Vice-President/President Elect Nominees

Scott Ahola
Director
Black Hills State University

Why do you choose to run for this office?
I think it would be an exciting challenge for me.

What do you think are the issues facing the Association?
I think membership numbers could be higher – and also we could also use more social networking to get the word out about our wonderful organization.

What would you plan to accomplish during your term if elected?
Plan a wonderful conference for all types of libraries – expand membership – and improve communications.

David Alexander
Digital Access Librarian
University of S.D.

Why do you choose to run for this office?
I want to give back to the association that has given much to me.

What do you think are the issues facing the Association?
I believe the economic challenges of recent years have caused libraries to focus more on their internal situations. We need to look for ways to foster collaboration and exchange more information about what is happening in our libraries.

What would you plan to accomplish during your term if elected?
My primary goal would be to build a stronger community of libraries in South Dakota by fostering more communication through social media and other tools.
From the President…
Annie Brunskill

National Library Legislative Day

On April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, Jan Brue Enright and I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend ALA’s National Library Legislative Day. The full report may be found on the SDLA Website under “About SDLA/Board Documents,” but I’d like to take this opportunity to update all of you on some of the most relevant legislation currently making its way through Congress.

Following was the status of this legislation as of the end of April:

• Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is basically on hold at this time. Although both the House and the Senate have marked up and voted out of committee reauthorized bills, it’s unlikely that a bill will be sent to the President’s desk before the end of this year’s session.

• Innovative Approaches to Literacy school library funding. The Department of Education is currently working out guidelines for this competitive grant for underserved school libraries.

• LSTA - the President’s budget request contains level funding at $187.4 million. Both the House and the Senate will be marking up the FY 2013 appropriations bills in the next few months, but hopefully funding will stay at that amount.

• Federal Research Public Access Act (FRPAA) of 2012 has gained co-sponsors over the last month and the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology’s Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on March 29th on Examining Public Access and Scholarly Publication Interests.

• Faster FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) was referred to the same House Committee as FRPAA.

• Government Printing Office (GPO) - the President has asked for a 2013 budget request of $216,200,000 for GPO.

• Cybersecurity and Surveillance. ALA isn’t actively supporting either of these bills at this time unless the language is changed to improve protections for private communications, personal privacy and other First Amendment rights.

All of these bills may change as Congress goes through its appropriations meetings, which should be completed by the end of September, but will probably, from the information we received, not be completed until the end of 2012 or later. To keep abreast of changes regarding these bills, you can go to ALA’s Legislative Action Center capwiz.com/ala/home/
SDLN Update...
Ronelle Thompson

SDLN’s RFP Task Force has been diligently working on our behalf since the fall. As previously communicated the RFP (Request for Proposal) was completed and posted for vendor response. Six responses were received from SirsiDynix (Symphony), Equinox (Evergreen), OCLC (WorldShare), PALS (Evergreen), Polaris, and Innovative (Sierra). As a reminder, all documents relating to the work of the Task Force are available on the SDLN website. If you have misplaced the password, please feel free to contact an SDLN staff member.

At the April Advisory Council meeting via DDN members voted to accept the recommendation of the RFP Task Force to invite SirsiDynix, Equinox, and OCLC for demonstrations of their products. These demonstrations will take place in Sioux Falls with a real-time WebEx link, as well as being archived for viewing later. The vendors have been provided with a list of functionalities that we want to be certain are demonstrated. The Task Force has also created an evaluation tool that will be available as a print document to record thoughts, impressions, questions, etc. during the demonstrations and an online version in SurveyMonkey for feedback following the demonstrations. Demonstrations were held Monday, May 21 (Sirsi/Dynix), Tuesday, May 22 (Equinox) and Wednesday, May 23 (OCLC).

The SDLN membership has been well served these past months by the members of the RPF Task Force. The joint leadership of Anne Moore (USD) as chair and Jodie Barker (NSU) as writer/coordinator working with Deb Hagemeier (Augustana), Colleen Kirby (State Library), Monique Christensen (Siouxland), and Kathy Jacobs (Yankton) has resulted in a thoughtful process that has been thorough and transparent. We are grateful to the task force members for their commitment to helping SDLN evaluate the ILS landscape and move forward with confidence.

EST Report as of May 7, 2012

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Busy, Busy!

This year will be another busy year for SDLA. By the time many of you read this issue of Book Marks, the SDLA Executive Board will have finalized the new 2012-2014 SDLA Strategic Plan. It will be loaded on the Website soon, so take a minute to look over, see if there are any areas where you might be willing to volunteer some time, and occasionally check to see how your organization is moving forward.

Branch Out, the biennial conference for support staff, will be held this year at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre on May 16th. The 2011 Branch Out Task Force investigated the best way to make the conference work for the most people. A central location and a May date were two of the most requested features for the conference. If you are a library director or administrator, please encourage your support staff to attend, and if you have ideas for speakers, please send your suggestions to Mary Gillick, Support Staff Section Chair, at mgillick@sdln.net. We hope to see a good turnout. I've attended and it's well worth the time to go, not just for the speakers, but also for the networking with other staff members.

SDLA Elections 2012

Recording Secretary Candidates

Ernetta Fox
Director, Disability Services, USD

Why do you choose to run for this office?
I want to become more involved in SDLA and bring the perspective of information management outside of the library.

What type of leadership and communication skills would you bring to this office?
I would bring effective and organized leadership and communication skills to the office.

What would you plan to accomplish during your term if elected?
I would hope to provide the services the Association needs in a Recording Secretary to the best of my ability.

Cindy Messenger
Director, Hot Springs Public Library

I belong to SDLA and MPLA, which is why I am running for office. I was fortunate to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute at Estes Park in 2010, it was a tremendous experience and I want to give back to my friends and fellow librarians in South Dakota.

Through the years, I have served on committees and boards in my professional and personal life. This experience has taught me to work on a team with goals and deadlines. Library Institute increased my skills in confident communication and decision making.

As Recording Secretary my intention is to work with the governing board to make the meetings, decisions, and conference run as smoothly as possible. To keep detailed minutes and offer assistance in any area of need.

New SDLA Members

Sandra Andera  Maryanne Rohrer
Nathan Carlson  Ron Sasso
Tameka Eldridge  Art Schott
Becky Folkerts  Sally-Adrina Taylor
Glen Kruger  Daniel Thomas
Jeri Light  Sandra Urbaniak
Sabrina Olson  Rod Pettigrew
Anne Rogers  Anne Rogers

Libraries:
Crossroads to Discovery
SDLA Annual Conference
Huron - October 3-5
Brenda Hemmelman  
Research/Government Publications Librarian,  
SD State Library  

**Why do you choose to run for this office?**  
I’ve had the pleasure of serving on the MPLA Executive Board for the past year as Membership Committee Chair. Continuing on the MPLA Executive Board as MPLA councilor for SD will allow me to further develop the great relationships that have already begun, learn about what other states are dealing with in their library communities, and use that knowledge to better our Association and our SD libraries.

**What would you plan to accomplish during your term if elected?**  
I would like to help facilitate continuing education, as well as promote the MPLA Leadership Institute, membership benefits, and promotion of professional development grants and scholarships. The 2013 SDLA, MPLA, NDLA tri-conference will be a wonderful opportunity for collaboration across state borders, and we should take advantage of that.

Katherine Eberline  
Children’s Librarian,  
Brookings Public Library  

**Why do you choose to run for this office?**  
I am running for the office of MPLA representative to have an opportunity to be more involved both with SDLA and MPLA as professional organizations.

**What would you plan to accomplish during your term if elected?**  
I hope to continue fostering communication between MPLA and SDLA. I would like to keep the members of SDLA informed of what is happening in the regional association. Also, I would make sure the needs of South Dakota are well represented.

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Karen Bruns began as the Layne Library cataloger in September of 1987, back when the library was in Smith Hall. In addition to cataloging, Karen oversaw serials management at McGovern Library. Karen’s last day of work will be May 31, 2012.

A new cataloging/serials librarian has been hired to replace Karen. Kelly Henkel will begin work at McGovern Library June 1, 2012. Kelly is originally from Sioux Falls and has her BA degree from SDSU. She is a SWIM scholarship recipient and will finish her MLIS program at the University of North Texas later this summer.

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**CONFERENCE KEYNOTE**  
Championing Free Speech in 41 States- And Counting

In *The Joy of Censorship*, his nationally acclaimed program which he’s performed in 41 states, MAD Magazine Senior Editor Joe Raiola reflects on the day’s most hotly debated first amendment issues with great insight and humor.

From Sarah Palin’s now infamous gun sight map, to Comedy Central’s censoring of *South Park*, to the deletion of the word “nigger” in a recent edition of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, to the burning of the Koran, to the Supreme Court’s ruling in favor of the Westboro Baptist Church, no subject is off limits in Raiola’s passionately outspoken program.

*The Joy of Censorship* sheds light on the endless arguments over banned books, movie ratings, the FCC, the Patriot Act and the true meaning of obscenity. It also traces the unlikely and colorful history of MAD Magazine, from renegade publisher William Gaines historic showdown with the United States Senate over comic book censorship to MAD’s emergence as revolutionary satiric force.

A favorite on the lecture circuit for nearly two decades, Joe Raiola has appeared in *The Joy of Censorship* at countless colleges, theaters, public libraries and professional conferences.
**SDLA Elections 2012**

**ALA Representative (running unopposed)**

Vickie Mix  
Government Documents Librarian  
Briggs Library, SDSU

*Why do you choose to run for this office?*
I wish to serve the South Dakota Library Association as an officer in the organization as well as serve all libraries in South Dakota. The Association has supported my participation in the Mountain Plains Library Association’s Leadership Institute and the American Library Association’s Emerging Leaders Program. SDLA has been an integral part of my professional development and I wish to give back to the organization and South Dakota libraries through leadership. I believe strongly in advocating for libraries throughout the world and welcome the opportunity to work with ALA as a chapter councilor to assure equitable access to information.

*What would you plan to accomplish during your term if elected?*
The SDLA Executive Board has drafted the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan which will guide the organization’s activities for the next three years. I hope to assist in the implementation of action plans aimed at achieving the Association’s goals. The South Dakota Library Association should continue to emphasize the value of all libraries. I would work diligently to secure continuing public support for school, public, academic, health, and special libraries in South Dakota. Library cuts and closures threaten educational equity, information access and the cultural fabric of communities. I hope to work with SDLA and ALA in addressing the crisis in libraries in our state and across the nation.

**South Dakota Children's Book Award Winners**

Our children’s voices have been heard through the 2011-12 South Dakota Children’s Book Awards voting! Following are the results of the recent Prairie Bud/Prairie Pasque vote.

The **Prairie Bud** winner is *Rhyming Dust Bunnies* by Jan Thomas.

The **Prairie Pasque** winner is *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association, South Dakota Children’s Book Awards encourage students in grades K-5 to read and vote for their favorite book of the year. The Prairie Bud Award is designed for students in Kindergarten through second grade, while the Prairie Pasque Award is for third, fourth, and fifth graders. Both awards challenge students to read and vote for their favorite book from a list of nominated titles. Children who read at least five titles from the list for their grade level qualify to vote. Each award is given to the book receiving the most votes from students throughout South Dakota.

Ninety-four schools across the state participated in voting for the 2011-12 Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque awards. At least 11,178 students in kindergarten through second grades K-2 voted for a book nominated for this year’s Prairie Bud Award, while 5,252 third, fourth, and fifth graders took part in the Prairie Pasque Award voting.
It is not too soon to get started on nominating a deserving person for the SDLA awards. The deadline for submitting the nomination is August 17, 2012. Descriptions of the awards and nomination forms are available at the SDLA web site (www.sdlibraryassociation.org). The following hints will help you to submit a nomination that has the best possible chance to win.

1. Make sure your nominee meets all of the criteria. Some awards require an active membership in SDLA. Other awards specify an amount of time that the nominee will have worked in the profession. If you are uncertain if the nominee has a current membership or if you would like to know approximately how many years they have been a member, the Executive Secretary can help you.

2. Include plenty of supporting documentation with your nomination. For example, if you are nominating someone for Trustee of the Year, you must include more information than the fact that they have been a trustee for 25 years and that they attended most of the meetings. Were they a member of SDLA? Did they attend conferences and training to keep up to date? What was accomplished while they were trustee? Did they chair special projects? Champion the library’s cause at City Council meetings? Frequently speak about the library at civic organizations? Play an instrumental role in getting the new building? Help get a new program/service started? What else have they done in the community that makes them a notable person worthy of this award? You can apply similar questions to all award categories.

3. Attach letters of support from co-workers, members of the community, other librarians, patrons, etc. Ask supporters to cite specific instances that demonstrate why this nominee is special.

4. Attach, if available, other supporting documents such as newspaper articles, photos, etc. that support your nomination.

5. Submit your nomination by the deadline.

Nominations and letters of support can be submitted electronically (preferred) or by mail. All nomination materials should be submitted to: Dorothy Liegl (2651 Essex Rd, Pierre, SD 57501) or strictlyliegl@msn.com If you have questions, call Dorothy at 605-220-4100.

Two SDLA Conference Grants are available to defray costs of registration, travel and hotel expenses, plus costs of a substitute at the home library if needed. Grants of up to $400 may be awarded. Recipients must be members of SDLA. Deadline is 45 days before conference. Awards will be made within 30 days of conference.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Crossroads Hotel @ the Huron Events Center at a rate of $74.99 single/double occupancy. Please call the hotel directly at (605) 352-3204 and specify the SDLA Conference.

Reservations must be made by September 18, 2012 to receive the conference rate.
The Brookings area libraries celebrated National Library Workers Day during National Library Week, on April 12th. This year marked the 14th year that these libraries have gotten together to celebrate. Photo courtesy of Karen Sween, BPL

SDSU’s Briggs Library, teamed up with the Brookings Public library to sponsor two programs about Oscar Micheaux, an author, filmmaker, and entrepreneur, who homesteaded in the Gregory area. Oscar Micheaux: Fact, Fiction, and Stories on April 11 featured South Dakota Humanities scholars Joyce Jefferson and Jerry Wilske. Joyce, in period costume portrayed Oscar’s first wife Orlean and Jerry acted as a historian, employing excerpts from Micheaux’s novels The Homesteader and The Conquest. On April 13 Micheaux’s film Body and Soul was shown at the public library with an introduction by Jerry Wilske. These programs were made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

At Vermillion Public during National Library Week, all of our preschool storytimers were invited to bring a stuffed animal. We read When the Library Lights Go Out by Megan McDonald and Katherine Tillotson. The kids left their stuffed friends for a library sleepover. The attached picture shows one of the many activities they enjoyed in the library after closing! Each child who participated got a picture book of the animals’ adventures.

USF’s theme for NLW was “Who Says Libraries Can’t Be All Fun & Games?” We had a game night and played life-sized Candy Land (we even had a few people dressing up as characters from the game - Queen Frostine, Lord Licorice, Princess Lolly, Gramma Nut, etc.

Black Hills State offered a week of Amnesty for Library Fines - If a student brought back late items during NLW - their library fines were waived. Also, Students were encouraged to complete a library scavenger hunt for an opportunity to win a $50.00 gift card to the University Bookstore.

Library board members Barbara Brill and Judy Kratovil were honored by the Bennett County Library. Since April is National Library Month, the library took this time to honor Barbara and Judy for over ten years of service as library board members. Each was given a ten year service pin, a balloon, and a floral arrangement. All members of the board, and library clerks Amanda Holcomb, and Carol Yohner were also given a bookmark as a token of appreciation. Also in honor of Library Month, patrons are given the choice of pencils, bookmarks, balloons, key tags or buttons during the month of April. The library has also declared April a Fine Free Month. No fines are charged for all overdue items returned to the library during April.

At Rapid City Public Library, Kazumi Tinant demonstrated how to create spring flowers in our Origami Discovery Day. We had 120 total attendees at both branches.

A local lady presented about fiber art. She told us about shearing her goats, spinning the yarn, dying it, and all the steps from beginning to end. She talked about the importance of reading and her personal quest to learn two new skills each year by reading books.
Living History at the Grant County Public Library

The Grant County Public Library located in Milbank, SD hosted the National Humanities Exhibit: “Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War” from March 3rd to April 13, 2012. The Grant County Public Library was one of the 200 libraries from across the United States selected as a host for the exhibit. Sponsors for the exhibit are the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Constitution Center and the American Library Association.

The exhibition consisted of five separate, free standing sections that brought into focus the secession of the Southern States, slavery, and wartime civil liberties. The exhibition encouraged visitors to understand the Civil War as a test of the U. S. Constitution, to consider Lincoln’s options through his own eyes and to reflect on the significance of that great 19th century conflict for Americans today.

The exhibit opened at the Library on March 3rd with the opportunity for the public to meet Mr. Lincoln (Stan DeHaan, impersonator) and enjoy his special presentation. Many visitors enjoyed having their picture taken with our Mr. Lincoln.

Mr. David Grettler, Professor of History from Northern State College was our guest speaker on the evening of March 22nd. His presentation “The Civil War through Lincoln’s eyes” was followed by a lively discussion.

Another living history opportunity was available the evening of March 26th when Mr. Mellette (John Timm, impersonator) talked about his life as a soldier in the civil war. As South Dakota’s last territorial governor and first state governor, he also talked about what was happening in the state during the civil war years. The Library also hosted several local classrooms on March 26th and 27th for Mr. Mellette’s presentation, exhibit tour and playing period era games.

The Grant County Public Library was very pleased to host this wonderful exhibit for the community. The groups, classrooms and individuals that came to the presentations and toured the exhibit expressed many compliments about their experience.

National Library Legislative Day

After the all-day Monday meeting, the large group convened for a reception honoring Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island with an honorary membership in ALA for his continued work supporting libraries.

On Tuesday we met with staffers from Senator John Thune’s, Representative Kristi Noem’s, and Senator Tim Johnson’s offices. Four very young, very energetic young people listened to us talk about the issues that are so important to libraries. We were told that most aides and staffers are young and they were right! Washington politics is full of vibrant young people, and we were very impressed with their knowledge and capabilities. All the staffers with whom we met will be passing on our requests for support for funding to their respective bosses.

Senator Johnson’s staff has since forwarded the two letters he has written in support of both LSTA funding, and support to childhood literacy programs.

After we met with Senator Johnson’s staffers, we had the opportunity to go to the Senate Gallery while the Senate was
After completing his grinding daily chores, foster boy Joe Welch climbed to his wooden crate bed and escaped to his secret attic habit. He read by candlelight - a waste of time and a fire hazard, his foster mother raged. Joe was beaten, more than once.

Joe kept reading. That’s how he learned about Gutzon Borglum and dreamed of becoming a mountain carver. Joe left the abusive family at age 16, worked on the Boston waterfront and put himself through technical school.

He learned to carve. First wood. Then stone. He also learned his name was not Joe Welch.

Newly renamed Korczak Ziolkowski, he continued reading and never forgot his carving dream.

He ultimately worked for Gutzon Borglum at Mount Rushmore. Korczak also won first prize at the New York World’s Fair. He continued reading. So did Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear, who discovered in newspapers the artist he wanted to carve a mountain monument to Native American people.

Korczak read Standing Bear’s appeals. They met in South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and at Korczak’s home in Connecticut. Korczak joined the Army for World War II and continued to read, including the correspondence stream from Chief Standing Bear. The elder campaigned for a shrine “so the white man will know the red man has great heroes also.”

Korczak on May 3, 1947, moved his household and books to a historic homestead ranch now named Crazy Horse Memorial. Some of his personal library is part of a historic research library not far from the world’s largest mountain carving in progress.

More than 7,000 books, magazines and other periodicals are in the collection. The initial ordering and Dewey Decimal cataloging was accomplished manually.

Jessie Sundstrom, a longtime southern
Black Hills journalist and early Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation board member, led the work to establish the Memorial’s historical records and contributed items.

Dawn Ziolkowski, oldest daughter of the sculptor, helped in logging the information about the books and donors.

Sundstrom, publisher of the Custer County Chronicle and author of stories and books about the Black Hills, shared Korczak’s passion for things written.

“Books and tools. Korczak always said they were the two things he could not live without,” said his wife, Ruth Ziolkowski. “He could read three books at a time.”

Like his approach to the giant mountain, Korczak zealously tackled Michener’s “Poland,” “Hawaii” and “South Pacific,” then shifted to Old West adventure stories of Zane Grey.

He retained the writing. In reciting Poe’s “The Raven” and Wilde’s “The Ballad of Reading Gaol” Korczak passed on poetry to his children.

The library and literary lessons outgrew a room off the family dining room, then surpassed the study area called “Korczak’s Room.”

The first official “library” was a 1½ story space that also was part art gallery and meeting room for the nonprofit Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation board of directors.

That’s where Janeen Melmer began working in 1994 with Jessie Sundstrom and Anne Ziolkowski, who ultimately took on management of the museum and its research library for her parents.

Together, they prepared for what is today’s library and museum in the visitor Welcome Center that opened in phases over 2000-2001. South Dakota native Al Neuharth, founder of the USA TODAY newspaper, led the national fund drive for the multimillion-dollar project.

Since Anne’s death in 2011, Janeen assists Crazy Horse Memorial President-CEO Ruth Ziolkowski in overseeing the research library and other educational areas in the 40,000 square foot visitor center.

Gifts and acquisitions have significantly expanded the library’s material. Librarian Marguerite Cullum is converting the typed and handwritten catalog records to an electronic searchable database.

Korczak would be thrilled, but Ruth Ziolkowski admits it is tough to keep up. “If I know something in the mail is for the library, I give it to Janeen because I know I won’t have a chance to read it, unfortunately.”

For the present, the Crazy Horse library is limited to use by researchers who make appointments and the Memorial’s summer students attending the Indian University of North America.

For information, call (605) 673-4681, email memorial@crazyhorse.org or write to Crazy Horse Memorial, 12151 Avenue of the Chiefs, Crazy Horse, SD 57730-8900.

by Pat Dobbs and Janeen Melmer
It’s National Library Week. Dawn and Katie McClure stock up on their Spring reading at the Potter County Library. FYI: For your reading pleasure, the bookmobile also makes a trip to Hoven once a month during the school year and once a week during the summer months.