

Chapter 10 Open Access: 1980-1989

In a 1980 *Catalyst* "Member's Forum" advocating that ILA become more political, Wayne Hanway, Director of the Cattermole Memorial Library at Fort Madison, also recommended "that district meeting program planning must consider the interests of all types of librarians in the district." He went on to suggest joint district meetings with IEMA.

Hanway's comments are representative of a more widespread movement within ILA seeking greater participation in planning and decision-making by the sections representing different types of libraries and library functions. Responding to these concerns, President John M. Houlihan appointed the chair of each of the sections to ILA's first conference planning committee, for the 1980 annual conference in Sioux City.

The membership also was calling for a stronger voice in the Association's affairs. Vice-President Bev Lind organized district meetings around the theme "Plan Ahead" and provided generous blocks of time for member input. The meetings generated fifteen recommendations for ILA's leadership:

1. Keep the library community up-to-date on what is happening in legislation and its effect on libraries.
2. Promote libraries to the general public and funding officials.
3. Provide an avenue for research to be published.
4. Promote interlibrary cooperation.
5. Establish a public libraries section to sponsor district meetings and encourage all sections to have their own spring meetings.
6. Provide meetings on practical topics as well as underlying philosophies of service.
7. Become more involved in planning and preparing membership for problems such as alternatives when budgets are cut, etc.
8. Do more for academic librarians.
9. Sponsor [sic] a clearing house for speakers' bureau.
10. Help educate library trustees.
11. Support statewide interlibrary loan.
12. Support small libraries.
13. Contact all new library personnel and encourage their participation in the Association.

14. Evaluate sections now in existence to see if they best represent the membership.

15. Assist in legislative problems such as distribution of county funds, reciprocal borrowing, statistics for those serving many small areas.

Much of this agenda would be achieved in the following decade.

A legislative victory was achieved with passage of House File 2240, which added library circulation records to those designated as confidential in the *Code of Iowa*. Concerns were expressed, however, about several library-related recommendations contained in the report of the Governor's Economy Committee. The Executive Board directed lobbyist Ellen Adelman to work against the Committee's proposals to establish the Library Commission as the coordinating agency for the Regional Library System and to relocate the medical library to Iowa City. The Committee's recommendations died before ILA action could be taken regarding a plan to move the Historical Library's genealogical program into the State Library.

Among the speakers at the annual conference were Major R. Owens, then a New York State Senator and Professor of Library Science at Columbia University, and Eileen Cooke, Director of ALA's Washington Office. Children's authors and Iowa State University English professors Lee Hadley and Annabelle Irwin, known as Hadley Irwin to their young readers, were sponsored by the Children and Young People's Section.

The Committee on Service to the Non-user sponsored a panel discussion on "Learning Services for Non-English Speaking People in Iowa" which brought attention to the needs of the more than 6500 Indochinese residing in the state and described the innovative programs for its Spanish-speaking patrons offered by the West Liberty Public Library.

Soon after the conference, the ILA office moved one floor to its third location, at 921 Insurance Exchange Building.

President Beverly Lind, Administrator of the Northeastern Iowa Regional Library System, invited Executive Board members and the chairs of all committees and sections to a long range planning retreat at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center near Guthrie Center on March 23-24, 1981. Discussion

focused on goals and objectives for ILA and resulted in the creation of an ad hoc Reorganization Committee.

A draft of "Public Library Service in Iowa: Proposed Guidelines" appeared in the March *Catalyst*. The proposal was discussed at each of the district meetings where "a lively discussion was generated with mixed feelings across the state." The draft defined a public library as "an auditable unit of government with annual operating expenditure of at least \$10,000" and recommended that "contracting with a nearby library may be preferable to establishing an underfunded unit."

The revised document approved at the business meeting at the annual conference in Waterloo limited the financial requirement of the definition to \$10 per capita or more from the local government but retained the recommendation to contract for services.

A pre-conference provided an "Update on IOWANET," covering the draft design of a statewide interlibrary loan network prepared by consultants Joseph Becker, Robert Hayes, and Alphonse Trezza. Among other highlights of the conference were speakers John Berry III, Editor of *Library Journal*, and Sandy Dolnick, President of Friends of Libraries USA, and a reception at the new Waterloo Public Library.

During a busy November, a second Springbrook conference was held for ILA leadership and the Executive Board adopted guidelines for a new Endowment Study Committee. The ILA/IEMA Cooperation Committee was dissolved after its brief foray into cooperative media services, with the intent that it would be replaced by another committee with a broader charge for liaison with other organizations.

Legislative Committee Chair Bob Ward, Administrator of the Central Regional Library, organized ILA's first legislative reception, cosponsored by IEMA and held on February 8, 1982 at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines. Among the more than 300 people attending were eighteen state senators and forty-nine representatives. Much of the conversation focused on how the state should respond to President Ronald Reagan's proposed elimination of the LSCA program.

The district meetings featured Iowa City Public Library Director Lolly Eggert reviewing "The State of the Art of Library Cooperation in Iowa-Contracts, Fee Cards and Reciprocal Borrowing." The final report of the Reorganization Committee was also presented at the district meetings. It proposed an organization with ad hoc and standing committees, forums, and roundtables, and an Executive Board including representatives of public, academic, school, and special libraries.

During the summer, the Executive Board approved a new Committee on Common Concerns to coordinate efforts with other organizations, expanding on the role of the earlier ILA/IEMA Cooperation Committee.

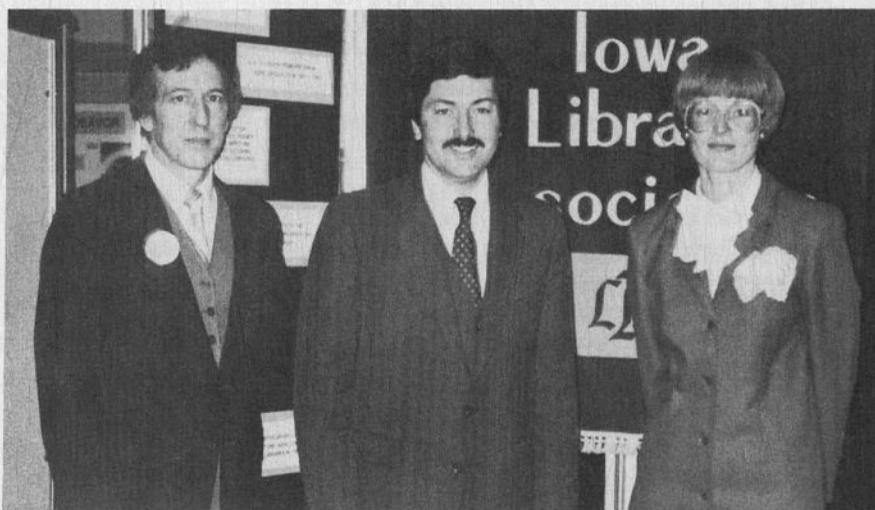
The reorganization plan generated discussion through the summer and early fall. In a "Members Forum" in the September *Catalyst*, Pat Foley, Business Librarian at the University of Iowa, advocated placing the presidents of each of the proposed forums on the Executive Board, rather than maintaining type-of-library representation. She went on to note that:

The District Meetings held every year are admittedly based on public library concerns. Attendance is almost exclusively by public libraries. Since other types of librarians attend their own Spring Meetings (and pay for them), it does not seem fair that their dues should be spent to pay for another conference which they do not attend. I think the District Meetings are an excellent way to contact public library staffs all over the state so I would not advocate abolishing them. My feeling is that the public librarians under the new organization can easily get a petition signed and form their own Forum within ILA. Then they can sponsor and fund the District Meetings. Thus ILA would hold its Annual (Fall) Meeting and the Forums would hold the Spring Meetings.

As a result of such suggestions, the Executive Board revised the reorganization plan before it was submitted to membership at the 1982 annual conference in Des Moines. The revised plan was approved at the business meeting and Elizabeth Martin, Director of the Department of Library Science at the University of Northern Iowa and retiring ILA President, was named to coordinate the reorganization effort.

A pair of faculty members from the University of North Carolina promoted library use of microcomputers at the conference. Dr. Theodore Hines gave "An Introduction to Microcomputers in Libraries," urging his audience to "buy whatever you can now and learn on it," while Rosann Collins focused on technical services applications, demonstrating a special program used to produce catalog cards. Another perspective on library technology was presented by JoAn Segal, of the BCR office in Denver.

Attendance was down at the 1983 legislative reception



Governor Terry E. Branstad, center, visits with Dan Zack and Faye Clow at the ILA display booth in the Capitol rotunda on Legislative Day, February 21, 1984.

at the Embassy Club on February 2, due to an untimely blizzard. Although only thirty legislators were able to visit at the reception, an information booth in the Capitol rotunda took ILA concerns to many others throughout the day.

A debate on the planned reorganization simmered during the summer. In the September *Catalyst*, Jamie Wright Coniglio, of Iowa State University and a member of the original committee on reorganization, asked: "Why has the Board's role and influence been strengthened, while the Forums and Round Tables have been saddled with sundry rules and regulations?" She charged that ILA "may be going through the motions of self-examination" without intending to truly address problems of communication, leadership, and development.

Explaining the Board's rejection of type-of-library requirements for its composition, reorganization coordinator Elizabeth Martin pointed to the difficulty of fielding candidates. She encouraged support of the proposal, summarizing:

Your vote to reorganize ILA will indicate that you want 1) the Executive Board to become a strong advocate on library issues and 2) the members to be able to organize into groups with common interests.

The reorganization plan was put before membership as revised bylaws by Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair Lorna Truck of the Public Library of Des Moines, at the business meeting during the 1983 conference in Waterloo. The new bylaws were approved and the plan was implemented. During the remainder of the decade, the following forums and roundtables were established under the new organiza-

tional structure:

1983

Adult and Reference Services Forum (dissolved 1989)
Children and Young People's Forum
Computer Forum
Iowa Chapter/Association of College and Research Libraries
Iowa Library Trustees Association
Government Documents Roundtable
Health Sciences Roundtable
New Members Roundtable
Storytellers Roundtable

1984

Resources and Technical Services Forum

1985

Local History Roundtable
Special Libraries Roundtable

1987

Public Library Forum

Membership also approved establishment of the Iowa Library Association Foundation at this meeting.

In his conference presentation on "Automation and Resource Sharing," Michael Gorman, author of *The Concise AACR2*, was also concise regarding his topic, stating that "we must cooperate and share our resources or die." Public Library Association President Nancy M. Bolt spoke on "What the Public Has a Right to: New National Standards for Public Library Service."

Two new publications were distributed at conference programs: the Service to the Non-user Committee handed out a bibliography entitled *Active Age: A Resource Guide For an Active Retirement* and the Chil-

dren and Young People's Section released *Rainbows and Ice Cream: Storytimes About Things Kids Like*, by Carol Elbert, of the Ames Public Library, and Robin Currie, of the Corn Belt Library System in Illinois, with artwork by Rene Lynch, of the Conrad Public Library.

In an "It's Your Turn" column in the November *Catalyst*, Rod Henshaw, of the Iowa State University Library, noted the continuing debate on plans for "a post-I-LITE interlibrary loan system." He proposed:

Whatever hardware is ultimately used must conform to the primary operational imperative of a successful interlibrary loan network: a system of referral based on the known location of a bibliographic item, and in which the major library collections of the state are linked and are accessible to any library user.

He urged that ILA support the development of such a network and concluded that "we must begin to view interlibrary loan not as a burden but as an opportunity."

Automation came to ILA itself at the end of 1983, with installation of an IBM PC with dual disk drive, Epson RX80 printer, and DOS 2.0, Wordstar, and Multiplan software in the office. The equipment was moved soon after, along with everything else, as the ILA office moved one floor to its fourth, and current, location at 823 Insurance Exchange Building.

The Iowa Library Trustees Association sponsored its first Workshop in Library Leadership (WILL) at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines on March 30-31, 1984. Patterned after a 1982 WILL in Minneapolis sponsored by the American Library Trustee Association (ALTA), the workshop featured ALTA President Don Surratt and Past Presidents Alice Ihrig and Nancy Stiegemeyer and drew an attendance of 185.

The theme of the 1984 district meetings, "1984-And Still Free," played off of the title of George Orwell's classic novel of a totalitarian society, *1984*. Attendees could celebrate another ILA victory in the campaign to protect the individual rights of library patrons from the abuses Orwell parodied. On March 12, Governor Terry E. Branstad signed Senate File 442, a bill for which ILA had lobbied, which prohibited law enforcement officials from conducting "fishing expeditions" into library circulation records. The law specified that such records could be released only under a court order "pursuant to an investigation of a particular person or organization suspected of committing a known crime," among other restrictions.

Meeting at the West Des Moines Public Library on May 9, the Executive Board approved a request from Guidelines Committee Chair Julie Huiskamp, Director of the Cresco Public Library, for permission to change the Committee's charge from the original simple revision of the existing document to incorporation of output measures following the model of the Illinois "Avenues to Excellence."

At the business meeting at the 1984 conference in Des Moines, members endorsed a legislative agenda that included an ambitious rewrite of Chapters 303A and 303B of the *Code of Iowa*, referring to the State Library and the Regional Library System. The revisions were contained in *Iowa Libraries: A Time To Grow, 1985-1990*, developed by the Long Range Planning Committee that the State Library Commission had authorized in 1983. The legislative changes were among the actions recommended to achieve Goal I of the plan:

Increase efficiency through cooperation between the State Library, the Iowa Regional Library Systems and state government in order to make the most effective use of resources and funds.

Included in the proposed changes was a mandate for the State Library to establish and administer standards for public libraries. As a result of its endorsement of these changes, Guidelines Committee Chair Huiskamp announced to the membership that ILA's Guidelines Committee would form the nucleus of the State Library's Standards Committee.

The *Catalyst* reported that:

ALA President E. J. Josey's remarks on cooperation between libraries centered on the idea that libraries are not freestanding by type or by finance, and that new relationships are needed which foster new types of service across library lines.

Other speakers included Arch Lustberg, Director of Communications Workshops for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, on "Communicating with Impact," and Kathleen Balcom, Director of the Downer's Grove, Illinois, Public Library, on "Measures for Management: Practical Applications of 'Output Measures' for Library Managers."

Clinton Public Library Director Bob Seger was impressed enough with conference speaker J. Charles Park, of the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, that he wrote about his presentation in the November *Cata-*

lyst. Calling Parks "one of the most knowledgeable persons I know on the subject of intellectual freedom," Seger summarized his advice as:

1. Know the legislation concerning Intellectual Freedom
2. Renew your commitment to Intellectual Freedom, so if you are confronted, you will be ready.
3. Build a strong base with other organizations.
4. Build your own public relations.

At a meeting at the West Des Moines Public Library on December 5, the Executive Board learned that Tom Simpson, Director of the LeMars Public Library and ILA's representative on the State Library's "Let's Talk About It" Committee, was working on a grant application to the Iowa Humanities Board with Dottie Hiebing, Director of the Office of Library Development at the State Library.

The Board also authorized the Public Relations Committee to solicit designs for a new ILA logo from an art class, setting in motion a process that would generate a good deal of controversy and involve many proposed designers and designs before a logo was approved nearly two years later.

Senate File 250, a bill to reorganize the State and Regional Libraries as suggested in *Iowa Libraries: A Time To Grow, 1985-90*, had already passed in the Senate by the time of the 1985 legislative reception at the Bohemian Club on March 13. It later passed in the House and Governor Branstad signed it into law.

Meeting in the office of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. on the day of the reception, the Executive Board approved ILA to be the fiscal agent for the "Let's Talk About It" adult book discussion group grant. President Lois Siebersma, Director of the Sioux Center Public Library, appointed an ad hoc committee to implement the project.

The district meetings included programs on computers and electronic mail, the Iowa Literacy Program, the Iowa Newspaper Project being conducted by the State Historical Society, and updates on the certification and standards programs of the State Library. In the midst of planning these meetings, Vice-President/President-Elect David Martin, of the University of Iowa Libraries, proposed that the number of district meetings be reduced from seven to five in future years, to enable them to be completed in a single week. The Executive Board deferred action pending further study.

Throughout the summer, members reviewed the draft

standards, *In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality*, which they had received in March in time to discuss at the district meetings. In the July *Catalyst*, President Lois Siebersma urged support of the standards:

Not only will they serve as guides to the every day operation of the library, and the formulating of long-range plans, they will be invaluable in approaching city councils and county supervisors for adequate funding.

The State Library Commission approved the standards at its meeting on August 5, establishing that they would take the effect on January 1, 1986. ILA membership would be asked to endorse the standards at the annual conference.

In an "It's Your Turn" column on school/public library cooperation in the September *Catalyst*, Dottie Hiebing asked:

Wouldn't we increase the possibility for more school/public library cooperation activities at all levels--and also increase communication--if both public library staff and school library/media staff attended the same state association conferences?

Featured speakers at the 1985 conference in Waterloo included Nancy Bolt on policy-making and Will Manley, Director of the Tempe, Arizona, Public Library and columnist for the *Wilson Library Bulletin*. An unusual international flavor was provided by University of Iowa Health Science Librarian David S. Curry's session on "A Librarian Visits Egypt" and Nicky Stanke's slide presentation on "Libraries & Librarianship in the People's Republic of China."

At the business meeting, Kay Runge's motion to endorse *In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality* carried. In the following months, ILA and State Librarian Claudya Muller worked out arrangements for continuing the cooperative development of the standards program.

At its meeting on the last day of the conference, the Executive Board approved deactivation of the Committee on Common Concerns.

As the year ended, Governor Branstad released plans to reorganize Iowa's state government and to place ceilings on local government budgets. At its December 4 meeting at the West Des Moines Public Library, the Executive Board directed that a press release be

issued outlining ILA's opposition to the budget ceiling, and that the Legislative Committee "pursue the concept of the most independent department in State Government to provide library services statewide with the least interruption in existing services."

Although the proposed budget ceilings were not considered seriously in the Legislature, they reflected the harsh economic realities of the farm crisis in Iowa. In the January, 1986 issue of the *Catalyst*, Julie Huiskamp observed that:

Every public library in Iowa is, no doubt, learning to cope with what has come to be known unaffectionately as THE IOWA ECONOMY. I am certain that each library director and board of trustees has, consciously or unconsciously, mapped out a strategy for dealing with difficult economic times.

State government reorganization was being discussed seriously in the legislature and its impact on the State Library greatly concerned the Iowa library community. On January 22, Legislative Committee Chair Bill Cochran, of the Public Library of Des Moines, testified at a marathon hearing on reorganization before the full Iowa House and Senate that:

1. ILA supports reorganization of state government to improve the effective and efficient delivery of services to Iowans.

2. ILA supports a placement of the State Library of Iowa sufficiently independent to protect its operation from political or other inappropriate concerns.

3. ILA opposes the proposed removal of policy responsibility from the Iowa Library Commission.

4. ILA opposes the proposal to make the position of State Librarian a direct gubernatorial appointment.

The legislative reception at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on February 5, co-sponsored for the first time by Iowa Library Friends, provided another opportunity to discuss the issue with legislators. Concern continued to be expressed throughout the session and when Senate File 2175 became law, it reflected ILA's effort. The State Library was placed in a new Department of Cultural Affairs with the Iowa State Historical Society, the Iowa Arts Council, the Iowa Public Broadcasting

Network, and the Terrace Hill Authority. The State Librarian was to be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the State Library Commission, which otherwise became an advisory body.

A second Workshop in Library Leadership, sponsored by the Iowa Library Trustees Association, was held at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines on April 12-13. The program included John Berry III, Nancy Bolt, and Arch Lustberg, speakers at earlier Iowa conferences, and Public Library Association President Charles W. Robinson, who discussed "Marketing Your Library."

The September *Catalyst* announced that a "New Program Is the Talk of the Town," celebrating the success of the new "Let's Talk About It" book discussion program. Registration at the eleven public libraries participating in the demonstration project was outstripping projections and participation in the program increased throughout the remaining years of the decade.

The business meeting at the 1986 annual conference in Des Moines was unusually long. Legislative Committee Chair Bill Cochran's motion to accept the 1987 legislative program initiated lengthy debate. At issue was an item calling for a bill "to provide state funding for compensation to public libraries for providing library services to Iowans not resident in the local community of the library." A motion to hold the idea for further review and development failed and the entire agenda was approved.

Membership also approved the report of an ad hoc committee setting a 1987 recommended minimum salary for entry-level MLS librarians at \$18,000. The figure was to be adjusted annually using the Consumer Price Index and published in the March issue of the *Catalyst* each year.

Conference speakers included ALA Executive Director Tom Galvin; *Des Moines Register* columnist Chuck Offenburger; and Harlan Cleveland, Director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Cindi Youngblut, Director of the Sage Public Library in Osage, discussed the policy implications of a recent controversy at her library involving videos. The Iowa ACRL chapter celebrated its tenth anniversary by sponsoring several programs, including concurrent sessions on "Integrating Information Technology on College and University Campuses," by Pat Molholt, Associate Director of Libraries at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Peter Roll, Vice-President for Information Services at Northwestern University.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee sponsored two workshops titled "Bambivs. Godzilla or How to Survive

1986 and Beyond" in Carroll on October 28 and in Grinnell the following day. Instructor Dennis Day, Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library, was a former Chair of ALA's Intellectual Freedom Roundtable and an authority on dealing with censorship.

After two years of false starts, the Executive Board approved a new logo at its December 4 meeting in Grinnell. The design by Steve Pattee, of the Des Moines firm of Pattee and Weaver, was later explained in the *Catalyst* by Faye Clow, Director of the Bettendorf Public Library, as:

an abstract image that conveys a sense of discovery. A library is the place where one goes to discover. In this rubbing-like logo the name of our association emerges in a graphically appealing manner. Imagine laying a sheet of luscious green paper, perhaps handmade paper, over unknown letters and rubbing charcoal over them until a legible message is revealed. Syllable by syllable, stroke by stroke, the mystery is clarified. A discovery is made - the Iowa Library Association.

The 1987 district meetings covered the issue of service to nonresidents from a number of perspectives. A concurrent session each morning found Clow and Dan Zack discussing "Aspects of Funding for Libraries: Foundations and Nonresident Fees." In the afternoon, State Librarian John Montag and Marsha Tate, Director of the Musser Public Library in Muscatine, presented "Open Access Card: Point, Counterpoint and Discussion," continuing the debate begun at the 1986 business meeting.

During the spring, thirteen past presidents agreed to

serve on a committee to plan the centennial of ILA's establishment, to be celebrated in 1990. Lois Siebersma, Director of the Sioux Center Public Library, agreed to serve as Chair of the Centennial Committee, which began work at the 1987 annual conference in Waterloo.

The conference theme was "Thriving in the 80's" and it focused heavily on economic development. Among the many programs on the subject were "Libraries as a Force for Economic Development" by Coleen Coghlan, of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and "Economic Issues and Academic Libraries" by Sheila Creth, University Librarian at the University of Iowa. A pre-conference on "The Role of Library and Information Advocates in Economic Vitality" was sponsored by Iowa Library Friends.

A gift of \$10,000 from former Executive Assistant Jack Tillson to the Iowa Library Association Foundation was announced at the conference. Tillson specified that interest on the gift was to be used to provide an annual scholarship to a library science student beginning in 1988.

In an interview conducted at the conference by Editorial Committee Chair Kathleen Bognanni, of the Public Library of Des Moines, new State Librarian Shirley George suggested that "it is important for libraries to explore multitype cooperation and technology to deal effectively with greater competition for financial resources." In Iowa to attend the conference, George would return to officially begin at the State Library on November 2.

The Iowa Library Trustees Association joined ILA and the Iowa Library Friends to sponsor the 1988 legislative reception, at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines, on February 3. The Governmental Affairs Committee con-



Centennial Committee members begin work at 1987 Annual Conference in Waterloo. From left to right are past presidents Kay M. Elliott, Elizabeth Martin, Kay Runge, Richard Doyle, David Martin, Carl F. Orgren, Lois Siebersma, Mildred K. Smock, Lorna Truck, Beverly Lind, Elaine G. Estes, Douglas M. Hieber, and John M. Houlahan.

ducted its first Legislative Day workshop, on "Communicating With Your Elected Officials," in the afternoon. As the Iowa library community continued to discuss the concept of open access, Nicky Stanke presented a session entitled "We Are All in This Together: an Exploration of Interlibrary Cooperation," at each of the district meetings. Also on the agenda was a program on inappropriate patron behavior, conducted by Gardner Hanks, of the Viking Library System in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and presentations by representatives of the State Library and the new Iowa Center for the Book, headquartered at the Public Library of Des Moines.

As the 1988 conference began in Ames, the Governmental Affairs Committee was busy planning a response to a legislative initiative of the League of Iowa Municipalities. The League planned to seek legislation that would place libraries under the direct administrative control of municipal governments and make library boards advisory.

ILA members expressed strong opposition to the proposal, citing intellectual freedom concerns, at a presentation by Peter B. King, the League's Executive Director, and at a later special session organized by Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Roy Kenagy, of the Ames Public Library. Although the League did succeed in having two related study bills introduced in the House during the following legislative session, efforts by the Governmental Affairs Committee, the State Librarian, and librarians, trustees, and friends across the state prevented further action.

Keynote speaker Herbert S. White, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University and a *Library Journal* columnist, shared "Advice From My Old Tennis Coach: Always Change a Losing Game." Feminist author Andrea Dworkin provoked spirited discussion with her call for censorship of pornography in a program on "Pornography and Male Supremacy." State Senator Richard J. Varn provided a dose of "Political Reality for Iowa Libraries." At the closing luncheon, Howard Mohr, a writer for the public radio program "A Prairie Home Companion," described from experience how "An Iowan Learns to Talk Minnesota."

The Iowa Center for the Book provided birthday cake in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the Library Bill of Rights, which had originally been written by Forrest B. Spaulding, Director of the Public Library of Des Moines.

As the 1989 legislative session began, ILA was represented by a new lobbyist, Ted Anderson. After a 16-year career as a United Auto Workers official in Waterloo, Anderson was elected to the Iowa Senate, where he served on the Education and Appropriations Com-

mittees. Among his other clients since he had become a full-time lobbyist in 1985 was the Iowa Educational Media Association.

At the second Legislative Day workshop, held at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines on February 1, an audience of nearly 100 librarians, trustees and friends analyzed the tension between "The Public's Right to Information/The Public's Right to Privacy." Speakers included Cryss Farley, of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union; Herb Strentz, of Drake University and the Freedom of Information Council; Barbara Jones, of the Minnesota Historical Society, a former member of ILA's Intellectual Freedom Committee while Director of the University of Northern Iowa Library in Cedar Falls; and State Representative Dan Jay. In addition to holding its own eighth annual legislative reception that evening, ILA participated in a similar event organized by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and held at the new Historical Building on March 6.

The third Iowa Workshop in Library Leadership was held in West Des Moines on March 31-April 1. Speakers included both State Librarian Shirley George and former State Librarian Claudya Muller, then Director of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in Long Island, New York.

The spring conference of the Iowa Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, held at the University of Northern Iowa on April 21, considered "Library Cooperation and Open Access." Several examples of cooperative activities were presented, including the Sioux City Community Cooperative, ILLINET Online, and the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. Then, "Academic Librarians and Open Access: A Panel Discussion on the Report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Libraries" began with a discussion of criteria for participation in Open Access by State Librarian Shirley George.

The State Library was conducting four Open Access pilot projects in different areas of the state as one of the results of a special \$100,000 appropriation to promote multi-type library cooperation. Participating libraries were reimbursed eighty cents per item loaned to non-residents who were registered patrons of another participating library. Another result of the special appropriation was a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Libraries, which had made a number of recommendations, including statewide extension of the Open Access program. Panelists Wayne Rawley, of the University of Iowa libraries, and William Stoppel, of the Drake University library, expressed concerns about how Open Access would affect staffing and service to the primary patrons at the larger institutions.

The 1989 conference in Cedar Rapids also included a panel discussion on Open Access. By the time panelists shared their experiences with the pilot projects, membership had approved a legislative agenda that called for full funding for the statewide Open Access program already underway. The agenda supported additional funding to carry out several other recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, including increased funding to the Iowa Regional Library System for promotion of multitype library cooperation and service.

The theme of the conference was "Cooperation and Risk sharing" and ALA President-Elect Richard M. Dougherty addressed both topics in remarks that also covered the economics of information and the problem of illiteracy. The Iowa Humanities Board co-sponsored the appearance of Betty Mahmoody, who shared the nightmare she and her daughter endured as virtual prisoners of her Iranian husband, described in her book *Not Without My Daughter*. Other speakers included Edwin A. Holtum, of the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa, on "AIDS-Sources of Information," and Judith Krug, Director of ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom, with an update on current issues.

Two new awards were presented at the 1989 conference. Ann Swanson, Administrator of the North Central Regional Library System in Mason City, received the first ILA Member of the Year Award for her leadership in developing library services through technology. Iowa Senator Richard J. Varn accepted the first Citation of Merit, an award for non-members, for his support of libraries as Chair of the Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

U.S. Senator Tom Harkin received the 1989 White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force Award for Outstanding Legislator at a reception hosted by the Iowa Library Friends on December 12 at the Public Library of Des Moines. In his acceptance speech, Senator Harkin credited ILA President Cynthia Dyer for stimulating his interest in the Conference.

Thus, as ILA's first century drew to a close, its members continued to be involved in national, state and local issues affecting Iowa libraries and were already planning for the next century.



U.S. Senator Tom Harkin with Cynthia Dyer, President 1989, at Library Legislative Day, Washington, D.C., April 11, 1989