

PLG Events at ALA Annual

PLG Membership Meeting
29 June 2014
Las Vegas

Eighteen PLG members and friends attended the PLG Meeting and Conversation at ALA Annual on Sunday, June 29 in the Las Vegas Convention Center. Denise Scott, 2014 winner of the Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize, gave a presentation about her paper “Deconstructing the ‘Books for Boys’ Discourse,” which examines the rhetoric labeling some books as being specifically “boy books” in order to encourage boys to read. The paper analyzes the prescriptive nature of gendering and the problems that accompany the discourse’s reliance on gender stereotyping. A brief but insightful discussion followed Scott’s presentation.

In the second half of the meeting, EveryLibrary Executive Director John Chrastka spoke about EveryLibrary, an organization dedicated to political action at a local level to create, renew, and protect public funding for libraries of all types. EveryLibrary provides tactical and operational support to local voter awareness campaigns, seed and sustaining monies to local ballot committees and PACs, as well as conducting direct voter advocacy in support of library taxing, bonding, and referendum. Chrastka’s presentation was followed by a brief discussion focused primarily on the question of whether EveryLibrary’s nationwide strategy is in fact the best way to support library funding at the local level.

Report by Mark Hudson



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Progressive Librarians Guild Membership Meeting

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Progressive Librarians
Guild Dinner**

(l to r): Kenny Garcia,
Peter McDonald, Mike
Marlin, Katharine Phenix,
Jane Glasby, 2014
Braverman Memorial Prize
winner Denise Scott, Jo
Scott

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Back: Peter McDonald
Front (l to r): Katharine
Phenix, Mark Hudson,
Jane Glasby, 2014
Braverman Memorial
Prize winner Denise
Scott, Mike Marlin,
Vivaldi



New *Progressive Librarian* Editorial Board Member

The editors of *Progressive Librarian* would like to announce that a new editor will be joining the editorial board. We are happy to welcome Al Kagan to the editorial collective. For those of you who are not familiar with Al's resume we attach the following brief bio.

"Al Kagan is Professor of Library Administration and African Studies Bibliographer Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. He has been deeply involved in socially responsible library organizations throughout his career. He has served as SRRT's representative to the ALA Council since the American Library Association authorized round table counselors in 1999 (with a short gap, 2009-2011). He was a founding member of PLG, and attended the first organizing meetings in New York City in 1990... He also convened a Social Responsibilities Discussion Group within IFLA from 1997 to 2003. He has worked on many SRRT programs, and published extensively on socially responsible librarianship. He has also taught an annual course on African Studies research techniques, and published numerous African studies bibliographies and articles. He was active in the Africana Librarians Council of the African Studies Association and the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars until his retirement in 2013. "

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