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Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns

Greetings from the Chair



Dear REMCO-ites

This is a turbulent time for everyone. The economy is still going down, down, down; and our apprehensions are going up, up, up. Yet, as librarians and REMCO-ites, we must keep

soldiering on.

The REMCo Executive Board has attempted to carry on as efficiently and economically as possible. The Board has communicated primarily by telephone and email because these methods are a lot cheaper than traveling. We have, however, continued to work on the business of maintaining, and even growing, REMCo.

In recent months, the Board has primarily been working on possible programs for the 58th NCLA Biennial Conference. REMCo will be sponsoring/co-sponsoring several sensational events. We need you to begin planning right now to support these activities by attending as many as you possibly can and by promoting the programs to potential attendees who are not currently members of REMCo.

REMCo's major presentation is going to be a pre-conference workshop, featuring, **Warren Graham**, author of [Black Belt Librarians](#). Mr. Graham's presentation will focus on library security issues in the 21st century. In 2009,

when hostage situations and mass shootings have become commonplace, all librarians could learn more about how to protect themselves, their co-workers, and their libraries. We are urgently requesting that all REMCo members plan to attend this pre-conference. It should be a wise investment, even during this era of tight budgets.

There will also be the usual fantastic REMCo Author Luncheon, featuring an outstanding North Carolina author. In addition, REMCO will be hosting/co-hosting sessions on Diversity in the library and on the 2010 Census. Everyone is invited to attend and to participate in these activities. It will be even better if "each one will bring one."

In this issue of the newsletter, two very important REMCo concerns are featured: REMCo Executive Board Elections and the 2009 Roadbuilder's Awards.

Please send in nominations for each category so that we may proceed with the election of officers and the selection of the award recipients.

Thank you, in advance, for your stellar participation, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Biennial Conference.

Sincerely,

Anne Coleman

2009-2011 REMCo EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATION FORM

Dear REMCo Members:

The Elections Committee is seeking candidates to fill the following positions on the REMCo Executive Board:

Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and two Directors. Please submit names of person (s) you would like to nominate (self nominations are welcomed), and be sure to indicate position for which they are being nominated on the form listed below:

***Nominee's Name:**

POSITION:_____

Title:_____

Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Fax #:_____

E-mail Address:_____

***Nominee must be a current member of REMCo!**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST15, 2009.

Please return to:

Anne Coleman, Assistant Dean for Research Services

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UNC Pembroke

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Email: anne.coleman@uncp.edu

***Use this nomination form as many times as you choose to nominate.**

North Carolina Library Association Roadbuilder's Award (REMCo)

The Roadbuilder's Award recognizes ethnic minority librarians in library education, academic, public, school and special libraries, who have served as pioneers in librarianship and also as positive role models. This award recognizes ethnic minority librarians who exemplify courage, integrity, perseverance, and have contributed to the field of librarianship for their specific category. The categories include **library education, academic, public, school and special librarianship**.

The Roadbuilder's Award was established in 1989 by the Round Table of Ethnic Minority Concerns (REMCo). The recipient receives a plaque at the North Carolina Library Association Biennial Conference. The recipient assumes all costs of attending the conference and the ceremony at which the presentation is made. If there are no appropriate candidates, NCLA-REMCo may elect not to present the Award in a given year.

Deadline:

All nomination materials must be "received" in the NCLA Office by 5:00 pm, August 15, 2009. See REMCo-NCLA web page for a list of past recipients of this award. Please send (1) copy of the completed application materials to:

REMCo Roadbuilder's Award Selection Committee
c/o North Carolina Library Association
1811 Capital Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27604

2007 Roadbuilder Award Recipients

Public Librarianship

Vanessa Worth Ramseur, Senior Library Manager
Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County

Library Education

Dr. Irene Owens, Dean
NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences



**NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (NCLA)
ROADBUILDER'S AWARD (REMCo)**

NOMINATION FORM

I desire to nominate the following person for the 2009 Roadbuilder's Award:

Nominee's Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Nominee's Preferred Mailing Address:

E-mail address _____ Telephone Number _____

Nominee is currently employed? Yes _____ No _____

Nominee is retired? Yes _____ No _____

Position or title: _____

Place of employment: _____

Describe nature of work: _____

NOMINATED BY:

Your Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Your Address:

E-mail address _____ Your Telephone Number _____

Your Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Please state here why you think this person should be considered for the award. Please give examples of this nominee's service in the community and in the State of North Carolina. You may attach additional material if you wish.

Accomplishments in Library Work

Describe the nature and quality of the nominee's library work, noting special achievements, innovation, initiative and demonstration of leadership.

Contributions and Impact of Work

Describe the effect of the nominee's library work on her/his institution and the extent of its influence beyond.

Service

List any outstanding contributions this person has made through involvement on committees and/or representation in civic or professional organizations.

Visibility and Recognition of Work

Describe the extent to which colleagues, administration and library users recognize the nominee's achievements.

Major Current Undertakings (Past Undertakings may be included here)

Describe work and other activities in which the nominee is currently engaged which indicate career growth and demonstrate significant potential.

Please return **1 copy** of this completed nomination form and all accompanying documentation to:

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Nominations must be received in the NCLA Office by 5:00 pm August 15, 2009.

Roadbuilder Award Recipients (NCLA-REMCo)

Award Recipients include the following:

57th NCLA Biennial, Oct. 16-19, 2007
Hickory, NC

Vanessa Work Ramseur-, Public Librarianship
Dr. Irene Owens-, Library Education

56th NCLA Biennial , Sept. 20-23, 2005
Winston -Salem, NC

Gerald Vernon Holmes-, Academic Librarianship
Robin Imperial, Public Librarianship

55TH NCLA Biennial, Sept. 22-26, 2003
Winston-Salem, NC

**Louise M. Rountree, Academic Librarianship*
James Jarrell, Public Librarianship

54TH NCLA Biennial, Oct. 2-5, 2001
Winston-Salem, NC

-Miriam Gwinette Ricks, Library Education

53RD NCLA Biennial, Sept. 20-23, 1999
Winston-Salem, NC

Dorothy Huey, Special Librarianship

52TH NCLA Biennial, Oct. 7-10, 1997
Raleigh, NC

Dr. Benjamin Speller, Library Education
Dr. Clarence Toomer, Academic Librarianship
Dr. Robert M. Ballard, Special Librarianship
Brenda Stephens, Public Librarianship

51ST NCLA Biennial, Oct. 3-6, 1995
Greensboro, NC

Dr. Pauletta Bracy, Library Education
Barbara Best-Nichols, Special Librarianship
Wanda Brown, Academic Librarianship
Sherwin Rice, Public Librarianship

50TH NCLA Biennial, Oct.19-22, 1993
Winston-Salem, NC

Barbara Akinwole, Special Librarianship
Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin , Public Librarianship

49TH NCLA Biennial, Nov.12-15, 1991
High Point, NC

** Nell Wright Alford, School Librarianship*
Ophelia Irving, Special Librarianship
Linda Simmons-Henry, Academic Librarianship

48TH NCLA Biennial, Oct. 10-13, 1989
Charlotte, NC

** Mollie Houston Lee, Public Librarianship*
Daisy Lee Williams, School Librarianship
Evelyn Pope, Library Education

* Posthumously



58th NCLA Biennial Conference Comes to Greenville, North Carolina

Greenville, North Carolina will host the 58th North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) Biennial Conference October 6-9, 2009. The conference is being held at the Greenville Convention Center. The conference theme is "North Carolina Libraries: Serving Knowledge, Serving You." Specific information on the Biennial Conference can be found on the NCLA website at the following address:

<http://nclaconference2009.pbworks.com/>

With more than 76,000 residents, Greenville is the largest city in Pitt County and the 10th largest city in North Carolina. Nestled approximately 80 miles east of Raleigh and 80 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean, G-Vegas, as it is affectionately called by many residents, was listed as one of the Best Places to Live in 2006, 2007, and 2008, and ranked 8th as Money Magazine's Best Small Places for Business and Careers in 2008 (Source: *Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce*).

Since Greenville serves as the home of East Carolina University, conference attendees can expect to be inundated by pirates and the colors purple and gold. Pirates? Yes, and thanks to the Painted Pirate Project, sixteen life-sized pirate statues decorate businesses throughout the city. Area libraries of interest include J.Y. Joyner Library, Sheppard Memorial Library, and the Learning Resources Center. In addition, Greenville offers superior medical facilities, great restaurants, shopping, sports, and arts and entertainment.

Please join REMCo at the 58th NCLA Biennial Conference, learn why Greenville is considered the heart of eastern North Carolina, and have a fabulous experience at the conference and in Greenville.

REMCo Programs at Biennial Conference

REMCo will be having several programs at the biennial conference 2009. Your participation is sincerely needed at the conference. REMCo, with the College & University Section (CUS), is sponsoring a Preconference entitled ***Black Belt Librarians: Every Librarian's Real World Guide to Safer Workplace***.

Warren Graham travels all across country teaching librarians how to be safe in their libraries. He provides realistic security training based on the methods presented in his book.

Nathan Ross Freeman is the REMCo Luncheon speaker. Mr. Freeman is the writer, director, producer of the Independent Feature Film, ***Mr. Bones***, the official selection of the 2007-2008 San Francisco Black Film, National Black Theatre, Winston Salem, NC. Mr. Freeman's topic at the luncheon will be ***Characterization: Exploring Layers of Self***.

REMCo will also be presenting a program entitled ***Diversity: Being Able to Serve by Knowing the Difference***. The presenters for this session will be Robert Canida, Director of the UNCP Office of Multicultural & Minority Affairs and Vivette Jeffries, Director, Health Circle; Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

Finally, REMCo is co-sponsoring a program with the Government Resources Section entitled ***2010 Census***.



Warren Graham



Nathan Ross Freeman



Dr. E. J. Josey

The Passing of a Giant in Library Science

Dr. E.J. Josey, professor emeritus, University of Pittsburgh, and past American Library Association (ALA) president (1984-85) passed away July 3 in Washington, N.C.

In 1964 Dr. Josey authored an ALA resolution forbidding ALA officers and staff from participating in state associations that denied membership to black librarians. This action led to the integration of the library association of several Southern states, and he became the first black librarian to be accepted as a member of the Georgia Library Association.

Dr. E. J. Josey was professor emeritus, Department of Library and Information Science, School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, and was first elected to the ALA Council, the policy making body of the Association in 1970, serving until the summer of 2000, a period of 29 years, and was a member of ALA for more than 48 years. Dr. Josey also was the founder of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, chaired the ALA International Relations Committee, wrote 12 books and produced more than 400 articles that focused on library diversity and equality of access issues.

A foundation has been set up to honor Dr. Josey's life and work. Contributions can be sent to: The E.J. Josey Foundation for Justice and Peace, 526 West Second Street, Washington, North Carolina 27889.

40th Anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards

On Tuesday, July 14, 2009, over 750 librarians gathered in Chicago to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, as well as to honor this year's award recipients. *Author and Illustrator Awards* are given to African American authors and illustrators for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions, while the *John Steptoe Awards for New Talent* affirm new talent and offer visibility to excellence in writing or illustration at the beginning of a career as a published book creator. These awards honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue Dr. Martin Luther King's work for peace and world brotherhood. They are presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee of the American Library Association's Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT).

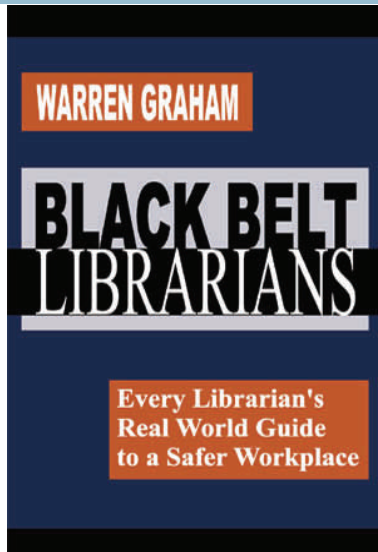
Lillie Patterson received the first author award in 1970 for *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace*; and George Ford, illustrator of *Ray Charles*, received the first illustrator award in 1974. 2009 awards went to Kadir Nelson, author of *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*, and Floyd Cooper, illustrator of *The Blacker the Berry*.

Survey on the Recruiting and Retention of Library Students of Color

Remember the Survey on the Recruiting and Retention of Library Students of Color that was done in 2005? Well we are giving the survey again to see if any of the survey answers have changed.

The purpose of the survey was to identify concerns and suggest strategies to improve the recruitment and retention of students of color (e.g. African American, American Indian, Asian-American, Hispanic, Middle Eastern and Pacific Islander) in the library schools located in North Carolina.

We will compare answers and publish our findings.



The Round Table for Ethnic Minority Concerns

and

The College and University Section

present

Warren Graham

Author of

Black Belt Librarians

on

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

You are invited to participate in a **Pre-Conference Workshop**

Black Belt Librarians featuring **Warren Graham**

Cost: \$35.00 — Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

There was a time when talking too loud or returning a book late were the worst library offenses. Times have changed, with recent shootings, stabbings, kidnappings, rapes, and even a car purposely driven through a library wall with lethal intent. Since security isn't covered in MLS programs, librarians must seek professional help, and the expert they turn to most often is Warren Graham.

Graham has spent 25 years in security, including 17 at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, NC, before retiring in 2006 to establish Warren Graham Training and Consulting. He regularly travels across the country to all varieties of libraries providing security training; his book *Black Belt Librarians* (Pure Heart Pr.) details his methods. Graham told *LJ* that he gets “a great sense of fulfillment helping libraries



Warren Graham

Some of the issues Mr. Graham will address during the pre-conference are

- * Essential elements of a truly effective security program;
- * How to inform patrons of rules in a way that will most ensure compliance; and
- * How to recognize levels of emotions that a patron may be in and strategies on how to best to respond;

This is truly going to be an invaluable learning experience that you will not want to miss.

REMC and **CUS** urge you to place this workshop at the top of your priority list for the Biennial Conference and strongly recommend that you register early.

REMCo Member News

REMCo and the REMCo Executive Board lost one of its strongest members in September 2008 when **Robin Imperial** moved from the Fayetteville area. Robin has accepted a position as Branch Manager of the Petworth Neighborhood Library of the DC Public Library System. We appreciate all of Robin's past support of REMCo and we will miss her.

When Robin left, it was necessary to find a replacement for the Co-Director position on the Executive Board. **Mr. Alan Bailey**, a loyal and long-serving member of REMCo, agreed to serve out the remainder of Robin's term. The NCLA Executive Board officially appointed Alan Bailey to the co-director position for REMCo on October 16, 2008.

Alan is an Assistant Professor at East Carolina University. He works as the Education Curriculum Librarian in the Teaching Resources Center of Joyner Library.

Congratulations, Alan, and we would like to officially welcome you to the Executive Board.

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