for Learning Innovations, Penn State University Libraries, has been awarded one of two scholarships for the 2013 Institute for Emerging Leadership in Online Learning (IELOL).

The institute, which attracts diverse faculty and online learning professionals from around the world, is sponsored by the Center for Online Innovation in Learning (COIL); Penn State Outreach, under the direction of Lawrence C. Ragan; and the Sloan Consortium, under the direction of Bruce N. Chaloux.

Rimland adds, “I am looking forward to both the networking opportunities that the Institute will provide and the chance to think purposefully about the future of online learning related to the university and the libraries.”

The schedule includes:

- **July 15-26**: Two-week IELOL Online
- **August 5-8**: Immersive experience at Penn State
- **September 16-October 4**: Three-week IELOL Online
- **November 20**: IELOL Workshop at the Sloan-C Annual Conference in Orlando

For more information, contact Larry Ragan at lcr1@psu.edu or 814-863-3114.

Letters About Literature Contest Winners Announced

The Pennsylvania Center for the Book announced the Pennsylvania winners of the 2013 Letters About Literature contest, a nationwide event sponsored by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. The Center for the Book was established in 1977 as a public-private partnership to use the resources of the Library of Congress to stimulate public interest in books and reading.

This contest invites students in three grade categories to write letters to authors—living or dead—explaining how the author's words affected them or their worldview.

**LEVEL I** (grades four through six)

**Winner:** Michaela Cameron, Shippensburg (John F. Wukovits, *The Importance of Anne Frank*)

**Honorable mentions:**
- Emma Bertolino, Philadelphia (Kathryn Erskine, *Mockingbird*)
- Megan Bozzer, Indiana (Dorothy Sterling, *Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman*)
- Kyle Burk, Boalsburg (Emily Dickinson, “I’m Nobody! Who Are You?”)
- Haskel Wiroshan Canagarajah, State College (Yann Martel, *The Life of Pi*)
- Jess Harker, Lafayette Hill (J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter series*)
- Gabi Hemsch, Elizabethtown (Brian Selznick, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*)
- Jacob Orr, Blue Bell (Jamie McEwan, *Willy the Scrub*)

**LEVEL II** (grades seven and eight)

**Winner:** Sophia Paterno, State College

**Honorable mentions:**
- Elijah “Eli” Abo, Pittsburgh (Ibtisam Barakat, *Tasting the Sky*)
- Jacqueline M. Feffer, Boalsburg (Jordan Sonnenblick, *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*)
- Joseph Feffer, Boalsburg (Dylan Thomas, “Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night”)
- Nicholas Feffer, Boalsburg (Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*)
- Caldwell Gregg Holden, Pittsburgh (Ken Kesey, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*)
- Ceci Markley, Export (John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars*)

**LEVEL III** (grades nine and ten)

**Winner:** Taylor Grace Bean, Harborcreek (Laurie Halse Anderson, *Wintergirls*)

**Honorable mentions:**
- Sol Labruna, Presto (Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar*)
- Terrance M. Lewis, Philadelphia (Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*)
- Kevin Monpara, Pittsburgh (Padraic Colum, *The Golden Fleece*)
- Deepika Narayanan, Pittsburgh (Amy Tan, *The Joy Luck Club*)
- Haley Stefancis, Plum (Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar*)
- Alexis Venturini, Pittsburgh (Margaret Peterson Haddix, *Claim to Fame*)

Each winner received a $300 cash prize and celebrated at a lunch in their honor with their families in State College on April 27.

The judges for the Letters About Literature contest were: Dr. Lynn Cockett, professor of Communication, Juniata College; Megan Gilpin, coordinator of outreach, Library Learning Services, Penn State University Park; Dr. Barbara A. Marinak, associate professor of education, Mount St. Mary’s University (Md);
Cindy Pimental, fourth grade teacher, G.B. Luhrs University Elementary School, Shippensburg; and Dr. Thomas P. Sherwood II, founder and president of BioLexia, a literacy consultancy in State College.

For more information about the contest and awards, please contact Caroline Wermuth, outreach coordinator, at 814-863-5472. Visit the Pennsylvania Center for the Book website at www.pabook.libraries.psu.edu.

Exhibit Highlights 25 Years of Sports Archives at Penn State

An exhibition titled “Glory Days: Celebrating 25 Years of Sports Archives at Penn State” is on display through September 19 in Robb Hall, Hintz Alumni Center, Penn State University Park.

Long before joining the ranks of the Big Ten, Penn State was concerned about the ways in which shifts in the organization and governance of athletic programs have affected its reputation for excellence. But without access to primary archival sources, it is impossible to answer such academic research questions. In 1988, the Penn State University Archives, a unit within the Special Collections Library, began a concentrated effort to locate historical records that would document the growth of athletic policies and the achievements of Penn State’s numerous teams. The resources were discovered in Rec Hall, the White Building, Beaver Stadium, and other athletic facilities awaiting organization, arrangement and description, and access to users of all categories.

This photographic exhibit highlights the historical and recent achievements of all 31 current varsity sports, as well as four additional sports no longer on the varsity roster. The goal of the Sports Archives has been to establish a unique repository, unrivaled in scope, to serve scholars and administrators, graduate and undergraduate students, and sports enthusiasts. Operating in cooperation with Intercollegiate Athletics, the Sports Archives includes more than 12,500 audio-visual items beginning with the 1929 Penn State-University of Pennsylvania football game. The collection also features footage of the historic 1948 Cotton Bowl, and selected basketball, volleyball, soccer, wrestling, and gymnastics events since 1950. Complete game-by-game, reel-by-reel inventories have been compiled and are available at: http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/speccolls/psua/sports.html.

The Sports Archives collections also include biographical information about individual athletes, photographs, media guides and press kits, materials related to special events, and historical records concerning the rise of women’s intercollegiate athletics and the impact of Title IX, for example. Complementing these collections are archival records of the Women’s Recreational Association, College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, International Society of Biomechanics, North American Society for Sport History and much more. Additional highlights feature extensive book collections from Dr. John Lucas documenting Olympic history and Dr. Ronald A. Smith focused on sport history and philosophy.

The 25th anniversary of the Sports Archives will feature many events including an open house coinciding with Homecoming in October, a panel presentation discussing Penn State’s role in breaking the athletic color line in February 2014, and a special open forum in April 2014, commemorating the 50th anniversary of women’s intercollegiate athletics at Penn State.

For questions about this exhibit, the upcoming events, or if you anticipate needing accessibility accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided, contact Paul Dzyak, sports archivist at pjd106@psu.edu, 814-865-2123. Hintz Alumni Hall is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Inquiries regarding hours at 800-548-5466 or local 814-865-6516.

Southwest Chapter Spring Workshop

(L to R) Sara Jane Lowry of the Allegheny County Library Association spoke about “Fundraising in the One-Person Development Shop”; and Cynthia M. Landrum of Mt. Lebanon Public Library and independent documentary photographer Tieshka Smith spoke about “The Final Funding Frontier”.
# Calendar Updates

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