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Saturday 1:30-4:30 p.m. Librarians Confront the War in Iraq

Sponsored by SRRT's International Responsibilities Task Force. See Task Force News inside this issue for description.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.-noon, New Voices, New Visions: New Leaders Speak on the Future of Libraries and Librarianship." Sponsored by the AAU Diversity Office. Speakers include the SRRT Coordinator, Rory Utwin.

Sunday 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Creating Culturally Sensitive Materials for Children's Sessions."





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Number of Non-Students by Title/Occupation

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INTERVIEW

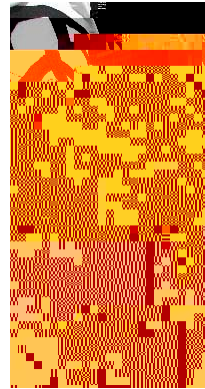


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Picture Books Fiction

Corey, Shana. *Players in Pigtails.* Illus. by Rebecca Gibbon. 2003. unp. Scholastic, \$16.95 (0-439-18305-7). PreS- Gr. 3. Katie Casey, who “preferred sliding to sewing, batting to baking,” was one of the first recruits for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.

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Intermediate Fiction

relationships and overlaps between all of these areas, and how they all impact on notions of cultural democracy. For example, efforts to expand proprietary intellectual property restrictions and to heighten enforcement mechanisms typically involve the utilization of privacy destructive technologies deployed in a manner that restricts intellectual freedom and that results in the concentration of ownership of media. And the chipping away of privacy interests is inevitably associated with a corresponding loss of intellectual freedom. The concentration of media resources is dependant on both an expansionary intellectual property regime and an increased ability to control the media consumption habits of consumers through surveillance techniques.

As well, the problems of globalization and internationalization heighten the tensions and interrelationships in each of these policy areas. In recent years, we have witnessed a marked expansion of international trade regimes through institutions such as the World Trade Organization and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement. No longer concerned simply with the free movement of goods across borders, the modern international trade regime has expanded into the area of services, including public services, as well as into all areas of intellectual property. In all of the sub-areas of information policy, the trade agenda of "progressive liberalization" threatens to diminish the ability of the public sector to consciously adopt and apply appropriate information policies to serve the public interest.

Why does ALA need to take a broader approach to information policy? And why should SRRT be working on this problem?

As an association, ALA has been actively engaged in information policy issues through the work of the Washington Office as well as through various committees and task forces. ALA has played an important role in advocating for increased funding for public libraries, in woint-

Eleven on Cuba -- What Nat Hentoff Won't Tell You

By Ann Sparanese

SRRT and the ALA Council had to deal with the issue of Cuba over the last two years, primarily because of the arrests and convictions of individuals on the island calling themselves "independent librarians." Trying to understand the situation in a country "so near and yet so far" from us requires more than average effort. It can't all be summarized, let alone understood, with the words "Fidel Castro."

Most Americans, even librarians, come to Cuba with a great deal of ignorance and misinformation. Because of the 40 year old embargo, the U.S. travel ban which prevents most U.S. citizens from traveling freely to Cuba, and the influence of the right-wing Mi

Gleijeses, Piero. *Conflicting Missions: Havana, Washington and Africa 1959-1976*. University of North Carolina, 2003. (ISBN 0807854646)

Cuba has had a long involvement with Africa, which culminated in their decisive assistance to Angola in defeating an invasion by the South African apartheid state in 1976. This Italian scholar has examines the actions and the motives of the Cubans in Africa, where Cuba found itself coming face to face with U.s. policy, including CIA covert op

