

Chapter Relations Committee Notes MidWinter 2007

National Library Legislative Day. May 1st – 2nd, 2007.

Virtual Legislative Day will be May 2nd so librarians can participate from home.

Library Day on the Hill (June 26th). During ALA Annual Conference, there will be buses to Capitol Hill for librarians to visit with legislators.

Interactive Survey Tool. Washington Office is creating an interactive survey tool that can be used on the local level and customized for use by state associations, libraries, etc. It will be housed on an interactive survey website.

ALA Washington Office Events at ALA Annual Conference (June 2007):

See <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/woannual/annualconfwo.htm> for updates.

- Witness the Parade of Bookmobiles around the National Mall, featuring over 100 of these beloved libraries on wheels!
- Join hundreds of fellow attendees for the rare opportunity to show the value of libraries to the Members of Congress. Buses will take participants to Capitol Hill in the afternoon to visit your Members' offices with your colleagues.
- Displays will be set up around the Halls of Congress showcasing the importance of each type of library and services they provide. Handouts, perfect for educating Members on the impact libraries have on people's lives, will be provided.
- Former Chief Judge of the FISA Court Royce Lamberth will conduct a dialog on the workings of the FISA Court.

Federal Library Legislative & Advocacy Network (FLLAN). A rapid response grassroots outreach network for federal issues. **They need a contact for Idaho. Send name/contact to Erin Haggerty, Government Relations Specialist at the ALA Washington Office (ehaggerty@alawash.org).**

Free Online Advocacy Training. This training is designed for both veteran library advocates and those who are new to Capitol Hill, the three-part online course Messaging and Talking with Congress: An Interactive Workshop will help library supporters build or hone effective messages and successfully communicate library needs to Congress. The ALA Washington Office is making this course -- led by popular Advocacy Guru Stephanie Vance of [AdVanced Consulting](#) -- available free to ALA members! More information available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/gettinginvolved/onlineadvocacy/OnlineAdvocacy.htm>

Chapter Contacts. **We need to update our Legislative contacts. It currently lists Erin and Cheri Rendler. Tamra should contact Erika John in the Chapter Relations Office to make change. (ejohnson@ala.org)**

Freedom to Read Foundation. **As of January 12th, 2007, ILA is among the Chapter members that have not yet renewed for 2007.**