This Annual Conference is for Library Staff in Academic, Public, School, and Special Libraries

Our mission is to provide professional opportunities for library support staff to grow, learn, and connect with new ideas.

May 18, 2007
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
5555 North River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

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Please visit our website at:
www.reachingforward.org
8:00 AM
Registration/Networking and Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM
Introduction and Welcome

9:00 AM
Keynote Speaker

Stephen Abram
VP Innovation, SirsiDynix,
Chief Strategist SirsiDynix Institute

Stephen Abram will take us on a whirlwind tour of our libraries and the rapid changes happening there. Listen as he explores a very dynamic conversation occurring in the library world today.

This conversation is about increasing and sustaining the relevance of libraries and library workers. It’s about the opportunities created by a plethora of evolving technologies. It’s about putting information into the real context of our user’s lives, communities, and learning. It’s not all about the technology; it’s about how you use it.

Stephen will suggest key strategies for us to adopt to succeed in the fast lane. He will describe some of the tools you can use to create positive library experiences for your users.

Stephen got rave reviews two years ago at the Illinois Library Association Conference. Don’t miss him at this year’s Reaching Forward.

10:00 – 10:30 AM
Author Book Signing and Exhibitor no-conflict time

10:30 AM – 12:45 PM
Half Day Program

Teaching Parents How to Protect Their Children Online

Rich Wistocki, Naperville Police Department. Learn how to empower parents to navigate in MySpace, instant messaging, text messaging, and cell phone usage. Current laws and their effects on children and teens will be discussed. Social networking sites will be discussed.

Who Says Management Can’t Be Fun?

Gail Johnson & Pam Parr, Face to Face Communications and Training. In their unique style Gail and Pam tackle the fundamentals of managing people. Learn how to use humor and real-life experience to give you practical tools that you can use on the job immediately.

10:30 – 11:30 AM

The Chicago White Sox: Baseball Tradition on the South Side

Richard Lindberg, Author. Rich Lindberg, the author of Total White Sox and team historian, talks about his favorite baseball team. Rich traces the stormy history of the Chicago White Sox from the earliest years of the Hitless Wonder Sox through the dark days of the Black Sox scandal, the long years that followed, the thrilling go-go 1950s, Bill Veeck, the 2005 World Series, and beyond.

Censorship: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Kimberly Sullivan, Ph.D, M.S. Ed., Author. The word “censorship” is as loaded with negative associations in many people’s minds as terms like “communism” or “pornography.” But what exactly qualifies as censorship? How does it present itself in America today? And under what conditions can censorship be acceptable, or even desirable? This program examines these controversial issues in an entertaining and irreverent format.

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Music Play for the Very Young

Jim Gill, Jim Gill Music and Books, Inc. Join Jim for an enjoyable hour as he presents music and play that can be utilized in story times for infants, toddlers, and parents. Family participation is emphasized in Jim’s ideas, and audience participation will be a big part of the presentation.

From Pen to Publication: How to Get Your Writing in Print

Kelly James-Enger, BodyWise Consulting. Have you always dreamed of seeing your name in print? Learn how to break into magazine and newspaper writing, and the basics of selling and publishing your nonfiction book or novel. Tips, techniques, and tricks to get published—and get paid for it—will be shared.
Storytelling...You Can Do It!
Sue Black, Professional Storyteller. Explore the art of storytelling. Discover how you can bring a story to life with a little imagination, some knowledge of the basics, and a willingness to experiment. Learn the who, what, where, when, why, how, and whew of storytelling!

LegalEase Made Easy
Halle Mikyska, M.L.I.S., Kane County Law Library. Legal reference questions come up daily. Do you want to eradicate your anxieties and headaches by choosing the proper printed reference sources? Wondering what legal electronic websites you can count on? Come learn some tips and keys to the LegalEase reference tools you’ve always been looking for.

Keys to Living Healthier Starting Today
Jill S. Popovich, M.P.T., Certified Pilates Instructor. Are you overwhelmed with information and just don’t know how to feel better and start to be healthier? Learn current, relevant information about steps you can take right now. There are simple things you can do TODAY to improve your health. Find out how and why you should!

When to Call 911...
Tim Goergen, Bloomingdale Police Department. Learn when to call the police and what they need to know. Different scenarios will be discussed.

Reference Desk Realities
Sally Decker Smith, Indian Trails Public Library District, & Roberta Johnson, Des Plaines Public Library. Once you know where the World Book is, and how to get to Google, what do you need to know to be effective and happy at a reference desk? Come and share the many stories of two experienced and talented librarians.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Shattered Sense of Innocence
Richard Lindberg, Author. Rich Lindberg, author of The Shattered Sense of Innocence: The 1955 Murders of Three Chicago Children, will talk about the true crime story of the murders of the Schuessler-Peterson boys, who were abducted after leaving a downtown movie. He will discuss the investigating and writing process as well as the story itself.

May There Always Be Music! May There Always Be Books!
Jim Gill, Jim Gill Music and Books, Inc. Jim’s recording of “May There Always Be Sunshine” is known to many youth services librarians. Join the artist in an energizing workshop as he focuses on music as the context for active play and participation. Jim’s goal in this session is to emphasize the many connections between musical play, literacy, and all domains of early childhood development. Librarians will find many new ideas to enhance story times and children’s programming. Repeated at 2:15.

Fairy Tales, Myths, and Dead Relatives: Creating the World of Abraxas
Kimberly Sullivan, Ph.D., M.S. Ed., author. A humorous look at how the author of the young adult fantasy novel, Stones of Abraxas, used folk tales and real life events to create the magical world of Abraxas. There will also be a discussion of how themes in other fantasy titles influenced the book and some obstacles that Sullivan stumbled over on the road to publishing her first novel.

Telling Your Story
Sue Black, Professional Storyteller. Family stories—they define us and keep us in touch with who we are. We remember the stories Grandma used to tell, but we forget that we have stories to tell as well. This experiential workshop is designed to tap memory processes and help you begin to shape personal and family-based stories. Learn how you can flesh out those bits of memory and craft a story that will become family lore. We all have a story to tell.

Copy Cataloging for Graphic Novels
Sandra M. De Sio, M.L.S. Come and talk about common MARC fields, individual volumes vs. multi-volume records, defining graphic novels, manga and manhwa, subject headings, and access.

Make the Most of Your Minutes
Kelly James-Enger, BodyWise Consulting. Do you arrive at work with the best of intentions, but somehow run out of time before you run out of things to do? We’ve all got the same amount of time, but some of us figure out how to make the best of it at work—which means getting more done with less stress. This program will introduce you to practical, effective time management strategies to use on the job and at home.

Choosing an Exercise Program for You
Jill S. Popovich, M.P.T., Certified Pilates Instructor. Not sure how to choose among the many exercise and fitness options out there? It can be daunting to know what is right for you. Pros and cons of many different types of exercise will be discussed. Goals, cost, time commitment, pitfalls, and more will be considered. There are even ways for couch potatoes to start!

Street Gang Trends
Bruce Malkin, West Chicago Police Department. This presentation will profile current street gang trends and how trends can impact communities. In order for law enforcement to address the problems associated with street gangs, we need to understand how they function. Today, gangs are no longer confined to the inner cities. They are more organized and have proliferated to smaller communities. Come and learn about the trends in handling the “gangs of today”.

Repeated at 2:15.

For more information visit www.reachingforward.org
Security Tips for Library Personnel
Tim Goergen, Bloomingdale Police Department. Learn how to be mentally prepared. What should you watch for as you go to and from the workplace? Tips for safety inside the library will be shared. Talk about special issues within your library concerning layout and floor plans.

12:45 – 2:00 PM
Lunch in the ballroom
Awards Presentation

2:15 – 3:15 PM
May There Always Be Music! May There Always Be Books!
Jim Gill, Jim Gill Music and Books, Inc. Repeat of 11:45 program.

Break your Bad Habits & Replace Them With Better Ones
Kelly James-Enger, BodyWise Consulting. How many times have you promised yourself that you’d eat better, get more exercise, or de-stress your life? When we decide to change our lifestyles, most of us make the same mistake—attempting a drastic overhaul instead of making the small changes that easily become healthier habits. Learn how to break your bad habits and replace them with better ones.

Programming: The Heart and Soul of a Children’s Department
Holly Jin & Ron Oberman, Skokie Public Library. Ideas and activities that can be useful in preparing children’s programs will be shared and discussed. Brainstorming new ideas will be encouraged.

Dysfunction Junction
Gail Johnson & Pam Parr, Face to Face Communications and Training. This presentation is certain to entertain, enlighten, and close the conference with a bang! We will be taking a fun look at change and us.

Cataloging the Untouchable
Chris Rich, Skokie Public Library. A how-to session on copy cataloging for materials that have no physical format, including websites, databases, ebooks, audiobooks, etc.

Promoting and Using Your Databases
Linda Schehl, Helen M. Plum Memorial Library. Got electronic databases? Need to get them noticed? Then this is the program for you! The presenter will share ideas and tips for getting your databases noticed and used by your patrons.

Reference Basics and Fundamentals
Lesley Williams, Evanston Public Library. This is an overview of the guiding principles behind reference work. What are reasonable expectations for support staff? Learn how to deal gracefully with confidentiality and equity of access.

An Approach to Multi-Culturalism
Chris Medjo Me Zengue, Indian Trails Public Library District. Chris will discuss the challenges, successes, and failures of serving an increasingly diverse community. Learn how to reach out to your own community and the exciting ways that it can enhance customer service for all patrons.

Street Gang Trends
Bruce Malkin, West Chicago Police Department. Repeat of 11:45 program.

Penny in a Pond: The Power of You
Betty Jean Nissen, Career Connections. Learn how to tap into your personal potential. Have you ever heard of the “ripple effect?” Individuals can transform their personal and professional lives to grasp and embrace what already exists. Uncover the secrets to personal potential; transforming ourselves and those around us.

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Please select one program per time slot. Each conference attendee must fill out a registration form.

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Author book signings and no conflict exhibitor time

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Conference costs are:
- ILA Members $100 ea. = $ _____________
- Non-ILA Members $110 ea. = $ _____________

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No refunds will be given after April 27, 2007

If special accommodations are needed due to a disability, please contact the ILA office before April 27, 2007.

There is a parking garage available for your convenience at a charge of $11.00 per car (to be paid in cash to attendant on day of conference).

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Detailed program information is available at www.reachingforward.org
Selection Process: Nominations will be accepted through March 30, 2007. A panel of judges from the Reaching Forward Committee will be responsible for choosing the recipients. **Supporting reasons for the nomination of a candidate must be provided.**

**The Doyle Award**
This award was established in 1999 in honor of Robert P. Doyle, Illinois Library Association Executive Director, who has been instrumental in the support of library assistants. The recipient will receive a one-year ILA membership and full registration plus expenses to the annual ILA Conference, not to exceed $800. This award is open to all support staff working in all types of libraries. Please submit a letter of one page or less in length that explains “Why I (or my nominee) would like to attend the ILA Annual Conference and how it would affect my (or his/her) personal and professional growth.”

**Oberman/Rich Award**
This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated personal and professional growth to advance themselves to a position of leadership within their own library, library system, the Illinois Library Association or the library community at large. This individual has made a significant impact on the support staff working in Illinois libraries. The nominee must be a support staff member working in any type of library without an advanced degree in library science. The recipient will receive registration fees plus expenses up to $50 to attend Reaching Forward. In addition, the recipient will receive a framed certificate.

Please go to www.reachingforward.org for a nomination form.

Please send email letters of recommendation to Denise Zielinski at dzielins@dupagels.lib.il.us. Or fax 630-232-0699.

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