Plan your Summer Reading to Include Authors Who Will Appear at the November Annual Conference!

Check Out the Conference Authors Coming Your Way!

The 2006 AzLA Conference Committee is hard at work to bring a wide and exciting collection of authors to this year’s event. We are being diligent in spotlighting authors who represent a good mix of genres. In addition, many will be first timers at our conference.

Some of the confirmed authors are below. There will be several opportunities during the exciting conference to meet them and hear them speak. At the conference, you can purchase copies of their books or bring any you already own for signing. Each month, we will update our list so that you have the opportunity to read their works. —David Hunenberg, Author Liaison

Carolyn Hart (left) - Charming is the best word to describe this cozy mystery writer. She is the author of two popular series: Death on Demand, with bookstore owner Annie and her PI husband Max Darling; and Henrie O, with retired journalist Henrietta Collins. Both series are perfect with a comfy overstuffed chair, tea and scones.

Donis Casey (right) - ASU Government Documents Head turned writer. Her first title, The Old Buzzard Had it Coming is part family biography, part Oklahoma history lesson, and part mystery. Her second novel, Hornswoggled is due out this fall.

Frederick Ramsay (right) - Up and coming mystery writer now living in Metro Phoenix. Barbara Peters from the Poisoned Pen says she is crazy about his first two titles, Secrets & Artscape. This is a new author worth mentioning to readers.

Pete Hautman—(above) Poker-playing author who enjoys mushroom hunting and inline skating when not writing mysteries and YA fiction. He is well known for his sense of humor (just visit his website) and won the National Book Award for his YA title, Godless.

Beth Kendrick & Beth Killian (right) - No, not two authors, but one. Beth is Kendrick when writing contemporary fiction and Killian when writing her new teen series. As either, she is a great author and a very interesting speaker. She has been receiving national attention.
AzLA Service Awards Nomination Information

It is not too late to nominate a colleague for a service award. For more information, see the AzLA Awards page on the AzLA website. A nomination form is below and on the website. Mail nominations by **JUNE 30, 2006**, to Louise Stephens at the address on the form below.

### AzLA Service Award Nomination Form

Award nominations should include this form and a letter of nomination, together with three (3) additional letters of support. Support letters should reflect the criteria for each award.

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Check special requirements to indicate you have verified that the nominee meets the requirements. Refer to May newsletter or AzLA website for details. ([www.azla.org](http://www.azla.org))

- **Library Leadership**
  - Current AzLA member
  - Focus on past 3 years of service

- **Rosenzweig Distinguished Service**
  - Focus on past 10 years of service
  - Current AzLA member

- **Emerging Leader Award**
  - Nominee should have no less than two, or more than five years of full-time library experience.

- **Outstanding Library Service**

- **Outstanding Library Board**

- **Outstanding Decision Maker**

- **ProQuest/SIRS Intellectual Freedom**

- **Sharon G. Womack Outstanding Library Technician**

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**Included:**

- Nomination Letter
- Letters of support (minimum of 3 letters of support required)

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:** **June 30, 2006**

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From the President of AzLA . . .

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Okay, so it was not Mr. Smith; it was GladysAnn Wells, Ann Ewbank and I. You see us in the photo on the left with U.S. Congressman Ed Pastor. We spent May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, visiting with the Arizona Congressional delegates or their staff on your behalf. It was a fascinating experience and one that I think you should all consider participating in. Can you imagine walking through the underground tunnels between the congressional offices? Do you know that they have cafeterias and gift shops down there? The most difficult part of the trip was not the visits, but rather all of the walking. You could be meeting in any one of five different buildings located across the Capitol mall.

We were so lucky to have GladysAnn guide us through this process. She prepared informational packets that we were able to leave at the offices of each senator and congressman. The packets included:

- information on the libraries in Arizona.
- detailed information about why E-Rate is so important for Arizona. In our discussions, we asked if the application process could be made a little easier.
- She also shared information that Arizona was the only state to have two finalists for the NCLIS (U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science) awards. The Glendale Public Library was nominated for Operation Health Outreach and Tempe Public Library for Get Real, Get Fit!
- Last, but definitely not least, we were able to say thank you for the President’s proposed 220 million dollar budget for LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act). This is the first time since the reauthorization of this program that it will be fully funded. We were able to share stories about the difference LSTA has made in all our libraries. GladysAnn had placed information sheets highlighting the most recent grant awards for each of the congressional districts and a total package for each of the senators.

AzLA did pay for the room that Ann and I shared, along with my flight. [Throughout this year, as I come across items that impact our budget, I will try to share the benefits to the association.] This is one thing that I can say will benefit all of our members—but it also was a great deal of fun. Think about participating next year. The official days will be May 1st and 2nd, in 2007.

Another topic on my mind this month is our AzLA website. Have you checked it out recently? Brenda Janson has made some terrific improvements—take a look.

I am also going to ask you to do something for the association. We are trying to clean up our members’ database. Please log on and see if your information is still correct and current. I ask that you encourage any of the people you work with to do the same. They may not be receiving this newsletter, due to incorrect information.
Don’t forget the 4th Annual Flagstaff Music Festival on Saturday, June 17

The Fourth Annual Flagstaff Music Festival will showcase the talent of several local bands, Saturday, June 17, on Heritage Square in historic downtown Flagstaff. This free festival will run from noon to 8 p.m. Local artists and other vendors will also be on the Square. This year’s festival has something for all ages and musical tastes. The lineup includes: Matthew Henry Hall, Tony Norris and the Arroyo Seco Ramblers, Nation’s Ensemble, The Porchlights String Band, and the Tommy Dukes Blues Band.

The event is put on by the Cline Library’s Library Employee Organization (LEO) and benefits the Mary Crawley Student Scholarship, which awards scholarships to student workers at the library.

Flagstaff has always been home to great music and accomplished musicians. We’re glad to present an event where some of Flagstaff’s most talented musicians can share their music with the community.

For more information on the bands and the event, visit the festival website at: http://www.flagstaffmusicfestival.com.

Mike Taylor
Cline Library, Northern Arizona University

Looking in All the Wrong Places: PubMed for Public Librarians

Register for the PubMed workshop for librarians! It’s free!

What to do: To attend the workshop, you must register at: www.lib.az.us/eventreg
Note: This is a change from the previous announcement concerning this workshop.

When: Friday, June 16, 2006, 1-4 p.m
Where: ASU at the Polytechnic campus (formerly ASU East), Mesa, Arizona, Agribusiness Center, RM 116
Trainer: Kay Deeney, Education Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Region
Details: See http://nnlm.gov/train/consumer/pubmed/

PubMed is a service of the National Library of Medicine and provides web access to over 14 million citations for medical articles, and to MEDLINE and other life sciences journals.

Contact: Danielle Carlock Danielle.carlock@asu.edu (480) 727-1278

Directions: www.poly.asu.edu/about/maps
Parking: Visitor parking on campus is $1/hr. There are several visitor parking areas very close to the Agribusiness Center.

Campus map: For a campus map that details the locations of visitor parking, go to: http://www.poly.asu.edu/parking/maps/polytechnicvisitormap.pdf.
The Library Community is Invited to Attend the National Media Market Convention in Mesa

The Arizona Library Community is invited to attend the 28th National Media Market, to be held Wed., Sept. 27—Sun., October 1, at the Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa. Register today at http://www.nmm.net.

The National Media Market, created in 1978, is a convention where librarians and other personnel from media centers, libraries, broadcasting stations, and universities and other educational institutions can screen the latest releases in educational video and other media. Up to 55 prominent producers and distributors will showcase their new releases at the convention.

In addition to the screenings, the convention features professional development sessions, workshops and roundtable discussions. One of the workshops features a member of the American Library Association, who will discuss the Patriot Act and how it affects public institutions. A Republican candidate for the Arizona Attorney General’s office will present an opposing point of view.

To learn about the other professional development sessions being offered, for a list of participating companies, or for information about the National Media Market in general, please visit their website at: http://www.nmm.net/. Travel grants and 2-for-1 registrations are available. Information on how to qualify is found on the For Buyers page on the website.

For more details, please contact the Market Director, Ursula Schwarz, at (520) 743-7735, or at usschwarz@earthlink.net.

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The 6th Annual Arizona School-Age Coalition Conference Will Be Held in October

The Arizona School-Age Coalition is having a conference on Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, 2006, at the Mesa Convention Center.

"Come Grow With Us - Embrace Your Profession" is the theme of the conference, which includes six tracks with workshops on: leadership, mentoring, advocacy, technology, healthy lifestyles, and programming.

Scholarships are available for registration or travel expenses. Conference registration and scholarship forms can be downloaded from: www.azsac.org.
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LS 300: Introduction to Librarianship

History of libraries; librarianship as a profession, including literature of the field and a general overview of kinds of libraries and library services.

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July 10—August 8, 2006

More info at www.nau.edu/summer
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928-523-8569
The Maricopa County Library District is sponsoring "Travels in Time and Space," an exhibit of original art by Robert Sabuda, artist and paper engineer. The exhibit was organized by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, Abilene, Texas.

Robert Sabuda creates books that use a variety of media in inventive ways. He is the best-known pop-up book artist working today; and as a child, made pop-up books from old manila file folders. He is described as a paper engineer for his intricate work in creating tornadoes, butterflies, and even eleven dancing ladies who jump from the pages of his stunning and amazing pop-up books, such as The Wonderful Wizard of OZ.
Children's Author / Illustrator Network
Scheduling Information & Dates

By Appointment (anytime during the year):

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Rhody Cohon        Contact author at www.blasttothepastbooks.com or rhodywhy@yahoo.com.
Lynne Avril Cravath Contact illustrator at lynneavril@cox.net or http://lynneavril.com/index.asp.
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Mike Venezia       Contact author/illustrator at www.mikevenezia.com or mike.venezia@comcast.net.

Fall 2006
October 2-6    David Schwartz. Go to http://www.davidschwartz.com for info and scheduling.
October 23-26  Cynthia Kadohata. Go to http://www.kira-kira.us/ for info. Contact Mary Wong to schedule.
November 2-3   Mary Amato. Go to www.maryamato.com for info and scheduling.
November 13-17 Keiko Kasza. Contact Mary Wong for info and scheduling.

Spring 2007
Jan. 29-Feb. 2  Suse MacDonald. Go to www.susemacdonald.com for info and scheduling.
March/April    Natasha Wing. Go to www.natashawing.com for info and scheduling.
March 19-21    Joan Sandin. Go to http://members.authorsguild.net/joansandin for info and scheduling.
TBA            Jack Gantos. Go to www.jackgantos.com for info. Contact Mary Wong to schedule.

Spring 2008
March            David Clement-Davies. Go to www.davidclementdavies.com for info. Contact Mary Wong to schedule, or for additional information.

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We have all heard how libraries can benefit when teens get involved in collection development, pro-
gramming, reader advisory, and other activities. A great approach to this is tying teen participatory ac-
tivities into special library or book-oriented celebrations, like National Library Week, Teen Read
Week, National Poetry Month, or Read Across America. Another way is to learn about national
teen volunteer movements, and use those as another focus for events in which teens can help their
libraries. In addition to library groups and associations, general youth involvement organizations are
beginning to recognize the important role of libraries in fostering teen participation in their communi-
ties. As a matter of fact, The Freechild Project, a group dedicated to “connecting young people and
social change,” now has a page on their web site specifically dedicated to teens and libraries:

How can you get your teens engaged in these kinds of events? First, find out what important dates
are coming up, in addition to the better known library dates. You might use as your focus:

- Center for Service Learning & School Partnership’s Make a Difference Day in October —
  http://www.umf-outreach.edu/service/community/make_a_difference.htm.
- National Youth Service Day, sponsored by Youth Service America in April —
  http://www.ysa.org/nysd/.

At the City of Mesa Library, teens were involved in both during the last year. In October, teens volun-
teeered to help with the library’s annual Friends of the Library Book Sale for Make a Difference Day. In
April, our Volunteer Manager, Kathee Herbstreit, planned and organized an event called “Read Your
Library” for National Youth Service Day. Because our library is experiencing a difficult time financially,
Kathee recognized that teens could help with a basic but important task that staff had little or no time to
address: shelf reading.

On Saturday, April 22nd, 14 teens worked in three shifts, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., to do “an extreme
makeover of the library by shelf reading and straightening collections throughout the Main library.” Each
volunteer spent 30 minutes being trained, then an hour reading the shelves. They received snacks—
pizza, chips, cookies, and soda—and certificates of participation they could use to get credit, if they
wished, for Service Learning or National Honor Society community service hours. The teens who par-
ticipated had a great time and really did make an impact.

Because the shelf reading project was so successful, Kathee has set up a way for teens to continue it
over the summer. She is calling it “S.O.S. Teen Thursdays,” and it will be held each week from June into
August. Teen volunteers are invited to come to the library on Thursdays throughout the summer to help
shelve books, shelf read, and perform related duties as assigned.

If you try one of the national special date tie-ins for a teen participatory activity, and it is a hit, there is no
reason to limit it to one day, or weekend, or week. Consider keeping the activity as an ongoing one, to
benefit your teens as they learn and grow from community service, and to benefit your library.

Want more information on how to get your teens involved in projects like these?

Contact Kathee Herbstreit for more information at kathee.herbstreit@cityofmesa.org.
This month we are going to depart from official government information and take a brief look behind the scenes at partisan politics. Although political parties have no official role in government (within certain limits, anyone can hold elected office), they do wield considerable political power and they use it to influence the issues, the procedures, and the candidates in elections, especially at the state and national level.

Political parties have been exerting influence on our government almost as long as we have had elections. Despite the constitutional provisions to keep factions from attaining and maintaining political power (checks and balances, separation of powers, etc.), political parties formed early on to unite and mobilize the electorate towards candidates who best represented a shared ideology or “party line.”

As political parties got more established, they influenced more than just ideas. They provided social services, had strong affiliations with newspapers, and often determined who got positions of power and contracts through patronage; essentially running communities, states, and sometimes beyond. Although we still hear of cronyism today, the political reforms enacted in the wake of the political bosses and machines of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries have done much to reduce the control of parties.

American politics is dominated by a two-party system. While it is easy enough to register a political party (see http://www.fec.gov/ans/answers_party.shtml), it is difficult to compete with the established parties in getting your message out and motivating people to vote for you. In addition, the established parties provide enough ideological wiggle room and local independence to keep the majority of voters registered with one party of the other.

**Political Parties in the United States** - http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/election04/parties.htm - Prepared by the State Department as part of a larger document to explain the US electoral process to those unfamiliar with it; this report provides an excellent history of parties.

In keeping with my departure from official government information this month, the following sites provide some other resources for information on political parties:


- Project Vote Smart – Political Parties – http://www.vote-smart.org/resourcepoliticalresources.php?category=Political%20Parties – An attempt to independently provide as much public information about candidates as possible in one place.


- UVA Center for Politics – Political Party links - http://www.centerforpolitics.org/about/links_polparties.htm - Links to national political parties and their affiliate groups.

On May 16th, at ASU’s Hayden Library, Joan Frye Williams talked about “The Indispensable Librarian” and “Matching Innovations to Environment.” Each session was attended by over 50 librarians from around Arizona; and in between sessions, networking luncheons were held at nearby restaurants.

Joan is known as an entertaining speaker who challenges traditional library thinking and she did not disappoint. She recommended the following to make yourself indispensable:

- **24/7 convenience.** It’s our job to make quality convenient. All of our services should be available online; and when they are, the more exposure and use they’ll get. Student orientations should stress the value of librarians and not focus on the building. Services should be taken to the students: we need to “make the trip;” not the students.

- **Self-directed service.** Students care much more about the experience, than they do about the quality of information received. All transactions with library staff must be positive. You do not sacrifice quality by letting the student drive the transaction. Students want and expect us to be their support team and do all the “set-up” for them (make the building, web site, etc., intuitive and easy to use) so that they can be successful. If we tell them, “don’t worry about trying to use this on your own, just ask us for help,” students see us as putting up roadblocks to success. Students measure success by how much they can accomplish without having to ask us for assistance. Is the URL for your website visible from outside your building?

- **Services for hunter-gatherers.** Why not have a library toolbar available for your customers? See Denver Public Library’s version at [http://www.denver.lib.co.us(toolbar/index.html](http://www.denver.lib.co.us/bar/index.html).

- **Participation in the “real” virtual community.** The “real” virtual community is not your online chat service: it’s blogs, vlogs, wikis, myspace, etc. Having a library blog is not as important as your participation on the blogs the students are using. And when you do participate, identify yourself as a librarian at your university. Play in their sandbox; don’t try and make them play in yours. Are you and your library listed in the Wikipedia?

- **User-driven priorities.** Nobody but librarians think that the library is the place to go for information; to everyone else, the library means books. Traditional reference is dead. Students do not see reference as something that librarians do; reference service has lost its market. There is no future in saying “these databases are better” than Google: you gain “street cred” when you are a super Googler. No other profession puts its professionals on the front line. Putting librarians on the public service desks is a major reason why students can’t distinguish between librarians and library staff. Librarians should be on call, not on the desk – we are the experts who are called in to solve the big problems. Remember: professionals deliver results; classified staff process transactions.

And what makes you dispensable? Trying to command and control.

Want to hear both of Joan’s sessions in their entirety? Through the services of the ASU Libraries’ Department of Library Information Systems and Technology, in particular Rob Fidler and Matt Harp, these presentations were recorded for podcasting. Watch for details. And thanks to the officers and volunteers from the College and University Library Division who made these sessions with Joan possible.
In late April, I traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, to visit Stefanie Moritz, a friend and retired colleague of mine from my days at the Yucca Branch Library. Her husband, Vince Jenkins, works as the Technical Services Librarian at the Center for Instructional Materials and Computing (CIMC), part of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UWM). Vince gave me a tour of the CIMC on Friday, April 21, 2006.

The CIMC is one of 44 libraries in the UWM system and one of two libraries in the School of Education. As stated on the website, http://cimc.education.wisc.edu/, the CIMC “provides collections and services designed to meet the needs for educational resources, media and computer support of the students, faculty and staff of the School of Education.” Jo Ann Carr is the CIMC Director, and I had a chance to speak with her on my tour of the CIMC.

The CIMC is on the third and fourth floors of the Teacher Education Building, located at 225 N. Mills Street (first photo on the left). Student artwork and projects are displayed throughout. There is also a first edition World Book Encyclopedia on display, as the editor was a member of the UWM faculty.

At the entrance to the third floor, there is a display area with two beach chairs. The core of the third floor section is open space with study tables and chairs. Since students are urged to work collaboratively, the noise level can become elevated in this center section.

The circulation area to the left of the entrance allows students to check out a variety of audiovisual equipment. The devices loaned include digital voice recorders, microphones, digital and 35mm cameras, miniDV digital camcorders, computers, scanners, and screens. Beyond the circulation area is the reading room (second photo above).

In the far corner from the entrance is one of several areas where one can use computers with a wide variety of available software. Scanners, laminators, and a poster printer are available for use. Other machines allow the conversion of VHS tapes to CD-ROM format. Several open and closed classroom spaces are available for group work and instruction. The CIMC staff offer bibliographic and software instruction.

The fourth floor has much of the circulating collection, along with a large open classroom. Vince also gave me a tour of the staff area of the CIMC. This was one of the most orderly areas for processing library materials which I have ever seen!

The CIMC has over 125,000 visitors a year and circulates over 40,000 materials a year. The collection has about 90,000 items.

As a public librarian, all of this was very new to me. I really appreciate Vince taking the time to take me on a tour around the CIMC.
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AzLA 2006 CALENDAR

July 28          Board Meeting.  10:00 a.m.  East Flagstaff Community Library
October 27       Board Meeting.  10:00 a.m.  Peoria Public Library
                   Mesa Convention Center & Mesa Marriott

For the Arizona State Library listing of calendars covering continuing education, grant writing,
Carnegie Center, and other types of events, go to:  www.lib.az.us/events/index.cfm.

To register online for events, go to:  http://www.lib.az.us/eventreg/.

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