

ILA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 23 April 2009
Illinois Library Association

Present

Officers

Donna Dziedzic, President
Bradley F. Baker, Immediate Past President
Carole A. Medal, Vice President/President-Elect
Jamie Bukovac, Treasurer

Directors

Betsy Adamowski
Halle Cox
Robyn Hendricks
Tina Hubert
Theodore Schwitzner
Jocelyn Tipton

Ex Officio

Robert P. Doyle
Anne B. Craig

Absent

Carole Dickerson
Dianne Happ
Emily Guss
Christine Stupegia
Diana Brawley Sussman
H Dayle K. Zelenka

Guests

Deidre Brennan
Kiplund Kolkmeier

The meeting began at 2:07 P.M.

Review of the Agenda

D. Dziedzic reviewed the agenda and it was approved. B. Baker moved, J. Tipton seconded and it was

Voted, That the Illinois Library Association's Executive Board approve the minutes of the ILA Executive Board Friday, 20 February 2009 meeting. (The motion passed unanimously. C. Dickerson, D. Happ, E. Guss, C. Stupegia, D. Sussman, and D. Zelenka were not present to vote.)

Public Policy Committee

K. Kolkmeier said the 2009 Spring Legislative session is entering the final month and the message for Illinois Library Day participants and to those not attending is now is the time to remind our local legislators about library issues since it is the key time for budget negotiations. R. Doyle said that he would make a request in the next ILA E-news for members to contact their State Senators and State Representatives with the following messages:

- (1) Illinois needs a capital projects bill and library projects need to be specifically identified in the capital bill as eligible for state funding. If libraries are not specifically listed as eligible, there is no guarantee library projects will be funded;
- (2) Send your specific list of local shovel-ready projects to your legislators. (You can download and use, as appropriate, the information in the Illinois Library Shovel-Ready Construction/Renovation Projects); and
- (3) Support the Illinois Secretary of State's proposed budget that includes funding for library grants including small increases in equalization, school, and public library per capita grants.

K. Kolkmeier noted that D. Brennan, A. Craig, R. Doyle, D. Dziedzic, and C. Medal met with Carolyn Brown Hodge, deputy chief of staff, office of the governor, on Thursday, April 23 to discuss a capital bill and federal stimulus dollars. There is \$374 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (ARRA) State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for the governor's discretionary use. This funding is flexible and the control rests in the hands of the governor on how the funding is allocated in the state. It is those funds that we are hoping the governor will allocate to repair and modernize library buildings and to keep our doors open or extend hours, hire staff, purchase materials to meet the increasing needs, etc. C. Hodge gave us a copy of "2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Programs with Applications for Illinois," prepared by the Office of the Governor, update March 31, 2009, which lists the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a potential source for rural libraries.

C. Hodge mentioned that Governor Quinn will be unveiling a special program tomorrow at the Forsyth Public Library and the O'Fallon Public Library. The Ameren Illinois Utilities donated WATT Solutions kits with Kill A Watt EZ power meters to the downstate library systems. This donation will allow library patrons to borrow WATT Solutions kits through their local libraries at no cost. ILA requested both Bev Obert from the Rolling Prairie Library System and Tina Hubert from the Lewis & Clark Library System to talk to Gov. Quinn about the discretionary funds at both events.

Kolkmeier reported that all of the "library bills" are advancing successfully through the legislative process:

- **House Bill (HB) 49**, sponsor: Representative Dan Brady (R-88, Bloomington). Allows for disposal of withdrawn materials from Illinois academic libraries and the Illinois State Library. Passed in the House 110 to 0 and now it is assigned to the Senate State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee.
- **House Bill (HB) 211**, sponsor: Representative Frank J. Mautino (D-76, Spring Valley). Provides a fair process to dissolve local libraries, which do not provide library service or meet specific criteria such as appropriate funds, elect library board members, or hold meetings. Passed in the House 108 to 0 and now it is assigned to the Senate State Local Government Committee.
- **House Bill (HB) 146**, sponsor: Representative Marlow H. Colvin (D-33, Chicago) and **Senate Bill (SB) 103**, sponsor: Senator Donne E. Trotter (D-17, Chicago). These bills allow county boards to authorize an increase in county law library fees to support county law library operations instead of raising property taxes. Passed in the House 70 to 40 and now it is assigned to the Senate Executive Committee.
- **House Bill (HB) 771**, sponsor: Representative Rich Brauer (R-100, Springfield). Amends the Public Library District Act of 1991. If the City of Springfield annexes territory within the Chatham Area Public Library District for the proposed Hunter Lake and the territory is automatically disconnected from the Chatham Area Public Library District, then all remaining territory of the Chatham Area Public Library District is nevertheless deemed contiguous. Provides that the remaining territory continues to be a part of the Chatham Area Public Library District. R. Doyle contacted the Lincoln Library in Springfield and found out that the library is neutral regarding this legislation. At the last board meeting, the board voted to monitor this bill. Passed in the House 106 to 0 and now it is assigned to the Senate State Local Government Committee.
- **House Bill (HB) 793**, sponsor: Representative Dave Winters (R-68, Rockford). Amends the Open Meetings Act to permit a public body with jurisdiction over more than 4,500 square miles to allow board members to participate in meetings electronically. This allows multi-county library systems to more efficiently meet and conduct business. Passed in the House 97 to 20 and now it is assigned to the Senate State Local Government Committee.
- **House Bill (HB) 242**, sponsor: Representative Elaine Nekritz (D-57, Des Plaines). Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code. Provides that the debt service extension base must be increased each year by the percentage increase, for the previous calendar year, of the Consumer Price Index (CIP). In response to a request from Representative Barbara Flynn Currie (D-25, Chicago), R. Doyle called attorney Roger Ritzman on Thursday, 19 February requesting his assistance in preparing a one-page levy table to demonstrate the impact if the debt service extension base had increased by the CIP since 1994. Passed in the House 69 to 46 and now it is assigned to the Senate Revenue Committee.

- **House Bill (HB) 1311**, sponsor: Representative Dennis M. Reboletti (R-46, Addison). Creates the Internet Service Provider Anti-Pornography Law as a new Article in the Public Utilities Act. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall require that all Internet service providers that provide service to customers in the state shall comply with the law concerning the prevention of transmission of child pornography. Provides that the commission shall select a nationwide law enforcement agency to serve as a clearinghouse and compile a continuously updated list of files known to contain child pornography. Provides that the selected law enforcement agency shall inspect the files and makes a judgment that the files are illegal in their jurisdiction before adding them to the registry according to their hash value. Provides that the commission shall require that Internet service providers create and implement software that complies with specified provisions. Provides that an Internet service provider that makes a good-faith effort to comply with the law shall be immune from liability. Provides that the commission may adopt any rules necessary for administration of the law. At the last ILA Executive Board meeting, R. Doyle noted that Utah passed a similar law (http://news.cnet.com/Utah-governor-signs-Net-porn-bill/2100-1028_3-5629067.html), which is currently being challenged by the Freedom to Read Foundation. A Pennsylvania law requiring Internet service providers to block Web sites identified by the state attorney general as 'child porn' was struck down as unconstitutional (see Center for Democracy and Technology's summary here: <http://www.cdt.org/speech/pennwebblock/>). The Illinois Library Association's Executive Board voted to remain neutral on House Bill (HB) 1311. The bill has not advanced in the Illinois General Assembly.
- **House Bill (HB) 1312** sponsors: Representative Cross (R-84, Plainfield), Darlene J. Senger (R-96, Naperville), Roger L. Eddy (R-109, Hutsonville), Michael G. Connelly (R-48, Naperville), Renée Kosel (R-81, Mokena), Sandra M. Pihos (R-42, Glen Ellyn) and Raymond Poe (R-99, Springfield). Creates the Social Networking Web site Access Restriction Act. Provides that an owner of a social networking Web site must obtain and maintain in a database the written permission of the parent or guardian of each minor who is allowed access to the social networking Web site. Provides that an owner of a social networking Web site must give each parent or guardian unlimited access to the Webpage profile of the minor under his or her supervision. Provides that an owner of a social networking Web site must implement procedures for verification of the age and information of anyone having a Webpage on the social networking Web site. Provides that an owner of a social networking Web site must also verify the status of the parents or guardians who have granted permission to a minor to host a social networking Web site. Prohibits registered sex offenders from hosting or accessing a social networking Web site. Provides that operators of a social networking Web site must allow the parent or guardian of the minor unrestricted access to the profile Webpage of the minor at all times. Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that a knowing

violation by an owner or operator of the Social Networking Web site Access Restriction Act is an unlawful practice within the meaning of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Last year, House Bills (HB) 4874-4880, sponsored by Representative Tom Cross (R-84, Plainfield), were similar bills and the ILA Executive Board directed staff to work on these Social Networking & Sex Offender Bills with the sponsor and other like-minded organizations to make sure that these legislative initiatives do not negatively impact libraries. While the current bill is seemingly directed to commercial vendors, it is overly broad and could impact libraries negatively. By consensus, the board voted to oppose this bill. The bill has not advanced in the Illinois General Assembly.

- **Senate Bill (SB) 1294**, sponsor: Senator Louis S. Viverito (D-11, Burbank). Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a child sex offender to knowingly be present at any portion or area of a public library facility designated by the library's governing board of library trustees or by the library commission for use primarily by children under the age of eighteen, as well as any program in the public library facility directed towards children under the age of eighteen. The Illinois Library Association's Executive Board opposes Senate Bill (SB) 1294. The bill has not advanced in the Illinois General Assembly.
- **House Bill (HB) 84**, sponsor: Representative Lou Lang (D-16, Skokie). Makes an appropriation of \$200,000 to the Illinois Secretary of State, as State Librarian, to fund the partnership between Citizens' Library of Illinois-Comprehensive Knowledge Service and Health-E Illinois. The ILA Executive Board took no action on this bill. Passed in the House 96 to 19 and now it is assigned to the Senate Appropriations II Committee.
- **House Bill (HB) 547**, sponsors: Representatives Sandra M. Pihos (R-42, Glen Ellyn) and Sidney H. Mathias (R-53, Arlington Heights). Creates the Identity Protection Act. Prohibits a State or local government agency from using an individual's social security number in certain ways, subject to various exceptions. Requires each State or local government agency to develop and implement an identity protection policy. Provides that any employee of a State or local government agency who intentionally violates the provisions of the Act is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Preempts the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Imposes conditions on any rulemaking authority. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. The ILA Executive Board took no action on this bill. Passed in the House 118 to 0 and now it is assigned to the Senate Executive Committee.
- **Senate Hill (SB) 1285**, sponsors: Senator Linda Holmes (D-42, Plainfield) and Representative Michael J. Zalewski (D-21, Summit). Amends the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Provides that voting members or their proxies, belonging to a not-for-profit corporation, may conduct elections for directors, officers, or representatives by mail, e-mail, or other electronic means if

the corporation's bylaws so provide (instead of conducting elections for directors and officers exclusively by first-class mail only). The ILA Executive Board took no action on this bill. Passed in the Senate 56 to 0 and now it is assigned to the House Judiciary I, Civil Law Committee.

B. Baker, S. Long, and D. Brennan are working on the association's position regarding raising the state income tax. (Exhibit 1, pp. 1-2)

Statewide Planning Proposal: A Possible LSTA Grant Proposal

D. Brennan noted that the organization of library cooperation in Illinois has not been examined in a number of years, despite many changes in libraries, technology, the information industry, society, and funding. Library cooperation and resource sharing provide essential services to Illinois residents. Given the current economic crisis, it is an opportune time to gather library stakeholders to discuss the needs of Illinois residents and how libraries of all types can work together to strengthen their collaboration, to meet the fiscal challenges, prepare for the future, and meet the needs of Illinois residents in the most effective and economical ways possible.

Cooperation produces economies of scale, reduces duplication, and increases the quantity and quality of services and programs available. Resource sharing among libraries makes resources more widely available to residents and reduces costs for individual libraries.

To begin this process, a plenary session of stakeholders would be invited to a meeting facilitated by Maureen Sullivan to begin planning for the future of Illinois library cooperation and resource sharing. Sullivan has worked with groups in California and Massachusetts to design and facilitate this type of process. She also has experience working with a number of libraries and librarians in Illinois.

This initial plenary session would be an opportunity for library leaders to identify and discuss:

- Current strengths and successful experiences in cooperation and resource sharing;
- Ways to improve library service to the people of Illinois;
- Potential new areas for cooperation and new services to be offered;
- Possible new structures and approaches;
- Pros and cons of any changes to the current arrangement; and
- Components of an effective process for further planning.

An interim planning committee of D. Dziejczak, D. Brennan, S. Long, K. Danczak-Lyons, B. Baker, and A. Craig will develop the list of invitees and work with Sullivan to set the agenda and desired outcomes. Sullivan's usual consulting fee is \$2,500 per day, plus reimbursement of expenses. Because of her previous work with libraries in Illinois and her strong professional commitment to fostering collaboration in the field, she has agreed to reduce her fee to \$2,000 per day, plus reimbursement of expenses. It is likely three consulting days will be required.

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Karen Egan, Illinois LSTA Grants Consultant, and Pat Norris, Associate Director/Grants & Programs, have said, "we all agree that this idea sounds great!"

State Library Report

A. Craig encouraged ILA to think of an appropriate way to thank Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White for the Obama Special Event License Plate idea. A thank you letter and/or recognition at the 2009 ILA Annual Conference in Peoria are two quick and obvious ways to thank White. Craig noted a revision of the Standards for the Services of Illinois Multitype Library Systems is underway and responses are requested. The administrative rules for the library systems will also be revised. The state library is currently applying for Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funds to provide hardware to Illinois public libraries. The Foundation's response should be received in June or July. It is envisioned that libraries will have to provide matching funds of 25 percent for the first year; 50 percent matching in the second year. Two hundred twenty-five people attended the "On the Front Lines" conference in Springfield, March 16-18.

Treasurer's Report

Review of Financial Statements

J. Bukovac reviewed ILA Financial Statements including the Balance Sheet; Summary Income Statement and Detail Income Statement, Nine Months March 31, 2009; Cash Available for Investment; and Description of ILA's Investments and Cash Received by Due Period. Bukovac noted that effective May 1, 2009, ILA's investment advisory relationship has changed from Cozad Asset Management to Rehmann Financial. Mike Paukstis recently left the firm and Andrew Paoni has been assigned in our account. They will be available via Web conference for the next ILA Executive Board meeting on Friday, 19 June.

2008-09 Income & Exp. Projections

R. Doyle noted the current projections are looking very good considering the country's economic situation. The Obama Special Event License Plates and an extraordinarily successful 2008 ILA Annual Conference are saving this year's budget. The negatives are \$88,304 losses in the long-term investments and lower than budgeted membership dues.

Second Draft 2009-2010 FY Budget

R. Doyle presented the second draft 2009-2010 budget, noting that considerable work needs to be done to reduce the current drafted budget deficit of \$38,832.

President's Report

Web site Review Task Force

T. Schwitzner said the task force's discussion has focused on creating an ILA Facebook page.

Advocacy Committee

D. Dziejczak noted the committee's hard work and the need to appoint a replacement ILA Executive Board Member.

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for a recent advocacy committee member resignation.

Future Cooperation with MySpace

R. Doyle noted that with the introduction of House Bill (HB) 1312: Social Networking Web site Access Restriction Act, MySpace has again pledged its support of joint cooperative activity / publication between ILA and MySpace.

2009 National Library Legislative Day

D. Dzedzic noted a speaker was still needed for the Monday night dinner. ILA has extended an invitation to Tina Chen, President Obama's Director of Public Liaison. If Chen is unavailable, Ginnie Cooper, director of the District of Columbia Public Library, will be asked.

Marketing Committee Revised Charge

J. Bukova moved, T. Schwitzner seconded and it was

Voted, That the ILA Executive Board approved the following revised charge: The ILA Marketing Committee will help libraries promote the value they bring to their communities through the sharing of successful marketing practices. Committee membership is not more than ten members, including the chair. A minimum of three members should be responsible for the day-to-day marketing activities of their library. The committee chair will recommend candidates for appointment who match these qualifications to the incoming ILA President. (The motion passed unanimously. C. Dickerson, D. Happ, E. Guss, C. Stupegia, D. Sussman, and D. Zelenka were not present to vote.)

Awards Committee Revised Criteria Change

T. Schwitzner moved, T. Hubert seconded and it was

Voted, That the ILA Executive Board allow the ILA Awards Committee to keep past award nominations that met criteria for two years. C. Dickerson, D. Happ, E. Guss, C. Stupegia, D. Sussman, and D. Zelenka were not present to vote.)

Bylaw Changes Regarding ILA Election Ballot

R. Doyle said that ILA Bylaws should be changed (see below) and those changes should be presented to the ILA Membership at the 2009 ILA Membership Meeting in Peoria. The Bylaws should provide that voting members or their proxies may conduct elections for directors, officers, or representatives by mail, e-mail, or other electronic means if the association's bylaws so provide (instead of conducting elections for directors and officers exclusively by first-class mail only).

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Past-President's Report

2009 ILA Election: Progress Report

B. Baker reported, to date, 62 paper and 635 electronic ballots were returned out of 2,477 or a 26 percent response rate.

Executive Director Evaluation

The ILA Executive Board moved to Executive Session to discuss the executive director's evaluation and compensation. The session went from 4:35 to 5:05 P.M. B. Baker noted that a written evaluation will be prepared and presented at a later date. The board was pleased with R. Doyle's work. B. Baker moved, H. Cox seconded and it was

Voted, That the ILA Executive Board approved a 5 percent raise for ILA Executive Director, effective retroactively to his anniversary date. (The motion passed unanimously. C. Dickerson, D. Happ, E. Guss, C. Stupegia, D. Sussman, and D. Zelenka were not present to vote.)

Executive Director's Report

2010 iREAD Resource Guide & ALA Annual Conference

R. Doyle said it is hoped that the 2010 iREAD Resource Guide will be available at the 2009 American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Prior to the conference, one hundred Air Force and Navy general librarians will be participating in a preconference on Wednesday, 9 July at the Peninsula Hotel. Between 2:45 - 4:15 P.M., there will be a session titled: iREAD & Developing Summer Reading Programs; presenters: Jason Stuhlmann (2010 iREAD Chair), Vince Sovanski (2009 iREAD Chair), Kathi Kresol (2011 iREAD Chair), and Michelle Wyss (2010 Resource Guide Coordinator). The program will present a quick overview and history of iREAD and will also focus on putting together successful summer reading programs, including some nuts and bolts strategies and new ideas to try.

Obama Special Event License Plate

R. Doyle said 1,708 plates were sold for \$50 for a total of \$85,400. ILA's net (profit) is approximately \$63,196 (after paying for the plates, postage, credit card fees, etc.) (Exhibit 2, p. 3).

ILA E-newsletter

R. Doyle noted an average 38-34 percent open rate for this new ILA service. By consensus, it was thought this was a good response rate and members were pleased with the format and content of the ILA E-news.

Registration Numbers for 2009 Spring Workshops

R. Doyle reported the registration numbers for the following spring workshops:

February 28, 2009 Trustee Workshop 87

2008 final Trustee Workshop number 62

2007 final Trustee Workshop number 56

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| | 2006 final Trustee Workshop number 109 | |
| | 2005 final Trustee Workshop number 42 | |
| | 2004 final Trustee Workshop number 45 | |
| | 2003 final Trustee Workshop number 59 | |
| | 2002 final Trustee Workshop number 83 | |
| April 23, 2009 | Illinois Library Day | 142 |
| | 2008 final Illinois Library Day number 209 | |
| | 2007 final Illinois Library Day number 339 | |
| | 2006 final Illinois Library Day number 599 | |
| | 2005 final Illinois Library Day number 259 | |
| | 2004 final Illinois Library Day number 337 | |
| | 2003 final Illinois Library Day number 346 | |
| | 2002 final Illinois Library Day number 352 | |
| | 2001 final Illinois Library Day number 313 | |
| | 2000 final Illinois Library Day number 358 | |
| May 1, 2009 | Reaching Forward Conference for Library Assistants | 868 |
| May 11-12, 2009 | National Library Legislative Day | 40 |
| May 20, 2009 | Youth Services Spring Workshop, Edwardsville | 28 |
| May 28, 2009 | Youth Services Spring Workshop, Bolingbrook | 12 |

The registration forms for all of these workshops appear online on the ILA Web site and in the December 2008 or February 2009 *ILA Reporter*.

Special State Lottery to Benefit Libraries

R. Doyle stated that JoAnn Potenziani, director, New Lenox Public Library, suggested that ILA explore the possibility of a special state lottery that would benefit libraries, for example, the Illinois Muscular Sclerosis's (MS) lottery ticket. On March 4, 2009, the Illinois Lottery released the newest \$2 instant ticket called "Dash! For Cash" to continue the "movement" to "scratch-out" multiple sclerosis. "Dash! For Cash" is the second instant game created to support the nation's first-ever lottery ticket where 100 percent of the net proceeds are used to help create a world free of MS. To date, the first MS ticket has generated more than \$1.4 million. The new ticket will provide funding for the Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Research Fund. R. Doyle will thank J. Potenziani and J. Tipton and K. Kolkmeier will explore this idea.

New Documents Distributed at the Meeting

R. Doyle distributed three documents to the board for informational purpose:

- News Release on "Official Commemorative State of Illinois Barack Obama License Plates Are Now Available to the General Public";
- Transmittal letter to the ILA Archives (Exhibit 3, p. 5); and
- April 17 Freedom to Read Foundation letter stating that R. Doyle is the recipient of its Roll of Honor Award (Exhibit 4, p. 7).

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Vice-President's Report

2009 ILA Annual Conference Plans

The 2009 ILA Annual Conference planning is well underway. The preliminary program will be included with the June 2009 *ILA Reporter*. Technology guru Omar Wasow will present the keynote and Vicki Myron, Author of *Dewey: The Small Town Cat Who Touched the World*, will be the featured speaker at the Illinois Authors' Luncheon. The conference will also feature a speakers' series that will include Al Gini, discussing Lincoln's lessons of transformational leadership, and Tom Galante, of the Queens Public Library.

Committee Appointments -- deadline Friday, 1 May 2009

C. Medal is working on the appointments.

Green Proposal to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

C. Medal and Denise Raleigh, Gail Borden Public Library, Director of Marketing, Development and Communications, met with Brett Ivers of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to discuss the Go Green Proposal. They were encouraged to submit a full grant proposal. Their basic talking points were: Public libraries are stable community centers that promote learning with free and equal access. They can play a key role in environmental education as follows:

- Develop effective green **hands-on toolkits** as educational resources that can be checked out (the Field Museum / ECCo staff plans to help develop) including books, web resources and circulating books, audio, DVDs, CD-Roms, etc. focusing on energy efficiency, recycling, composting, protecting watersheds, renewable energy and connecting with nature.
- Create a **green "digiplace"** where communities network, find reliable information about environmental education via Web 2.0 networking interest groups (Facebook, wikis, blogs), and online resources.
- **Facilitate community discussions** between individuals and organizations around the state at libraries in their local community. Experts indicate that sustainable community ideas will be different depending on where people live and who they live near.
- **Provide teens and returning learners with a new focus on green jobs** and college-focused tools such as testing information for the SAT, PSAT, and ACT; information about colleges and financial aid; and hold college and career workshops.
- **Green job seekers club**, such as an Illinois version of a green Craig's List for job, recycling used items, and sharing of resources
- Partner with municipal park districts, county, township and Illinois state parks and conservation areas to host **outdoor education** field trips, programs and nature awareness.

- Create a **multi-media toolkit** that will help libraries advance public understanding of what it means to “go green.” The toolkit will consist of a suite of interactive materials for use by families, community organizations (such as Girl Scout troops, historical societies, Lions Club, garden groups, etc.), and librarians that will help people explore and expand their understandings of what it means to live “green” lives and create sustainable communities.
- Create a green **user’s guide**, which will consist of instructions for use by individuals and in-group programming. Toolkit materials will include activities using video, written, web, online exhibit, and other multimedia formats; books and articles with accompanying discussion questions; compact fluorescent light bulbs, electricity usage meters, and a link to a Family Water Calculator created by The Field Museum; and a list of additional resources. ECCo staff who will participate in this project are applied anthropologists and conservation educators, and the materials will draw on anthropology and environmental conservation to help patrons think about environmental issues and the intersections between community and nature across cultures and through time. A number of activities will include hands-on components that will help people identify the cultural and environmental gems in their neighborhoods and think in new ways about how they engage with nature and the outdoors.
- **Professional training sessions** on the toolkit for Illinois library staff at the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference from October 7-10, 2009 in Peoria. Two sessions will be offered: a day-long pre-conference session and a shorter session during the conference. They will use a train-the-trainer model: staff from each library system around the state will be recruited to attend and will be asked to return home to train staff from the other libraries in their systems. Sessions will be conducted by ECCo staff together with some of the key library staff who conceptualized this campaign, from Waukegan Public Library, Skokie Public Library, Morton Grove Public Library, or Gail Borden Public Library.
- An **intergenerational leadership tool kit** will include additional materials for engaging groups of people in discussions about green practices and sustainability, such as exhibits that can easily be downloaded from the Web and displayed. It will also contain exercises intended to help local organizations and libraries build new “green” alliances with groups that they have not worked with in the past. The initiative was based on the premise that increasing such collaborations is key to building a sustainable region that benefits both people and the earth. Finally, the toolkit will include exercises specifically intended to engage youth and seniors in discussions about what it means to have a “green” community. As such, they will encourage the development of youth leadership, and draw on the wealth of knowledge held by seniors who have experienced different ways of living through the years.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 P.M.

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The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, 24 April 2009, after the planning session.

Committee and Forum Reports

IACRL Forum

T. Schwitzner stated that IACRL is currently revising their Bylaws and in the process, a number of questions/concerns/ideas have arisen. The IACRL Bylaws Reviews and Renewal Committee wondered about the reporting structure within ILA; wondered about a dedicated seat on the ILA Executive Board; and they thought the ILA dues were prohibitive. B. Baker welcomed this discussion and thought it was very healthy for association. By consensus, the ILA Executive Board determined that there would be no dedicated seat on the board for IACRL, board liaison communications with forums and committees need to be strengthened, and IACRL should be more strongly encouraged to submit nominations for executive board elections. (At the Planning Session earlier in the morning, it was suggested that the 2009 ILA Orientation Session be reconfigured. The ILA Executive Board meeting with committee chairs and forum managers should be on Thursday and full session with all committee members should be on Friday.)

Membership Committee

ILA Executive Board reviewed the request to create an ILA Special Libraries Forum. A number of questions: What is the goal of having an ILA Special Libraries Forum? Is it to generate ILA membership? Is it for networking purposes? Will it have an active membership, creating programming for the Annual Conference, publications, Web page resources, or other programming? What would be the benefit of the forum to Illinois special librarians, i.e., what would the ILA forum offer that Special Libraries Association and/or IL-SLA don't already offer? Further information will be obtained.

New Business

Resolution Honoring Judith Fingeret Krug

ILA member Judith F. Krug died on Saturday, 11 April in Evanston after a courageous battle with cancer. No person is more closely identified with libraries and the cause of intellectual freedom than Krug, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom since it was founded in 1967.

During that time, Krug advised countless numbers of librarians and trustees in dealing with challenges to library materials. She helped to found the Freedom to Read Foundation and served as its executive director since 1969. She was a noted speaker and author in the area of intellectual freedom.

In addition to her ALA responsibilities, Krug served as a Senator of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for Democracy and Technology, chair of The Media Coalition, vice-chair of the Internet Education Foundation, and a member of the Advisory Board of GetNetWise. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Fund for Free Expression, the Board of Directors of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association's Commission on Public Understanding About the Law, and the Advisory Council of the Illinois State Justice Commission.

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Her others honors include the Irita Van Doren Award, presented by the American Booksellers Association; the Harry Kalven Freedom of Expression Award, presented by the American Civil Liberties Union to the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association; the Robert B. Downs Award from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for her outstanding contribution to the cause of intellectual freedom in libraries; the Carl Sandburg "Freedom to Read" Award, presented by the Friends of the Chicago Public Library; the Open Book Award, presented by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union; the President's Award of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union; the Intellectual Freedom Award of the Illinois Library Association; the Ohio Educational Library Media Association/SIRS Award for Intellectual Freedom; the Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award; the Joseph W. Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the library profession; and the William J. Brennan Jr., Defense of Freedom Award, presented by the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression. In 2005, Krug received an honorary doctorate, Doctor of Humane Letters, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Born in Pittsburgh, Krug graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and received a Masters degree from the University of Chicago.

H. Cox moved, T. Schwitzner seconded and it was

Voted, That the ILA Executive Board write a Resolution Honoring Judith F. Krug. (The motion passed unanimously. C. Dickerson, D. Happ, E. Guss, C. Stupegia, D. Sussman, and D. Zelenka were not present to vote.) (Exhibit 5, p. 9.)

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Doyle
Sunday, 26 April 2009