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American Library Association Midwinter Meeting President Report Sari Feldman October 26, 2015 January 5, 2016

# Libraries Transform

The official launch of the Libraries Transform campaign

#### Sharjah Book Fair

From California, I flew to Sharjah for the annual Book Fair. It was truly a travel experience unlike any other. The Emirati were extremely gracious

keynote address on November 11<sup>th</sup> and spoke about transforming libraries in the United States. I was proud to have been a part of the second SIBF/ALA Library Conference and know that through joint leadership, this important program will continue for years to come. I hope that ALA will continue to build continuing education content and support translation efforts of materials for Library staff.

#### Maine Library Association

On November 17<sup>th</sup> I offered the keynote address at the Maine Library Association Conference in Bangor. I also held a kitchen table conversation to discuss the Libraries Transform campaign. I continue to enjoy the opportunity to meet with and talk to libraries and library staff across the county and beyond to learn about how libraries are transforming in big and small ways to benefit their communities. Maine State Library will adopt the Libraries Transform materials for a marketing campaign.

#### Library of Congress Gershwin Prize

From Maine, I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the Gershwin Prize presented by the Library of Congress. The Gershwin Prize for Popular Song was presented this year to Willie Nelson. The Prize is awarded to artists whose lifetime contributions in the field of popular song exemplify the standard of excellence associated with George and Ira Gershwin, by bridging musical styles, bringing diverse listeners together, and fostering their mutual respect and appreciation.

## I Love My Librarian Award & Publisher Visits

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, I traveled to New York to begin a week of visits with publishers and to assist in announcing the I Love My Librarian Award hosted by the Carnegie Corporation. As always, it was a very moving experience. The Executive Committee had very productive meetings with Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins, and Penguin Random House. We also visited Queens I know that we were ver

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#### Suffolk and Nassau

To finish travel in 2015, I traveled to Long Island to present the keynote address at the Suffolk

Transform campaign to a very engaged audience.

#### Media Interviews

November 18<sup>th</sup> - Interviewed by Jeff Young, reporter with the Chronicle in Washington D.C., and met with Liana Heitin, Assistant Editor, Education Week

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Spoke to Liana Heitin, *Education Week* 

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Publications

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Spoke to Liz Farmer, Governing Magazine

### Travel and Speaking Engagements

October 28<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Libraries Transform launch and meetings, Washington, D.C. including a meeting with the acting Librarian of Congress and Department of Labor

November 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> California Library Association Conference, Pasadena, CA

November 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sharjah Book Fair

<del>November</del> 16<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> \_\_