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# CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD WINNERS 2003

## Author Award Winner:

*Nikki Grimes*

Bronx Masquerade (Dial Books for Young Readers)

## Author Honor Books:

*Brenda Woods*

The Red Rose Box (G.P.Putnam's Sons)

*Nikki Grimes*

Talkin' About Bessie: the Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman  
(Orchard Books/Scholastic)

## Illustrator Award Winner:

*E.B. Lewis*

Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman  
(Orchard Books/Scholastic)

## Illustrator Honor Books:

*Leo and Diane Dillion*

Rap A Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-Think of That (Blue Sky Press/Scholastic, Inc.)

*Bryan Collier*

Visiting Langston (Henry Holt & Co.)

## John Steptoe Award for New Talent:

Janet McDonald, author for Chill Wind (Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Randy DuBruke, illustrator for The Moon Ring (Chronicle Books)

## IN TORONTO:

Creating Culturally Sensitive Books for Children 6/22/2003 Sunday 01:30 pm - 03:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre 716A/B

The roles and credentials of authors, illustrators, publishers, and editors in culturally sensitive materials.

Coretta Scott King T.F. -pre show room 6/23/2003 Monday 01:00 pm - 04:00 pm Fairmont Royal York Salon B

34th Annual Coretta Scott King Awards Breakfast 6/24/2003 Tuesday 06:30 am - 10:00 am Fairmont Royal York



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Denied a visa in time to speak at our 2001 San Francisco conference, Marta Terry, head of ASCUBI (the Cuban Library Association) will be among our honored guests, as will Eliades Acosta, Director of the Biblioteca Nacional Jose Marti, whom many of us have gotten to meet on his several visits to U.S. universities.

Other Cuban colleagues attending the conference will be Enma Presila Andreu, a researcher at the Julio Antonio Mella Provincial Library in In Camaguey; Maricel Corvo de Arma, a researcher at the Biblioteca Territorial of San Antonio de los Banos in Havana Province; and Margaritas Bella Vilarno, the director of the Mas Luz Municipal Library in Boyeros, Havana Province. This will be a rare opportunity to dialog and socialize with working librarians from diverse Cuban library settings. See you there, and wear your dancing shoes.

Ann Sparanese  
SRRT IRTF member

# A Librarian's Choice: the High Road of Social Responsibility and Ethics or Personal Expediency when Faced by a Devious Government

By Susan D. Dillinger and Kathleen de la Peña McCook

On January 21, 2003, Florida Governor Jeb Bush released his proposed budget and reorganization plan for FY2003-2004 to the Legislature. To say the library community was shocked by his proposals would be an understatement. The library community was appalled, horrified, and mystified by the so-called "reading" Governor's proposals to dismantle our mother ship, the Division of Library and Information Services, commonly known as the State Library of Florida.

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The 2003 LHRT Research Forum will include recent research on "Library Women in the 20th Century" and will also feature remarks and recollections of Kathleen de la Peña McCook, winner of the 1987 ALA Equality Award in recognition of her feminist work. Since last year marked the 25th anniversary of the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, it seemed especially appropriate to reflect on our recent history as well as looking back on the contributions that women have made since the beginning of the last century. It is hoped that the discussion following these presentations will allow us to consider ways to begin collecting, documenting and archiving the experiences of those activists who created the Social Responsibilities Round Table Feminist Task Force and COSWL.

LIBRARY WOMEN IN THE 20th CENTURY -- FROM THE FIRST TO THE SECOND FEMINIST MOVEMENT  
6/22/2003 Sunday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Fairmont Royal York Manitoba Room

**"Gender Issues and Feminism in 20th Century Librarianship"**

*Mary Niles Maack, UCLA, Professor Dept of Information Studies*

At the turn of the last century, when gender role expectations and prejudices limited their life choices, many talented women saw librarianship as a career that would enable them to play a role in the progressive reform movement reshaping American society. In a 1910 vocational guide for women an American library educator Josephine Rathbone wrote that the public librarianship offered "scope for the exercise of all a woman's powers, executive ability, knowledge of books, social sympathies, knowledge of human nature." Although women librarians' chances for advancement to directorships were limited, dynamic women leaders worked with progressive male colleagues to establish an empowerment tradition in librarianship that was in many ways similar an "ethic of care" described by later feminist writers such as Carol Gilligan. This presentation argues that while few librarians were actively involved in feminist political movements prior to the 1970s, many engaged in "feminist practice," imbuing librarianship with values that emphasized nurturing, empowerment, and outreach.

**"Intellectual and Spiritual Aunts: Children's Librarians in the Early 20th Century St. Louis"**

*Melanie A. Kimball, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Studies SUNY at Buffalo*

Youth services have been described as "the success story" of public libraries in the United States, however, library service to children was not part of the original mission of libraries. In the late nineteenth century, library administrators began to see the advantages of providing such services. The work of children's librarians grew as a network of women established programs in libraries, training schools for children's librarians, and outreach to the public schools. The establishment and growth of the children's department at the St. Louis Public Library in the early twentieth century provides an example of how women shaped the work of children's librarians and created a vital specialization within the library profession.

**"Imbued with the Spirit of Cooperation: Western Women as Library Leaders in the mid 20th Century"**

*Cindy Mediavilla, Adjunct Professor UCLA, Dept of Information Studies*

Passionate champions of the notion of "larger units of service," three former California county librarians carried their vision northward to establish cooperative library systems in Washington state in the 1940s and 1950s. All three would eventually become Washington State Librarian (WSL), together helping to create one of the most progressive state library programs of the mid-20th century. This paper utilizes the primary documents of Gretchen Knief Schenk (WSL 1942-1945), as well as oral history interviews with Carma Zimmerman Leigh (WSL 1945-1951) and Maryan Reynolds (WSL 1951-1975).

**"The Power and Might Index Upended-- Recollections of a Woman Library Worker."**

*Kathleen de la Peña McCook, Distinguished University Professor University of South Florida, Library & Information Science*

The status of women in librarianship has changed dramatically since gender statistics began to be systematically collected in the library field. This presentation will draw on vivid personal recollections as well as comparing statistics from the Women Library Worker Power & Might Index with information on the number of women holding powerful positions in American libraries in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.





**Sunrise Celebration Honors the Ideals and Work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The 4th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration was held on Monday, January 27 during the 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting at the durir.

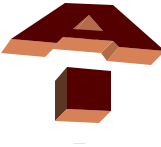
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**The Special Presidential Task Force  
on Better Salaries & Pay Equity  
Projected Programs for ALA  
Annual 2003 in Toronto**



## IFRT and "Speaking with One Voice"

In Summer and Fall 2002 communications between ALA staff and SRRT regarding "Speaking with One Voice"[1] sparked discussion of this issue on the IFRT business list. Some of the points made in these discussions include the following (my own summary of a diverse set of views):

1. ALA's ability to make and speak effectively for its official, Council-adopted policies is important and should not be undermined.
2. The line can be gray between dissent against and recommendation of policy. Therefore, both the ability of Round tables to "recommend policy and action to other units"[2] and the ability of those other subunits to influence ALA policy could be undermined if there is no effective or permitted means of dissent against ALA policy by subunits, including round tables.
3. Strict enforcement of the rule against use of "letterhead" to state a position could hamstring the abilities of subunits to communicate effectively to their own memberships about their own advocacy efforts. For instance, could web-mounting subunit minutes or draft resolutions be a violation? The answer isn't clear.
4. Policies or procedures intended to reduce confusion about what Association policy is should be content-neutral and should be enforced in a content-neutral manner.
5. Policies governing a democratically-run institution should be ratified by Council.
6. Finally, an appropriate way to resolve this issue might be to draft official "disclaimer" language that (once taken to and approved by Council) could appear on draft resolutions by subunits, on minutes of the meetings of subunits, on paper and electronic publications of subunits, and on websites of subunits. In fact, the 1998-99 Round Table Handbook called for something like this. The language then was:

"This resolution was passed by the executive committee of the x Round Table and does not represent the position of the American Library Association."[3]

With similar "disclaimer" language appearing more generally on all the work of ALA subunits, there would be no confusion about whether anyone is inappropriately using "ALA (including ALA division, round table or committee) letterhead to express a policy or position."[4]

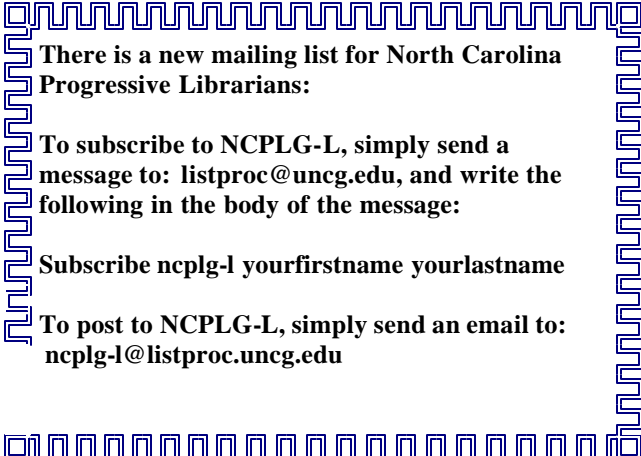
Given that there seem clear intellectual freedom implications of the rule--as written, and as enforced--IFRT has agreed to work with a task force to be convened by Mary Ghikas that would deliberate further on the

# PUBLICATION REVIEWS

Anderson, Byron (ed.) *Alternative Publishers of Books in North America*, 5th edition. Gainesville, FL: CRISES Press. \$39.95 ISSN: 0-9640119-9-9

The 5th biennial edition of *Alternative Publishers of Books in North America* (APBNA), published under the auspices of the AIP Taskforce, continues to be an essential reference tool in the field of alternative publications. This enlarged and revised edition describes 162 presses that are “socially progressive and publish in three general categories: translations, literary/poetry, and subject areas such as anarchism, erotica, environmentalism, social justice, hunger, socialism, gender studies, Third World, and indigenous populations” (Editor’s Introduction). 35 of the presses included are new to this edition. Each entry provides editorial contact information (including Web pages), affiliations, ISBN prefix, average number of titles published per year, number of titles in print, other materials produced, distributors, and publication interests, and a new “byline” field that offers a short statement of the press’s purpose, mission, or credo. The narrative description for each press includes founding date, a description of the publications, and representative titles from the press.

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Resolution on the Iraq Crisis

WHEREAS the President of the United States is considering whether or not to go to war to disarm the nation of Iraq of its weapons of mass destructions; and

WHEREAS the citizens of a democracy need libraries as a key source of the information they require to formulate and express their views on this, and other important issues of our times; and

WHEREAS the Congressional Budget Office estimates a military action against Iraq will cost our nation between nine and eleven billion dollars a month, resulting in cutbacks in, among others, federally funded programs that benefit libraries; and

WHEREAS any major military action in Iraq is likely to destroy many libraries and other cultural facilities as well as kill many innocent people; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association urges the President of the United States to reach a peaceful solution to the conflict with Iraq and avoid a costly war; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association urges all libraries to conscientiously build collections of information presenting all points of view on this critical issue, including points of view opposing war and promoting peaceful alternatives; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Secretary of State of the United States, members of the United States Congress, IFLA and the library press.

Passed unanimously, January 27, 2003 by SRRT Action Council meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Relevant ALA policies:

- 50.10 Disarmament and Conflict Solving Information in Libraries
- 50.11 Nuclear Freeze, the Arms Race and National Security
- 53.1(2) Library Bill of Rights
- 53.7 Destruction of Libraries
- 53.8 Libraries: An American Value

NOTE: The following resolution was adopted by the elected representatives of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) on January 27, 2003. SRRT is a body within the American Library Association but does not and should not be taken to speak for the Association as a whole. In this resolution SRRT speaks only on its own behalf.



**PLG members at the  
NYC march  
March 22, 2003**

**Photo courtesy  
Jenna Freedman**



## **SRRTAC-L**

The SRRT discussion group SRRTAC-L is open to all SRRT members and is a relatively low-traffic [less than five messages a day unless there's a hot topic brewing] way of keeping up with SRRT's issues and discussions in-between conferences. Help decide SRRT's future directions and join in some lively debates. If you would like to join the SRRT discussion group, send the following message to listproc@ala.org: *subscribe SRRTAC-L [your first name] [your last name]*

## **SRRTMEM**

SRRTMEM is an unrestricted email list for announcements from American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table. Announcements come from the SRRT Coordinator, Treasure, Newsletter Editor and the Director of OLOS. The purpose is to keep SRRT members and other interested people informed as to SRRT's activities and to provide information about how to get involved. SRRTMEM

Views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of ALA/SRRT. The editors reserve the right to edit submitted material as necessary or as whimsy strikes.  
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