**Family literacy preconference planned for New Orleans**

"Family Literacy: What It Is, What Librarians Can Do," will be held on Thursday, June 24, 1993, 5:30 to 8 p.m., and Friday, June 25, 1993, 8:30 to 5 p.m., as a preconference to the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. **The deadline for registration is June 1.**

Sponsored by the ALA Office for Library Outreach Services (OLOS), the two-day preconference will include presentations on recruitment and retention, funding and budgeting, building community coalitions, needs assessment, activities using children's books and evaluations on family literacy projects.

Shirley Brice Heath, professor of English and linguistics at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., will deliver the keynote address, "The Play of Words and Work in the Future of Libraries," on Thursday, June 24 at 6:45 p.m.

The Cargill/ALA Partners for Family Literacy Awards Presentation and Reception will immediately follow the address.

"Prime Time Family Reading," a project of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, will be featured during a luncheon on Friday, June 25, at noon.
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Preconference presenters will be: Oralia Garza de Cortez, children's services librarian, Austin (Texas) Public Library; Leslie Edmonds, director of youth services and family literacy, St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library; Margaret Mary Kimmel, professor and chair, Department of Library Science, University of Pittsburgh; Hardy Franklin, director of the D.C. Public Library and ALA president-elect; Debra Wilcox Johnson, assistant professor, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Margaret Monsour, project director, Bell Atlantic/ALA Family Literacy Project; Maria Salvadore, coordinator of children's services, D.C. Public Library; Shelley Quezada, librarian for the unserved, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and Carole Talan, family literacy consultant, California State Library.

Librarians are invited to promote their family literacy programs in the exhibit area during the preconference with a small display. Handouts are welcome. All exhibits are the responsibility of the owner.

For preconference exhibit information, contact Carolyn De Bonnett, 800-545-2433, ext. 3211 by April 30. Materials must be shipped no later than May 7 to: OLOS American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

The family literacy preconference is cosponsored by several ALA divisions including the American Association of School Libraries (AASL), the Association of Library Services for Children (ALSC), the Public Library Association (PLA), the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

Registration is $100 for cosponsoring division members, $125 for ALA personal members and $150 for nonmembers.

For more information, contact ALA/OLOS, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL