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It's almost here! I'm talking of course, about the KLA/SELA/NDLC conference, October 1-4 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Every two years we hold a joint conference with one of our states and this year we get to go to Kentucky. This year is also special because the 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) will be part of the joint conference. It will be a great opportunity to hear from librarians and non-librarians from all over the country on many different topics. And as a native Kentuckian, I can attest that you're in for a real treat. Not only are the programs going to be outstanding, Louisville is a great city to visit. You can come to the conference and then spend the weekend exploring this great city on the Ohio River.

If you haven't already signed up for the conference, take time to do it now. Go to <http://www.kylibasn.org/conreg990.cfm> and you'll be all set. Information on the programs and pre-conferences can also be found here, along with travel information.

There are going to be some great pre-conferences (two examples: "Just Like Storytime, Only Louder And Smellier: Why Videogame Tournaments Belong In The Library" and "Discover The Village Branch – Bus Trip Through The Bluegrass"), a fabulous opening session (Jose Aponte, Director of San Diego Public Library), ALA President Jim Rettig, an exciting All-Conference Reception at the Muhammad Ali Center and great programs.

Check out these exciting programs that SELA members are presenting: **Michael Wilson** - "Using Moodle's Wiki And Forum Functions To Manage Collaborative Assignments In An Information Literacy Course." **Fred Smith** - "All You Ever Wanted To Know About Arc Storage And Then Some." **Susan Knoche** - "All Star Baffle" an unusual poster

session in the style of a popular game show with questions frequently asked in libraries. **Amanda Stone** - "Schoolrooms: A Sensible State-Wide Solution For Savvy Searching." **Camille McCutcheon** - "One World, Many People, Many Perspectives: Developing Diverse Juvenile Literature Collections In Academic Libraries" and "Identifying Psychology Core/Classic Titles In Academic Libraries." **Elizabeth Doolittle, Robbin Glaser Deana Groves, Jean Liddell, Sheila A. Cork, Amanda Stone, and Hal Mendelsohn** are going to do a session on Mentoring which is a new project of SELA. The "New Voices: Ideas From New Librarians" presentation will showcase the best and brightest of our new librarians. **Judith Gibbons** - "The Campaign for American Libraries." Dr. Dwayne K. Buttler - "Copyright In The Library: Painless Solutions for the Moderately Squeamish." Michael Hooper and Gina Garber - "Embedding Audio Files In Library Web Pages To Create An Enhanced User Experience."

The SELA Continuing Education & Staff Training Committee are sponsoring two programs - in the first one, **Kathleen Imhoff**, President-Elect of SELA, will moderate a forum on "Formulating A Vision For Library Leadership And Service" and the second will be a panel on "Library 2.0, Social Networking And You." The SELA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Kentucky Public Library Association are sponsoring Deborah Caldwell Stone's Intellectual Freedom Program. The SELA Circulation and Reserves Round Table are sponsoring Melissa Horrar and Mark T. Paul - "The Impact Of An Automated Storage And Retrieval System On Patron Services."

There will also be two Board meetings - Wednesday, October 1 - 4:30 - 5:20 and Friday, October 3 - 11:00 - 11:50. And don't forget the SELA Awards Luncheon on Friday from 12:00 - 1:30. It should be a grand event.

And it wouldn't be a conference without a little fun. On Thursday you can attend the All Conference Reception at The Muhammad Ali Center. (Please thank OCLC for sponsoring this event.) This should be a great party at a great venue, so make plans to attend. Then on Friday night, Judith Gibbons has graciously arranged a special SELA Social at *Howl at the Moon at Fourth Street Live* where there'll be an opportunity for all conference attendees to meet informally and enjoy dueling pianos, hors d'oeuvres and Happy Hour drink prices before attending the NDLC banquet and the last day of the conference (Attendance is free but admission is limited). There's also a reception on Friday night at the Western Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library which was the first public library in the United States to be dedicated solely to the service of African Americans.

KLA has also done a great job of listing places to go during and after the conference. Check out <http://library.louisville.edu/diversityConf2008/local.html> and see a sampling of what Louisville has to offer. There's a lot to do in Louisville and I hope you'll take advantage of as much as possible. And since I'm from Cave Country, if you're driving up I-65, stop by Mammoth Cave National Park - it's a great place to visit. You can also stop by the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. If you pick up a new car at the Corvette plant, make sure you show it off at the conference!

I must thank Kathleen Imhoff, Judith Gibbons, Christie Robinson and all the SELA members who have worked so hard to make this conference happen. You all have done an amazing job and we will all benefit from your efforts. And to our generous hosts from KLA - thank you for all that you have done for this conference. It looks like we are in for an amazing conference and we appreciate all that KLA members have done to make it happen.

I hope to see you all in Louisville in October. Not only will you learn a lot, meet a lot of fascinating people, you'll also have fun doing it. So, go to the conference page, fill out the registration form, renew your SELA membership if you need to, and make your hotel reservations. You won't want to miss this great opportunity!

Faith

SELA ACTIVITIES:

The SELA Website committee wishes to announce that the SELA website address has changed to <http://selaonline.org/>

SELA now has its own domain, which means that the web address will remain the same, even if the site is relocated. Please change your bookmarks, address books, etc. to reflect this update. The SELA site is now hosted at Austin Peay State University.

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Frankenthaler Scholarship awarded to Library Science Student from Georgia

Yuliya Kirilova Hadzhieva, a student working on her Masters Degree in Library Science at Clarion University in Pennsylvania, has been named the recipient of a \$1000 Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science awarded by the Southeastern Library Association.