

**ILA Educational Media Division  
Report  
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ILA Conference

Thanks go to Penni Cyr for her quality programs at the October 2003 ILA conference in Post Falls. The following programs were offered:

- “Nuts, Bolts, Bytes, and Bulbs of the Library Media Center” by Larry Gould
- “Promoting Non-Fiction Reading with High School Students” by Cathy Belben
- “What the World Needs Now: Multicultural Children’s Books” by Stan Steiner
- “Storytelling from Black & White to Technicolor: Telling Folktales from Printed Sources” by Joy Steiner

The School Library Media Coalition met in a roundtable discussion led by Penni Cyr and Norma Jean Sprouffske. Information shared:

- Stephanie Kukay, ISL, will attend the American Association of School Librarians to acquaint ISL with school library media interests and issues.
- Val Fenski, a librarian with the SDOE, is our contact for school library issues and is working on a baseline survey for what Idaho school libraries look like.

Several suggestions for SLMCoalition action:

- Align the primary focus of the SLMCoalition to the SBOE and SDOE’s agenda, “Improving student achievement through school libraries.”
- Alter the Coalition name on the ILA website and in conference literature to it’s full name School Library Media Coalition for recognition by its audience.
- Provide an outline to help school librarians promote school library programs.
- Encourage more field trips for legislators, parents, board members, etc.

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Discussion threads included:

- Align Idaho Achievement Standards and Information Power’s National Information Literacy Standards; write guidelines for Idaho school libraries. (For SLMCoalition)
- Secure funding to write the Information Literacy guidelines.
- Promote ILA membership through the resultant training in the guidelines.
- Develop a method/message for the guidelines that support student achievement in library programs. Look for vehicles to get the message out to school librarians. (For SLMCoalition)
- Document the negative impact of ISAT testing on districts’ library programs. Present information to legislators, SBOE and SDOE.
- Rename the division to reflect professional trends: School Library Media Division.

2004 Conference suggestions:

- Schedule library tours
- Bring an experienced SLMS who has implemented state standards (from out of state).
- Roll out Idaho’s own Information Literacy guidelines or curriculum.

Chair Activities:

The division chair met with Stephanie Kukay to discuss needs of the Idaho school library community. Another meeting with the coalition chair, Barbara Barrett, centered on funding and initial planning for writing Information Literacy guidelines for Idaho. The guidelines project will be explored by the School Library Media Coalition.

Submitted

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