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Linda Bailen, Secretary/Editor

RSRT Chair Report

-Bob Shaw

Greetings!

The year is winding down for my term as chair of RSRT and I wanted to share some thoughts with you as I conclude my tenure.

First I want to thank my fellow officers this past year in RSRT – Cheryl Becker, Past Chair; Vicki Lenz, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect; and Linda Bailen, Secretary. It has been an absolute privilege working with them the last two years – planning conference programs for WLA, WAAL, and WAPL; attending WLA Board meetings; planning the newsletter; etc. It was always fun having meetings with them with their thoughtful humorous comments and suggestions.

Speaking of conferences, WLA in Appleton is just around the corner. Vicki Lenz has developed three great programs that RSRT is sponsoring and you can find that information in the following newsletter article. RSRT's annual business meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (since we no longer have these business meetings in the morning, you can no longer use the excuse you didn't wake up in time!). If you have anything you want on the agenda, feel free to email me at reshaw@wils.wisc.edu.

There will be two new faces on RSRT's board next year – Martha Berninger as chair-elect and Matt Rosendahl as secretary. I want to thank them for volunteering their time and I encourage you to contact them and the other board members with ideas for new ventures for RSRT.

Hope to see you in Appleton.

- Bob Shaw

See You at the WLA Conference

-Vicki Lenz

The Resource Sharing Roundtable is sponsoring some great programs at the WLA Conference at the Radisson in Appleton this month.

UW-Madison Librarian Dorothea Salo, one of this year's *Library Journal Movers & Shakers*, will be in the Hickory Room on Wednesday, October 21, at 4 p.m. She will discuss trends in Open Content (finding, using, and creating open-access resources). Her talk is called *Canoe the Open Content Rapids*.

Also on Wednesday, there will be a Resource Sharing Roundtable meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Kimberly Room. Come meet other members of the unit and share your ideas.

At 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, Eric Robinson (WiLS), Heather Weltin (UW-Madison), Beth Price (Madison Public Library), Sarah Hartman (Middleton Public Library), and Lee Konrad (UW-Madison Memorial Library) will discuss trends in collaboration between interlibrary loan and collection development.

Also on Thursday morning, retired library system director Peter Hamon will consider the strides we've made in resource sharing and the challenges we face. Join him in a lively discussion called *Resource Sharing: Past, Present and Future* at 10:45 in the Pippin Room.

Web Links

WLA: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/>

Resource Sharing Roundtable:

<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/rsrt/>

WAAL website: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal>

WAPL website: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/wapl/>

Potential Changes to WLA Structure

-Cheryl Becker

At the August 14 WLA Unit Advisory Council, leaders of WLA units were introduced to a proposal to change the Association's structure. There will be more information coming out, and chances for WLA members to discuss the proposal.

In the meantime, you may be interested in reviewing the current proposal, and the accompanying attachment. Both are available in the WLA MemberClicks bulletin board. To view them:

- Go the WLA web page at <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us>
- Click on "MemberClicks" on the right hand side of the page. There is no need to log in.
- Highlight "Resources," and choose "Bulletin Board."
- On the Bulletin Board page, click on "Potential Changes to Unit Structure."

Here are just a couple of points, from the "Overview of Proposal":

- Unit categories of section and roundtable would be eliminated in favor of a single category, called "unit." Many of the differences between sections and roundtables have been eliminated. Divisions would remain "divisions."
- Divisions and units would be authorized to do many things, and required to do a few, important, challenging things that build WLA's knowledge base and value for WLA members.
- It will be relatively easy to start a new unit. The WLA board will review existing units annually, and may dissolve units that don't meet certain basic criteria.

Please keep in mind that there may be revisions to the proposal before these changes go into effect. Now is the time for your input. If you have comments on the proposal, please inform an RSRT Board member, or Lisa Strand, WLA Executive Director, at 608-245-3640, or strand@scls.lib.wi.us. The proposal will also be discussed at the WLA business meeting at the WLA Conference in Appleton, on Thursday, October 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome New RSRT Officers

-Bob Shaw

RSRT members recently elected Martha Farley Berninger as Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Matt Rosendahl as Secretary.



Martha is currently supervisor of the interlibrary loan and reference staff for DPI's Reference and Loan Library.

She began her career in public libraries in the suburbs of Chicago. She has more than twenty years of service as a reference and interlibrary loan librarian and library manager in public, academic, and corporate libraries. She also worked in the private sector as a representative of LexisNexis in the Midwest. She has been active in WLA, the Illinois Library Association, the American Library Association, the Special Library Association and the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals.



Matt is currently director of Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College's Learning Resource Centers.

He has a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from UW-Milwaukee. Before becoming a librarian he was a newspaper reporter and editor. He was a director in small public libraries for five years and served as vice-chair and chair of the MORE consortium of public libraries.

Welcome Martha and Matt!

Your Ideas Are Welcome

-Vicki Lenz

Do you know a great speaker? Is there a resource sharing topic that should be addressed by a panel of experts? Now is the time to suggest a speaker or topic for either the WAPL or WAAL Spring Conference next April.

Send ideas to vlenz@apl.org or bring ideas to the Resource Sharing Roundtable meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, in the Kimberly Room at this year's WLA conference at the Radisson in Appleton. Can't think of anything? Come to the meeting anyway – we want to meet you!

RSRT Scholarship News

-Cheryl Becker

In 2008, RSRT offered our first successful WLA Conference scholarship. Mary Alice Larson, from Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake, received \$150 to help defray her costs associated with attending the WLA Fall Conference in Middleton in 2008.

With high hopes, we offered our second scholarship in 2009. However, despite several emails, blog posts, status updates in Facebook, and other promotion, we received not a single scholarship application by the September 15 deadline. Reluctantly, the board has decided not to award a scholarship in 2009. However, we hope to continue to offer it in the future.

The scholarship is a great way to help a worthy RSRT member attend the conference. The application process is not difficult. Initially, the board instituted the scholarship because we recognize that the actual work of resource sharing is often done by support staff, and it is hard for them to attend conferences.

If you have suggestions of ways to help improve the scholarship process, please contact Bob Shaw, at reshaw@wils.wisc.edu.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 2009

- **20-23:** WLA Annual Conference, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel – Appleton, Wisconsin.

April 2010

- **20-23:** WAAL Annual Conference, Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Milwaukee
- **28-30:** WAPL Annual Conference, Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan

WiLS / Reference and Loan Fall ILL meeting

-Bob Shaw

Over eighty resource sharing staff turned out on a rainy October day for the fall ILL meeting sponsored jointly by WiLS and Reference & Loan. The theme of this year's meeting was "Today's User Services and Needs".

After introductory remarks by Sally Drew of Reference & Loan and Eric Robinson of WiLS, Lan Yang from Texas A&M University gave a keynote talk entitled "Offer a Library Service That Will Win Users' Hearts!". Ms. Yang emphasized the ways her library is providing users' needs through faster turnaround time, convenient requesting, and electronic delivery.

The keynote was followed by a panel discussion featuring Todd Bruns and Kelli Keclik from UW-Madison, Laurie Freund from Waukesha County Federated Library System, Karen Probst from Appleton Public Library and moderated by Eric Robinson of WiLS. The panel provided a humorous look at ways libraries are providing for users' needs in this time of dwindling resources.

The afternoon was divided into multiple tracks. WISCAT folks led by Martha Berninger and Abby Swanton, were given updates on WISCAT, BadgerLink, and the Wisconsin Digital Archive. Mark Beatty gave the OCLC folks his usual OCLC roundup. ILLiad users got an advanced look at ILLiad 8.0 courtesy of Eric Robinson and Leigh Dorsey from UW-Milwaukee. Finally in the mini-program track, Jeff Brunner from UW-Green Bay gave us a look at the innovative way he has configured his custom groups and paths; Cynthia Bachhuber from Globe University shared her experiences in building a library from scratch, and Bob Shaw presented a roadmap to the Center for Research Library's collection.

Pictures from the meeting and PowerPoint presentations can be found at:

<http://www.wils.wisc.edu/events/ill09/>

Wisconsin Libraries join Inter-system Resource Sharing Pilot Project

-Martha Farley Berninger

The La Crosse Public Library, Waukesha Public Library and Hedburg Public Library in Janesville are participating in an innovative trial of inter-state resource sharing in WISCAT. They will be sending requests to and filling requests from libraries in three other states and with the Alberta (Canada) Government Libraries. The resource sharing trial began on Monday, October 5th, 2009 and will continue through April 1st, 2010.

A total of 41 libraries in Wisconsin, Connecticut, New Jersey, Kansas and the Alberta Government Libraries have agreed to take part in this exciting trial. The goals of the pilot program include expanding the pool of potential suppliers for inter-library loan requests, testing the effectiveness of sharing among systems using the Agent Resource Sharing system, and improving borrowing fill rates. The pilot program grew out of discussions about the most effective ways to meet our patron's growing appetite for library materials in all formats. Interest in the project was high among all of the states using Agent to facilitate resource sharing, and additional states and libraries may be added as the pilot program continues.

Libraries participating in the program are asked to fill loan and copy requests, to lend items for free, to loan all materials types in their collection (to the greatest extent practical), and to be as liberal as possible in their loan periods. The loan periods will be set by the lenders, as usual. Requests will cycle through the normal preferred lender lists established by the library before being sent to the out-of-state libraries participating in the pilot project.

The success of the pilot project will be evaluated according to a variety of measures, including borrower fill rates, turnaround time, and end-user satisfaction with the service. A few libraries have chosen not to borrow or lend with the Alberta Government Libraries because they hesitate to assume the additional paperwork required to ensure that items clear customs. We will be sharing updates at intervals throughout the pilot program. If your library is interested in giving your patrons access to more collections via the pilot program, please contact: Martha Farley Berninger at 608-224-6168 or Martha.berninger@dpi.wi.gov or David Sleasman at 608-224-6179 or david.sleasman@dpi.wi.gov.

WLA Recruiting New WeLead Class

-Patricia O'Donnell

We are extremely enthusiastic to announce that recruitment has begun for a new class of WeLeaders (Wisconsin Emerging Librarians Exploring and Developing). WeLead was an initiative that began in 2005 as part of the WLA Membership Committee. The program was created to cultivate a group of leaders that would in turn strengthen WLA.

For 2010, we are accepting application for three to five protégés. The WeLead program offers incredible benefits to the participants. The protégés receive a one-year WLA membership, stipends to attend the WLA annual conference for three years, a stipend to attend one additional conference (WAAL, WAPL, WEMA or SSS) during the three-year initiative, an appointment to a WLA committee, special leadership programming opportunities, and they are paired with a current leader within WLA to serve as their mentor.

Many of the previous protégés has become involved within the leadership of WLA, and we are proud of their accomplishments. Both Kelley Hinton and Kyle Neugebauer were on the planning committee for last year's WAAL conference in Green Lake. Melissa McLimans and Katharine Clark have both participated in WLA leadership positions – in MATS and P2C2, respectively. To learn more about the experiences of the current class, we encourage you to attend their panel, *After the Honeymoon: Strategies for Success as a New/Emerging Librarian*, at the upcoming WLA conference,

We are also recruiting new mentors to work with our new class of protégés. The WeLead Task Force indebted to the mentors who have partnered with the 2007 class: Claudia Backus, Emily Rogers, Deb Shapiro, and Linda Vincent. These mentors have been checking in with their protégés to ensure that any questions they have are answered and have been helping them to network within WLA. The program would not work without them.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise, please consider applying to be a WeLead mentor. The return on your investment is enormous!

We also wish to thank the tireless WeLead task (Continued on next page)

WLA Recruiting New WeLead Class (continued)

force: Jess Bruckner, Kirsten Houtman, Ann Hunt, Gretchen Revie, Tasha Saecker, and past chair Anna Lewis. WLA is supporting the protégés through generous contributions from WAAL, WAPL, Embury, Ltd., the WLA Foundation, and CSRT. A sincere and hearty thank you to the WeLead contributors!

For more information on the program, as well the application form (for both protégés and mentors), please visit <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/welead>. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

-- Pamela O'Donnell, Chair, WeLead Task Force, podonnell@library.wisc.edu.

RSRT Board Meeting notes September 29, 2009

-Linda Bailen, note taker

Present: Bob Shaw-Chair; Vicki Lenz-Chair Elect; Cheryl Becker-Past Chair; Linda Bailen-Secretary.

Review "Officer Roles and Timeline" (see <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/rsrt/roles.html>): No changes were made. Cheryl commented on how useful this information is when recruiting new officers.

Proposed changes to WLA structure: Cheryl described some of the proposed changes. There will be a discussion on this topic at the WLA Annual Business Meeting, which is at the WLA Conference, Thursday, October 22nd, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Scholarship report: Cheryl publicized the scholarship widely through the newsletter and email lists, no applications were received. She will check with other roundtables to see if they received applications.

Fall newsletter ideas: Articles were discussed and delegated. Note: Always notify Brigitte when a newsletter is posted on the web page.

WLA Fall Conference: Vicki described the fall conference programs sponsored by RSRT:

- Peter Hamon will speak on the past, present and future of resource sharing;

RSRT Board Meeting notes (continued)

WLA Fall Conference:

- UW-Madison Librarian Dorothea Salo, one of this year's *Library Journal* Movers & Shakers, will discuss trends in Open Content;
 - Eric Robinson (WiLS), Heather Weltin (UW-Madison), Beth Price (Madison Public Library), Sarah Hartman (Middleton Public Library), and Lee Konrad (UW-Madison Memorial Library) will discuss trends in collaboration between interlibrary loan and collection development.
- The RSRT Business Meeting will take place at WLA on Wednesday Oct 21st at 5:30 p.m. Bob will get the agenda out a few days before the conference.

Spring WAAL and WAPL brainstorming ideas: The WAAL conference is April 20-23, 2010 and WAPL is April 28-30, 2010. After discussion, program ideas were:

1. Madison Public Library-ILLIAD and how they use it.
2. Budget cuts and saving money: with info on delivery and mail options for libraries.

Budget—2010: There were no expenditures for operating expenses in 2009. \$130 has been added to the budget in 2009, and 2008 carryover was \$590.76. Project money will be used for the scholarship. Money was earned for the WAPL conference. Linda suggested bookmarks to advertise the scholarship at conferences. Bob will work on the bookmarks.

Review RSRT web page

<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/rsrt>: Bob has made a few changes this summer. Scholarship information needs to be updated. Bob could make changes to the RSRT web page in the future, and will contact Joy. New officers could be added to the web site in January. Bob will post the newsletter to the web site and contact Linda when it has been posted. Then Linda will send email out announcing that it has been posted and give highlights of the newsletter.

WLA Blog: Officers schedule of submitting articles to the blog was discussed. The blog will be used after the WLA Conference to describe the programs. (continued on next page)

RSRT Board Meeting notes (continued)

Assign tasks

Bob:

- Assign blog posting dates & email to officers.
- Contact Joy about web page updates.
- Agenda for fall membership meeting.
- Bookmarks for scholarship.
- Update information on RSRT web page.
- President's report article for newsletter.
- New officers article for newsletter.

Vicki:

- Fall conference programs article for newsletter.
- WAAL & WAPL article for newsletter.

Cheryl:

- Contact other units about scholarships.
- Scholarship article for newsletter.
- WLA changes article for newsletter.

Linda:

- Send email out asking for newsletter articles.
- Publish Newsletter.
- Send email to RSRT list when newsletter is posted with overview.



The Resource Sharing Round Table serves the needs and promotes the interests of librarians and library staff involved in all types of resource sharing in all types of libraries through discussion of issues, sharing of expertise, and seeking to improve visibility and effectiveness of resource sharing services.