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Unit 8 Supplemental Resources Assignment

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## 2. 21st Century Bookmobiles @ Your Library: New Things to Come for Bookmobilers! Column #7 - January '04 By Jan Meadows, Bookmobile Supervisor Pikes Peak Library District

<http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/bookmobilecol7.htm>

It was surprising to learn that the Association for Bookmobiles and Outreach Services (“ABOS”) was only established in 2004 when bookmobiles have been part of the library experience for many years. It is wonderful that ALA and OLOS have given bookmobiles the support they need in order to promote reading. At the time of the column, the Association did not have a mission statement and the author was soliciting input from other bookmobile librarians to create one. To do this, the article asks librarians to contribute ideas through the “What’s Happening in Outreach @ Your Library” link. The link now brings the reader to the Office for Literary and Outreach Services new main page from where one can link to the Bookmobile Wiki and ultimately the ABOS new WebPages. OLOS’ main page has links to other Bookmobile resources such as the Handbook, toolkits, and previous Bookmobile columns. As ALA.org has been under construction, the Webpage cited has moved to <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/bookmobiles/21stcb-07.cfm>. Jan Meadows now serves on the ABOS Board of Directors.

## 4. Bringing Libraries to the People: Histories of Library Outreach Bibliography (PDF file)

[www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/additionallibrary.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/additionallibrary.htm)

The authors selected interesting resources to support their literacy outreach timeline. Some compelling information related to the women’s clubs and traveling libraries, the shipboard libraries, and then under government supported programs, the fact that prison outreach was going on as early as 1798. The book was to come out in 2002. When I search CONSULS, the actual publication date was 2003. Although this book’s bibliography provides a good selection of materials to illustrate the history of library outreach services, the authors did not include any of

the sources' publishing dates. Once completed, the book could be considered for inclusion in an academic research guide for MLS students. As ALA.org has been under construction, the Webpage moved to

[http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/outreachresource/docs/outreach\\_bibliog.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/outreachresource/docs/outreach_bibliog.pdf).

#### 6. 10 Library Outreach Programming Ideas (PDF file)

[http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/docs/outreach\\_programming.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/docs/outreach_programming.pdf)

This is a disappointing link as the Webpage is not dated, copyrighted, or sourced to who contributed the ten ideas. Regardless, the ideas are applicable although the presentation could be updated as parts of ALA's entire Website re-design. Some inexpensive ideas that may be successful in the Trumbull Library are participating in more special town events and having volunteers deliver story times at local day care centers or schools. The corrected link is

[http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/outreachresource/docs/outreach\\_programming.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/outreachresource/docs/outreach_programming.pdf).

8. Libraries Build Sustainable Communities. This Web site introduces sustainable community development as a process for making choices about the future, identifies three basic dynamics of community, and suggests activities to guide communities and libraries toward becoming sustainable. <http://www.ala.org/ala/srft/tfoe/lbsc/librariesbuild.cfm>

As part of ALA's Task Force on the Environment ("TFOE"), this Website was created late 1999 as part of two grants from the American Library Association (ALA) and Global Learning, Inc. with a partial contribution from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The initiative ended August 31, 2001. The three basic dynamics of community are economy, ecology, and equity. The program goal was to offer libraries ideas to promote holistic sustainable communities for either each dynamic or, as the work force suggests, by combining all three as "everyone is connected as part of a living system" (TOFE.org, 2006). One idea that could possibly work in my library is to host a roundtable with representatives from

the town's agricultural high school, the nature center, and area farms to discuss how they contribute towards sustainable community in order to inspire citizens to make choices today that will benefit their town in the future. The site is in the process of being updated as part of ALA's Website redesign so some links are not valid. TFOE was established in 1989 as part of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and TFOE's objective to provide services and programs to assist members in their communities. For an additional \$12.00 fee, any ALA member can join the SRRT. Student scan join for free.

### 17. For Children & Families

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/forchildren/childrenfamilies.htm>

Association for Library Service to Children ("ALSC") develops and offers resources to parents and caregivers for their children. This division of ALA provides information on how to build a personal library for a developing child, booklists, promotes library usage, explains children and families' right in regards to privacy and intellectual freedom, and online safety tips. There is a limited amount of material in Spanish or any other second language. Although this link is for parents and caregivers, I'm not confident that these user groups would easily find these pages and be willing to scroll through the information to find what they need. It appears that this is designed more for librarians servicing these groups than the user group.

### 9. Born to Read

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/borntoread/bornread.cfm>

*Born to Read's*, a division of ALA, goal is to give parents and caregivers tips and resources on "raising a reader". It provides booklists by developmental stage. For the children librarian, there are toolkits on how to organize a program with bi-lingual brochures, in Spanish only, as well as links to other not-for-profits literacy promoters such as The National Center for Family Literacy and the Public Library Association. It corrected link is

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/initiatives/borntoread/index.cfm>

20. TAGS (Teen Advisory Group Site) The Young Adult Library Services Association has created a web site dedicated to Teen Advisory Groups!

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/tags/tags.cfm>

As I become more involved in teen programming, this website is a good resource to help strengthen young adult services. YALSA provides *Guidelines for Youth Participation* in a library's decision making and planning processes to ensure teen needs are met. It also offers links to book lists, teen programs, professional development, awards, blogs, etc. The main focus of this link is TAGS (Teen Advisory Groups) and how other libraries work with their teen population to encourage and maintain life-long readers. The *Spotlight* on TAGS and the links to Partner Organizations give ideas what activities can be done at a library. In addition, YALSA asks libraries to submit information about their TAGS to build the first national database of library TAGS. There are two opportunities for teens that I wasn't aware of. The first is Teen Friends of the Library and under the National Youth Participation Guidelines; teens can apply to participate ALA's annual conference.

Although ALA has re-designed these pages, I wasn't able to determine if teens actually gave input into these pages to reinforce YALSA's Handbook's Criteria for Web Site Links which states YALSA looks to see that young adults gave input in the creation of a library's website.

22. ASCLA/OLOS/RUSA Directory of Peer Consultants and Speakers

<http://cs.ala.org/ra/speakers/index.cfm>

Members from the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), two divisions of the American Library Association (ALA), and ALA members affiliated with the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS), have volunteered to share their expertise to other librarians to

provide a variety services. The range of service can be as simple as telephone consultation to a presentation on a specific topic. The directory is easy to search by last name, state, speech topic or consultation topic. The directory is a service to the profession and does not represent an endorsement or recommendation of specific individuals by ASCLA OLOS or RUSA.

## 29. Services for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered People (GLBT) <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/iftoolkits/glbtoolkit/glbtoolkit.cfm>

This Website interested me to learn what ALA would offer Young Adults. As ALA.org has been under construction, the Webpage moved to <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/outreachresource/servicesgay.cfm>. The site has only two links: one to the GLBT Round Table and another to a Bibliography for Gay Teens. The GLBTRT link provides information on its mission and responsibilities. The round table supports ALA's Library Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics as well as advocacy in some areas such as revising classification schemes, subject heading lists in order to remove terms derogatory to the lives, activities, and eliminating job discrimination. As it was founded in 1970, the Webpage asks members to complete a profile and demographic survey with the goal of ensuring adequate representation within ALA. The most enlightening link is the Fall 2008 newsletter. In June 2008, GLBTRT's Stonewall Book Award Endowment achieved its \$75,000 goal to make it a self-supported book award. There were many articles about censorship and Intellectual Freedom in the Fall newsletter. For instance, Indiana's Secretary of State's law that required that anyone who sold materials that could be deemed harmful to minors to register with the state and pay \$250 to be licensed as an adult bookstore. The law was ruled unconstitutional this year because the way the law was written anyone selling back issues of Playboy at a Friends of Library sale or at a yard sale had to apply for the license.

The other link was *the Bibliography for Gay Teens* that was used in the Gay Teens in the

21<sup>st</sup> Century pre-conference to the 2000 Annual ALA Conference which was last updated on March 28, 2002. In an effort to support the pre-conference goals, this page could be considered for updating.

This Website illustrated how important librarians' role as defender of Intellectual Freedom and advocate of access for all to all materials and against censorship very day in every part of the country.

### 31. Services to Older Adults

<http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/servicesolder.cfm>

As almost 20% of the Town of Trumbull's population is 65+, this Website interested me as the Trumbull Library has been working towards servicing this demographic. ALA.org has been under construction so the Webpage moved to

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/outreachresource/servicesolder.cfm>. This site

reinforced some ideas such as homebound services, but also suggested partnering with Meals on Wheels. This is a great idea to send library materials along with the meals, especially given the current price of gasoline. The Library Outreach Services Policy provides guidelines in establishing a partnership with an agency. I also found the listing of Resource Organizations a very helpful reminder of other options within my community. The Webpage's welcome letter is dated 2004 and could be considered for updating as it presents a dated image to this section of ALA's Outreach Services. The links to discussion lists and other websites provides more up-to-date information.