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President's Letter

Professional Commitment

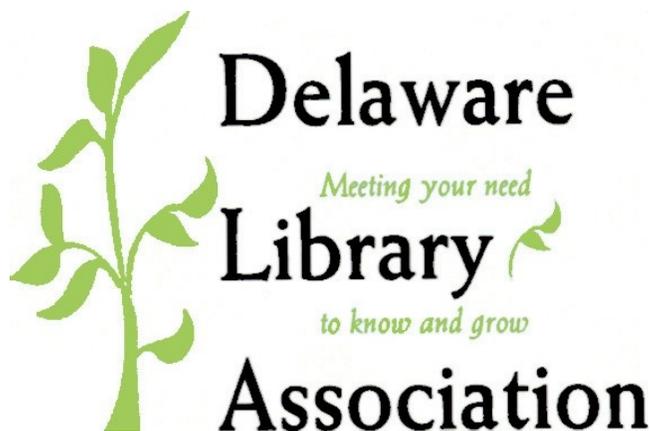
This year as DLA president I have pondered the term professionalism. The DLA Board has worked to fill DLA's committees, considered where this organization might be headed, and will be taking another look at our structure. Who will take DLA forward into a world my grandchildren are just now imagining?



Someone recently thanked me for all I had done for librarianship. I was taken aback as I have not done anything more than I would expect from anyone in the profession as long as I have been. My mother's voice still rings in my head, "to whom much is given, much is required." I've had tremendous opportunities to learn from other professionals, and I considered giving back to the profession an obligation.

I began looking at the word professional in my little world:

- Dictionary Definition: a person who belongs to one of the professions, esp. one of the learned professions
- Quotations: "Professionalism is knowing how to do it, when to do it, and doing it." Frank Tyger
- ALA's Objective & Mission: "The object of the American Library Association shall be to promote library service and librarianship." The stated mission is, "To provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."
- DLA's Handbook: "The purpose of the Association shall be to promote



library information and media service to the people of Delaware.”

- ALA/AASL Standards for Initial Programs for School Library Media Specialists: Standard 3.1: Candidates employ strategies to ensure connections between the school community and the larger library world of public, academic, special libraries, and information centers. Candidates participate in professional associations.

Delaware Library Association needs library professionals to step up to bat for the organization, ignite dormant energy, and make DLA the boundary-pusher as technology makes the field more exciting each day. How do you volunteer? (a) The membership form has committees which you may check. (b) Speak to your division officers; your division is only as active as you make it. (c) Any DLA officer will gladly take your name and contact information to pass on to the appropriate party. We have the potential but need to renew our professional commitment. We can make this happen but only if each one does his/her part. How are you serving the profession?

Peggy Dillner
DLA President

Conference 2010:

Keynote Speaker

Join us all in welcoming Dr. Bertice Berry, author, sociologist, entertainer, and educator.

Winner of the Comedian of the Year Award from 1991 through 1994, and named both Campus Entertainer of the Year and Campus Lecturer of the year, Dr



Berry grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. She graduated with honors from Jacksonville University in Florida, and also earned a Ph.D. at Kent State University. She left a teaching career behind to become a full time lecturer and comedienne, a path that has included appearances on “The Tonight Show,” ABC’s “20/20,” “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” and her own talk show, “The Bertice Berry Show”. She has also written several bestselling books, including her inspirational memoir, *I’m on My Way, But Your Foot is on My Head* .

Dr. Berry will be joining us on April 29th, 7:30 p.m., at DLA’s Annual Conference. For more information on her achievements, please visit her website at: <http://www.berticeberry.com/>

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DLA Conference 2010 : Branching Out to Your Future

Thursday, April 29, 2010

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Rollins Center

Agenda

12:30 p.m.

Registration

1:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open and Ice Cream Social

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Workshops I (four one-hour workshops)

2:30-3:00 p.m.

Free time to visit the exhibits

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Workshops II (four one-hour workshops)

4:00-4:30 p.m.

Free time to visit the exhibits

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Division Meetings

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Table Talks

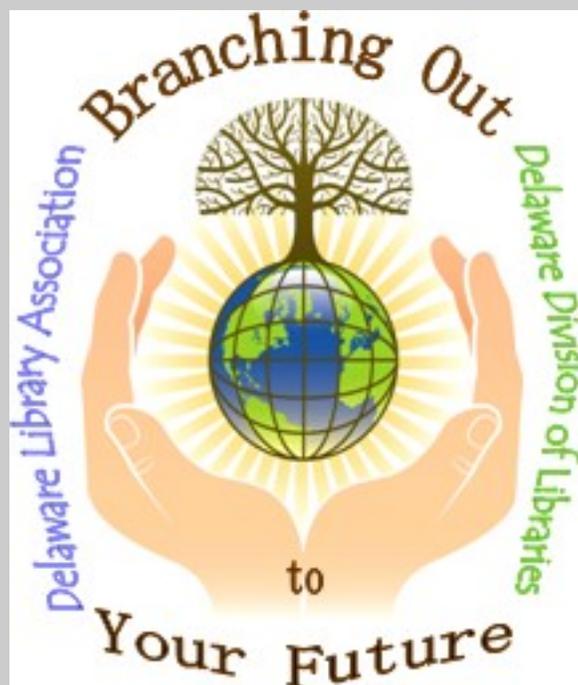
6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bertice Berry

More details are available online at <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/conf/index.htm>



Don't Forget!

Delaware Library Legislative Day is scheduled for April 22nd. Be sure to register by April 14th.

For more details, see <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/calendar/index.htm#legislative>



New Castle County Libraries Welcome Author Ann Patchett

By Kim Tull, Woodlawn Library

Please mark your calendars now for Monday, April 12 at 7 pm, as New Castle County Libraries welcome acclaimed author Ann Patchett at St Mark's School Auditorium. A booksigning will follow. Also, enjoy an aria from *The Marriage of Figaro*, performed by two local music students. This is a literary event you won't want to miss! It is free and open to everyone. For directions, go to www.nccdelib.org. Event is on Dart Bus Routes 6 and 36.

Ms. Patchett's book *Bel Canto*, is the featured title of the **2010 New Castle County Reads** program. It is hoped that you will enjoy reading or re-reading this award-winning book, and hear more about it from the author herself.

Bel Canto is a "glorious novel about love and opera which takes place during a terrorist takeover at a party at a South American embassy." According to *The New Yorker*, "Patchett's tragicomic novel—a fantasia of guns and Puccini and Red Cross negotiations—invokes the glorious, unreliable promises of art, politics, and love."

This year the New Castle County Reads program is focusing on reaching out to the community to encourage everyone to read the same book. All independent book groups were invited to read *Bel Canto*, and by registering at their local libraries, they received copies of the book for their groups. The county libraries distributed over 800 copies of *Bel Canto* to groups and individual library patrons.

More about Ann Patchett:

Ms. Patchett was raised in Nashville. She attended Sarah Lawrence College and the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. In 1990, she won a residential fellowship to the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts, where she wrote her first novel, *The Patron Saint of Liars*. It was named a *New York Times* Notable Book for 1992. Her most recent book, *Run*, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

Reviews from other Ann Patchett Hosts

She was just wonderful – and the crowd loved her. So personable and relaxed and had great things to say about reading and books and libraries. We were very pleased top to bottom.

-Transylvania County (NC) Library

Ann Patchett was the most engaging speaker we've ever had in our 7 year

history of Literary Voices. What a sweetheart! Without question, the most compliments we've received from any of our speakers. They are already telling me this is going to be a tough act to follow.

-Metropolitan Library of Oklahoma City

Travel to ALA in Style!

By Christy Payne, Appoquinimink School District

Join friends and colleagues on a bus ride to Washington D.C. on Sunday, June 27th. You will have a day to explore the exhibits and vendors.

Tickets are just \$35.00/seat. This includes the bus ride and driver's tip -you don't have to pay for gas, tolls or parking! You can relax and enjoy the ride by reading or chatting.

We will depart from the Christiana Mall at 7:00 a.m. with a pick up at the Dover Mall on the way to D.C. (details to come). We will leave the conference at 5:15 p.m. at the close of the exhibits. Entry to the exhibits is \$25.00 payable at the door.

We must have a minimum number of riders confirmed by June 15th. Please contact Christy Payne at Alfred G. Waters Middle School at christine.payne@appo.k12.de.us or 302-373-2662 to reserve your seat today!

Kent County Volunteer Fair!

The State Office of Volunteerism will hold Kent County's first Volunteer Fair on **Saturday April 24th from 1-3 pm** at the Dover Public Library.

Delaware's First Lady, Carla Markell, will help kick off this exciting event!

Come discover volunteering opportunities in your community. Volunteers of all ages are invited!

Did you know?

- You can get school credit for volunteering.
- It looks great on your resume.
- It's a terrific way to meet new people.
- You can volunteer doing things you love to do.
- Some volunteering opportunities, such as Americorps, can help you pay for college.

Questions?

Contact Carrie: 857-5006/carrie.hart@state.de.us or Sue: 736-7185/sray@lib.de.us



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DLA Jobs Page

Looking for a library position, career advancement? Trying to fill a vacant position? Visit the DLA Jobs webpage at

[http://
www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/
jobs.htm](http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/jobs.htm)

Become a Member!

Be an advocate for Delaware libraries. Stay current with professional development opportunities. Learn more about member benefits and services. Visit the DLA Membership webpage at <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/membership.htm>

Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program Welcomes Candidate Applications

By Karen Strege, LSSC

The American Library Association's Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) is [accepting applications](#) from potential Candidates interested in achieving the Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC). The LSSC Program is the first national, voluntary certification program for library support staff. Over forty Candidates have applied since the program opened January 25, 2010.

Why are library support staff across the country applying for LSSC candidacy?

Eva Fiffie is excited that the LSSC program "will give me the opportunity to strengthen my supervisory skills, become familiar with new aspects in the library field and allow me to provide better services to library patrons and my staff."

Candidate Kathleen Laurente agrees: she is confident that the LSSC "will give credence to the knowledge that I [already] possess, and will also advance me to the forefront at my current position."

“At this time, I wish to focus on having a family but also improve my career prospects and so, the LSSC Program is an excellent fit for me,” shares candidate Shirley McCoy. “I believe it will give me the opportunity to demonstrate that I am eminently qualified to be a member of any library support staff.”

Molly Moore is excited to begin LSSC course work on Collection Management. “A better understanding of this department in our library would allow us to be better informed . . . and to provide better information when decisions are required.”

The LSSC Program is open to any library support staff person with a high-school diploma or its equivalent and at least one year of full-time experience in a library with the last five years. Applicants do not have to be a member of ALA. The application fee is \$325 for ALA members and \$350 for non-ALA members. Candidates who choose to take an approved course may have to pay a fee set by the course provider. There is no cost for submitting portfolios. Candidates have four years to complete the program.

The LSSC Program website, www.ala-apa.org/lssc, has complete information about the competency sets, approved courses, and how to develop a portfolio. The Program has adopted ten competencies sets; Candidates are required to show achievement of three sets -- Foundations of Library Service, Communication and Teamwork, and Technology –

and must choose three additional sets from Access Services, Adult Readers' Advisory Services, Cataloging and Classification, Collection Management, Reference and Information Services, Supervision and Management, and Youth Services.

The LSSC offers Candidates two ways to demonstrate achievement. The first is through completing approved courses from library education providers across the county. These providers set the course's fee, schedule, and requirements. Recently, the LSSC Program approved a Supervision and Management course from the State Library of Louisiana. Michael Golrick, one of the course's instructors, was pleased by the “level of enthusiasm and interest” demonstrated by the seventeen students who completed course. The LSSC Program encourages interested education providers to contact the program to find out more about course approval.

Candidates can also develop portfolios that demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and experience in a competency set. The LSSC Program offers help to Candidates who wish to develop and submit portfolios. Librarians with expertise in the competency set will evaluate portfolios and the Program is seeking more librarians who wish to do so. The application to become a Portfolio Evaluator is available on the LSSC website.

Candidates may wish to complete courses in some competency sets and submit portfolios in others.

The LSSC Program was inspired by many years of discussion and by needs assessments with library support staff. In 2007, the American Library Association received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program to fund the development of such a national certification program.

More information about the LSSC Program is available online at <http://www.ala-apa.org/lssc>. Direct questions to lssc@ala.org or call 312-280-2424. The LSSC Program is being managed by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA).

LDS Church Microfilm Collection being Digitized

By Rebecca Knight, UD Library

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (LDS) began microfilming government and church records around the world in the 1950s. The collection today is enormous (more than 2.5 million reels). This collection is useful for genealogical and historical research.

Additionally, it preserves records that might otherwise have been lost.

LDS is now digitizing all the records and are making them available free on the Web. The project includes enhancing the quality of the images and creating indexing. To create the indexing, thousands of volunteers are transcribing information from the original records which will be loaded into the database. If you are interested in helping, they are looking for more volunteers. The pilot "Record Search" database is available from the FamilySearch Web page. Select the tab "Search Records," then "Record Search Pilot."

Additionally, when you search the Family History Library Catalog, there will be a message (in red) if the records being described have been digitized. Example: Library catalog, do a place search for Delaware. Select Vital records, then select Birth records (certificates and returns) 1861-1913.

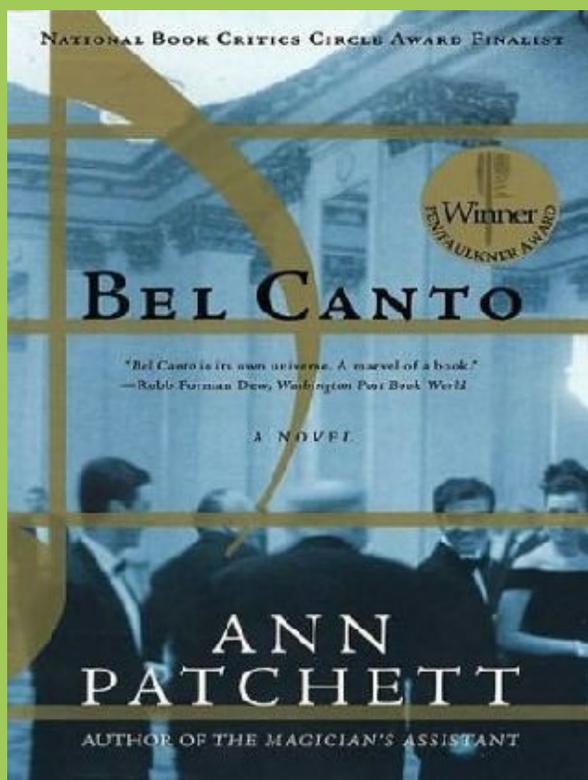
For more information, see:

- 100 Years of Record Gathering and Preservation at <http://www.gensocietyofutah.org/>
- Volunteers Transcribe 250 Million Historical Records at http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Home/News/frameset_news.asp?PAGE=Press/2009-4-23_250_Millionth_Record_Indexed.asp

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We are very excited to announce that Ann Patchett, award-winning author of *Bel Canto*, will be visiting our area to join in the fifth annual New Castle County Reads program. You are formally invited to hear her talk on Monday, April 12 @ 7 at St. Mark's School Auditorium where you will also be serenaded by a local opera student.

For more information about New Castle County Reads, click on the link below and go to page 36 of the County Happenings guide. <http://www2.nccde.org/communityservices/documents/HappeningsGuideDocuments/Happenings.pdf>

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