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Report from the Chair

The arrival of the AWSL Spring Newsletter means that summer is just around the corner. In anticipation of warm weather and sunshine, I'd like to begin by highlighting our third-annual summer social:

Tuesday, July 10th
UW Madison Union Terrace
4:30 PM

Come and enjoy some collegial conversation (and a beer) with fellow AWSL members!



The other significant AWSL programs for 2012 are tied to the annual WLA Conference, October 23-26, in La Crosse. This year's theme is Libraries for the Common Good, and several of the key speakers have already been secured (including Lewis M. Feldstein, one of America's foremost leaders in community development; and Peter Yarrow of the legendary trio Peter, Paul & Mary).

Our chair-elect, Megan Wiseman, has done an outstanding job coordinating three dynamic programs, a tour, and a member social event. Details will be shared soon, once the conference program is finalized.

I would also like to highlight our updated brochure, and social media sites. The brochure showcases AWSL's mission and membership benefits. Please consider printing one to share with a colleague that might be interested in becoming a member! And we would be thrilled if you joined our community online at Facebook and LinkedIn. Both sites are new and need content—so please—share ideas or thoughts with your fellow special librarians.

Looking back on 2011, AWSL had a strong presence at the WLA Conference in Milwaukee. In the program Tales from the Harley Davidson Archives, Bill Jackson, Senior Archivist, at the Harley Davidson Museum, discussed the ways that his team supports the company's product development, marketing and business strategy. And in Marquette Law Library: a Library Without Borders, Patricia Cervenka, the Director of the new

Marquette University Law Library, shared why the facility has earned the reputation of a library without borders, and invited attendees for a tour.

AWSL also sponsored a tour of the Milwaukee Art Museum library, whose collection includes over 20,000 volumes and 60 art and design publications; and a happy hour social for members at the Miller Time Pub. Both were very well attended—and thoroughly enjoyable!

Many thanks go to Bob Shaw and Sheila Zillner for putting together this issue and to all who contributed articles. All AWSL members are encouraged to contribute, so if you or your library has some news you would like to share, please let us know!

Sincerely, Molly Hamm, AWSL Chair

Professional Association Leadership Opportunities

The Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians (AWSL) is seeking candidates to fill the positions of Secretary and Chair-Elect in 2013.

Duties of the Secretary primarily consist of taking minutes at the spring board meeting and the annual business meeting held during the WLA Annual Conference. The Secretary also distributes the minutes to fellow board members for review and submits the minutes for approval at the next meeting. The Secretary position is an especially good starting job for those who might be thinking of taking the opportunity to participate in AWSL for the first time. The position of Secretary is elected annually.

The position of Chair-Elect is a three year commitment. In year one, the Chair-Elect is in charge of planning AWSL-sponsored programming for the WLA Annual Conference. AWSL generally sponsors a tour of an area special library and at least one program. This isn't as scary as it may sound. Other board members are available to help with the planning plus the Chair-Elect is encouraged to reach out to the membership as a whole for program or tour ideas. During the second year of the commitment, the Chair is responsible for scheduling and leading the spring board and annual business meetings, as well as a fun summer get-together with area library school students. In the third year, the Past-Chair is responsible for helping the Chair implement any initiatives they might have and for recruiting new officers.

Serving on the AWSL board is a terrific way to give back to your profession while getting to know a wonderful group of people. It looks good on a resume and is a great, low-pressure way to gain experience service on the board of a professional association. Plus, we like to have fun. We hope you join us!

Contact Carrie Doyle (carrie.awsl@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering to run for either of these positions or if you have any questions.

AWSL Has Gotten Social!



Do you like the Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians? No, really, you can "Like" us—quite literally now! Come check out our new Facebook page.

We have also done a facelift on our LinkedIn group page.

Between these two forums for easy information sharing, we hope to bring more topical news to the general AWSL membership as well as provide an enhanced sense of community and yet more ways to network online. So come, connect with us!

--Megan Wiseman

AWSL Sponsors Scholarship to 2012 WLA Annual Conference

The Association of Wisconsin Special Librarians (AWSL) is pleased to announce it will again sponsor a scholarship to attend the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference, to be held October 23-26 in La Crosse.

Criteria: The scholarship is available to applicants who are: currently employed in a library or information agency in Wisconsin OR currently a student in library school interested in employment in a special library setting; able to communicate via the AWSL newsletter about the experiences at the conference; and currently a member of WLA and AWSL.

Application process: Applicants must 1) complete the scholarship application form, and 2) write a one page document explaining their reasons for wanting to attend this particular conference (refer to the WLA conference web site to review conference programs.) Each application also requires 3) a one page letter of recommendation in support of the applicant.

Scholarship description: The scholarship consists of a stipend to be used toward conference expenses (registration, lodging, meals, or mileage).

Details on how to apply for the scholarship will be sent to all members this summer. Please contact Carrie Doyle at carrie.aws@gmail.com if you would like more information or have any questions.

Q&A with Kathy Wesenberg, Special librarian for the USGS National Wildlife Health Center



Name: Kathy Wesenberg

Position: Special librarian for the USGS National Wildlife Health Center/ USGS Publications Warehouse

Describe your current job: As the special librarian for the National Wildlife Health Center (www.nwhc.usgs.gov), I support the scientific staff as they work to advance wildlife and ecosystem health. The National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) was founded in 1975 to provide the technical assistance necessary to identify, control, and prevent wildlife losses from diseases, conduct research to understand the impact of diseases on wildlife populations, and devise methods to more effectively manage these disease threats. My primary function is to support the scientists through the acquisition of scientific materials.

A more recent addition to my position is that of content manager for the USGS Publications Warehouse (pubs.er.usgs.gov). I love working for PubsWarehouse because it started as a "if we build it, they will come" idea. Two USGS folks noticed that there was not a complete list of all the publications of the USGS Geological Survey and set out to create one. The result is the USGS Publications Warehouse which is the digital full-text repository for 100,000+ items. My job is to oversee the inclusion of new material, include retrospective collections, and answer questions about the content.

Previous professional endeavors: Before coming to the National Wildlife Health Center, I was the special librarian at Anaquest which was a division of the British Oxygen Company. The company moved to New Jersey in the early 1990's. I was a SLIS student at that time, was able to complete an independent study class on "How to move a library" and earn credit while I worked.

Why did you decide to work in the library profession? I grew up in a mining town in northeastern Pennsylvania that had its first library built in 1958. The Mill Memorial Library was the most architecturally beautiful and modern building in the entire town. My family visited the library every week, and it was like entering a different world. It felt wonderful, and from high school on, every choice I made moved me one step closer to library school and eventually into a job as a real librarian.

What is the favorite part of your job? My favorite part is finding the perfect answer to a reference question. I love the customer service aspects of both components of my job. I also love working with the scientists at NWHC who dedicate their lives to our nation's amazing wildlife. Their passion for this work inspires me every day.

What is the least favorite part of your job? The USGS works with the UW School of Library and Information Studies to hire library students for a maximum of two years. The least favorite part of my job is saying good bye to these talented and capable students.

Do you have a role model as a librarian? I was very inspired by Michael Edmonds who was one of my first instructors in Library School. Michael works at the State Historical Library and is an author and a teacher as well. I was always impressed by his ability to juggle many different tasks and succeed at all of them.

What is your favorite book of the last year? I loved Amor Towles's novel Rules of Civility which is set in New York city in the 1930's and follows a young woman as she climbs the professional and social ladder. This book was named after George Washington's personal book of moral and social codes. George Washington, sometime before the age of 16, transcribed Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour In Company and Conversation. There are 110 rules of decent behavior which are interesting to read. My favorite is one that is used throughout the novel which reads as follows: Labour to keep alive in your Breast that Little Spark of Celestial fire Called Conscience.

What is your dream vacation? I would love to visit the interesting museums in Los Angeles especially the Museum of Jurassic Technology and the sculpture gardens at the Norton Simon Museum.

What are your hobbies? My hobbies include child centered activities (I have four children!) like Girl Scouts, hiking, and relearning the periodic table. I love collecting items, recipes, etc. that correspond to children's literature. Who would have thought that a book like CHERRY CAKE AND GINGER BEER by Jane Brocket, which refers back to favorite children's books and provides recipes, would ever be written!

Schumacher Library

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Olbrich Botanical Gardens overlooks Lake Monona on Madison's east side. Schumacher Library is located in the Visitor Center adjacent to the entrance to the Bolz Conservatory. Schumacher Library is one of the few horticultural libraries in a public garden that is open for public use. Emphasis of the collection (over 3000 volumes) is on home gardening in the Midwest; but also has resources on landscape design, rainforests, tropical plants, herbs, fruit trees and shrubs, individual plant species and much more. The children's book collection covers plants and botany, nature, gardening and insects. We offer over 40 magazines on topics ranging from African violets to roses, organic gardening and garden literature.

Opened twenty-one years ago, Schumacher Library was a gift from Ken & Gina Schumacher. Gina decided that Olbrich Botanical Gardens, which was building a new visitor complex, must have a library and the Schumachers donated the seed money.

Resources for sustainable gardening practices are well-represented at Schumacher. Olbrich Gardens is renowned for its sustainable rose garden, use of leaf mulch and "right plant, right place." philosophy.

We have hundreds of seed and nursery catalogs. Electronic and print indexes to these catalogs aid us in finding mail-order companies that carry the particular plant you're looking for. If you see something at Olbrich Gardens or in a magazine you'd like to grow at home, contact the library and we'll find a source for it.

Schumacher Library offers a Garden Answer Service. Call, email or stop in with your questions. Besides the many resources on the Web, our reference collection has encyclopedias on individual plant species, guides to other botanical gardens, beautiful wildflower books, pests and disease manuals, botanical Latin dictionaries and almanacs.

The collection is cataloged on LibraryThing.com. There is an in-house electronic catalog and a faithful card catalog, lovingly shared with children and grandchildren.

Olbrich Botanical Society members may check materials out. The general public may use our resources in the library. Schumacher Library is open 10-4 daily, except holidays. The Library is staffed half-time by a horticultural librarian and over 25 volunteers.

- Lynn Jacobson,
Horticultural Librarian

Liberty's Restoration Almost Complete

"So what keeps you busy in retirement?" is a common question when meeting with former colleagues. One project has used my professional skills in a new way in service to my neighborhood and the City of Madison. Since fall 2009, I have helped co-chair a volunteer Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee. Working with the City of Madison Arts Commission, Parks Commission and Fine Art Conservation Services LLC to restore the

replica of the Statue of Liberty and return her to Warner Park, the Committee has raised \$23,000 of the \$29,000 needed to professionally restore the statue, stone pedestal, park landscaping and establishment of a perpetual care fund at the Madison Community Foundation. Completion of this project is scheduled for Ride-The-Drive-North, Sunday August 12, 2012.



This project has called upon my organizational skills in planning; brain storming potential donors; and recording the meeting notes. Conference coordinating came in handy in catering the Open House planned to honor the Schenk School children and parents for their fund raising and immigrant voices publication. People skills have helped with the committee and donors. Communication skills have helped with hosting a North side historical slide show for the Northeast side senior coalition and in writing articles for various publications. Sharing information about resources and using professional networks have helped in problem solving.

The project has had its challenges. First the overall economic environment didn't help with the fundraising as the project started just as the nation was beginning to understand what the "Great Recession" was going to mean. The saving grace was the relatively small requirements for financing the restoration, the interest in support from the Glacier Edge Boy Scout Council, the availability of a local conservator with previous experience with Little Sister restorations. The offer from Historic Madison and the Madison Community Foundation to serve as the project fiscal agents was a key project hurdle. Support from the Northside Planning Council and other community volunteers ensured success.

There was some real concern for the project in fall 2011 when Tony Rajer, the historic preservationist in charge of conserving the replica had a heart attack and died while restoring a Works Progress Administration mural in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tony had lobbied the City Arts Commission to take responsibility for the statue and to raise the community support to professionally restore the replica before it totally fell apart. His service to Wisconsin Arts will not be forgotten.

Barring any other unforeseen circumstances everyone is cordially invited to rededicate the Statue of Liberty replica in Warner Park. Completion of this project is scheduled for Ride-The-Drive-North, Sunday August 12, 2012. The contributions from everyone will be celebrated. The Glacier's Edge Boy Scout Council and John Frey will have collector patches available for sale at \$5. There will be flags and marching to the newly landscaped location. The official City wide re-dedication ceremony will take place in the morning of August 12th as part of the City's Parks event: Ride-The Drive-North. With all the repairs and new landscaping Liberty should stand in Warner Park honoring liberty and the freedoms of this great country. Additional contributions are still needed to complete funding for the perpetual care account at the Madison Community Foundation so Liberty's health will be maintained for years to come. Please make a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check with Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund on the memo line to: Madison Community Foundation, P.O. Box 5010, Madison, WI 53705-0010. Or donate online at www.madison-communityfoundation.org. Click on "GIVE" then "GIVE NOW." Enter "statue" in the box to find the fund.

Join the committee, Boy Scouts and Madison area dignitaries at the statue's park site just west of the Warner Park Recreation Center, on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 6:00-7:00 pm. This will be the official Boy Scout re-dedication. There will be flags and marching to the newly landscaped location. The official City wide re-dedication ceremony will take place in the morning of August 12th as part of the City's Parks event: Ride-The Drive-North.

- Barbara J. Arnold
Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee Co-Chair

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Resources for Educators and Librarians

These resources were compiled while serving on the Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee 2009-2012:

The primary site for the City of Madison replica's restoration project:

www.cityofmadison.com/MAC/public/conservationLiberty.cfm has official information on the citizen's committee organized by the City of Madison Arts Commission in the fall of 2009; historical information about the statue's repair and dedication in the new Warner Park on Flag Day 1971; and lots of pictures of the removal, and different stages of the restoration.

The City of Madison Parks Department web site has a lot of rich resources for outdoor education and recreation. The Warner park Recreation Center's site is: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/WPCRC

www.cityofmadison.com/parks/parks has an interactive map, guide to the different types of parks in the Madison parks system and links to the Conservation, Dog and major city parks.

The official page of The Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation: www.statueofliberty.org links to the fund raising not for profit organization that was founded on November 19, 1981 to raise funds and oversee the restoration and preservation of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and to celebrate the centennials of each. Here are links to the: Family History Center; The Wall of Honor, which honor ancestors and living members of immigrant families; Statue of Liberty Torch Cam that presents panoramas and live views of the NYC skyline, Hudson River and the New York Harbor; histories of the statue and Ellis Island are helpful for students and prospective visitors. A more direct link for passengers who passed through Ellis Island and the Port of New York can be found at: www.ellisland.org/genealogy/ellis_island_poa.asp The Peopling of America Center when fund raising is completed will change Ellis Island into the National Museum of Immigration for all immigrants and American citizens from the earliest native peoples through the present and for future generations.

October 2011 saw the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty's dedication. The statue is closed for a new restoration/remodeling project. The National Parks Service is responsible for managing the Liberty Island and Ellis Island sites and tours. Search www.nps.gov for the Statue of Liberty national monument a wealth of resources, information and links to other sites of interest including tours, and activity schedules.

A detailed history of the Statue's construction and symbolism is included in en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberty_Island.

Yes there is an official fan club for the Statue: statueoflibertyclub.com. The club has meetings, group activities, publishes a newsletter and encourages members to collect Liberty memorabilia.

A Boy Scout Troop project in Cheyenne, WY tried to document all of the 208 Little Sister Liberty Replicas purchased by Boy Scout Troops and local civic groups between 1949 and 1951. The statues were cast to celebrate the scouting's 40th year and help raise funds for the Statue of Liberty in NY's torch arm. Wisconsin's two statues are not represented with photos but are listed in the directory: www.cheyennetroop101.org/liberty Kenosha's Little Sister is in front of the Post office.

The Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee worked with Historic Madison and the Madison Community Foundation to provide the fiscal services to the volunteer citizen's committee and to establish a permanent fund to provide future funds to keep Liberty healthy and standing in Warner Park for years to come. Support

for the project can be made with tax deductible gifts to www.madisoncommunityfoundation.org, click on GIVE NOW and put sculpture in the search box to complete an online contribution.

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Statue of Liberty Restoration Committee Co-Chair

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