

**ANNUAL REPORT
2000-2001
WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT/CINDY CUNNINGHAM

The goals of my presidency were to create an association that was relevant to all library advocates in the state—be they Friends, Trustees, employees, or students—and to establish a strong position in the debate on information access and the Internet. I am happy to say that the work of the various interest groups and committees has made significant progress towards these goals. We have an active Membership Committee, under the leadership of Susan Madden, which has passed a WLA by-law to give them room to pursue promotions, and partnered with ALA to recruit new members. Further, WLA has been successful in recruiting a variety of new members and new committee and IG chairs, so we are starting a new legacy of volunteers. We are also aiming to have a student representative on every WLA committee, to draw students in and get them involved early.

And speaking of reaching out to membership groups: we had a successful first Friends Forum this fall in Ellensburg—all praise to organizers Patience Rogge, Audrey Stupke and Victoria Parker who put together a dynamic program and got an impressive turnout. I am happy that we are making greater strides as an association to draw in this important group of library supporters.

The biggest initiative of my presidency, to fashion an up to date Intellectual Freedom statement, has been efficiently managed by a very able task force led by Laura Boyes. After the failure of the first draft to pass the membership, I appointed Laura and a committee to work on a second draft. The result, which has been broadcast on our email list, in our publications, and in the conference registration materials, will hopefully be ratified at this conference. This recent legislative session has indicated that legislators are still very concerned about “porn and the Internet” and unfortunately it appears we library advocates must redouble our efforts to make sure our legislators understand local library policy. I hope this statement can help us all clarify our position and provide a clear message to convey.

Other efforts the Association made towards advocacy include issuing a Grassroots! Interest Group Checklist, to aid all library advocates in developing good relationships with their local legislators. WLA also donated \$1,000 to two significant efforts this year: the Freedom to Read Foundation, and the CIPA Action fund, to fight the recent federal legislation on filtering the Internet. Finally, when it became clear that a harmful to minors act was going to be heard last month, the Legislative Planning Committee organized a group of library staff and advocates to testify. WLA is very grateful to those individuals who took time from their day to speak on behalf of all libraries.

Fiscally, WLA is in good shape. We had a very successful audit this year, and we were praised for our fiscal health and good financial policies. Treasurer Kim Hixon has drafted revised financial policies, to keep us up to date, and she also was able to invest some of our funds into short and mid-term savings plans. Our conference in Tacoma last May was very successful, under the leadership of Conference Chair Susan Odencrantz and her very talented committee. Programming was creative and diverse, and revenues were larger than anticipated. In order to help other conferences be as successful, the Association has contracted out the creation of a conference manual, to help annual and WALE conference planners.

In conclusion despite some challenging moments when it did not appear we had a volunteer for a critical position, we have accomplished a great deal, have strong, committed committees and a healthy, though reduced number, of Interest Groups who all have programs at this conference and have put on workshops and published newsletters this year.

It has been a privilege and an honor to be your president for the past two years. I am proud of the work of all the volunteers of this Association, and I am very pleased to know that the Association is in good hands with upcoming presidents Carol Schuyler and John Sheller.

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT-CAROL GILL SCHUYLER

During 2000/01, my responsibilities as Vice President/President-Elect included: attending all of the Board meetings and the June Board retreat, the Legislative Planning Committee meetings, and the Membership Committee meetings. I then followed through on any tasks that evolved from these meeting agendas. In addition, I visited the faculty at the University of Washington's Information School, gave "greetings" from the Association at the WLMA conference, and attended the legislative committee hearing on the "Harmful to Minors" bill. I also participated with the "Library Day" co-chairs in the development and presentation of the "2001 Library Legislative Day" in Olympia.

SECRETARY/KAREN S. HIGHUM

As Secretary of WLA, I have attended all of the Board Meetings scheduled during the past year. My primary responsibility at each of these meetings has been to take minutes, transcribe them, and then present them to the Board for approval. Both the draft minutes and the approved minutes of the meetings have appeared on the WLA Homepage so that the membership has earlier and easier access to the information from Board Meetings in an effort to further enhance communication. I have also summarized the discussions in the Board Meetings for each issue of "Link".

TREASURER/KIMBERLY HIXSON

The Washington Library Association's 1999-2000 Fiscal Year ended with an increase in assets of \$44,811. Revenues were over budget by almost nine percent with expenses holding at 92.77 percent of the budget. The two Conferences, again, continue to generate a net increase for the organization: the Tacoma 2000 Conference actualized approximately \$25,000, and WALE's 1999 Conference was close to \$3,000. Institutional dues brought in a third of the revenue generated for the year with personal dues at nine percent.

On the expense side, administrative services including the .6 FTE Association Coordinator position, Webmaster, and Link and Alki editors made up 42.82 percent of the total expenses. Special Projects including the publication of *Link* and *Alki* comprised less than seven percent of all expenses with Committee and Council reimbursements at four percent. The remainder of the expenses are made up of gross Conference expenses.

To date, the organization has an asset base of approximately \$400,000. Non-operating cash has been invested in conservative CD. The current financial statements are still maintaining a positive net increase in assets. The close of this fiscal year will be concluded with the completion of the bi-annual audit after July 31, 2001.

The 1999-2000 financials are available to WLA members by contacting the WLA office.

COORDINATOR OF COMMUNICATIONS/DOLLY RICHENDRFER

Following a productive and enthusiastic Board Retreat in June 2000, I spent the next four months trying to assemble the necessary information required to perform the duties of the position. I then turned my attention to the Public Relations Committee, which had not met since the 2000 conference. Setting a meeting time that was mutually agreeable to all committee members proved to be somewhat daunting. As the main purpose of the meeting was to elect a new committee chair, I decided to hold an email election, the result of which was the election of Mary Kelly, Sno-Isle Regional Library System, to that post. The Public Relations Committee met in October 2000 in Spokane to discuss current marketing vehicles and how the team might work with the Membership Committee to enhance marketing efforts. We talked about our role within the overall organization, the need for a new marketing brochure, and the need for a new banner home page for the Association web site. All of these items were tabled for further discussion at the next meeting, which will be held at the 2001 Conference. For the last year, I have also served as Publicity Chair for the 2001 Conference. In that capacity, I have contributed articles to ALKI and The WLA Link.

COORDINATOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION/ANGELINA BENEDETTI

CAYAS (Children and Young Adult Services) Interest Group held two successful workshops "Sing With the Children" in September 2000 and "The Storyteller's Craft" in March 2001. The WLFTA (Washington Friends and Trustees Association) held a first ever "Friend's Forum" in Ellensburg in October that was well attended and which they plan to replicate in alternate years. CAYAS also agreed to serve as the interest group co-sponsor for our first attempt at joint sponsorship of a continuing education program with King County Library System. "Colloquium 2000 Part of the Village: The Role of School and Public Libraries in Serving Teens." Response to this joint venture was good and we learned much about what kind of planning is needed for this kind of venture. At the suggestion of Kristy Coomes who is revising the conference planning manual, the Coordinator of Continuing Education will assume the role of Pre-Conference Coordinator beginning with the 2002 Conference. As CE seed money is used for these programs, it is logical that this position oversee the planning process. Plans for the next year include helping more interest groups plan and execute continuing education workshops in the interim between conferences.

COORDINATOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING/SANDRA SEBBAS

Washington Library Association Board, committees and individuals members demonstrated a commitment to the organization's strategic plan. With an eye on the future, the member worked on their strategies and tactics. The strategic plan helped identify resources, establish a budget, and address issues. I appreciated the ownership and commitment from all the parties involved, as the WLA's mission and objectives moved into performance.

The 1999/01 Washington Library Association's strategic plan leads the members as they do the following:

- I. Promote Excellence in Library Services
- II. Promote Library Advocacy Among Library Professionals and Volunteers
- III. Increase WLA Membership
- IV. Streamline Washington Library Association Management

COORDINATOR CONFERENCE 2001/MERRI HARTSE

The 2001 Conference Committee will deliver a first-rate conference for the association April 4-7 in Spokane. At the time of this writing, attendance figures are meeting all projections and the conference, with a sparkling array of guest speakers and programs, promises to be a memorable one. The theme is "Convergence" and the conference will fully explore the many startling relationships being forged as new technologies, thoughts and ideas converge to redefine the library world as we travel into the new millennium. The Coordinating Committee is composed of many strong, contributing members. They include, Merri Hartse, Conference Coordinator; Mike Wirt, Local Arrangements; Konny Thompson, Treasurer; Claudia Parkins, Programming; Claudia Saylor, Programming; Joy Neal, Preconferences; Dolly Richendrfer, Public Relations; Lynn Red, Exhibits, and Bruce Ziegman, Fundraising.

COORDINATOR OF CONFERENCE 2002/JAMES PHELPS

The 2002 Annual Conference is joint conference between the Washington Library Association and Oregon Library Association. The Conference will be held April 17 - 19 at Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. We have formed a committee of people from both the Oregon and Washington library communities. "Building Bridges" was selected as a theme for the Conference to highlight this joint effort between the two state library organizations, to encourage more cooperation between the different library specialties, and to focus on the necessity of meeting the needs of everyone that we serve. The Conference Committee has also completed a joint working agreement between the two state library organizations, approved a Conference budget and began program planning for the Conference. We hope to see everyone at Jantzen Beach in 2002.

ALA COUNCILOR/SUSAN B. MADDEN

ALA Issues & Items briefly noted:

CIPA/NCIPA- (CD# 22) HR4577 Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act was passed by Congress and scheduled to take effect on April 20, 2001.

The FTRF, ALA & the ACLU are challenging the constitutionality of this Act. For current info go to <http://www.ftrf.org>.

UCITA - The Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act - designed to standardize the law regarding the licensing of software and all other forms of digital information. For more info go to www.ala.org/washoff/ucita or www.affect.ucita.com.

Library Services for People with Disabilities Policy -(CD# 24) Revised version - passed by consent.

Core Values - Highly controversial last Annual, a Task Force has been charged with a rewrite.

Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants (CD#50 revision being worked on by the Committee on Education. For further information, contact Mary Y. Moore at WSL.

Post Masters Certification - (CD#50.1). A 5-year attempt by PLA, ASCLA, LAMA, The Committee on Education and the Education Assembly was hotly contested by certain members of Council The formation. For further information, contact Mary Y. Moore at WSL.

Electronic Meetings -(CD# 23) List Servs, Chat rooms, Conference calls, Video sessions...closed meetings or a logical step to involve members in an electronic age?

Outsourcing & Privatization - (CD #57) Ever since the Hawaii debacle, sentiment and passions have run strongly. Resolution to be discussed at WLA Business Meeting.

@ your library - a major 5 year pr plan with free down-loadable graphics, quotes and user tips and ideas.

Century Scholarship - ASCLA's initiative to recruit people with "differabilities." Susan B. Madden, ALA Chapter Councilor - Detailed Report available.

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE/MARY CAMPBELL

This year's PNLA conference will be held in Corvallis, Oregon from August 8-10, 2001. Its theme will be "Libraries in the Ring of Fire: Feeling the Heat". Watch the PNLA web site (www.pnla.org) for information about the upcoming conference.

Committees:

PNLA committees have continued to plan and carry out region-wide activities:

- 1) Adult Readers Choice Award – Washington Representatives: Linda Frederikson and Lenora Oftedahl
- 2) Intellectual Freedom – Washington Representative: Mike Wessells
- 3) Bibliographic Committee – Washington Representative: Dana Dalrymple
- 4) Young Readers Choice Award (YRCA) – Washington Representative: Tina Smith
- 5) Communications – Washington Representative: Lenora Oftedahl

The new Washington Representative to PNLA is Kay Vyhnanek, (email kv@wsu.edu):

OTHER VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

WLFTA REPRESENTATIVE/PATIENCE ROGGE

WLFTA's accomplishments in 2000/01 included : Publication of three issues of the Washington Library Advocate Sponsorship of three programs at the 2001 WLA conference in Tacoma.

We maintained our web page and e-group, and posted messages of interest to the members on a regular basis.

The WLFTA steering committee met three times during the year. Members served on several WLA committees and helped to plan the 2001 WILL conference. WLFTA cooperated with the Grassroots! IG by giving them space in our newsletter. In October, we presented the first-ever Friends Forum in Ellensburg. It attracted more than 80 Friends from around the state.

INTEREST GROUP REPRESENTATIVE/CHERYL MCCULLOCH

The report on interest group activities follows the section of committee reports.

REPORTING TO THE BOARD

LEGISLATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE/BILL PTACEK *(the WLA President serves as co-chair)*

QUESTION

What happens when two education initiatives pass, the House of Representatives is split 49/49, the State has a spending limit, transportation infrastructure is in desperate need of help, health care costs go up dramatically, an energy crisis and then there is an earthquake?

ANSWER

Not much!

DISCUSSION

The 57th Legislature has been full of adventure and lacking in any resolution. With the State facing huge deficits and many man-made and natural disasters, library matters were not at the top of their agenda. Harmful to Minors legislation seemed to be picking up steam until the earthquake. Election of trustees was brought up again and will likely be on future legislatures' radar. Property taxes were not tweaked so that local government and State government might retain some means to deal with all of the disasters. Internet filtering was set aside, probably in anticipation of some legal determination of the federal legislation mandating filtering.

The Statewide Database Licensing bill was introduced. WLA anticipates that this bill will be worked over the interim. Almost 200 attendees to Library Day in Olympia garnered support for SDL from House and Senate members of both parties. The trick will be to get money attached to this bill. That is a chore better left to a future of better funding possibilities.

As of the writing of this report, funding for the State Library is still a big question. With so much pressure on the State budget, it is inconceivable that the State Library can totally escape budget cuts. Also unresolved is the future of the State Library building. There is a recommendation floating around to move the State Library operations to another building in the Olympia area and turn the Pritchard Building into legislative office space.

ALKI EDITOR/CAROLYNNE MYALL

The ALKI editor's report is incorporated in the ALKI Editorial Committee report in the section that follows.

WLA LINK EDITOR/CATHERINE BROWNELL

The WLA Link is the newsletter of the Washington Library Association. It is published five times a year, following each Executive Board meeting. The newsletter is printed by United Lithographers and mailed by Diamond Press, both located in Spokane, WA. The editor is appointed by the WLA president and serves a one-year term corresponding to the WLA fiscal year (August-July). The current editor is Cathy Brownell and the assistant editor is Shelley Voie. There are five standard columns in each issue: Highlights of the Executive Board Meetings, Editor's Box, Interest Group Chairs, Executive Board Members, and a Calendar of upcoming events. Articles of interest are solicited from the membership, mostly via use of the WLA e-list located at Yahoogroups and e-mail, and include announcements of events; workshops; news from Interest Groups; and other items of general interest to the membership.

WLA Link is mailed to each member of WLA. The current issue is also posted on the WLA web site in PDF format. Timeliness of delivery of the Link is a primary concern. This year an experiment using PageMaker to format text files for the publisher was conducted. This experiment has shortened turnaround time at the publisher and reduced production costs significantly.

WLA ONLINE/MARTHA PARSONS

Things have been fairly uneventful for WLA Online, the Association's web site, this year. There are currently four Interest Groups with a web presence - CAYAS, RIG, WALE, & WLFTA. CAYAS added a site, and we lost the ILL web site when the group was disbanded.

Significant developments have been:

- The Interest Group Handbook was added.
- After each new Alki issue is published, Carolynne Myall, Alki editor, is requesting that United Lithographers send the previous years issue as a PDF file to be posted on the web site. We currently have March, July, and December 1999, and March 2000 available in PDF format on the web.
- 2001 Conference pages have been created and maintained by Mike Wirt of Spokane County Library District.

Other regular updates have been the Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Karen Highum, WLA Link submitted by Cathy Brownell, the Calendar of Events, and during legislative session, the Bills of Interest page is updated every week with information received from Steve Duncan's office.

Currently we are only using 18 MB of server space (out of 1000 MB available) and 5 POP3 email accounts (out of 100 available). CI Host provides comprehensive web server usage statistics for the whole site. They can be accessed at <http://www.wla.org/wusage>. Unfortunately, shortly into our fiscal year, they switched the tracking to daily, rather than weekly and I have not been keeping on top of the detailed usage statistics. The WebTracker hit counter on the home page only is still up and running. The hits for the home page only from August 25, 1997 (when the

site began) to March 25, 2001 is 37639. The daily average hits have continued to increase. They are up from 16 in 1998, to 25 last year, to 29 this year.

WLA Discussion List: EGroups became YahooGroups this year, but there have been no significant changes in the way the list operates. There are currently 277 members subscribed to the list.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR/NANCY ZUSSY

Ms. Zussy will provide an update on federal issues at the annual business meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

ALKI EDITORIAL COMMITTEE/LOUISE SAYLOR

The Committee continued with representative membership, equally divided between the east and west sides of the state, and between academic and public libraries. Tami Echavarria and Lisa Oldoski, the WLA Scholarship recipient, were the new members for the Association-year 2000/2001. The coming year is Carolynne Myall's final year as Editor. To facilitate the transition to a new editor, the WLA Board approved a new Committee position for the final year of an editor's contract: Assistant Editor. Cameron Johnson has been appointed.

Themes for volume 16 were: Intellectual Freedom; R/Evolution; and Education, Training and Professionalism. Again, some articles contributing to these themes generated reprint requests.

The transition from print to online availability of ALKI was standardized this year. When a print issue is mailed, the previous year's issue will be available online in pdf. We greatly appreciate Martha Parsons' work on the electronic aspects of the journal.

AWARDS/KATHERINE IRONS

The 2000/2001 Awards Committee underwent some last minute changes this year. The final committee was not finalized until a few months before the conference and since the chair was only chair for less than a quarter of the year, this report may not have the long perspective of a traditional annual report!

The Awards Committee members were: Kati Irons, Chair from Pierce County Library; Joy Blake, Pierce County Library; Gloria McConnell, Richland Public Library and Bill Moore, Friend of the Spokane County Library District. In the space of three months with a great deal of help from Gail Willis the committee called for nominations, reviewed 15 nominations and selected 8 award winners. The awards will be presented at the 2001 Conference in Spokane.

It is the intent of the current Awards Chair to collect much of the information gathered in these past months to pass on to the next Awards Chair to help them lead the next Awards Committee.

ELECTIONS/ELENA BIANCO

The election committee is made up of Karen Michaelsen, Lynn Kanne and Elena Bianco, chair. During 2000, we met three times to count ballots for various measures affecting the organization. These included elections for WLA officers and an amendment to the dues structure. The three members continue to serve in 2001.

FISCAL IMPACT/PATTY DUITMAN

The Fiscal Impact Committee serves the board by reviewing board actions that may have implications to the budget process or the financial well being of the association. This year the committee did not meet.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM/CHER RAVAGNI

Following the motion of the 2000 WLA annual business meeting, If members joined with ad hoc Committee members Laura Boyes, Tom Reynolds and Cameron Johnson to draft a WLA Intellectual Freedom Statement; this process took some months and will conclude with WLA members' discussion and vote at the 2001 annual conference.

With our colleagues in the Washington Coalition Against Censorship, IFC members and WLA members monitored Washington legislative activities around harmful to minors legislation which did not come to a full vote this session.

The WLA Intellectual Freedom Handbook is behind schedule but with the adoption of the new Intellectual Freedom Statement will be processed and distributed at the Board's pleasure in 2001. An updated bibliography has been prepared by Lora Morgaine, one of Dr. Nelson's UW students as an independent study project.

The IF Committee salutes WLA members such as Winnie Boland, Mike Wessells and Candy Morgan for participating in the complex, difficult process libraries in our state have gone through this year in developing internet policies. Many other members around the state deal with this issue regularly and they all deserve our thanks and support

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY/JAN AMES & MARILYN SHECK

More than 150 Friends, Trustees, and staff of libraries from throughout the State gathered in Olympia on Wednesday, February 7, to talk with legislators about statewide library issues.

Participants met at the Ramada Inn Governor House to hear a legislative update from Steve Duncan, WLA Legislative Consultant; a report on legislative issues from Bill Ptacek, Legislative Planning Committee co-chair; and an update on Washington State Library happenings from State Librarian Nancy Zussy. In visiting legislators, attendees focused on laying the foundation for support of a Statewide Database Licensing service, with specific requests for funding planned once the State's economic situation improves.

The idea of expanding Legislative Day in the future was brought up at the Grassroots! meeting and will be explored by members of both that group and WLFTA. Any future plans to change the current format will need to take into consideration the limited facilities available in Olympia.

MEMBERSHIP/SUSAN B. MADDEN

The Membership Committee's charges are:

- To actively recruit new members
- To retain existing members
- To increase participation by existing members
- To improve membership perks.
- To lighten the workload of the PR Committee

In the past year the committee has been extremely busy and fulfilled its charges accordingly:

- Joint WLA/ALA Student Membership for only \$25
- Membership cards
- New membership brochure
- New student membership brochure
- Liaison Membership contacts throughout the state
- Next Gen Chat room and bulletin board
- Sustained Membership Appeal
- Meet & Greet Reception at Annual Conference
- Tip Sheet for conference attendees
- "Experienced" buttons
- Niche letter campaign
- Member recognition at National/Regional and local levels
- Recruitment presentations
- Retirees' survey and focus group
- Lapsed member plea

Members of the committee are: Angie Benedetti, Lisa Oldoski, Ginny Rabago, Patience Rogge, Carol Schuyler, & Gail Willis (ex officio)

NOMINATIONS/LINDA PIERCE & ELSA STEELE

The WLA Nominations Committee was happy to start the 2001 elections season in November with a list of suggested names provided by Cindy and Carol, and checked by Gail.

It seems clear that people who are known to those who are already in the organization and who are personally contacted by them are the ones who will agree to run. It does not seem to work to email a request for candidates to the whole WLA list.

The individuals were all very honored to be asked, although the vast majority declined to run.

The hardest spot to fill was VP/President Elect.

It took about two months to round up the group to go on the ballot.

VP/President Elect	John Sheller
Coordinator of Strategic Planning	Laura Boyes
	Lynne Zeiher
Treasurer	Monica Weyhe
PNLA representative	Tami Echavarria
	Kay Vyhnanek

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (INCLUDES: ARCHIVES; BYLAWS AND POSITION DESCRIPTIONS)/KRISTY COOMES

Work on the revision of the conference manual has had a significant impact on the volume of the archives. The transition this spring from one treasurer to the next will provide the opportunity to further refine our archival procedures in relation to the financial records of the association.

At its September meeting the board approved and sent to the membership for its approval

PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARY KELLY

The PR Committee worked with the Legislative Day planning committee to develop and distribute materials promoting Library Legislative Day on February 7, 2001. In conjunction with WLA President Cindy Cunningham, the PR Committee is pleased to report that Governor Gary Locke has once again declared April 1 through 8 as Friends of the Library Week. The PR Committee developed a collection of materials to help local libraries thank their Friends. Among future planning efforts, the PR Committee is developing a collateral brochure for marketing the WLA.

SCHOLARSHIP/NANCY HULING

The WLA Scholarship Committee conducted most of its business during the 2000/2001 scholarship and conference grants cycle via email. We reviewed the criteria and Web Master Martha Parsons posted the revised announcements, criteria, and forms on the WLA site in late November.

The Committee met on Tuesday, February 13, at Suzzallo Library to review the applicants for Conference Attendance Grants, and to interview three candidates for the scholarship. The Committee received seven applications for grants and four for the scholarship. Upon the recommendation of the committee chair, the Board approved funding seven grants. Conference grants were awarded to: Lisa Adams, Richland Public Library; Randi Adams, Neill Public Library (Pullman); Cathy Ensley, Whitman County Library; Lynda Iman-Loch, student in the Library Technician program at Highline Community College; Emily Keller, student in the Master of Library and Information Science program, University of Washington; Susan Lang, Yakima Valley Community College; and Susan Ludington, student in the Master of Library and Information Science program, University of Washington. David Hurley, a student in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Washington, was selected to receive the WLA Scholarship.

Members of the Committee are: Angelina Benedetti, Redmond branch, King County Library System; Martha Parsons, WSU/CE Energy Library and WALE representative; Meg Rheingold, Headquarters, King County Library System; Tony Wilson, Highline Community College; and Nancy Huling, University of Washington, Chair.

INTEREST GROUP REPORT/CHERYL MCCULLOCH

This has been a productive year for some of the Interest Groups and not so productive for some others. It is my opinion that the WLA Board would do well to explore other ways to find conference programs as it appears that several IG chairs work alone setting up a program or programs with no help from their IG members. I'm concerned that LIT, MAST, and TSIG may be on the verge of disbanding from lack of response or interest from the members.

Jacquelyn Keith reports that **CAYAS** hosted a very successful Fall Workshop in Lynwood (Sept. 29) and Yakima (Oct. 27). There were 42 attendees at the Nancy Stewart Workshop "Sing with the Children". *The Part of the Village: The Role of School and Public Libraries in Serving Teens* held Oct. 26-28 in Issaquah was co sponsored by King County Library System and CAYAS. The Spring 2001 workshop is a storytelling workshop presented by Will Hornyak and upcoming in the fall is the Patrick Jones Workshop.

After a period of inactivity the Collection Development Interest Group, **CDIG**, had quite an active year. Co-chairs Gail Goodrick and Kati Irons organized four programs for the 2001 WLA Conference: a book talk with Nancy Pearl; a program on incorporating online vendors into your buying plans; resources for finding the right videos; and, a panel on ebooks.

Tom Moak, Mid-Columbia Library, was re-elected Chair of **Grassroots!** Patience Rogge, trustee of Jefferson County Library, was elected Vice-Chair, and John Sheller, King County Library System, was re-elected Secretary. Grassroots! had several projects during the year to heighten awareness of the political season. Grassroots! sent a flier to WLA members, "Election Year 2000 Checklist", educating them on how they could become involved in the political process for libraries. The IG encouraged involvement and also noted 11 legislative districts with open seats where library advocates could make a difference. This was followed up during the general election. At the 2001 Library Legislative Day, Grassroots! met to discuss its involvement in future library legislative involvement, to ponder how it might help win funding for the Statewide Database Project, and to plan how to encourage greater involvement during the coming year.

Chris Smith reports that **LIT** is sponsoring a program at WLA 2001. Chris sent out a short survey to all the folks on the LIT ig roster. Despite giving them three ways to respond, he heard back from two people. Discouraging!

David Menard reports that **RIG** sent a newsletter, organized four WLA-2001 programs, and provided a speaker for a CDIG program. After a call to the membership, nobody has volunteered to introduce speakers.

The Social Responsibilities Round Table, **SRRT**, led by Jonathan Betz-Zall, had a quiet year—a letter requesting leadership help was unsuccessful. The primary activity has been organization of two programs for the Annual Conference: the ever-popular 60 in 90 book reviews of small press materials and a Washington State version of the American Library Association's new initiative "Libraries Build Sustainable Communities".

Patience Rogge reports **WLFTA** accomplishments in 2000/01 included: Publication of three issues of the Washington Library Advocate and Sponsorship of three programs at the 2001 WLA conference. We maintained our web page and egroup, and posted message of interest to the members on a regular basis. The WLFTA steering committee met three times during the year. Members served on several WLA committees and helped to plan the 2001 WILL conference. WLFTA cooperated with the Grassroots! IG by giving them space in the WLFTA newsletter. In October, the first-ever Friends Forum in Ellensburg attracted more than 80 Friends from around the state.