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Booklist to host three book-related programs during ALA Annual Conference

Booklist magazine, the review journal of the American Library Association (ALA), will sponsor three book-related programs during the 1993 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

The Booklist Books for Youth Forum, "Against Borders," will be held on Friday, June 25, from 8 to 10 p.m. The program will be moderated by Hazel Rochman, Booklist Books for Youth assistant editor and author of the recently published "Against Borders: Promoting Books for a Multicultural World" (Booklist Publications/ALA Books).

A panel of writers and critics for young people will discuss the issues of multiculturalism and political correctness in books for young people. Panelists are: James Berry, author of "Ajeemah and His Son" (HarperCollins/Willa Perlman); Michael Dorris, author of the adult book "A Yellow Raft in Blue Water" (Holt) and the children's novel "Morning Girl" (Hyperion); Virginia Hamilton, recipient of the 1992 International Hans Christian Andersen Award and author of several books for young people including "Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom" (Random) and "Drylongso" (Harcourt), and Graciela Italiano, a scholar and professor at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

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On Sunday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the Booklist Adult Books Forum, "Small Press Publishing," will be held with John Mort, Booklist Adult Books editor, serving as moderator.

Participants and their topics are: Chris Faatz, marketing director for Graywolf, will discuss the company's history and why literary publishing has been so successful in Minneapolis; Amy Mascillino, director of Vendor Relations at Quality Books, will address the diversity of nonliterary small press publishing in America today; Doug Ross, executive director of the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association, will examine the issues facing Christian publishing and the factors librarians should weigh when purchasing evangelical Christian titles, and Milburn Calhoun, publisher of Pelican Publishing and a family physician, will talk about Pelican and the difficulties regional publishers face.

Each speaker will offer a 10 to 15 minute presentation, respond to questions and participate in a panel discussion.

The Reference Books Bulletin (RBB) Program, "From Beginning to End-the Making of a Reference Source," will be held on Monday, June 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Two RBB Editorial Board members and veteran reviewers David Tyckoson from SUNY Albany and Sarah Watstein from Virginia Commonwealth University, will serve as "reactors" when four reference publishers discuss how a new reference source comes to be. Roles of author, agent, editor, packager, publisher, distributor, consumer and reviewer will be examined by the panelists who will include representatives from Facts On File, National Data Bank, Hoover's Handbook and Ten Speed Press.

For additional information, contact the Booklist/RBB Office, 800-545-2433, ext.5715.