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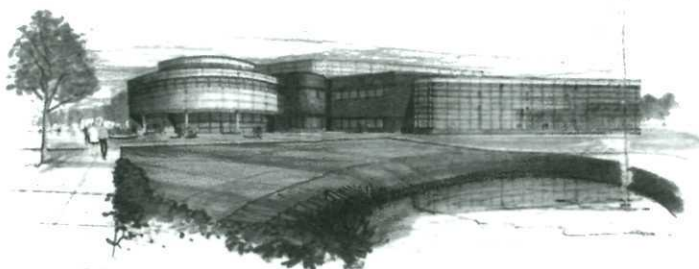
President's Message

-Helena F. Rodrigues, D.A.

Alan Shawn Feinstein, a nationally known philanthropist and humanitarian, was the President's Speaker at the annual conference of the Rhode Island Library Association. His background in journalism and education has proven to be an asset for Mr. Feinstein as he continues to make an indelible impact on American education and public service that is quickly spreading throughout the country. In 1974, his successful financial advisory newsletter eventually paved the way for a life dedicated to philanthropic endeavors, focusing on the advancement of public service and the alleviation of world hunger.

So there we were, one beautiful June morning, awaiting the remarks of this "giant" among Rhode Islanders, and observing a short, unpretentious human being pour out his heart to a group of librarians. The following is his simple, yet powerful message:

"A man walks down the beach and he sees a little boy in the distance where thou-



George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology

Library Profile: George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology

The \$17 million George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology is the centerpiece of Bryant College's \$50 million campus expansion.

"The George E. Bello Center is designed to provide students and businesses with the tools to access knowledge in today's environment and take advantage of emerging technologies over time," explains Ronald K. Machtley, president of Bryant College. "We expect the facility to be fully operational by the end of 2001."

The college library, which is currently located in the Unistructure, will move into the George E. Bello Center and occupy a major portion of the space. There are 140,000 items in the library's collection including books, bound journals, audio-visual materials, and microfilm.

The Grand Hall will serve as a ceremonial entrance to the facility, as well as dramatic space for exhibitions, receptions, and lectures accommodating up to 400 people. The entry will have a media wall with nine video monitors that show one image or multiple images. The rotunda provides balconied meeting and study spaces. The Grand Hall and its multi-use facilities will be available for 24-hour flexible usage without impacting the library security controls and acoustical requirements.

The facility will also feature:

Multipurpose classroom—this room will be able to open to the Grand Hall.

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RUSA Update

Speaker added to RUSA Institute

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) has selected Norman R. Coombs as an additional speaker for the "Improving Electronic Access: An Equity of Access Basic" workshop at the National Institute too be held October 12-14, 2000, in Baltimore, MD. Coombs is the chairman of Equal Access to Software and Information and winner of the ALA/ASCLA 2000 Francis Joseph Campbell Award.

Coombs will present with Audrey Gorman, director of the American Library Association's Roads to Learning Initiative, on common hardware and software products that help ensure equity of access.

This workshop is one of three workshops for presentation at the Institute. The other workshops are "User-Centered Service: Redesign and Continual Process Improvement" and "Reference Assessment Programs: Evaluating Current and Future Reference Services."

Each one-and-a-half day workshop supports the Institute theme, "Serving 21st Century Users: Opportunities and Challenges."

"User-Centered Service: Redesign and Continual Process Improvement" was developed to increase a person's ability to plan, deliver, and evaluate continual improvements to existing or new customer-centered services. It will be pre-

sented by Karen Liston, head of resource access, Nancy Hurling, reference and research services division head, and Jennifer Evans, Pacific Northwest librarian, all from the University of Washington, Seattle.

"Reference Assessment Programs: Evaluating Current and Future Reference Services" will provide the tools needed for assessing and evaluating reference products and services for in-house and remote users. The workshop will be presented by Michael Havener, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Marie Radford, associate professor, School of Information and Library Science, Pratt Institute, Matt Saxton, reference librarian, Anaheim (Calif.) Public Library, and Jo Bell Whitlatch, reference librarian, San Jose (Calif.) State University.

Registration fees are: RUSA members, \$295; ALA members, \$345; and non-members, \$395. Fees include meals (one dinner, one lunch, two breakfasts and one reception) and all other materials.

For more information, see the National Institutes Web site at www.ala.org/rusa/institute or call Lillian Lewis at 800-545-2433, ext. 4396. Email: llewis@ala.org.

RUSA is a division of the ALA.

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Cybercafe—students will be able to enjoy refreshments and access to computers in a social setting.

Reference classroom—40 to 50 people will be able to work at computers.

Study rooms—12 rooms with computer access will be available for small group meetings of four to 12 people.

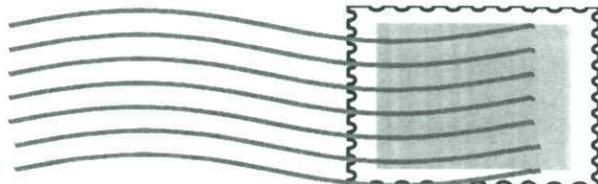
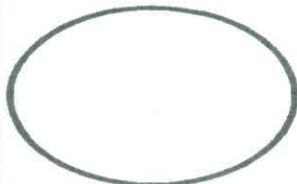
Academic Center for Excellence—this program is currently housed in one of the dorms. The new facility will provide easy access to resources that help students learn the appropriate study skills for the college academic workload.

Seminar room—will accommodate up to 20 people.

The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology has been designed by Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, a New York City firm that has been nationally recognized for its design of the Science, Industry, & Business Library (SIBL) for the New York Public Library.

The location of the George E. Bello Center, the road, parking relocations, and the extended landscaped areas adjacent to the pond create a new academic quadrangle that will transform the Bryant campus. The center will screen views to the parking lots, as well as provide a new focal point for campus life.

"The George E. Bello Center combines state-of-the-art information technology, and seminar/conference and large group meeting spaces with traditional library facilities," says Robert Siegel, principal of Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects. "Its primary spaces are organized within a glass enclosed, double-height pavilion structure, which orients to the new campus quad. In the evening, the center will radiate light and provide views into its facilities from the campus."



Winding It Up in the Windy City: ALA Annual Conference Report

by Frank Iacono, ALA Councilor

With the end of my term of office comes my last conference report. I am succeeded by the newly elected Kathy Ellen Bullard and wish her the best as she takes on a job that for me proved to be a very rewarding experience overall.

Items of note from ALA Annual 2000 in Chicago July 8-12 are:

ALA membership is at an all-time high, having officially broken the 60,000 barrier as of May 31st

ALA has given birth to the Campaign for America's Libraries, a five-year national public awareness campaign that will feature the brand **@ your library**. The beauty of this brand is in its simplicity and ease of application by all types of libraries. The list is endless in terms of slogans that can be developed. I like the example that features a librarian and the slogan "The ultimate search engine is **@ your library**." Hopefully these will be as ubiquitous as McDonalds ads and though the official campaign launch is planned for National Library Week, April 1-7, 2001, libraries are free to be off and running in employing the new brand

Incoming President Nancy Kranich unveiled her plans relating to her theme "Libraries: the Cornerstone of Democracy." A "Smart voting starts **@ your library**" tip sheet will soon be available to all libraries

A second Congress on Professional Education has been scheduled for November 17-19 of this year in Chicago, the focus of which will be

continuing education for librarians and support staff

In anticipation of a soon to be published 6th edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*, Council approved 4 revised interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights, an updated Freedom to Read Statement, and a new document, *Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries*, all brought to Council by the Intellectual Freedom Committee

Council approved the creation of a Committee on Literacy

Council did not approve the Core Values Statement prepared by the Core Values Task Force. Though the Task Force worked diligently to draft a document which speaks to the values that all librarians should hold sacred, in the end, the version they came up with did not have broad support in Council and in the ALA divisions and roundtables. Council resolved that the incoming ALA President should assemble a new task force to continue work on this project

Council received *The Impact of Outsourcing and Privatization on Library Services and Management*, a study it commissioned in response to growing concern over trends in these areas. No startling conclusions were drawn by the researchers who admitted that the study had more to do with outsourcing than privatization. The report can be found on ALA's web site at www.ala.org/alaorg/ors/outsourcing

Council approved the ALA FY2001

budget with a budget ceiling of \$46 million. ALA's outgoing Treasurer Bruce Daniels presented his final budget and was commended for his exemplary work

Council yet again voted down a resolution that committed ALA's endowment trustees to developing and implementing socially responsible investment plans and strategies

The Chapter Relations Committee recently published *Membership Best Practices: Recruitment, Retention, Recognition, Rewards* and had free copies available for all chapter councilors. It represents some of the best practices currently employed in various states and should be a valuable resource for RILA's Membership Committee

Boston is in ALA's future. Two ALA Midwinter Conferences have been scheduled for Beantown over the next ten years. Anaheim and Orlando have also been added to the list of cities scheduled to host an annual conference

Lastly, I was privileged to attend Jonathan Kozol's impassioned keynote address on behalf of the poor children of this country. Though rapidly approaching age 64, Kozol has lost none of his passion, eloquence, and energy as he continues his crusade for equal education opportunities for all children. He attested to the power of books and reading and the role of libraries in reaching out to all children and, most importantly the role of librarians everywhere in assisting him to fight the good fight.

***Special Thanks to Frank for
Eight Great Years!***

SPECIAL SECTION - SPRING CONFERENCE REVIEW

THE ANNUAL RILA SPRING CONFERENCE went off exceptionally well this June at the Johnson & Wales University Main Library in downtown Providence. While attendance was slightly below average, reaching about 225 people for the two days combined, the level of enthusiasm among the attendees and

Resources, Kenneth J. Souza's *Collection Development: Video and DVD*, Anne Driscoll's *Tips from E-Commerce for Libraries* Websites, Kathleen Hoffman's *Feng Shui Comes to the Library*, and JWU resident librarians Kathy Blessing and Cherine Whitney's *Collection Development: Travel Power Point slide*



the Library, which provided the audience with helpful, practical tips about maintaining health and preventing injuries.



Appearing before lunch was also the President's Speaker, Alan Shawn Feinstein. Feinstein is the founder of the Feinstein Foundation, and a nationally known philanthropist and humanitarian. He delivered a brief but moving speech on the life of altruism he has chosen to lead, and challenged the audience to discover the joy of selfless accomplishment for themselves.

wide variety of presentations made for a fantastic couple of days.

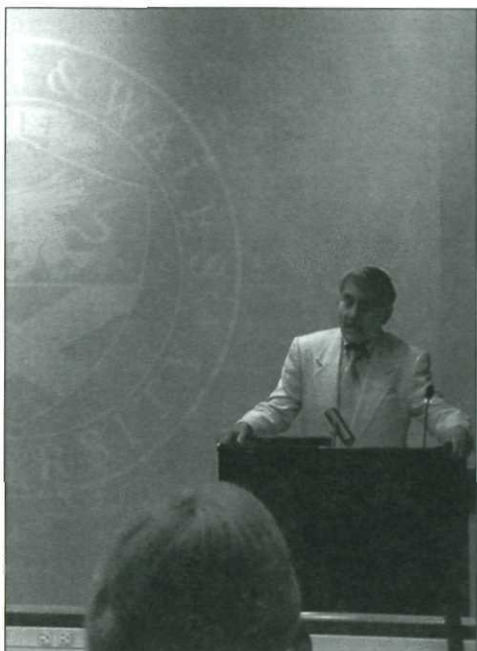
On Thursday, guests were treated to a unique mix of interesting seminars. This list included Diane Baden's *Who's Afraid of Metadata?* Trends in Cataloging Electronic

Additionally, there were offerings on Business Trends, Securing the Public PC, Reducing the Risk of Violent Workers, Filtering Software, and even *The Greening of the Library*. Also quite popular was Dr. Kevin Pelton's *Ergonomics in*

These presentations were of course prior to the



SPECIAL SECTION - SPRING CONFERENCE REVIEW



night's "main event" - the elegant dinner of Chicken and Scrod, and a frank speech by noted fiction author Bob Leuci, formerly of the New York Police Department. He spoke about many aspects of being and becoming a writer, from the idea to the publication, from working with agents to the other "denizens" of the publishing world, from heartbreak to happiness. People enjoyed his talk, and were impressed with his straight-forward honesty.

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Friday's schedule was equally diverse, and continued the trend of this year's conference towards diversity and

innovation.

Featured presentations covered subjects from Elsie Baxter, a Registered Nurse, who spoke about protecting oneself from germs that can run rampant in the workplace, to Cindy Lunghofer discussing Collection Development in the area of Christian Fiction, to Fran Joy's popular session on daily meditation.

Also well attended were *Collection Development: Fantasy*, given by David Critchett and Christine Wallace, *Between the Lions! WGBH and Literacy for the Young*, presented by Eileen Hughes and Cyrisse Jaffee, *Programming Success with an Inter-generational Poetry Slam*, by Kathy Cryan-Hicks, and *Math and Science Resources via WWW*, by Mayk Shelton. Guests also were given a special treat in the visit by popular narrator Barbara Rosenblat, for the presentation entitled *The Pleasure of Listening: Audiobooks*, by Brian Downing.

One item not to be overlooked was the great presentation put on by Jenny LaPerriere, Sharron Rothberg, and



Judith Munson, which emphasized the need for cooperation between schools and libraries. Real-life stories and examples helped show clearly not only the benefits of mutual support, but also gave the audience a "how-to" strategy.

After another great Spring Conference, all the people involved can sit back and take a well-earned breather, and just look forward to an even better Conference next year.

Next year's Spring Conference is currently slated to take place at the scenic Portsmouth Abbey, so register early!



Rhode Island Public Libraries Cooperate with Governor in State Quarter Program



Public libraries in Rhode Island served as polling places for state residents to cast their votes for the design of the state's commemorative quarter. The winning design was announced at a press conference on July 7, 2000.

In announcing the winning design, Governor Almond thanked all those who made the project a success including: Barbara Weaver, CIO, Office of Library and Information Services; the state's public librarians; Randall Rosenbaum, executive director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, who oversaw the project from its inception; and the Coin Selection Panel.

From the start, librarians reported an enthusiastic response about the voting from the public. Some libraries put a link to the Governor's online polling site on the library's

web page. Soon after the voting was announced, citizens began calling libraries to ask when they could come in to cast their ballots.

34,566 votes were cast from June 19 through June 30. Ballots were completed at libraries across the state, at the State House, and online. More than 80 percent of the votes were cast in public libraries. In her remarks, Barbara Weaver noted with pleasure that citizens used the internet for about 20 percent of the voting, citing such use as the wave of the future.

Rhode Island is the first state to give residents the opportunity to choose its quarter design. This is a fitting tribute to the founder of the commemorative quarter program, the late Rhode Island Senator John Chafee. Under legislation sponsored by Chafee, the U.S. Mint embarked

upon a ten-year celebration of the 50 states. Rhode Island will be celebrated in May 2001, when 700 million commemorative Rhode Island Quarters will be minted and distributed.

Rhode Islanders selected a scene depicting a 1903 America's Cup yacht race contender on Narragansett Bay, against a backdrop of a suspension bridge. The yacht depicted is modeled after the *Reliance*, built in Bristol, Rhode Island, at the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company. "This design portrays Rhode Island's most significant natural feature, Narragansett Bay," said Almond. "The bay has defined our history, remains at the core of our present and holds the key to our future. This design also pays tribute to our rich maritime heritage. When this distinctive quarter is issued next year, people across America will be reminded that Rhode Island is the Ocean State."

The sailboat won the three-way race, capturing 57 percent of the votes. A depiction of Roger Williams meeting Native Americans was second with 34 percent of the vote and a depiction of artist Gilbert Stuart was third with 9 percent of the vote.

Portions of this announcement are from the Office of the Governor, State of Rhode Island.

For additional information, contact Donna Longo DiMichele (401) 222-1759 DonnaDM@gw.doa.state.ri.us Library Programs, Office of Library and Information Services Rhode Island Department of Administration One Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908

ALA Notes...

We are looking forward to being in Chicago next month for the Annual Conference of the American Library Association. If you plan on attending, we would very much like to make this an opportunity to meet with you. We would like to bring you up to date on JSTOR's mission and goals and the current status of the many projects we are working on to enhance the value of JSTOR for participating institutions and their library users. Can we arrange a time to meet?

JSTOR has reserved a hospitality suite at the Hyatt Regency Chicago (151 East Wacker Drive). I and other JSTOR staff would be pleased to see you there and will be glad to discuss any issues and questions you may have about JSTOR participation for your institution. We will have access to the JSTOR database in the suite and will be glad to demonstrate its features and capabilities.

If you would like to plan a meeting with me at a specific time during the conference, please contact me and I will reserve that time. Or you should feel free to come by the suite during any of the following hours:

Friday July 7 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday July 8 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday July 9 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday July 10 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you, and to meeting you.

Best wishes, Carol MacAdam

Volunteer for the LORI Committee!

OLIS, Library Programs is currently calling for volunteers for openings on the new LORI Committee and associated working groups. All library staff are welcome.

For much more information, see the LORI Library Programs web site:
<http://www.lori.state.ri.us/libprograms/>

We look forward to hearing from you!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO THE RILA MEMBERSHIP:

What you are currently holding in your hands is what is to be the last of the printed versions of the RILA Bulletin.

After this issue, we will be switching to an all-electronic format. This issue is also available on-line, linked from the RILA homepage at:

<http://nick.uri.edu/library/rila/rila.html>

Feel free to share the URL with your friends and colleagues, as the electronic format will always be available to members and non-members alike.

We hope you will find the electronic format more dynamic than the paper version, as well as more useful as a resource. Plus, it's the "paperless" issues are more friendly to our environment.

Please enjoy our new direction, and as always, we are open to the questions, comments, and feedback of our readership.

Thanks!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

- ∴ Jenny Laperriere, former Director of both the Foster Public Library and Tyler Free Public Library in Foster, is now Senior Librarian at the Park Hill Branch of the Denver Public Library.
- ∴ Harvey Varnet recently was named Director of the Phillips Memorial Library at Providence College. He comes to PC from Simmons College.
- ∴ Jane Schweinsburg is now the Assistant Director at Coventry Public Library.

RILA Bulletin Reader's Poll:

What do *you* think of the change to an on-line, electronic format?

If you have any feedback, questions, or comments, email the Managing Editor of the Bulletin, David Perkinson, at:
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President's Message

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sands and thousands of starfish have been deposited by the waves. On the sand the starfish are flapping, desperately trying to breathe. It is obvious that they are going to die. The man sees the boy pick up a starfish and throw it back into the water. The man approaches the boy and asks him why he is doing this. There are so many starfish he cannot possibly save them all. With this the boy picks up another starfish and as he is throwing it into the water says, 'It matters to this one.'

"And that is pretty much the central theme of what I do with youngsters. I was late today because I was in school, as I have been for

the last 4 weeks. Out of 302 elementary schools in Rhode Island, 295 of them are in our program. No child is too young to impact positively upon the world. This is my belief - this is what we are all pushing for. We were all put on this earth for a reason. Somebody, somehow, somewhere thought or hoped that you would make the world a better place. And every time you do something good for someone else, you do make the world a better place. Someday that will be the only thing that matters. The only thing that will matter to each one of you is what you did while you were here to make the world a better place."

With these words Mr. Feinstein challenged the librarians of Rhode Island. Despite low wages and despite

low budgets, librarians are all making the world a better place. Summer library programs abound. After school homework programs are well attended. Book circulation continues to soar. Yet this phenomenal success will not continue. According to statistics, within 10 years, librarians will be like those starfish on the beach, flapping about, because 40% of us will be retiring before that time. I certainly hope that someone will be on the beach of "Library land" throwing some of us "starfish" back into the water.

"Hey, Harry Potter, over here on the big rock. It will matter a lot to me if you would please throw me back in."



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