

2007 ILA Region 2 Conference Report

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The 2007 ILA Region 2 Conference Committee consists of:

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The ILA Region 2 Spring conference will be held at the Quality Inn in Clarkston, Washington on May 4th, 2007. Conference website: http://www.lcsc.edu/library/ILA/Region_2/welcome.htm

Bette Ammon from the Coeur d'Alene Public Library is our keynote speaker. John Thomsen will present his performance and lecture "Folk Music from a Different Perspective" at lunch. During the conference we have three separate times for breakout sessions, with four different programs happening during each session. We currently have twelve registered vendors, most of whom have been very generous about donating door prizes. Attendee registration has been slow, but we expect it to pick up as the deadline nears. We expect about 100 people to attend.

The committee has met a total of three times with all members actively contributing towards what has been a very smooth planning process. The only contentious issue has been that of charging speakers registration fees. We had decided at our first meeting that we may not be able to break even if we waived all speakers' registrations, and decided to only waive registration for the keynote speaker and lunch speaker. After some speakers expressed their disappointment with this policy, the committee decided to waive speaker fees on a case-by-case basis. The committee also put a more solid policy in place for next year.

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