Informal networking to build or foster relationships with other librarians and library suppliers is one of the perks of conference attendance. Conference special events provide the perfect vehicle to network, experience the local area, and have fun!

Below you will find a list of planned events that require additional registration fees and have limited space. There are many, many more activities to do while in the State College area on your own or with colleagues: hike up Mount Nittany, visit Palmer Museum of Art, enjoy the fall harvest at the Farmers Market, taste a local microbrew (or two), explore the Victorian homes in Bellefonte, learn military history in Boalsburg, or shop and dine in downtown State College.

For more ideas on things to do and see, visit the Local Information Desk.

**Paint Space: A Metamodern Approach to Makerspaces**

Sunday, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Paint Space is a program that allows patrons to utilize technology while they immerse themselves in the time-honored art of painting. This program allows the patron to learn how to paint, using iPads to access YouTube to paint their own creations. Unlike traditional art classes, participants in Paint Space are free to learn, practice, relax, or utilize the space and materials however they wish. Come learn how this program works, how you can start your own Paint Space program, and experience the program first hand, leaving with your own painting.

**Tour of the Arboretum at Penn State**

Monday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. or Tuesday, 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Enjoy a guided tour through Penn State Arboretum and its beautiful and peaceful gardens and groves. On the way, we’ll make a stop at the famous Berkey Creamery for a sweet treat for participants to enjoy during the tour.

**PaLA Election Results**

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Winter is coming.

While I had expected to focus my column around my madcap and educational jaunts around the state over the past several months (five chapter workshops, Information Literacy Summit, CRD Summer meeting, etc.), the August 14 announcement that Glenn Miller will soon be moving to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) demands some kind of an immediate response.

The question is, what kind of response?

I am ecstatic that we will have such an articulate and canny and passionate advocate inside the Department of Education.

I am aware of all of the work that we have to do to create a smooth transition and a process for hiring a new executive director.

I am grateful for the many years of service that Glenn has given us, but those of you who said, 20 years ago, that since he wasn’t a librarian, he wasn’t “one of us”, that he would just leave us as soon as something better came along, I guess maybe you were right all along. (At least about the leaving part. Glenn has always been “one of us”, to our great benefit.)

I am pleased that I finally got a chance to work with Glenn as PaLA president.

I never could speak for Glenn, but in his role of executive director of PaLA, I could at least say, “I can’t speak for Glenn Miller, but…”, and then go on to say pretty much any old thing that was on my mind, relying on presidential prerogative or years of working together or years of friendship to allow me to create a tenuous link between what I was saying and what he might or might not think. After September 5, I REALLY can’t speak for Glenn, no buts about it, can’t even try, but it isn’t yet September 5 yet as I’m writing this, so let me not speak for him at least one more time.

I can’t speak for Glenn Miller, but I’m sure that, although his move to PDE creates the end of an era for PaLA, and the beginning of a new opportunity for us and for him, it does not provide us with an excuse to become less involved in advocacy. The requirement that we build sustained, personal relationships with our legislators, that they hear over and over again about the importance of libraries, and, insofar as possible, see with their own eyes the positive and crucial role that libraries play in the communities in their districts, doesn’t lessen with Glenn in PDE. Advancing libraries in Pennsylvania isn’t something that Glenn can do for us, but it is something that he can do with us.

So, if I can’t speak for him anymore, who else can I start speaking for? I guess I could try to speak for the headquarters staff, to express a small portion of the tremendous admiration and affection that they feel for Glenn. They have always played an important role in his success, but he has been the best leader and friend that they could have asked for.

I can’t really speak for the entire board, and certainly I can’t speak for all of the board members for the past 20 years, some of whom are still around, but if I could I would note how much the organization has evolved under Glenn’s leadership, how important his persistence and passion has been to keeping us energized in good times and bad, and how we are a much stronger association for his time with us. Without Glenn, we would have been a lot less effective, and would not have been having as much fun. I would note that we owe ourselves, and Glenn, all of the hard work that is necessary to continue his legacy.

Speaking for myself, well, Glenn knows what I think. I’ll let him speak for me.

A column with such a stark beginning demands a more optimistic conclusion. And, since we are time-challenged readers, I’ll allude not to a another stack of massive tomes — five published, two on the way — but to the last line of a poem of only 70 lines:

“If winter comes, can spring be far behind?”

— Percy Bysshe Shelley

David Schappert is the director of the Marywood University Library in Scranton, and the president of PaLA. He is reading The Man Whose Teeth Were All Exactly Alike by Philip K. Dick.
When this new year began, I never imagined that 2015 would take the turn it did. And I certainly never imagined that I would be saying goodbye to PaLA after only 20 years….

But I am. It is time to say goodbye and thank you. And, no, I will not be brief.

When I interviewed for this job in early 1995 at the old riverfront headquarters — 1919 North Front Street — I was remarkably calm and at ease throughout the process. I sensed from the folks who interviewed me that PaLA would be a great fit for me, career-wise, and that I would be a good fit for them. I think that's the way things turned out. At least I certainly feel that way.

For me, PaLA was more than a job; it was a calling. I believe that in my heart of hearts. Few things are better than getting up in the morning knowing that what you do matters. Working on behalf of librarians and library services, I knew that the work of our members — and others all across the library community — mattered to thousands and thousands of people every single day. What you all do shapes the kind of world we live in, and will live in for years to come. That summer reader. That English-language learner. That grandparent learning technology. That local start-up. That gifted student looking to excel in high school or college. You know it. And I know it. The list of lives touched in important and uplifting ways just goes on and on and on — so much so that we get frustrated, or worse, when so many others seem NOT to Get It.

Which brings me to now. When Deputy Secretary Stacey Aldrich moved on to Hawaii, like many of you, I hoped that her successor would bring a knowledge of our diverse and oh-so-quirky commonwealth along with the passion and communication skills to be a contagious spreader of Getting It.

So that’s the back story. I assumed that 2015 would unfold in one way and, instead, I find myself saying goodbye and thanks. Thanks to so, so many wonderful, amazing, talented, and committed people who brought us success, and bolstered my spirits and encouraged me when success took some steps backward.

My Employment Probationary Period Has Concluded

By Glenn R. Miller

I assumed that 2015 would unfold in one way and, instead, I find myself saying goodbye and thanks

Over 20 years, we grew from one organizational email address to a full online presence. We grew from a staff of three-and-a-half all the way up to four. We stopped pouring office rent down a hole and purchased our own headquarters, investing in a long-term asset for the association. We hired professional lobbying expertise, and we launched the PA Forward public-private literacy initiative others around the state. And my wife and I had long discussions. The idea churned around in my mind and in my soul and I gave it a lot of thought and prayer.

I love PaLA and hated the thought of leaving. At the same time, as the weeks unfolded, applying to be the Deputy Secretary for the Office of Commonwealth Libraries began to feel much like those days in 1995 when I applied at PaLA. It began to feel more and more like a calling.
that will continue to grow and broaden the awareness and impact of libraries.

On funding (thanks to *The Philadelphia Inquirer* exposé, “Libraries in Distress”, and PaLA’s response, “The Platform for Twenty-First Century Libraries”), grew from $23 million in state aid and $32 million for all library services, up to $75 million in state aid and $94 million overall. After two waves of deep budget cuts, we stand at $53 million in state aid and $61 million overall. Not where we were, for sure, and not where I hope we’ll go in the future.

At this time, I cannot help but remember so many talented and passionate members and leaders — far too many to even begin to list, let alone thank. In my new role, I hope that in the months and years ahead, I will have the opportunity to thank each of my past presidents in person for his or her guidance and enthusiasm. Likewise, many of you reading this have served in important PaLA roles over the years and I thank you for your good works and generous commitment to something bigger than your own self-interest. That’s the best. Period.

I do want to acknowledge here three deceased past presidents — good friends — with whom I worked and for whom I have the highest admiration and gratitude: Kathy Kennedy, my first PaLA president; David Roberts, one of the visionaries behind PaLA’s Early Learning Initiative; and Mary Elizabeth Colombo, the president who oversaw the purchase of our headquarters. Each left an enduring legacy, and I have not forgotten their friendship and their great works.

Likewise, no farewell would be complete if I did not highlight the amazing work done for PaLA, day in and day out, by Kim Snyder, Ellen Wharton, and Kathy Silks. These folks — my dear friends — are deeply committed to PaLA and our members. They each perform amazing amounts of work and have tackled new tasks and new procedures with a can-do spirit and a smile. No problem goes unresolved. They are relentless in their pursuit of getting the job done right. Kim and Ellen and Kathy are a joy to be around every day and PaLA is blessed to have them as employees. I will miss them more than I can say.

So now I move on — not far away and definitely not out of sight. Like many of you, our friends and colleagues in the Office of Commonwealth Libraries have been through a long period of budget cuts and uncertainty. I will do my level best to listen and learn and try to move the agency and the broader library community forward.

It will not be easy. The good news is: there is much I already know about Pennsylvania libraries. The bad news is: I have so very much to learn. I will need your patience and your expertise and your cooperation in the months and years ahead.

I am filled with hope tempered with the knowledge that progress — sustained progress — often takes time. I hope that we can learn together and build together and even laugh together as we shape and re-shape the kind of library services across the board that grows from a cause — a calling, if you will — greater than our own self-interests.

Optimistic? Yes. But that’s my nature. Naive? Perhaps. But this much I know — when we have worked together toward a goal and spoken with one forceful, passionate voice, progress was the result. I hope and I pray that this is what our future holds.

I am sad to leave, grateful for two decades of progress and memories, pleased that my journey is not far, energized by prospects for better days ahead, and delighted by the certain knowledge that our paths will cross again. Thanks. Every. One.

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Monday, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

**Big Spring Spirits Reception & Philatelic Society Tour**
Spend your evening at the lovely Match Factory Place in Bellefonte, located just minutes from the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center. Tour the Big Spring Spirits Distillery, enjoy some light fare and handcrafted spirits in the Big Spring tasting room, and take a walk to the adjacent Philatelic Society for a tour of their library. Tour includes round-trip transportation to Match Factory Place and food. A cash bar will be available.

Monday, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

**PaLA Trivia Competition**
Come one, come all! Test your trivia skills against those of your colleagues from across the state at the 5th Annual PaLA Trivia Competition. Bring a team or come and meet some new friends. Proceeds will benefit the David Roberts Best of the Best Practices Award.

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**Share Ideas and Programs at the Idea Exchange Table**

Networking and sharing ideas is a big part of the PaLA Conference experience and we invite you to share some of your great ideas and programs already in practice in your library at the Idea Exchange Table.

Conference sessions and poster sessions aren’t the only way that conference attendees can learn and share ideas. The “Idea Exchange Table” will also be a source of some wonderful program ideas or successful marketing campaigns developed by libraries across the state.

The table will include donations of book lists and bibliographies, newsletters, program flyers, calendars, annual reports, bookmarks, library services brochures, fundraising brochures, and any other successful merchandising and marketing materials that you use at your library and would like to share with others.

To participate, bring whatever quantity you can spare to share with your colleagues and drop your materials off at the Idea Exchange table located near the PaLA Registration Desk. Be sure to take a moment to peruse the materials shared by your colleagues and pick up whatever interests you.

We look forward to seeing your stuff!
Getting Ahead at This Year’s PaLA Conference

BY ASHLEY FLYNN

When faced with a large and tasty buffet, how does one choose to fill one’s plate? It can be hard to decide, but knowing the menu is a good place to start. As always, this year’s PaLA Conference provides a veritable feast of excellent programs from which to choose. Particularly tasty are the PA Forward offerings, which range from beneficial sessions and a fun photo booth to a hot new item available in the store.

“The annual PaLA Conference is a great opportunity to catch up on what’s new with PA Forward and to learn how our colleagues across the state are using PA Forward to communicate the value of library services,” said Mary Garm, chair of the PA Forward Steering Committee. “The combination of formal presentations and informal networking is guaranteed to inspire and energize anyone who attends.”

Programs related to PA Forward are scheduled on each day of the conference and cover many varied issues that are important to libraries of all sizes and types. The back-by-popular-demand Cream of the Crop session, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, will share the best program models from around the state, as well as helpful tips for how to implement them in each unique library. On Monday, a similar session will specifically address the best of the best in programming for academic librarians.

Other programs, such as Health Issues in the Headlines, will give librarians the skills they can use to address particular literacies within their libraries. Librarians serving at-risk populations will gain valuable insights into the practices and partnerships that can best support their efforts by attending the Building Literacy Skills in At-Risk Populations program. A session on connecting and collaborating will give academic librarians a look at 23 events that supported first-year students based on the five literacies and is sure to provide many useful ideas for implementation at learning institutions of all sizes.

Librarians from every kind of library can benefit from the PA Forward branding session, which will show attendees how to best leverage the PA Forward brand to enhance programs, get more funding, and empower citizens. All of these programs are excellent ways to improve the quality and promotion of the programs and services offered, but the remaining piece of the puzzle is how to share those accomplishments. The session on engaging community leaders is an excellent way to bring the total menu of PA Forward programming full-circle by providing the framework to talk about those successes.

It’s not all sessions and programs, though! The PA Forward presence will also include a trendy photo-booth, complete with props designed around each of the five literacies. Pose with the props of your choice and be sure to include the hashtag signs to showcase your favorite literacies! The PA Forward table “will host literature (of course!) about PA Forward including some one-of-a-kind PA Forward tchotchkes to take home and back to your library,” said Amy Krize Suveg, chair of the PR/Marketing Committee and a member of the PA Forward Steering Committee.

Celebrating PA Forward doesn’t have to end at the conference. For the first time ever, you can take home some wearable PA Forward swag. Stop by the store to buy a hot new PA Forward t-shirt to show your support!

While at the conference, be sure to live tweet your experience with #pala2015. Let us know what tasty sessions you sampled, and how you’ll be using PA Forward at your library!

Ashley Flynn is the director of the Highland Community Library in Johnstown. She is reading Library of Souls by Ransom Riggs.
Carrie Turner Elected 2016 First Vice President/President Elect

The PaLA Nominations & Elections Committee, chaired by Lora-Lynn Kahler of the York County Library System, has announced the following results for the 2015 election. The candidates will serve on the 2016 board of directors with incoming president Jennifer Stocker, director of Easton Area Public Library.

First Vice President
Carrie Turner
Library Director
Cheltenham Township Library

Second Vice President
Cindy DeLuca
Library Director
Barrett Paradise Friendly Library

Treasurer
Alison Gregory
Associate Dean & Director of Library Services
Lycoming College

Director-at-Large
Leslie Swope
Library Director
St. Marys Public Library

Director-at-Large
Tom Reinsfelder
Reference & Instruction Librarian
Penn State Mount Alto Campus

The Pennsylvania Library Association extends a most sincere thank-you to all candidates for their interest in running and willingness to serve.
N the ever-evolving library world, change seems to be the only constant. Changes, challenges, and opportunities drew more than 70 people to Millersville University on May 29 for the PaLA College & Research Division spring program, “The Times They Are A-Changin’… Again: Exploring the New Roles of Libraries in Higher Education”.

Though libraries have historically felt pressure to justify their existence, methods for demonstrating our value to our institutions have changed. Melissa Bowles-Terry, head of Educational Initiatives at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Libraries described techniques for doing this in the first keynote address, “Helping Students Cross the Finish Line: Libraries Contribute to Student Retention and Graduation”.

Bowles-Terry highlighted academic libraries’ endeavors to correlate library use to student success (often defined as student persistence to graduation). Methods include capturing student ID numbers to compare students’ rates of library use to their grades, or comparing students’ exposure to research instruction with their retention and grades. Bowles-Terry cautioned that while these methods can generate robust data, it is imperative to ensure that students’ privacy is protected.

Bowles-Terry also noted that the library contributes to student success through collaboration with faculty to design courses and assignments that strengthen students’ research abilities. UNLV has found that faculty/librarian collaboration to create “real life learning assignments” informed by research is particularly effective in increasing student success. Libraries can contribute to other high-impact practices (such as first year seminars and writing-intensive classes) that affect retention by facilitating regular interactions between students and librarians. Library spaces for collaborative work can also foster a sense of belonging, which correlates with student persistence.

At UNLV, Bowles-Terry is working on a variety of projects centering on student retention. One creative example focuses on the library’s student employees. UNLV awards professional development certificates to student workers who attend workshops on topics such as time management, study skills, and tech skills, a productive way to invest in student success. Bowles-Terry asserted that efforts to maximize student success are not only in the best interests of the college, but also address the social and moral imperative to help students earn the degrees they came to the college to pursue.

In addition to demonstrating our value in retention and student success, libraries are increasingly reaching beyond their walls and websites to connect with users. This was an important point of the second keynote session, “Listening to Many Voices: Community Conversations at Rutgers University Libraries,” by Nancy Kranich, Special Projects librarian, and Megan Lotts, Art librarian, both from Rutgers University.

Kranich and Lotts recommended looking for small pockets where changes can be made – look for the low-hanging fruit and then gradually create conditions for larger change. Lotts also shared ideas for outreach initiatives, including open mic nights, snack carts during final exams weeks, block (Lego) parties, and game nights; she noted that partnering with other campus entities can be beneficial to events, and also for forging new relationships.

Library spaces for collaborative work can also foster a sense of belonging, which correlates with student persistence.

Keeping Up With Changing Times
BY MELISSA CORRELL AND ALISON S. GREGORY
The afternoon featured a panel discussion with Marilyn Harhai, professor, Clarion University Department of Library Science; Tina Hertel, director of Trexler Library, Muhlenberg College; Monty McAdoo, Research and Instruction librarian, Edinboro University; Lisa Stilwell, Research and Instruction librarian, Franklin & Marshall College; and Rob Weidman, senior library technologist, Lehigh University. Panelists were asked to address how their libraries contribute to student success, beyond traditional instruction. Responses included: involvement in the curriculum committee, working with admissions tour guides, working with local high schools, and housing academic success centers, writing centers, and tutors in the library. Another question asked panelists how to impact the campus so that librarians are seen as full-fledged educators. One suggested deep involvement with the curriculum committee as a way to build relationships with teaching faculty, one recommended incorporating strong teaching technologies into the classroom, and another reminded us to be aware of what’s happening on campus and in the wider community (i.e., the library could host a panel discussion on a public health issue, examining it from various perspectives).

Strategies for outreach to faculty and staff and increased involvement with the campus community included: recording oral history projects with special groups such as student veterans or retiring faculty members, hosting receptions where faculty and librarians can informally interact, making “house calls” or office visits regularly, partnering with residence hall staff to create programs, hosting library orientation programs for parents, and attending campus events to increase visibility of the library faculty and staff.

As libraries continuously grow and change, it is important for the next generation of librarians to be properly prepared for the profession and its evolving roles. Panelists shared their thoughts on how best to do this, suggesting that current library professionals need to share the body of knowledge as well as the “soft skills” needed for the role, including how to make full use of networking opportunities. Several panelists mentioned the need for training in pedagogy and learning theory, as so many librarians are expected to teach in a classroom. Library science programs would also serve students well by teaching some basic web development and coding, as well as marketing strategies.

The spring workshop topic addressed timely issues that have no concrete answers. In a changing academic library environment, it is critical that libraries focus on supporting student learning and success. This often requires library professionals to learn new skills, wrestle with emerging technologies, stay abreast of trends in higher education, and try out new ideas for instruction or outreach, all while continually assessing their endeavors. Perpetually striving for improvement while managing myriad day-to-day responsibilities can be very demanding, and can lead to burnout. In order to serve students well, we must take care of ourselves. At the PaLA Conference in State College in October, Maria Accardi, associate librarian and coordinator of Instruction and Reference at Indiana University Southeast, will discuss reasons burnout occurs and strategies to combat or prevent the condition. Accardi will give her keynote address, sponsored by the College & Research Division, “The Souls of Our Students, the Souls of Ourselves: Resisting Librarian Burnout through Radical Self-Care”, on Tuesday, October 6.

Melissa Correll is the Instructional Services librarian at Lycoming College in Williamsport. She is currently reading Cool: How the Brain’s Hidden Quest for Cool Drives Our Economy and Shapes Our World by Steven Quartz and Anette Asp.

Alison S. Gregory is the associate dean and director of Library Services at Lycoming College in Williamsport. She is the PaLA CRD Publicity coordinator, and is reading The Serpent in the Garden by Janet Gleeson.
Lehigh Valley Academic Librarian Exchange (LVALE)

BY COURTNEY EGER AND ELLIE COLLIER

On Monday, July 13, the inaugural Lehigh Valley Academic Librarian Exchange event was held at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem. The LVALE was cosponsored by the Lehigh Valley chapter of PaLA.

Event coordinators Ellie Collier and Courtney Eger modeled the day after a similar event used at Collier’s former institution, Austin (Texas) Community College. The three-hour event was a very informal “unconference”, featuring two hour-long discussion breakouts. The day’s discussion topics included: Information Literacy/Instruction, Collection Development, Assessment, Reference, and Outreach/Public Relations/Marketing. Attendees could choose to join any table where they felt engaged with the assigned topic.

Initial event planning included reaching out to all academic librarians in the Lehigh Valley area to solicit time frames and gauge interest. Although July is a troublesome month – with staff vacations and many librarians off in the summer – it was deemed quiet enough to gather. Registration information included a very small fee to help cover refreshment costs at the event. Attendees were contacted to provide input on discussion topics via a survey.

During the event, a shared Google Doc allowed all attendees to type notes summarizing the discussion at their table. Attendees were engaged and considerate during the discussions. Another piece of the day included a “Swap & Shop” event for librarians to feature handouts, signage, worksheets, and other materials used in their library. Attendees could request digital copies of the artifacts if they were interested in exploring in more detail.

The 19 attendees included librarians from the following Lehigh Valley institutions: Cedar Crest College, DeSales University, Lafayette College, Lehigh Carbon Community College, Lehigh University, Moravian College, Muhlenberg College, Northampton Community College, and Penn State Schuylkill.

Assessment showed that everyone who attended the event found it helpful and would definitely attend a similar event again. Collier and Eger are looking to hold another LVALE session in late 2015.

Courtney Eger is an assistant professor and Information Services librarian at Northampton Community College. She is reading The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout.

Ellie Collier currently works for EBSCOhost, but was formerly the Outreach & Instruction librarian at Moravian College. She is reading Truth: Red, White, & Black by Robert Morales and Kyle Baker.

Northeast Chapter Spring Workshop

Today’s Librarian

BY ELIZABETH SHOMAKER

The Northeast Chapter of PaLA held its annual spring workshop on Friday, June 5 on the University of Scranton campus. The theme was “Today’s Librarian”, and participants examined the ways in which librarians’ roles in libraries and their communities are changing every day.

The day began with a keynote presented by Mary-Carol Lindbloom, executive director of New York’s South Central Regional Library Council, who encouraged participants to think about how library workers and libraries are positioned at a crossroad where diverse ideas, concepts, departments, disciplines, generations, and expertise can come together to spark change and innovation.

The day continued with six breakout sessions that showcased and explored the new and innovative ways in which both public and academic librarians are meeting the challenges of 21st century librarianship. Topics included information literacy, library branding, community programming collaboration, facilitating creativity, and supporting local entrepreneurship.

During the midday business meeting, attendees heard remarks from PaLA executive director Glenn Miller and PaLA president David Schappert. New business included the announcement of the chapter’s sponsorship of Tiffany Robbins-Gigee, Tiffany Lukashefski, Caitlin Thomas, and Elizabeth Shomaker to attend the 2015 PALS program.

This workshop was made possible in part by funding from LSTA.

Elizabeth Shomaker is the public relations and marketing chair of the Northeast Chapter and special collections assistant at the University of Scranton. She is reading Good to Great and the Social Sectors by Jim Collins.
The Lehigh Valley Chapter of PaLA announced the three recipients of its 2015 Spring Workshop scholarships. The scholarships were created a year ago for new and emerging librarians and current library school students to attend the chapter’s Spring Workshop free of charge. By providing free registration fees for each recipient, our chapter hoped to provide a gateway for the new and upcoming people in our profession to learn and network with other PaLA members.

The Lehigh Valley Chapter will also be awarding a 2015 PaLA Conference scholarship. One recipient will receive the full cost of any registration fees associated with attending the conference. The scholarship will also provide for part of the travel costs.

The application cycle for the 2016 Spring Workshop scholarship will begin once the chapter finalizes its conference planning.

Recipients are selected based on achievements, leadership, and financial need. To be eligible, an applicant must be enrolled in an ALA-accredited institution and have completed 12 credits in courses leading to an MLS, or equivalent degree in the library field or have completed an MLS from an ALA-accredited institution. Priority will be given to applicants who are personal members of PaLA.

The following is a complete list of recipients selected for the 2015 Spring Workshop scholarship:

- **Crystal Hunsicker**
  Library Science Student
  Kutztown University

- **Lisa Underwood**
  Youth Services Director
  Lower Macungie Library

- **Leigh-Anne Yacovelli**
  Librarian
  Lower Merion Library System

The Lehigh Valley Chapter thanks its members for graciously providing to new and emerging librarians and helping to ensure that our libraries continue to have dedicated librarians that will further our profession. We are dedicated to making sure that Pennsylvania’s library users will continue to have the best and brightest librarians.

Lisa Underwood, one of our recipients, also wished to thank PaLA in her own words:

“I was honored to receive a scholarship to attend the Lehigh Valley PaLA chapter’s Spring Workshop, held at Cedar Crest College in May 2015. After spending 10-plus years working as a library paraprofessional, I enrolled in Clarion University’s online M.S.L.S program in 2013. In my final semester of graduate school, I completed my capstone internship experience at the Lower Macungie Library, and was subsequently hired as their Youth Services Director.

“These first few months as a new graduate and library professional have been both exciting and overwhelming at times. I rely heavily on advice and wisdom shared by other library professionals. While I value my colleagues at the Lower Macungie Library, I was eager to make connections with other local librarians to expand my network. By attending the Spring Workshop, I was able to meet a number of library professionals from the Lehigh Valley. Additionally, the three sessions I attended offered excellent ideas for new and expanded library services which I hope to implement in my programming schedule. The Spring Workshop was an excellent first experience for me as a PaLA member, and I look forward to future opportunities as well.”

Please submit all questions and requests for information regarding the Lehigh Valley Chapter’s conference awards and scholarships to the scholarship subcommittee of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. The best way to reach the Lehigh Valley Chapter scholarship subcommittee is by email at dlh4@lehigh.edu.

Daniel L. Huang is the acquisitions librarian for the Lehigh University Libraries and the outgoing chair of the Lehigh Valley Chapter.
New Members

Gregory L. Lewis
Bosler Memorial Library

Rebecca Livingston
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Penny Lochner
Muhlenberg College

Tiffany London
Meyersdale Public Library

Roane Lytle
Williamsburg Public Library

Teri L. McDowell
Coudersport Public Library

Rebecca Jo McFadden
Greenville Area Public Library

Elizabeth Corbett McGoran
Cheltenham Township Library System

Jennifer Meslener
University of Rhode Island GSLIS

Bob Metz
Wilkinsburg Public Library

Rebecca Miller
Penn State University

William Minter
Penn State University Libraries

Deborah Moore
William Jeanes Memorial Library

Alice Munday
University of Pittsburgh

Al Municino
DCLS

Jan Muders Nocita
Shaler North Hills Library

Myra Rusinko Oleynik
Peters Township Public Library

KI Parr
Drexel University

Laura A. Perrier
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Andrea Raymer
Frank Sarris Public Library

Elizabeth (Betsy) Reichart
Penn Foster College

Jen Richard
Lancaster, PA

Stacey D. Rider
Chippewa Branch Library

Sarah Runco
Bethel Park Public Library

Abigail Salyards
Altoona Area Public Library

Beth Scheinfeld
LYRASIS

Valerie Sellix
Lehighton Area Memorial Library

Amber Ann Snyder
Everett Free Library

Matthew Stefanko
Carnegie Library of McKeesport

Ruth Thomas
N Cambria Public Library

Ruth Walter
Muhlenberg Community Library

Daniel Walz
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ILEAD! What About YOU?

MELINDA TANNER

I try to “lay low” and “keep off the radar”, but I want everyone out there to know that my experience as an ILEAD mentor has been one of the best of my career!

ILEAD PA is part of ILEAD USA. It is a national project spearheaded by the State Library of Illinois. This year was the first Pennsylvania cohort (one of nine states participating) and it isn’t going to be the last. Our amazing ILEADers (teams) have forged the path for this first year and 2016 will be even more amazing!

The announcement for next year’s applications will be made soon and we need you! Won’t you join us?

The teams are made up of librarians and staff members throughout the state – from every type of library: school, academic, public, correctional. Each team has identified a community problem with the challenge of “solving” it with the use of technology. For 2015, the teams and problems were:

- ALT (Adult Literacy Team): developed a Tutoring Toolkit for use with adult learners;
- Bookends: designed a website to help users access job and life essential information;
- Job Squad: created a “one-stop” application for job seekers;
- Memory Masters: developed a pilot project using CONTENTdm (digital collection management software) to assist in the preservation of local histories;
- TechniGals: developed a week-long day camp to get middle school girls excited about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math).

Do you recognize a community problem? Don’t worry, ILEAD project information will be made available so you won’t have to
“reinvent the wheel”. Also, watch for the 2015 ILEADers at conferences and system or district meetings/events.

ILEAD isn’t JUST about the project! ILEAD is about leadership, teamwork, building statewide relationships and networks, learning, “blowing up the box” and… having FUN! But, please, don’t take my word for it. Visit:

- ILEAD PA site: https://ileadapennsylvania.wordpress.com/
- Re-visit The Compendium for ILEAD information, team videos and archived keynotes: http://compendium.ocl-pa.org/?s=ILEAD; or,
- Check out the national site, ILEAD USA: https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/ileadusa.html

Consider applying for 2016. **You won’t regret it!**

*Melinda Tanner is the district consultant librarian for Washington, Greene & Fayette counties and the ILEAD mentor for TechniGals. She is reading The Martian by Andy Weir*

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**Dr. Kathryn Oller Remembered**

Longtime Drexel University Professor, Associate Dean

**BY GLENN R. MILLER**

Dr. A. Kathryn Oller, who impacted the lives of two generations of library students in Pennsylvania and Florida, passed away in May, just 13 months shy of what would have been her 100th birthday.

She served as professor and associate dean of Drexel’s College of Information Science and Technology from 1952-1982 after having served as assistant professor at Florida State University. Her teaching extended across the Atlantic through an exchange professorship with Liverpool Polytechnic in England.

But it was her 30-year tenure at Drexel University that connected her with countless Pennsylvania librarians who were taught and guided by Dr. Oller. She was a long-time member of ALA and PaLA as well as a member of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library Science Honor Society.

A native of Waynesboro, Franklin County, she also held positions at the Huntingdon County Library, the Juniata College Library, the Adams County Library, and the State Library of Pennsylvania during her career. After retirement, she devoted herself to numerous civic causes in and around Waynesboro including service on the board of directors of the Waynesboro Historical Society, where she organized and cataloged their archives and library collections.

Dr. Oller is survived by two nieces, Carolyn G. Wolff and Margaret B. Behnke, both of Waynesboro, and a nephew, T. Daniel Biss of Wyomissing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waynesboro Church of the Brethren, 117 S. Church Street, or to the Waynesboro Historical Society, 138 West Main Street, both in Waynesboro, PA 17268.
The Southeast Chapter of PaLA (SEPLA) presented its inaugural Support Staff Award during its annual Support Staff Workshop on June 9 at the Upper Merion Township Library in King of Prussia. During the presentation, two winners were honored: Mary Catherine Bunda of the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library in Bristol and Stacy Hutcheson of the Chester County Library in Exton.

Ms. Hutcheson, who was nominated by her director, works as a full-time library assistant in the Circulation Department where she consistently produces high-quality work. With an eye to improvement, she is always willing to take on new responsibilities. Ms. Hutcheson has been a reliable source of support for her colleagues throughout many organization and procedural changes and her friendly attitude positively impacts team dynamics.

Nominated by her supervisor, Ms. Bunda was acknowledged for her positive attitude, excellent work ethic, and her willingness to tackle new challenges. In her capacity as a full-time patron services technician, she has proved invaluable in helping staff transition to a single service desk model through her boundless enthusiasm and cooperative approach.

Both Ms. Hutcheson and Ms. Bunda demonstrate the outstanding qualities as defined in the SEPLA Support Staff Award criteria.

The SEPLA Support Staff Award was originated to recognize those valuable members of the library support staff who exhibit leadership, initiative, creativity, and a positive attitude in providing library services. Recognizing these traits in the people they work with, SEPLA members submitted nominees for consideration. The SEPLA Awards Committee reviewed and selected the winners from those nominated.

The recipients of the Support Staff Award exhibit some or all of the following:

- Demonstrates excellence in the performance of his/her role within the library, especially in allowing the library to best serve its constituents and/or its community.
- Uses initiative and creativity to improve productivity and quality of library services.
- Continually contributes to a positive and collaborative work environment.
- Has a positive attitude towards coworkers and clientele and the work environment.
- Displays a strong commitment to libraries.
- Has that extra something or goes that extra mile.

Each award recipient was presented a certificate bearing the name of the award and will also receive one year’s paid membership in the PaLA and paid registration at the SEPLA Annual Conference.

Dana Barber is library administrator at the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library in Bristol. Dana is reading Make Something Up: Stories You Can’t Unread by Chuck Palahniuk.
How Resolutions Are Approved by ALA Council

BY ANN SNOWMAN

As the PaLA councilor, I am sometimes asked, “Why does the ALA Council discuss hot button political issues that have nothing to do with libraries or the business of libraries?”

During recent ALA Council sessions the chapter councilors have heard proposals on gun violence, racism, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Edward Snowden, and more. What do these sessions have to do with libraries or the business of libraries? Better questions might be, “How do these issues come before the council, and how do they get on the tightly controlled agenda?”

Resolutions may be brought forward by a voting member of the council or an ALA committee chair and are expected to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee for review. The Resolutions Committee ensures that the resolution is formatted appropriately and contains all required parts and signatures; they do not comment on appropriateness. Once resolutions are formatted properly, the resolution is made available to the council, with time for review before the next the council session begins, and added to the agenda.

When we reach the resolution on the agenda, the proposer rises to read only the resolved clauses of the resolution; statements providing background or justification are skipped to save time. Following Roberts Rules of Order, council members then ask questions, make suggestions for revision, and often raise objections. It is during this period of discussion that the appropriateness of a resolution to the American Library Association may be questioned. It is not unusual for a resolution to be tabled until the next session. The proposer revises it, seeks support from various committees and roundtables, and returns to present a revised draft.

Once everyone wishing to do so has a chance to speak, the council votes. If the proposer has made his or her case well, an appropriate connection has been established. If the council is sympathetic the resolution will pass and become policy or actionable by ALA. If the council has not been convinced, the resolution will fail. Debate is the key to healthy decision-making and, during my term as PaLA councilor, I have been impressed with the democratic process and satisfied that the council has made sound decisions on behalf of ALA.

If you want to know absolutely everything about resolutions, check out http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines

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Northeast PaLA Stalwart Mary Burke Kelly Passes Away

BY GLENN R. MILLER

Mary Burke Kelly, one of PaLA’s stalwart Northeast Chapter members, passed away in June. A native of Scranton, she was a 1950 magna cum laude graduate of Marywood College, where she also received her M.L.S. degree a year later.

Kelly began her career in public libraries but later became a teacher and school librarian in the Scranton School District and at the Scranton Technical High School. In time, she was promoted to the position of library supervisor for the Scranton School District, responsibilities she carried out for more than three decades.

Throughout her career, she remained active with PaLA, especially the Northeast Chapter, and also served her profession across the state as a member of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Library Development during the administration of Gov. Bob Casey.

Mary Kelly is survived by a daughter, Marilyn C. Kelly, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and a son, Thomas J. Kelly and his wife, Dr. Kimberly Stampien, of Clarks Summit.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann’s Basilica, 1239 St. Ann’s Street, Scranton, PA, or to the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania.
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