



Newsletter

American Library
Association's Library
Support Staff Interests
Round Table

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President's Corner

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If you are new to LSSIRT or if this is the first time reading our newsletter, welcome!

The ALA annual conference (Chicago, June 27 – July 2) will quickly be upon us, and I hope you are making plans to attend. LSSIRT is very proud to sponsor a program at this year's conference.

The program is entitled "Best Practice – Support Staff Edition" and will be held on Sunday, June 30 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. There will be 2 presenters and we will celebrate LSSIRT's 20th year as a round table.

PROGRAM:
"How can we make it better? Maximizing the student assistants' effectiveness in

the Circulation Department at Auburn University Library" - Presenter: Cory Latham, Auburn University Libraries.

"LSSC Update: Q and A" - Presenter: Ian Lashbrook, Research Associate, American Library Association-Allied Professional Association.

LSSIRT is turning 20! Please be our guest for cake and a 10 minute informational program about ALA's Library Support Staff Interests Round Table!

The LSSIRT Night Out is currently in the works. We are looking at several locations at the Navy pier or returning to Dave and Busters.

How are we doing at LSSIRT? Do you have

LSSIRT President
J.P. Pendleton

any ideas or suggestions for – programs -- issues within ALA -- developing new and/or additional methods of gaining and retaining membership in organizations. How about staff development or web conference educational programs?

If so, let's talk - contact me (pendlaj@aubrun.edu) or any LSSIRT Steering Committee member.

: In April 2001, the
ALA Executive Board approved a
recommendation from **LSSIRT** to
fund a 3rd

graduates , they consistently report that work towards certification brings an increase in confidence; a better understanding of how libraries work; an appreciation for the work done by other library staff members; and pride in their increased ability to serve the public.

The “design” outcomes from COPE 3 included mutual respect; a career lattice; increased compensation; more training and CE for support staff; and state and national support for support staff.

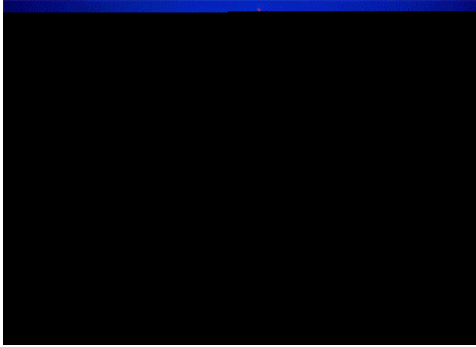
There has also been progress towards these outcomes. ALA has taken the lead by creating LSSC. Over the life of LSSC, approximately 25 states have provided some kind of support for LSSC candidates. While not an official career lattice, there is an unofficial career path emerging with different

levels of recognition and growth. LSSC now offers certification for those who, for whatever reason, choose not to move toward an MLIS.

Community Colleges continue to offer one-and two- year educational programs which can be combined with LSSC to provide both a degree and immediate ALA certification (for more on this visit:

Sue Knoche is the winner of the 2013 East Tennessee State University's Staff Woman of the Year Award. Sue is a Medical Library Assistant, Cataloging/Serials/Acquisitions at the Quillen College of Medicine Library, where she has been employed since 1988. The plaque stated: " One extraordinary

woman that has made often unnoticed contributions and achievements and notable impact on the workplace whether through inspiration, service to ETSU, community service, support of women's causes or organizations or professional accomplishments above and/or outside normal job



Seattle skyline

Pike Place Market

LSSIRT's Valentin Colon and
ALA Treasurer candidate Mario
Gonzalez

LSSIRT's Trish Palluck with our virtual member
Sara Kartsonis on Skype

LSSIRT President J.P. Pendleton
and BARC representative J. Linda
Williams



Seattle's waterfront

LSSIRT Secretary Nina Manning
and J.P. Pendleton at the APA-
APA networking event

The ALA-APA networking event
featured a live DJ, good friends
and good times

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