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BOSTON — 2010 MIDWINTER MEETING

Friday, January 15, 2010

Highlights

Today

ALA/ERT Author Forum
From Book to Big Screen
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.
Boston Convention and
Exhibition Center,
Grand Ball Room

Exhibits Opening Ceremony
5:15 p.m.

Boston Convention and
Exhibition Center,
Exhibit Halls A and B

ALA/ERT Exhibits
Opening Reception
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Boston Convention and
Exhibition Center,
Exhibit Halls A and B

Saturday

Sunrise Speaker Series
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Boston Convention and
Exhibition Center,
Grand Ballroom

Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Boston Convention and
Exhibition Center,
Grand Ballroom

Spotlight in Adult Literature
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Boston Convention and
Exhibition Center Exhibit Floor

Registration and Check-in

Today

8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

ALA/ERT Author Forum – From Book to Big Screen

Don't miss an exciting author forum that will feature a panel of authors talking about their experiences and the process of seeing their best-selling books become movies. The Author Forum takes place today from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom. All authors will be signing copies of their latest works during the Opening Exhibits Reception at their publisher's booths.



Eric Van Lustbader



Chuck Hogan

Eric Van Lustbader is the author of many bestselling thrillers, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Testament* and *The Ninja*. During his thirty-odd year writing career, Van Lustbader has written over thirty novels, novellas and short-stories. He has also been chosen by Robert Ludlum's estate to continue the Jason Bourne series. His Jason Bourne novels include *The Bourne Legacy* and *The Bourne Deception*. He and his wife live in New York City and the South Fork of Long Island. His first Jack McClure book, *First Daughter*, was also a *New York Times* bestseller. His latest, *Last Snow*, comes out from Forge in February 2010.

Van Lustbader was born, raised and educated in Greenwich Village, New York. He is a graduate of Stuyvesant High School and Columbia College with a degree in Sociology, proof that from an early age he loved the science of how people

react to one another. Before turning to writing full-time, he taught in the NYC Public School System, and spent ten years in the rock music business, where he formed his own company, produced records, worked for Elektra Records and CBS Records, and wrote

free-lance. Along the way, he became friends with such stars as John Lennon, Elton John, Bryan Ferry, Robert Fripp and many others. Lustbader will be signing in the Forge booth 1418.

Chuck Hogan is the author of several acclaimed novels, including *The Standoff* and *Prince of Thieves*. *Prince of Thieves* won the 2005 Hammett Award and was called one of the ten best novels of the year by Stephen King. He is the co-author, with Guillermo del Toro, of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Strain*. *Prince of Thieves* will soon be a major motion picture. Hogan will be signing in Simon and Schuster booth 1504.

Tracy Chevalier is the *New York Times* bestselling author of five novels, including *Girl With A Pearl Earring* and *Burning Bright*. Chevalier was born in 1962 and grew up

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Putting on a happy face, Zoe Luderitz sets out advance reading copies of *Happy Face* by Stephen Emond at Little, Brown & Company booth # 1314.

Boston Sunrise Speaker Series Begins Saturday

Each morning of the Midwinter Meeting, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, get up early and attend a lively, educational and innovative speaker session, the Sunrise Speaker Series, which will run from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and from 9 -10 a.m. on Monday.

She broke onto the literary scene in 1993 when one of her short stories



Photo by Deborah Lopez

Elizabeth Gilbert

Tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 16, meet Elizabeth Gilbert in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom. Gilbert was born in Connecticut, attended college in New York City and spent the years after college traveling around the country and the world working odd jobs, writing short stories and essentially creating what she has referred to as her own MFA program.

was pulled from the slush pile at *Esquire* magazine and published under the heading "The Debut of an American Writer."

Her first book, a collection of short stories called *Pilgrims*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book and received the Pushcart Prize and was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award. Her second book,

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ALA Past President Betty J. Turock Donates \$100,000 to the Spectrum Presidential Initiative

ALA Past President Betty J. Turock has provided a gift of \$100,000 to the Spectrum Scholarship Program on behalf of the Turock Family as part of the 2010 Spectrum Presidential Initiative. Turock's gift will be used to provide scholarships to Master of Library Science candidates from traditionally underrepresented groups.

At the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, ALA President Camila Alire, Immediate Past President Jim Rettig, and President Elect Roberta Stevens announced a special year-long initiative to raise \$1 million for the Spectrum Scholarship Program. The \$1 million will allow ALA to double the number of Spectrum Scholarships awarded over the next few years, provide two Spectrum Doctoral Fellowships, and build the Spectrum Endowment to ensure this important program's future. Turock serves as chair of the Spectrum Presidential Initiative.

Turock has been an active ALA member for many years. She served as ALA president (1995-96), a councilor, a member of the ALA Board and numerous other committees. Throughout her years of service to ALA and its various units, Turock has been committed to broadening the association's diversity efforts. She served on the ALA Minority Concerns

and Cultural Diversity Committee and chaired ALA President-elect Sarah Long's Special Advisory Committee on the Spectrum Campaign, which began raising funds for the Spectrum Scholarship. Since its founding, Turock and her family have provided several gifts to the Spectrum Scholarship program, including the creation of the Betty J. Turock Scholarship in 2001.

When asked about this Initiative, Dr. Turock said, "The demographic ballasts of our country continue to shift rapidly even as our professional moorings remain comparatively stable. We know that increasing diversity captures unique talents and yields benefits in innovations and creativity that arise from cultural competencies and differing life experiences. But it's hard to believe that emerging majorities will support libraries if libraries are irrelevant to their information and educational needs. At this crossroad the success of Spectrum is both a moral and professional necessity for the growth and progress of our nation's libraries. During this 2010 Midwinter conference, please join me in building on the prior success of the Spectrum Scholarship Program. Please make a donation or a pledge today. More

important than the amount you give is helping ALA achieve 100% participation in the campaign to continue the life of Spectrum."

"ALA is honored that Betty Turock and her family have chosen to support the Spectrum Presidential Initiative", said Dr. Camila Alire, ALA President. "Their gift is significant as we prepare to provide more scholarships and increase the endowment for the Spectrum Scholarship Program. The need is more urgent than ever. They have stepped forward to help not only the Spectrum Scholars, but the entire library community."

The Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of underrepresentation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession while serving as a model for ways to bring attention to larger diversity issues in the future. Since its founding, Spectrum has provided more than 600 scholarships to qualified applicants enrolled in an ALA-accredited graduate program in library and information studies or an ALA-recognized NCATE School Library Media program. To learn more about the Spectrum Scholarship Program, visit www.ala.org/spectrum.

PLA Launches a New Training Tool

The Public Library Association has released the second kit in its Train the Trainer series. "Customer Service: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities," a training kit by Sandra Nelson, contains everything needed to hold a one-day (4-4.5 hours) customer service workshop. Content focuses on creating effective customer service policies in a public library by defining the rights and responsibilities of both customers and staff members. Offered as a digital download, the comprehensive kit guides the trainer in helping library staff members create effective customer service policies and define the rights and responsibilities of both customers and staff. The digital kit includes: Trainer's Manual, Trainer's Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, script, handouts, and evaluation forms.

"Customer Service: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities" (Item Number: 978-0-8389-9731-4) is \$45, with discounts available for ALA members. As this is a downloadable training kit, it must be ordered via the ALA store, www.alastore.ala.org.

Laurie Halse Anderson Named SLLM Spokesperson

Children and young adult author, Laurie Halse Anderson, will be the official spokesperson for the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) annual School Library Media Month (SLMM). SLMM, celebrated every April, is the celebration of school library media specialists and their programs. More information and resources can be found at www.ala.org/aasl/slmm.

This year, the SLMM theme is "Communities Thrive @ your Library." AASL has put together activities for school library media specialists to share with their school the importance of their programs in the school and local community. Public service announcements, information on inviting legislators to your school library, graphics, and various letters are also available on the SLMM pages.

In addition to advocacy resources, AASL will also offer a special Learning4Life (L4L) webinar series on the four chapters of "Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Program Development." The objective of these webinars is to help school library media specialists implement and integrate the learning standards and program guidelines into their school's curriculum.

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Sunrise Speakers

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Stern Men, a novel about lobster fishing territory wars off the coast of Maine, was also a *New York Times* Notable Book. *The Last American Man*, her biography of Eustace Conway, an eclectic modern day woodsman, was a finalist in 2002 for both The National Book Award and The National Book Critic's Circle Award.

Her most recent book, a *New York Times* number one bestseller, *Eat, Pray, Love*, is about the year she spent traveling the world alone after a difficult divorce. It was named one of the 100 most notable books of 2006. In 2008, Gilbert was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by *Time Magazine*. Much of her writing has been optioned by Hollywood. Her memoir about her bartending years became the Disney movie, "Coyote Ugly." Her new book, *Committed A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage*, will be published January 2010. Gilbert will be signing in the Penguin booth 1324 immediately following the event.

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 17, morning in the Boston Convention and

Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom to hear Atul Gawande, writer and surgeon, talk about his most recent book, the *New York Times* best seller, *Better, A Surgeon's Notes on Performance*. His previous book, *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science* was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2002.

Gawande is a staff member of the Brigham and Women's Hospital, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and the *New Yorker* magazine. He served as a senior health policy advisor in the Clinton presidential campaign and White House from 1992 to 1993. He is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Research Director for the BWH Center for Surgery and Public Health. He is the director of the World Health Organization's Global Challenge for Safer Surgical Care. In 2006, he received the MacArthur Award for his research and writing.

Gawande has written a new book, *The Checklist Manifesto* (Metropolitan Books), which debuts on the *New York Times* Best Sellers List at #22!



Atul Gawande

Gwande will be signing immediately following the event outside the ballroom.

Join Adriana Trigiani, an award-winning playwright, television writer and documentary filmmaker on Monday, Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. for the Monday Sunrise Series in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Room 253 A-C. She is the author of the bestselling *Big Stone Gap* series and the *New York Times* bestselling novels *Lucia, Lucia*, *The Queen of the Big Time*, *Rococo*, and, most recently, *Very Valentine*,



Adriana Trigiani

has been published in 33 countries around the world. Her next book, *Brava Valentine*, which is the sequel to *Very Valentine*, will debut in February 2010. Trigiani has written the screenplay for the film version of *Big Stone Gap*, which she will also direct, and *Viola in Reel Life*, the first title in her young adult series, which debuted in September. She lives in New York City with her husband and daughter. Adriana Trigiani will be signing in the HarperCollins booth #1403 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Author Forum

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in Washington, DC. She has a BA in English from Oberlin College, Ohio and an MA in creative writing from the University of East Anglia, Norwich, England. Chevalier has lived in London for over 20 years, and is married, with one son. She was a reference book editor for several years before turning to writing full-time.

Her second novel, *Girl With A Pearl Earring*, won the Barnes and Noble Discover Award. It has sold almost 4 million copies worldwide and was



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made into a film starring Colin Firth and Scarlett Johansson. Chevalier will be signing in the Penguin booth 1324.

Julie Powell, thrust herself from obscurity (and an uninspiring temp job) to cyber-celebrityhood when, in 2002, she embarked on an ambitious year-long cooking (and blogging) expedition through all 524 recipes in *Julia Child's Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. She detailed the experience in her 2005 *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously*, which was adapted into a major motion picture starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams in August 2009.

Powell has made appearances on national television shows from ABC's *Good Morning America* and CBS's *The Early Show* to *The Martha Stewart Show* and *Food Network's Iron Chef America*, and her writing has appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers including *Bon Appetit*, *Food and Wine*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and more. She is a two-time James Beard Award winner, has been awarded an honorary degree from Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, and was the first ever winner of the Overall Lulu Blooker Prize for Books. Her highly anticipated second book, *Cleaving*, was published in December, 2009. Powell will be signing in the Little, Brown and Company booth 1314.

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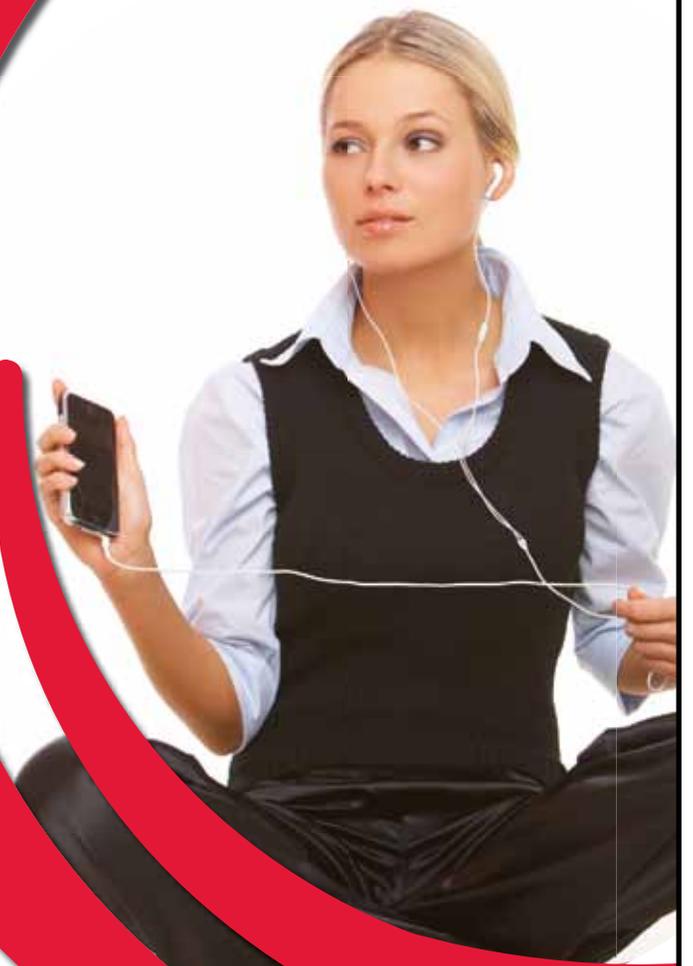
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ALSC's Book and Media Lists Available Year Round

While the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) chooses the winners of its book and media awards and compiles its notable lists during the ALA Midwinter Meeting each year, ALSC committee members are busy year round evaluating and recommending books, web sites, and software for children 14 years old and younger.

Targeted book lists on specific topics are available at www.ala.org/alsc; click on Communications & Publications—Book Lists on the left-hand navigation. In 2009, ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee developed a book list for the Service Network for Children of Inmates in Miami, Fla. The list will be used as part of a literacy component during children's visits with an incarcerated parent. Books on the list deal with subjects such as: the incarceration of a parent; separation from a parent; experiencing trauma; and positive problem solving and decision making.

Other lists on ALSC's Recommended Books web page include "Great Early Elementary Reads," highlighting titles for children just learning to read and beginning to read on their own, and "Building a Home Library," four bibliographies that provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.

ALSC's Great Web Sites Committee maintains a database containing hundreds of links to outstanding web sites for children. At www.ala.org/greatsites, you can find descriptions of and age categories for sites organized into diverse subject headings, from astronomy and space to zoos and aquariums. Newly selected sites are added by the committee three times a year.

The ALSC Great Interactive Software for Kids Committee selects

high-quality computer programs and digital media for children twice a year. The fall 2009 list is available at www.ala.org/alsc; click on Awards & Grants—Children's Notable Lists—Great Interactive Software for Kids on the left-hand navigation. Don't forget to check out the 2010 Notable Children's Books, Recordings and Videos lists, which will be available online following the close of the Midwinter Meeting.

Last but not least, the 2010 winners of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals, along with the rest of ALSC's 2010 media award winners, will be available on the ALSC web site under Book & Media Awards.

For collection development and readers' advisory for youth at your library, take advantage of ALSC's book and media recommendations.

Apply to Host a Scholarly Communication 101 Road Show

ACRL is taking scholarly communication on the road again in 2010 with "Scholarly Communication 101: Starting with the Basics." Recognizing that scholarly communication issues are central to the work of all academic librarians and all types of institutions, ACRL is pleased to offer this free half day workshop to five libraries across the country.

Led by two expert presenters, this structured interactive overview of the scholarly communication system highlights individual or institutional strategic planning and action. Four modules focus on new methods of scholarly publishing and communication, copyright and intellectual property, economics, and open access.

The application to host a "Scholarly Communication 101" road show is now available. Institutions interested in hosting should apply by Monday, February 8, 2010. Hosts must partner with, and invite staff from, at least one other institution.

Complete details are on the ACRL Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow.cfm>.

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Find out the Latest in Public Libraries

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- Check out peer-reviewed publications that focus on career development, problem-solving, continuing education and library information

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- √ **Assessing Your Collection with SwetsWise Selection Support** – Provides insight towards the value of assessing your library's collection. See how SwetsWise Selection Support brings all relevant holdings information together for library professionals to make informed acquisition decisions.
- √ **ERM as a Service** – Combines select SwetsWise modules designed to aid library professionals with the management, evaluation and access of electronic resources.

Presentation schedule:

Topics	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
SwetsWise eBooks Service	5:45 pm	10:00 am, 11:00 am	10:00 am, 11:00 am	9:30 am
Assessing Your Collection with SwetsWise Selection Support	6:45 pm	1:00 pm, 2:00 pm	1:00 pm, 2:00 pm	10:30 am, 11:30 am
ERM as a Service	7:15 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	1:00 pm



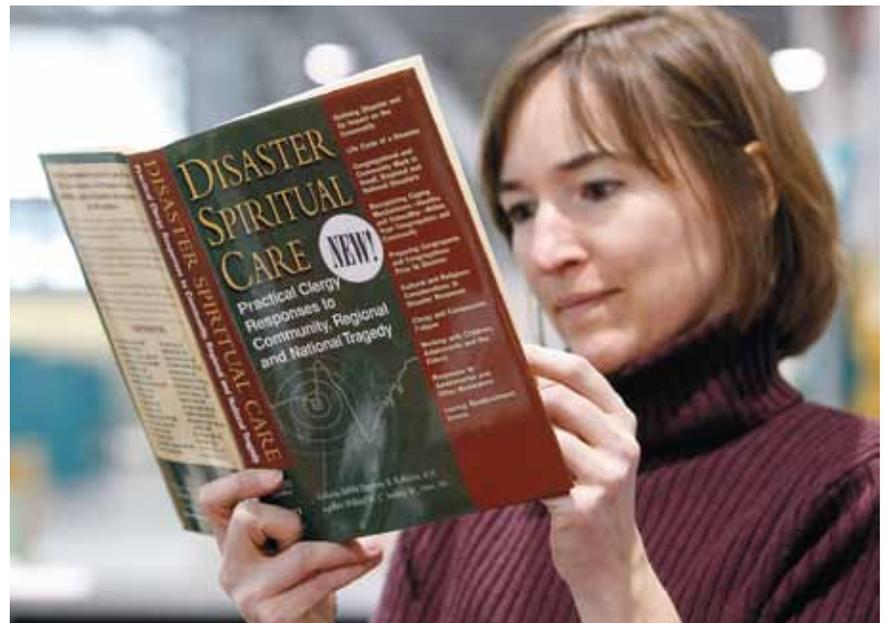
Need a scarf to keep warm? Exhibitor Darrell K. sets out a wide assortment at the Scarf booth # 2372 in the Exhibits Halls A and B.



Workers begin to uncrate and assemble the 2010 Midwinter Meeting Exhibits which include over 800 booths.



Katharine Fronk sets up a ALA graphics display in the ALA Store, which is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat & Sun, and from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday.



Emily Wichland looks over the new book Disaster Spiritual Care as she sets up booth # 1977 for Skylight Paths Publishing, Jewish Lights, and Gemstone Press.



Putting the puzzle together, workers assemble Blackwell's Book Services booth # 1664 one piece at a time.



Scenes of summer and winter clash as a Boston Convention and Exhibition Center greeter contrasts with a Daktronics digital screen displaying scenes of summer outside the convention center.

Celebrated Authors Lesléa Newman & Michael Willhoite To Speak in Boston

Please join us at 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 17th at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street, for the fifth annual Freedom to Read Foundation Author's Event, where authors Lesléa Newman (*Heather Has Two Mommies*) and Michael Willhoite (*Daddy's Roommate*) will be discussing and signing copies of their groundbreaking books. Refreshments will be provided, and Barbara Jones, the new Executive Director of FTRF and the Office for Intellectual Freedom, will be greeting members and friends of FTRF and OIF. The event is being held in conjunction with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table's (GLBTRT) Midwinter Social.

Donations will be accepted at the door to cover costs and support the Freedom to Read Foundation's Conable Scholarship Fund. In addition, the GLBTRT is conducting a book

drive of "useful and current" titles for GLBT youth to donate to the Community Church of Boston's resource library. Copies of the authors' books will be available for purchase.

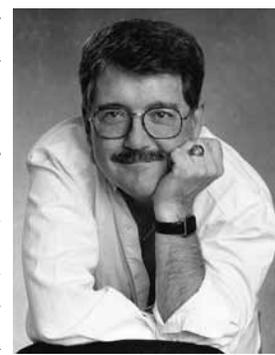
Schedule:

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Socializing
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.: Stonewall Book Award Ceremony (GLBTRT)
7:30 – 8:15 p.m.: Lesléa Newman and Michael Willhoite
8:15 – 8:45 p.m.: Book signing and socializing

Heather Has Two Mommies and *Daddy's Roommate* have been two of the most frequently challenged books in the U.S. since they were published 20 years ago. They were among the first children's books to focus on gay and lesbian parents and have been challenged (jointly and separately) in-

numerable times, including during the well-publicized "Rainbow Curriculum" controversy in New York City. They were also the subject of a Freedom to Read Foundation court case in Wichita Falls, Texas, in which a federal court overturned a law allowing the "banning by petition" of those books and others.

Newman is the author of 57 books for adults and children. She is currently the poet laureate of Northampton, Mass. A resident of Rhode Island, Willhoite has written and illustrated several other chil-



Michael Willhoite



Lesléa Newman

dren's books, including *Daddy's Wedding* and *Uncle What-Is-It is Coming to Visit!!*

For more information, contact Jonathan Kelley at jokelley@ala.org.

Make the Connection with ACRL Discussion and Interest Groups

Looking to connect with other academic and research librarians who share your interests while in Boston? ACRL discussion and interest groups offer a variety of opportunities to learn, share and network with peers. Topics at this year's Midwinter Meeting include copyright and fair use,

life work balance, and multimedia in information commons, incorporating technology into library instruction, residency programs and popular culture collections.

Check your program book for complete details, times and locations and join the conversation.

RUSA Seeks Testimonials about Your Love of Reference

Do you love reference? If you're passionate about reference librarianship and reference work, the RUSA President's Program Committee wants to talk to you!

The committee is creating a video montage for its program at the 2010 Annual Conference, and will be taping brief interviews at Midwinter. Stop by Room 103 in the Convention Center on Saturday, Jan. 16, for a few minutes anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. to share the title of, and reasons you love your favorite reference work; your all-time favorite reference question; and/or the reasons why you love reference work. Individuals and groups—with or without props—are welcome to participate in this project.

See the completed montage live at the RUSA President's Program at the 2010 Annual Conference; the program is scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday, June 28, 2010 (exact location TBA).

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Other speakers will be talking about the Copyright Office and FLICC/FEDLINK. You can also enjoy selected webcasts from recent Library of Congress programs each day and during the Grand Opening reception on Friday evening.

To savor the rich connection the Library of Congress has with Boston, be sure to attend the presentation offered by the Massachusetts Center for the Book on Sunday, January 17.

Library of Congress staff will also be available throughout the day to answer questions.

For the complete daily schedule of booth presentations and other news about and services offered by the Library of Congress, visit our website www.loc.gov/ala/.

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The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) has a long-held tradition of placing students first, with a focus on helping students build successful careers, lead meaningful lives, and achieve a powerful return on their educational investment. In alignment with this academic mission, Simmons is pleased to announce that over 200 current students and alumni will be in attendance at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting of 2010, held in Boston, Massachusetts. Fostering an environment that encourages students to become professionally active, the Simmons GSLIS community will showcase student involvement in a variety of professional organizations and arenas, with as many as eleven GSLIS student groups in attendance.

The ALA Midwinter Meeting of 2010 boasts an array of Simmons student participation. The Federal Library & Information Center Committee (FLICC) will host a career speech that will serve as a practicum for students interested in work in federal libraries. Four Simmons GSLIS

students including Miranda Rivers, Sarah Smith and ALASC president Deanna Beattie will serve as aids in this effort sponsored by both Simmons GSLIS and FLICC. The mission of FLICC is to foster excellence in federal library and information services through interagency cooperation and to provide guidance and direction for the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK).

GSLIS Student Derek Mosley and December graduate Charlie Remy will attend the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) two-day workshop regarding skills needed for academic libraries. Mosley was the recipient of a \$10,000 stipend from the ARL to assist with his graduate studies. Mynra Morales, also an ARL scholar from GSLIS, will be attending.

Miranda Rivers, a current GSLIS student, is assisting the Dollars for Scholars program, an initiative that consists of more than 1,200 locally based, volunteer-driven chapters serving students in nearly 4,000 communities across the country. With support from national and regional

offices, Dollars for Scholars chapters help hometown students achieve their educational goals by raising scholarship funds, establishing endowments, providing assistance with college readiness and the financial aid process, and distributing scholarships each year.

Simmons students will also be in attendance for an OCLC discussion regarding cataloguing and classification, pertaining to diverse student populations. Diversity is an important facet of Simmons GSLIS where students and faculty alike work to increase diversity within the college and profession. For example, in 2007, GSLIS Assistant Professor Tywana Whorley received a grant to increase the number of students of color in the Archives Management Program through recruitment and retention efforts. Simmons Spectrum Scholars, likewise, are supporting efforts to bridge communication gaps between institutions and meet traveling scholars. Simmons has been pleased to welcome more than 20 Spectrum Initiative Scholars – a number only a few LIS programs have been able to achieve -- since ALA began the Spectrum program.

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has invited Simmons students to participate in a Midwinter YALSA reception. Attendees will be afforded the opportunity to view, first hand, demonstrations of technologies designed to assist with youth service oriented professions. Simmons students will also be participating in gadget display and explanation. They are well-equipped to do so, due in part to the course on Technology and the School Library Media Center that many have taken with YALSA President and Simmons Adjunct Professor Linda Braun. Braun, who has just been named as the first three-time winner of the

WISE Consortium's Excellence in Online Teaching award, has worked with Professor Maggie Bush, and Assistant Professors Amy Pattee and Melanie Kimball, to build the youth services program at Simmons into one of the top programs in the country.

The Simmons student chapter of the American Library Association (ALASC) will be present to attend exhibits and meetings, with particular interest in the Washington Office Legal Report and the New Member Round Table. In addition, Gale®, a publisher in e-research and educational publishing for libraries, schools and businesses has invited students to a variety of professional social events including: Gale Digital Archives Day of Discovery Luncheon, GALE's Day of Discovery, and Gale's ALA Cocktails and Conversation Event.

New GSLIS student Kimberly Hula will be assisting the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) table to further define her interest in archives and preservation to the Midwinter meeting. (Please see accompanying article on the IMLS Convergence grant.) ALCTS is a resource for information specialists in collection development, preservation, and technical services.

And, last but not least, many Simmons students will be working with alum Molly Raphael to support her campaign for the ALA Presidential bid.

GSLIS students continue to be a motivating force in LIS innovation and excellence and the Simmons community looks forward to a successful Midwinter meeting. We hope you will take the time to meet some of the hundreds of Simmons GSLIS students and share with them your wisdom and excitement about the LIS field. For more information on Simmons GSLIS, our students, and our programs, please see: <http://www.simmons.edu/gslis>.

Spotlight on Adult Literature

Sponsored by ALTAFF and ALA Conference Services

Tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., stop by these participating publishers for free books, galleys and more in the exhibit hall! Visit these participating publishers for free books, galleys and more. Stop by the ReferenceUSA booth (2172) to register to win a prize basket.

Hachette Book Group Booth 1318

Stop by for exclusive galley give-aways.

Penguin Group (USA) Booth 1324

An author signing, galley give-away, and wine and cheese reception will be held to celebrate the release of the inaugural title of the Pamela Dorman/Viking Imprint, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman. ARCs of upcoming titles will be given away.

Perseus Book Group Booth 1345

In addition to ARC giveaways and raffles, Douglas Clegg will sign copies of *Isis* from 2-3 p.m., and Frank Schaeffer will sign copies of *Patience with God* from 2-4 p.m.

Macmillan Booth 1418

The following authors will sign complimentary copies of their new books:

Jane Cleland (*Silent Auction*,

Minotaur Books)

Liz Zelvin (*Death Will Help You Leave Him*, Minotaur Books)

Paul Doiron (*The Poacher's Son*, Minotaur Books)

Rosemary Harris (*Dead Head*, Minotaur Books)

Susan Wilson (*One Good Dog*, St. Martin's Press)

Workman Publishing Company/Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill Booth 1432

Lee Smith will sign copies of *Mrs. Darcy* & *The Blue-Eyed Stranger*.

Random House, Inc. Booth 1520

Alissa Torres, author of *American Widow* (Villard) will sign books from 2-3 p.m. AREs will be given away while supplies last.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Mariner Books Booth 1541

Galleys will be given away, including *The Hand that First Held Mine: A Novel* by Maggie O'Farrell.

W. W. Norton & Company, Inc. Booth 2114

ARCs of *Beneath the Lion's Gaze: A Novel* by Maaza Mengiste and *The Ticking is the Bomb: A Memoir* by Nick Flynn will be given away while supplies last.

American Libraries Offers New Ways to Stay Informed

American Libraries' staff looks forward to introducing you to a whole new way of keeping on top of news, views, and perspectives from the general library world and ALA at this meeting. The website www.american-librariesmagazine.org is being rolled out at booth # 1402 in the exhibits, where you can take a tour of its many new benefits, including expanded content, web-only spotlights, and an archive of every issue of the popular e-newsletter *American Libraries Direct*.

"One of the most important changes is that we're now able to open up a much wider conversation," says editor and publisher Leonard Kniffel. "We're making it easy to participate and respond—every *American Libraries* article will be open for comments, and easy to share on Facebook, Twitter, ALA Connect, and through other social media. All *American Libraries* articles and *AL Direct* have

already been open to members and non-members alike for more than a year, and we're eager to build on that access." Two new blogs will debut on the new site. In "Perpetual Beta," Jason Griffey will follow tech trends and their library applications, while in "Green Your Library," Laura Bruzas will share practical tips for improving environmental friendliness and sustainability where you work.

Columns, features, and news will be posted regularly, with links appearing weekly in *AL Direct*. The new site was built by associate editor Sean Fitzpatrick in the open-source content management system Drupal, a robust and flexible system that makes it easier to keep the site dynamic. *American Libraries* is delighted to be extending its 100-year tradition of keeping you informed in print and (increasingly) online, and looks forward to seeing you at booth #1402.

Join YALSA for its Candidate Forum and Discussion/Interest Group Open House

Get to know YALSA at ALA's Midwinter Meeting in Boston! YALSA will host two events aimed at increasing member involvement: the 2010 Candidates' Forum, in which members can ask questions and interact with those running for YALSA office in 2010, and the Discussion and Interest Group Open House, in which members can learn more about YALSA's discussion and interest groups or how to start their own.

The Candidates Forum will feature a question-and-answer session with those running for YALSA office in 2010, including candidates for president-elect, the YALSA Board of Directors, and those running for the Printz, Edwards, and Nonfiction selection committees. Bring your questions to the Seaport Hotel Waterfront III room at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Later, join us for the 2010 Discussion and Interest Group Open House at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Room 153 A/B from 4:00 -5:30 p.m. Discussion groups are an informal group that allows discussion of topics of common interest virtually, as well as meet at ALA's Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting. An interest group is a sub-body established to facilitate the exchange

of ideas and experiences and may sponsor formal conference programs, institutes and seminars, or prepare publications.

All of YALSA's active discussion and interest groups will be at the open house. They include the anime discussion group, the serving new adult's interest group, the student interest group and the teen music interest group. Several YALSA committees, including intellectual freedom and professional development, will transition to interest groups in 2010. Want to start your own? It's easy – all you need to do to start an interest or discussion group is download a petition from the YALSA website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.cfm> and get 15 signatures. Interest and discussion groups also host dedicated space in ALA Connect at <http://connect.ala.org>.

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Former Vice President Al Gore to Address Nation's Libraries

Former Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient Al Gore will deliver the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture as part of the American Library Association's (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Gore will speak at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Widely considered one of the world's foremost authorities on the climate crisis, Gore is the author of *Our Choice: How We Can Solve the Climate Crisis*, *An Inconvenient Truth*, *Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit* and *The Assault of Reason*.

Gore was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976 and the U.S. Senate in 1984 and 1990. He was inaugurated as the 45th Vice President of the United

States on Jan. 20, 1993 and served for eight years. He is the subject of an Academy Award-winning documentary and was a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his environmental work.

The American Library Association's Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture series is a cultural event attended by approximately 500 people each year.

It honors the late Arthur Curley, past president of the ALA (1994-95) and director of the Boston Public Library (1985-96). Mr. Curley, who died in 1998, was a champion of the arts and believed the library, played a key role in presenting the arts to the community.

For more information on the Curley Memorial Lecture, please visit: www.ala.org/arthurcurley.

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Midwinter Social is the Place to be for Reference and User Services Librarians (RUSA)

Kick off the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in style with the Reference and User Services Association's (RUSA) Membership Social—an opportunity to eat, drink, network and learn more about RUSA.

The social is one of many RUSA activities at the Midwinter Meeting in Boston, and is open to all current RUSA members, friends of RUSA and those meeting attendees interested in learning more about the association and networking with peers. RUSA leadership and longtime members will be on hand to answer questions about ways to get involved with the division, which serves a broad range of library professionals, including reference and business reference librarians, as well as those in the fields of collection development, readers advisory, genealogy, bibliography, historical reference, resource sharing and computer-based reference, among others.

Past, present and future RUSA members are all invited to this event, which will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2010 in the Rooftop Ballroom at the Omni Parker House, 60 School Street, Boston. Appetizers and drinks will be available, and RSVPs are not required. The

Omni Parker House is conveniently located within walking distance of the Government Center, State Street, Park Street and Downtown Crossing "T" stations—full transit schedules are available at the MBTA website. The event is generously sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

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The Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, represents librarians and library staff in the fields of reference, specialized reference, collection development, reader's advisory and resource sharing. Learn more about the association at www.ala.org/rusa.

New Offerings at the ALA Store

Rushing between discussion groups, committee meetings, Sunrise Speaker presentations, the ALA President's Program, Youth Media Awards, and all of the other Midwinter Meeting offerings is exhausting. Take time to clear your head by browsing the great selection of the products at the ALA Store this year.

ALA Editions will offer several just-published books, covering a range of topics and specializations. *Fundamentals of Library Supervision*, 2nd Edition debuts at the Midwinter Meeting, detailing how to create a productive workplace through Joan Giesecke and Beth McNeil's expert advice. *Building a Buzz* compiles word-of-mouth marketing strategies from Peggy Barber and Linda Wallace, two authors renowned for their creative approaches. Other highly anticipated new titles available at the ALA Store are *The Early Literacy Kit* by Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting and Pamela Martin-Diaz; *Moving Your Library* by Steven Carl Fortriede, and *Sequels*, 4th Edition by Janet Husband and Jonathan Husband.

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Come to the ALA Store, located on Level 1, North Lobby for a brief respite, a gift for staff at home, or an exclusive Midwinter T-shirt. Store hours: Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Monday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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