Atwood Delivers Shakespeare With a Modern Twist

By Michelle Kowalsky, Rowan University, NJ

Librarians received a graduate-level crash course on interpreting Shakespeare from author Margaret Atwood during the first Auditorium Speaker session on Saturday. Arwood is one of several best-selling authors commissioned by the Hogarth Shakespeare Project to retell the Bard's works in novel form, while using their own unique style and flair.

The prize-winning Arwood authored Hym-Sed (October 2016), a retelling of Shakespeare's The Tempest, which is one of her favorite works. The title of her book is also a Shakespearean insult, which foreshadows some of the plot's excitement. Arwood regaled the audience with short scenes from the book, commentary on American and Canadian politics, and humorous critique of required school curricula.

Atwood's naturally melodic writing evolved into iambic pentameter at times during her talk, which provided another testament to her expertise and mastery of language. In response to Shakespeare purists' natural critique of anyone trying to adapt these classic works, Atwood explained, "All interpretations of Shakespeare are slippery, just like most of his characters. … As one of the main contributors to development of the English language, Shakespeare's words are infinitely interpretable."

Attendees received a galley copy of the work along with Atwood's admonition, "No spoilers on the Internet, or else you'll be imprisoned in the cloven pine!" This and many other literary references received a hearty chuckle from the clearly cultured audience, especially when Atwood amused them with humorous tales she witnessed as a fan of amateur and professional Shakespearean theater.

Wedding Heard ‘Round the World: Forever and Always

By Michelle Kowalsky, Rowan University

For some couples, the same-sex marriage fight is still not over, even after getting married legally. Michael McConnell and Jack Baker, the first legally married couple in the United States, spoke about their experiences and their new memoir Saturday.

McConnell grew up in Oklahoma, had lots of strong role models, and even went to a family psychologist. His decision to come out as a gay man was obvious to him and his friends, and he credits his family for giving him the courage to live honestly and be himself. McConnell's mother said to him, "We know you are strong-willed and will do what you want, but please do what is right." These words would never be truer than when McConnell met his future husband, Jack Baker, at a barn party. Theirs is a love story renewed repeatedly against a lifetime of litigation.

Baker was the first openly gay college student body president in the country, who took on the military for overt discrimination and won, and who ran for city council and the Supreme Court in Minnesota. Baker and McConnell wanted to get married legally, so Baker went to law school to figure out how to do this. He discovered that Minnesota law at that time did not specify gender, so the two applied for a marriage license in 1970 and...
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Lewis famously led the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at the height of the civil rights movement. Now, as the last surviving member of the “Big Six” civil rights organizations active in the 1960s and a former Freedom Rider, he uses March to recount his memories of the time period.

Lewis spoke about the crucial role libraries fill in encouraging upcoming generations to pursue social change. He noted how, by reading, he was inspired to challenge the racist status quo. “You as librarians have been encouraging people to get into trouble – good trouble – and you must continue to do just that,” he said. “Through information – through books – we must find a way to set down the burden of hate.”

William Adams, chairman of the NEH, concurred in introducing Lewis that libraries are essential for supporting healthy egalitarian societies. “There is no democracy without the act of memory,” he said, likewise encouraging libraries to continue in their work of preserving and sharing the history of events like the civil rights movement. It is for this reason that the NEH has awarded some 3,400 grants to libraries in the past 50 years, totaling $515 million.

Lewis concluded his remarks by calling on librarians to remain hopeful, despite events like the recent Orlando shootings. He recalled how, in 1956 at 16 years of age, he was turned away from Pike County Public Library because library cards were for “whites only.” In 1998 he returned to this library for the first time to sign copies of his memoir, Walking with the Wind. At that time, 40 years later, he was welcomed into the library by an audience of white and black readers, and the staff gladly presented him with a library card.

“When people say the world doesn’t change, I want to tell them to walk in my shoes. … I truly believe we will get it right in America.” Lewis left the stage amid modified words from the civil rights movement, “We will overcome.”

### Annual Conference Videos on YouTube

Want to see more of the ALA Annual Conference? The Cognotes staff is producing videos of key conference sessions, events, and the Exhibits. See video coverage of Saturday’s Memorial for Pulse Shooting Victims, Friday’s Opening Session with Michael Eric Dyson, and others.

Watch them at www.youtube.com/search “2016 ALA Annual Conference” or #ALAAC16.

### The Library of Congress Exhibit Booth Schedule

**ALA Annual Conference – Orlando, FL**

**June 24 – 27, 2016**

**Sunday, June 26**

**9:00 AM**

I Cannot Live without Books (webcast from the Library of Congress)

Teaching with Primary Sources (webcast from the Library of Congress)

The Library of Congress Is Your Library (webcast from the Library of Congress)

**9:30 AM**

Pursuing your Family History at the Library of Congress / Ahmed Johnson

**10:00 AM**

Classification Web 101: A Brief Introduction / Patricia Hayward

**10:30 AM**

Outreach Innovation at the Library of Congress / Jane McAuliffe

**11:00 AM**

Creating a Model License for the Purchase of Electronic Resources at the Library of Congress / Linda Geisler

**11:30 AM**

Copyright Material Processing in the U.S. Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division / Vera Clyburn

**12:00 PM**

Campaigning for President in Africa: Selected Political Memorabilia from the Library of Congress Collections / Laverne Page

**12:30 PM**

The Predatory Publishing Phenomenon: Actors, Bystanders, Consequences / Regina Romano Reynolds

**1:00 PM**


**1:30 PM**

From Cylinders to Cell Phones: Documenting Culture at the American Folklife Center / Melissa Lindberg

**2:00 PM**


**2:30 PM**

The Library of Congress BIBFRAME Pilot: Phase One / Judith Cannan & Paul Frank

**3:00 PM**

Operations of the Germanic and Slavic Division at the Library of Congress / Robert C. Morgan

**3:30 PM**


**4:00 PM**

The Library of Congress (featured video from C-Span)
Turn Outward and Be a Part of Your Community, Not Apart From It

By Deborah Hathaway, Texas Woman’s University MLS

Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC), funded by a Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation grant, uses the Harwood approach to community engagement. During “Way to Innovate: How Three Libraries Turned Outward to Lead Change (and You Can, Too),” on Saturday, Rich Harwood, The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, said we are in a time where we are more concerned with what we are against instead of what we are for. This is the reason he started the Turning Outward program. “Libraries enjoy a trust few other organizations can claim and they are an asset that cannot be bought and needs to be protected,” said Harwood. “The LTC uses Turning Outward to expand its boundaries and makes the community the reference point for what libraries do.”

Mary Davis Fournier, ALA Public Programs Office, explained that Turning Outward allows libraries to quit focusing solely upon budgets, bills, and fines and move to a new narrative where the focus is engagement. This program can be used in small or large libraries and still get results. It begins with the ASK exercise, a dialogue between the library and community consisting of four questions:

- What kind of community do you want to live in?
- Why is that important to you?
- How is that different from how you see things now?
- What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

Three LTC members shared their experiences of how this method changed their libraries and communities. Red Hook Public Library, a small library in New York State, serves a population of 1,961. Erica Freudenberger feels this is an advantage as “we don’t have the red tape larger libraries face when it comes to change.” She took the door-to-door approach to find out what residents thought about their community. “Fixing traffic lights is usually not what libraries do, but if it affects the quality of life then the library should be involved,” said Freudenberger. “Remember that libraries do not exist in a vacuum. They only thrive when the community thrives. You need to leave the building and talk to people about what they want or need and then figure out how to do it.”

Amber Williams, Spokane County (Washington) Library District, also recommended that librarians leave the building. “The only people that come to a library are those who know about the library,” said Williams. “Turnout Outward allows you to expand your programming area from just the library to the entire community. If you raise visibility, you raise relevance.” One of the partnerships her district created is between teens and seniors. They created an intergenerational opportunity program where the library trained teenagers to teach seniors how to use mobile devices at senior centers. Richard Frieder, Hartford (Connecticut) Public Library, described how staff in a large urban library learned that public safety and police relations were community concerns. They partnered with the Hartford Police and formed teams that encourage community events and joint learning experiences with community members, library staff, and the police. For tools, reports, and more information on the Harwood Institute visit www.theharwoodinstitute.org and www.alac.org/LTC.

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2. Author Signing
   10:00-11:00am
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   1:00-2:00pm
   Rita Williams-Garcia
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   Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon
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Memorial for Pulse Shooting Victims

Peter Coyl and Deb Sira, Chair and Chair-Elect, GLBT Round Table.

Coyl
“The best we can do to honor those who have died is to remember and live out loud. Remember those who have passed. Remember the lives they led. Remember the futures they would have held.”

Sira
“Like Stonewall and with time, Pulse will have its place in history as a powerful symbol of equity, diversity, and inclusion.”

Lucia M. Gonzalez and Mario Ascencio, past presidents, REFORMA

Gonzalez
“I hope that we awaken, and the ones that have the power to make decisions, they awaken too and they realize that there is no place for weapons of mass destruction, that belong in the war field, to be in our civil societies.”

Ascencio
“I am thankful for being here in Orlando with my REFORMA familia and my ALA GLBT family, who bring peace and comfort, not only to my mind, but to those who have been affected by this tragedy.”

ALA President Sari Feldman (right), leads attendees in a moment of silence as the names of the victims are displayed.

“As one ALA, we stand together with the City of Orlando. We stand with the LGBTQ and Latino communities, and we stand on the side of hope in the face of tragedy.”

ALA President-Elect Julie Todaro and U.S. Congressman John Lewis

Todaro
“In times of sorrow and grief, we turn to words, often as beautiful as the words we heard this morning, words of kindness, words of remembrance, and words of reflection. In the wake of the Pulse tragedy, though, I believe we also need words of action. We hold the power to transform lives through compassion, understanding, and commitment to social justice.”

Rep. Lewis
“As a people who believe in the way of peace, in the way of love, in the way of non-violence, who believe that, for a sense of hope, of moving our lips, our feet, our hands, we can change things.”
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Holly Robinson Peete, Twins to Speak Monday

Actress, author, talk show host, activist, and philanthropist Holly Robinson Peete has devoted her life and career to autism awareness. Most recently she has coauthored the timely young adult novel Same But Different: Teen Life on the Autism Express with her 18-year-old twins Ryan Elizabeth and RJ, addressing the challenges and triumphs of being a teen living with autism and the effects on family, school, friends, and life. Ryan Elizabeth and RJ will join their mother in this Auditorium Speaker program on Monday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Through alternating fictional narratives based on their own lives, Ryan Elizabeth and RJ, who has autism, reveal honestly what it means to be a teen living with autism. Same But Different explores the funny, painful, and unexpected aspects of teen autism while daring to address issues not usually talked about, underscoring tolerance, love, and the understanding that everybody’s unique drumbeat is worth dancing to.

Since 2000, when Peete learned of RJ’s autism diagnosis, she has worked tirelessly to help families everywhere who are raising children with autism. With her husband, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, she founded the HollyRod Foundation, dedicated to offering help through compassionate care to families living with autism and Parkinson’s disease. Her picture book about living with autism, My Brother Charlie, co-written with Ryan Elizabeth and illustrated by Shane Evans, received an NAACP Image Award.

Ryan Elizabeth Peete is a college student and avid world traveler who has devoted herself to advocacy for children with special needs. Rodney Jackson Peete, “RJ,” serves as a mentor at the Los Angeles Speech and Language Therapy Center, where he provides support and help to young people like himself on the autism spectrum. The Peetes invited viewers into their bustling family life in the docuseries “For Peete’s Sake,” which premiered on the Oprah Winfrey Network in March 2016. The Peetes’ appearance at the conference is sponsored by Scholastic.

The “Now Showing @ ALA Film Program” offers a variety of films and documentaries throughout the conference from Saturday through Monday. With a range of screening times, stop by between meetings or for an educational break. (OCCC, Room 207C)

**Sunday, June 26**

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ALA members gather for an #ALAAC16ClassPhoto at the ALA Lounge.

ALA attendees pack the floor during the Exhibits Opening Reception.

Joey Conner (left) and Debbie Lewis, both from the Alachua County Library, Gainesville, Florida, take a selfie during the Exhibits Opening Reception.

ALA President Sari Feldman and the ALA Executive Board hold a virtual ribbon cutting to open the Exhibits.

Shannon Ayrish Booyse, Saint Augustine, Florida, pauses for a photo with cutouts of the presidential nominees at the ABDO Publishing booth.
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“Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.”

– Ray Bradbury –

The American Library Association offers its deepest thanks to the National Endowment for the Humanities for 50 years of supporting libraries and communities through initiatives like “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History.”
Transgender Teen Author, Activist Jazz Jennings to Share Her Journey

Jazz Jennings, one of the youngest and most prominent voices in the national discussion about gender identity, will be an Auditorium Speaker on Monday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

At the age of five and with the support of her parents, Jennings transitioned to life as a girl. A year later, her first Barbara Walters interview aired, at a time when the public was much less knowledgeable or accepting of the transgender community. This groundbreaking interview was followed by other high-profile interviews, a documentary, the launch of her YouTube channel, a picture book, and her own reality TV series – “I Am Jazz” – making her one of the most recognizable activists for transgender teens, children, and adults.

In her memoir, *Being Jazz: My Life as a Transgender Teen* (June 2016), Jennings reflects on these very public experiences and how they have helped shape mainstream attitudes toward the transgender community. She has faced challenges, bullying, discrimination, and rejection, yet perseveres as she educates others about her life as a transgender teen and learns to navigate the physical, social, and emotional upheavals of adolescence. Throughout, her family has supported her and stood against those who do not understand the meaning of tolerance and unconditional love. Jennings, who hosts a series of videos about her life on YouTube, was named to *Time* magazine’s most influential teens list two years in a row, was one of *The Huffington Post’s* 14 most fearless teens, and was the youngest person ever featured on *Out Magazine’s* OUT100, as well as on *Out Magazine*’s most influential teens list two years in a row, was on *The Advocate’s* 40 under 40 list. In 2014, she was named a Human Rights Campaign Youth Ambassador and received LogoTV’s Youth Trailblazer Award.

Her appearance is sponsored by Random House Children’s Books.

Talking Across Generations: A Conversation about Core Values, Intellectual Freedom, and Social Justice to be Presented Monday Afternoon

For many years, intellectual freedom, a core value of librarianship and many colleagues in the publishing world, has looked to a near First Amendment absolutism. Today, a growing concern over the need for more diversity in publishing, a greater sensitivity to the abuses of power and privilege, has given rise to a stronger commitment in the field to social justice.

“Talking the Cake: A Generational Conflict,” a panel discussion taking place on Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Orange County Convention Center, room W205, offers an opportunity to directly engage in a conversation and talkback that considers whether these values are in conflict; asks whether one value is replacing the other; and considers the responsibility of librarians and publishers as one generation of professionals begins to give way to another.

Recent controversies over the content of children’s books have thrown into sharp relief the potential conflicts between these two values. When the book *A Birthday Cake for George Washington* was pulled from circulation by Scholastic after robust criticism of the book’s portrayal of slavery, many supported the decision to remove the book from circulation, while other librarians, publishers, and free speech advocates argued that the decision to pull the book compromised intellectual freedom.

Judith Platt, a lifelong advocate for the freedom to read on behalf of the American Association of Publishers, will share the platform with Katie Chamberlain Kritikos, a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s School of Information Studies to lead a discussion about the foundations and future of our profession.

“Talking Across Generations: A Conversation about Core Values, Intellectual Freedom, and Social Justice” will feature Jamie LaRue, director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, who will introduce the panel and moderate the discussion. The panel is jointly sponsored by ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee and the American Association of Publishers.

ALA Releases New Report on Entrepreneurship Programs in Libraries

The library community does more to promote entrepreneurship than many realize. Libraries provide assistance at every stage of the effort to launch and operate a new venture – from writing a business plan, to raising capital, to managing workflow.

Earlier this month, ALA released *The People’s Incubator: Libraries Propels Entrepreneurship,* a new report that highlights how public and academic libraries leverage their diverse resources to work with entrepreneurs during all stages of the business startup process.

Learn about best practices for supporting entrepreneurs in libraries at the session “The People’s Incubator: Libraries Propels Entrepreneurship,” when a panel of experts will elucidate the value of this assistance to the entrepreneurship ecosystem, and discuss ways in which libraries might make an even greater impact on the innovation economy moving forward. The session takes place on Monday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., in the Orange County Convention Center, room W105B. Speakers include Vanessa Nehlett, assistant manager of Reference Central for the Orange County (Florida) Library System; Thomas J. O’Neal, associate vice president for research and commercialization at the University of Central Florida; and Jerry Ross, president of the National Entrepreneur Center. Charlie Wapner, senior information policy analyst of ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy, will moderate the program.
Building an Adult Literacy through Libraries National Movement

According to the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, one in six American adults struggles with basic literacy. Public libraries help meet this need through services such as high-interest, low-level collections and tutoring. Join ALA and ProLiteracy for “Adult Literacy through Libraries: Building a National Movement,” today from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Orange County Convention Center, room W101B.

Become oriented to Adult Literacy through Libraries: An Action Agenda, which guides libraries in this work, and see practical strategies for expanding adult literacy services, libraries creating and implementing tailored action plans, and a preview of a free online course, launching in 2017. Published in 2014, the Agenda is an innovative call to action that outlines recommendations in seven priority areas: Collection Development, Technology and Digital Literacy, Collaboration and Strategic Partnerships, Professional Development and Graduate Education, Community Planning and Program Evaluation, Raising Awareness and Influencing Policy, and Sustainability. With the award of an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant, ALA and ProLiteracy are furthering the work of the Action Agenda to develop an openly accessible course and collection of resources, with help of a pilot cohort of three public libraries and an advisory group of leaders in adult literacy and library work. Become part of building a national movement of adult literacy through libraries.

Guerrero Featured Speaker at Today’s ALA President’s Program

Diane Guerrero will be the featured speaker at ALA President Sari Feldman’s President’s Program, today from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. “America’s libraries have advanced the American Dream by providing services and resources that welcome and support all immigrants,” said Feldman. “Diane Guerrero’s personal story is a powerful reminder of the library’s essential role in creating individual opportunity and community progress.” The event will take place in the Orange County Convention Center, Chapin Theater (room W320).

Well known as an actor on the hit shows “Orange is the New Black” and “Jane the Virgin,” Guerrero also volunteers with the nonprofit Immigrant Legal Resource Center and in 2015 was named a White House Ambassador for Citizenship and Naturalization. An outspoken advocate for common sense, comprehensive immigration reform, Guerrero was taken in by other Colombian families in Boston after her family was deported without warning to Colombia when she was 14.

Her forthcoming memoir, In the Country We Love: My Family Divided, was published in May 2016 by Henry Holt & Co. Her appearance at the event is sponsored by Henry Holt & Co./Macmillan, and will be preceded by the ALA Awards.
Teen entrepreneur and activist Maya Penn spoke as part of Saturday’s Auditorium Speaker Series about her new book, You Got This! Unleash Your Awesomeness, Find Your Path, and Change Your World. Penn is passionate about “changing the world through creativity.” At 16, she has shown prodigious talent as a young creative and entrepreneur. Among other things, she manages her own eco-friendly fashion line, is the CEO of Maya’s Ideas, a company she started in 2008 when she was eight years old, has developed animated films, and has delivered three TED Talks, with one of these having received more than 1.3 million views online.

Penn noted that she intends You Got This! to encourage others to use their creative gifts to improve the world. She reiterated the importance of giving back in her own work — using her companies and products to advocate for girls’ rights, promote environmental protection, and empower women and youth to be more active in computer science and STEM fields. Penn indicates that 10 – 20 percent of her own profits go to local and international charities and environmental organizations. By pursuing her creative interests and passion for activism, she has found points of synergy. For instance: her animated short films about the importance of pollinators and her line of eco-friendly sanitary pads developed for use by girls internationally.

Penn noted the impact of libraries on her life and career. She indicated that books — too many to name — have guided her in evolving her interests. Addressing the audience, she said, “You guys are like the keepers of portals to other worlds. I think that’s a super power you need to keep.” She remarked, finally, that it is an honor to participate in ongoing conversations through books — to inspire as she has been inspired by others.
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Explore Over Two Centuries of Jewish Heritage in Florida

Join the Jewish Information Committee of the ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT/EC), and the Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) for an exploration of over two centuries of Jewish life in the Sunshine State during “Chronicle of a People: Over 250 Years of Florida Jewish History” today from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Orlando, Celebration 10.

During this session, guest speaker Marcia Jo Zerivitz, founding executive director of the Jewish Museum of Florida at Florida International University (FIU), will discuss her research into the rich history and compelling backstories of Florida Floridians. Zerivitz dispels the popular notion of Jews arriving in Florida only after World War II, as she found evidence of the community dating as far back as 1763, including such notable personalities as David Levy Yulee, who saw Florida’s admission into the Union and served as the first Jewish member of the United States Senate, and through the present, where Florida is both the third overall most populous state and has the third highest Jewish population in the U.S.

Zerivitz has traveled 250,000 miles across Florida to conduct grassroots research and retrieve the state’s unknown Jewish history to create an archival collection and traveling exhibition that would eventually become the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach. She also initiated legislation for Florida Jewish History Month (January) and a Jewish American Heritage Month (May) to increase awareness of the contributions by Jews to the state and nation. She authored all of the Florida entries for the Encyclopedia Judaica, and her scholarship has been used in films, historical journals, and books, including publications by Brandeis University Press; she has been published internationally. She has written two photo-documentaries for Arcadia Publishing, including Jews of Greater Miami (2009) and Jews of Tampa (2013).
Dutch Caribbean Librarians Come to Orlando

The Sustainability Task Force will host a delegation of librarians from the Caribbean today from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., in the Orange County Convention Center, room S330 A-B. These librarians will present “The National Library of Aruba: Promoting, Enhancing, and Embracing Green Education.” The panel includes representatives from the National Library of Aruba (NLA) and the Philipsburg Jubilee Library (PJL, St. Maarten).

During the last four years (2012 - 2015) 6,000 students and teachers in secondary schools and higher education of Aruba attended symposiums on sustainable energy, food supply, and soil practices. For this initiative, NLA collaborated with a range of Aruban stakeholders including FEFTAS; W.E.B. Aruba N.V.; Government Department IBSA, N.V.; Elmar; Green’s Cool; SETAR N.V.; Utilities Aruba N.V.; Americas Sustainable Development Foundation; and Government Department of Agriculture, Husbandry, and Fishery, all of which sponsored and organized the four symposiums.

Invited guest speakers from the United States, the Netherlands, and Aruba gave their presentations during those four years. Panelists will include Astrid Britten, director of the National Library of Aruba; Ronny R. Alders, coordinator of Green Education Symposiums/Green Education Project of the National Library of Aruba and coordinator of Academic Lectures of Lifelong Learning of the National Library of Aruba, and Monique Alberts - Luidjens, director of the Phillipsburg Jubilee Library (PJL) of St. Maarten.

The moderator of the panel presentation is Frederick W. Stoss, associate librarian from the University at Buffalo in New York.

Program to Explore Literacy Services to Incarcerated Adults

In the United States, more than 2 million people – one in every 100 adults – are incarcerated in federal, state, and local correctional facilities. Learn about the unique challenges and opportunities for providing library and literacy services to incarcerated adults, including those preparing for reentry into society, at “Literacy Inside and Out: Services to Incarcerated and Newly-Released Adults and Their Families” from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. today, in the Orange County Convention Center, room W103A.

Spurred by ALA and ASCLA’s Library Services to the Incarcerated and Detained Interest Group, the panel program will explore programming to support family connections, to foster a better reentry network, and to reduce recidivism. The panelists bring a broad scope of experience and expertise: Susan Woodwick, leader of the Hennepin County (Minnesota) Library Outreach, will speak about their Read To Me program and how to have positive impact on some of the 5 million American children who have had a parent incarcerated; Jacquie Welsh, who served as librarian in residence with Los Angeles Public Library, will share the Pathways program to help former prisoners reenter society; and Leo Hayden, who has worked at the intersections of violence corrections, jail, and community-based integrated services for 31 years, will reflect on his work as director of Southeast Louisiana Regional Re-Entry and Restorative Services in the Orleans Parish Sheriff’s Office.
Taking Advantage of Workforce Funding: Washington Office Explains WIOA

By George Eberhart, American Libraries

The U.S. government is spending $1.5 billion on career information and assistance for American workers, job seekers, and employers through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), first implemented in 2013. On Saturday morning, the ALA Washington Office brought together a panel of librarians and state workforce experts to show how public libraries can get funding as eligible providers to collaborate with job centers to provide recruitment, digital training, and consultation services to workers who need reemployment—activities that many libraries are already doing for their patrons.

Mimi Coenen, chief operating officer for the nonprofit CareerSource in central Florida, said that the WIOA now specifically authorizes public libraries to play an official role as partners with workforce centers. “Knowledge of technology is mandatory for most jobs,” she said. “Libraries can help with tech training, especially since there are many public libraries in central Florida but only six career centers.”

Stephen Parker, legislative director of the Education and Workforce Committee for the National Governors Association, added that public librarians can “make a good case to governors, state educational agencies, and local school boards” on why they should be partnering with state employment agencies. School libraries also have an “opportunity for rethinking their role in increasing academic achievement,” thanks to the 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act, which authorizes funding in support of digital literacy and after-school programs.

Trina Travis, a senior management analyst for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, said that her agency welcomes the support of libraries in “serving the most vulnerable workers—including low-income adults, youth, and ex-offenders—in tech training, résumé writing, and job searches.”

Two librarians chimed in with their own success stories. Alta Porterfield, Inspiration Space coordinator for the Delaware Division of Libraries, said that when she first went to the state department of labor to offer assistance in workforce expansion, libraries were initially seen as competitors. However, after she reviewed for them all the programs libraries were already engaged in, Porterfield convinced them that they were collaborators and could serve as extension agencies for computer classes and other reemployment efforts. She soon received an official invitation for the state’s 53 libraries to become WIOA partners.

Renee Rountree, director of the Washington County Public Library in Florida’s panhandle, emphasized that libraries “need to brag about what they do, to the right people.” After the local workforce agency was made aware of the “incredible resources and training programs” that her libraries provide, they granted her 30 desktop computers and 15 laptops—something her library could not have afforded otherwise—for assisting job-seeking patrons.

For more information on workforce library partnerships, see http://www.ala.org/advocacy/adlleg/federallegislation/workforce.

Data Services and You: A Library Institutional Partnership

By Deborah Hathaway, Texas Woman’s University MLS

Data management has exploded in the last five years and while you might not think you know anything about data management, the reality is that librarians do it every day when they help students find data. Finding and using data effectively are critical competencies in higher education, but how do you contextualize and fit data services to institutional needs? Yasmeen Shorish, Kristin Parrilo, and Sara Bowman presented a panel discussion during the ACRL President’s Program, “Strategies and Partnerships: Tailoring Data Services for your Institutional Needs.”

Shorish suggested that since library is discipline-neutral and the academic hub of the university, the first step is establishing a common understanding among all stakeholders of what is meant by data services. “Look at current services with an eye toward campus needs and then seek out potential partners, such as faculty members, and show them how data services can support research and teaching,” Shorish identified five service areas to map against current services, campus needs, and potential partners:

- Finding and using others’ data
- Organizing and managing created data
- Depositing data for citation
- Operations on data as a product
- Instruction throughout these activities

Parrilo cautioned that data services take many forms and there is not a one-size-fits-all answer. She suggested that data services need to be both strategic and pragmatic and in “craft the institutional needs and not the ideal needs.” She suggests looking for gaps in existing needs, examining pressing needs, identifying emerging long-term needs, and looking at what external pressures may affect data services.

A data services template is available on the Open Science Framework site, http://osf.io/pju7g/.

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