

GLBTRT NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL TRANSGENDERED ROUND TABLE
OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the Editor:

San Francisco here we come! Please see the enclosed event and program updates. Remember: **the Social is Sunday night from 6-8pm at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Branch of the San Francisco Public Library.** We want to thank Jim Van Buskirk for organizing this and providing some funding as well.

Barbara Gittings, one of our founders and a longtime leader in the Gay Rights Movement, will be the guest of honor as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Book Awards. In 1971 Gittings gave out the first award. **Tickets should be purchased in advance with your ALA Conference Registration - so don't delay!**

Mary Callaghan "Cal" Zunt
Newsletter Editor

Program Planning

Join the 30th Anniversary Celebration
of the Book Awards at Annual
with our Keynote Speakers Authors

Dorothy Allison and Christopher Rice

As we've said before, the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the GLBTRT Book Awards needed to be something special, and thanks to the wonderful efforts of the Breakfast Committee the event is destined to be a sell-out! **Joining author Dorothy Allison on the roster for keynote speakers is Christopher Rice, author of "A Density of Souls." Allison is most widely known for her 1992 work "Bastard Out of Carolina" and more recently for "Cavedweller" published in 1998.**

Although **Sarah Waters, Fiction Award Winner for "Affinity"** will not be able to attend, we have confirmed that **William K. Eskridge, Non-fiction Award Winner for "Gaylaw: *Challenging the Apartheid of the Closet*"** will be with us. **Francis Ann Day, editor of the Honor Book "Lesbian and Gay Voices"** will also be with us.

This event is taking place at 8am at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, Elizabethan C/D. Although the breakfast menu has not been set, the caterer is confident that we will be pleased with the fare.

Read-Aloud:

Following the breakfast at 11 a.m., GLBTRT is offering another one of its fabulous **Read Alouds.** This time we're scheduled in a regular meeting slot, and the event will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Pacific Concourse G. **This Read Aloud's theme is "Family Story Hour."** Librarian Ceci Chapple has been busy gathering storytellers to compliment the program. Of course, all are invited to read from their very own favorite work. The program runs from 11-12:30pm.

Program:

After lunch at 2pm, join the GLBTRT for our program **"We Are Family: Exploring Service to GLBTRT Children and Parents"**. It will be moderated by **ALA Past President Ann K. Symons.** The panel will discuss the range of GLBTRT families in our communities, what services are needed and how can we as librarians meet these needs.

Panel participants include: Robert-Jay Green Professor and Director of the Alternative Family Institute—San Francisco/Oakland and Director of Family/Child Psychology Doctoral Training—California School of Professional Psychology Alliant University—San Francisco Bay Campus; Bill Vrantzidis, adult services librarian from the Toronto Public Library; Francis Ann Day, author and editor of "Lesbian and Gay Voices"; and Laura and Howard Siegel, parents and members of PFLAG San Francisco.

From the meeting locations, it looks as though we've got some travelling to do between programs...but hey, it's San Francisco! Hope to see you all there...and pass the word on to your friends and colleagues.

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From the Co-Chairs

The results are in. Newly elected Co-Chair is Steve Stratton; newly re-elected Treasurer is Norman Eriksen. Congratulations! Terms begin at the end of ALA San Francisco. And speaking of San Francisco, we have a full slate of activities, which can be found elsewhere in this issue. Looking forward to seeing you there. I want to just mention a couple of highlights.

The Membership Meeting will take on a little different slant this year. Instead of the many committee reports taking up the agenda, we will omit those. The reports will be given at Steering Committee I Meeting Friday night, and can be repeated pending new developments at Steering Committee II.

We want to focus the bulk of the Membership meeting discussing the suggestions to name the Book Awards in honor of someone (something??) specific. Lots of ideas have come forth via the listserv, so I would like to begin the discussion in person then.

Social:

The Social is Sunday night from 6-8pm at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Branch of the San Francisco Public Library. The branch is located at 3555 16th St at Market Street. We want to thank Jim Van Buskirk for organizing this and providing some funding as well.

Barbara Gittings will be the guest of honor as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Book Awards, which she established in 1971 by giving out the first award. Our usual \$5.00 cover at the door will prevail, but this time all the take goes to the Book Award Fund.

As I was thinking about what to write for this column, I realized that this will be my 20th annual ALA conference! Much has changed, but some things stay the same.

I remember going to Task Force on Gay Liberation programs and meetings (mostly meetings and the social back then).

The program was never listed, and was often off-site, so a bit of scrounging was necessary to find us! That's all changed, as we know. But even back then, there was usually just a core group of people trying to keep things going.

That is still mostly true, although our ranks are increasing. My point is, we need your participation. There are many committee vacancies and chairs as well are vacant. Please contact me, Faye, or Steve to get involved. Also there is a volunteer interest form at the website. Our membership now stands at 427!

Encourage your colleagues to join; we want to reach the 500 mark, and it's within reach! See you all in June!

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The annual conference in San Francisco where we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Book Award.

The Book Award Breakfast will honor this year's winners, Sarah Waters' *Affinity* (Riverhead/Penguin Plenum) and William N. Eskridge's *Gaylaw: Challenging the Apartheid of the Closet* (Harvard University Press). Dorothy Allison, author of *Bastard Out of Carolina*, will be one of the featured speakers.

We are also fine-tuning plans for this year's ALA program entitled, "We Are Family," and our customary entertaining social hour, as well as a walking tour of queer sights in San Francisco.

At the annual membership meeting we will be selecting a name (or names) for the Book Award itself and choosing a new, and viable designation for this RT. No matter how you slice it, GLBTRT is not an easy acronym.



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Fundraising Committee

Approval is pending from ALA regarding a draft of a GLBTRT fundraising letter submitted earlier this year. Hopefully, by Annual we have more information for the RT.

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"Read Aloud" San Francisco Style

Date: Monday June 18, 2001
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Place: Hyatt Regency Pacific Concourse G

Don't forget to bring your favorite family appropriate gblt story to ALA this June!

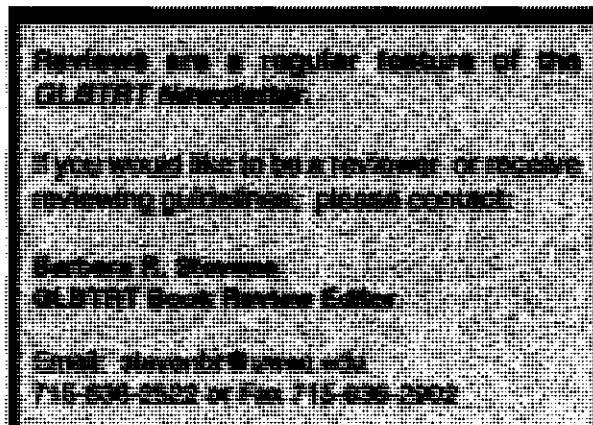
The traditional Read Aloud is being joined by storytellers and Bay Area families to celebrate the GLBTRT 2001 program theme: "**We Are Family.**"

Thirty years ago gay and lesbian librarians organized within ALA to represent and advocate for same sex interests.

Join local storytellers Jamie McGrath, Walter the Giant Storyteller, and Nancy Schimmel to celebrate and honor ourselves through favorite stories and other gblt literature. This unique grouping offers opportunities for sharing historic 'favorites' and for learning about gen-x, gen-me, gen-whatevers' new favorites. Bring bookmarks and reading lists for trading.

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"Reading is the key to the dream."



Treasure's Update

Well, now that spring is in the air, everybody is now thinking of that one item which rules our lives. Yes I am talking about taxes. Do you want to know how to lower your tax bill for next year??? Donate money to you favorite charity like the ALA Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Roundtable. Your treasurer is always willing to take your hard earned dollars and put them to good use in promoting our organization and paying our bills.

Remember without your support there can be not be any of the wonderful programming and events that you have come to expect from the GLBTRT. To donate money is very easy. Send a check made out to the ALA/GLBTRT and mail it to the following address: ALA/OLOS 50 East Huron Street Chicago IL, 60611 Attn: Tanga Morris In return for your check you will get a nice thank you letter personally addressed to you which has been printed on high quality ALA stationery suitable for framing. And remember that this donation can be deducted from your next year's tax bill. If you are feeling very generous please make a substantial donation to our book award endowment fund. Checks for the book award endowment fund should have the words "book award endowment fund" written on the note line. To make arrangements for a pledge that is to be paid out over a period of time, please contact me.

If you are interested in serving on the fund raising committee let me or Steve Stratton know. The position of Chair of the fund raising committee is still vacant. If you volunteer just think of the fun you will have working with me in figuring out ways to get more money for the roundtable.

Yours in Black Ink,

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Of Interest

The **Simeon Solomon Research Archive** is now available on the Internet. This archive is the only known published repository of secondary source information on the Victorian artist Simeon Solomon (1840-1905). Solomon, who was born to a middle class Jewish family outside of London, exhibited regularly at the Royal Academy for about twelve years and was reknown in his day for his Judaic-themed subjects and Pre-Raphaelite style.

His career was cut short when in 1873 he was arrested and charged for homosexual crimes. His artwork reveals his interest in gender/homosexually-themed subjects. This research archive includes:

- ** a biographical timeline of Solomon's life
- ** the beginning of a chronological listing of all of his visual works, including links to digital copies of his works on the internet
- ** a total of 112 secondary sources from 1860 to 2000, 28 of which did not appear in the print edition of the annotated bibliography published in 1999; all secondary sources from 1860-1905 and 1990-2000 have been fully annotated, with select annotations for other sources
- ** 11 full-text documents transcribed from original secondary sources dating from 1860 to 1933.

The Simeon Solomon Research Archive is available on the Web at <http://www.fau.edu/solomon/>.

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Meeting Schedule for the
 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Round Table
 American Library Association Annual Meeting
 San Francisco, CA
 June 14 -June 20, 2001

Day/Date:	Committee:	Time:	Location:
Friday 6/15	Steering I	8-10pm	Hotel Nikko / Ballroom III
Saturday 6/16	All Committee	830am-11am	Westin St Francis/ Kent Room
	Book Award	2-4pm	Cathedral Hill Hotel Pacific Hts / Presidio Rooms
Sunday 6/17	Book Award*	8am-1030am	Sir Francis Drake Hotel / Windsor Room
	Membership	930am-123	Opn Hotel Argent / City Room
	Social	6pm-8pm	Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Branch San Francisco Public Library 3555 16th St at Market Street 415-554-9445.
	Breakfast Set-up	8pm-	Westin St Francis Elizabethan Ballrooms C/D
Monday 6/18	Book Award Breakfast	8am-1030am	Westin St Francis / Elizabethan Ballrooms <i>Colonial</i>
	Family Storytime/Read Aloud,	11am-1230pm	Hyatt Regency / Pacific Concourse G
	Program: We Are Family: Exploring Service to GLBT Children and Parents	2pm-4pm	Grand Hyatt Hotel / Plaza Ballroom West
Tuesday 6/19	Steering II	830am-11am	Moscone Conv Center / Rm 122

* indicates closed meeting

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Tear me out! Don't forget to check the conference program for last minute changes!
 And see the next page for additional San Francisco-styl events!

The following events will be on in June during ALA. If you are interested, making reservations as soon as possible is strongly advised.

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON

"Still an effervescent extravaganza of silly send-ups, outrageous puns and one showstopper after another...a fast paced musical revue. Snow White searches for true love through a nonstop onslaught of musical, celebrity and pop-culture lampoons and fantastically sculpted hats and hairdos." SF Chronicle. This revue has been a San Francisco tradition since 1970 something.

Highly recommended. Open-ended run. \$25-\$62. Club Fugazi, 878 Green St. 415-421-4222.
www.beachblanketbabylon.com/

TEATRO ZINZANNI

"This five-course dinner crossed with a vaudevillian array of circus stunts, music and fine-dining parody is a hardy high-concept diversion. The gorgeous Belgian and performance highlights are giddy inspirations." SF Chronicle. Some of the acts flow through the audience and perform at your table and may include you in the act. Expensive, but you get your monies worth. The food is actually very good. Open-Ended run \$99-\$125.

At Le Palais Nostalgique, Piers 27-29, Embarcadero at Battery. 415-438-2668
www.teatrozinzanni.org

DIRTY BLONDE

"Claudia Shear stars as Mae West, in her fresh from Broadway comedy about the outrageous star and two devoted male fans." SF Chronicle. Through June 17. \$30-\$50. At the Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St. 415-433-9500.

www.theatreonthesquare.com

STOMP

"Cleverly offbeat routines, sly comedy and infectiously complex polyrhythms keep working their entertaining magic no matter which 8 members of the accomplished, grunge-clad young company are performing on a given night." SF Chronicle. Open-ended run. \$25-\$45. Marines Memorial Theatre, 809 Sutter St. 415-771-6900.

NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL

A variety of events scheduled throughout the month of June. Of special note:

ANNIE SPRINKLE:HERSTORY OF PORN-REEL TO REEL

"Solo performance and film diary traces her 25-year evolution through the sexual revolution. You don't have to like porn to love this show, which is really about personal growth, sex in society and the human body." June 20-22. \$25. Theatre Rhino, 2940 18th St and South Van Ness.

STANYA KAHN AND HARRIET DODGE (COLLABORATION) STANYA KAHN:THE BALLAD OF CRAPPY AND SEAPOLE "High-strung, verbose and intensely physical, this is a multimedia tragic-comedy, a sort of fast-paced Waiting for Godot performed by one person. It also stars a Vegas Showgirl outfit not to be missed."

HARRIET DODGE: FROM WHERE I'M SITTING I CAN ONLY REACH YOUR ASS "A multi-faceted treatise on language and iconoclastic gender portraiture." June 15-16, \$15-20, SomArts, 934 Brannan.

For more information about these and many other festival events go to
www.queerculturalcenter.org or call 415-552-7709.

Other websites to check for events:

<http://www.cityinsights.com>
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Book Award Committee

Four men and two women have been named to two-year terms on the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Round Table's Book Award Committee as replacements for departing committee members. The new members join four women and two men remaining on the committee this year. John Bradford (jbradford@galaxy.com) will succeed Anne Moore as Chair of the committee and Ellen Bosman has been chosen as the new vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

The Book Award Committee selects winners and honor books in Literature and Nonfiction each year during ALA Midwinter. The awards are presented at an Awards Breakfast each year at the following ALA Annual. The 2001 Book Awards Committee will select the award winners presented at the 2002 Awards Breakfast.

Members of the 2001 Book Award Committee

Name: Term ends:

Ellen Bosman (Chair-elect) 2003
John Bradford (Chair) 2002
John DeSantis 2003
Karl Fattig 2003
Cecil Hixon 2003
James Hoogstra 2002
Lisa Johnston 2003
Anne Moore (Past Chair) 2002
Susan Parker 2002
Patricia Periera-Pujol 2003
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Volunteer with the GLBTRT!!!

Join us! We are always looking for energetic **committee members**. Interested candidates must be members of ALA. Please mail/email your nominations to the GLBTRT at the ALA address on the back of this newsletter, or attend our meetings during conference and see if you would like to volunteer. **We look forward to working with you!**

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