

RILA President's Report
2008/2009

I would like to highlight some of the many accomplishments of the Rhode Island Library Association Board during the past twelve months:

1. Public Relations—Committee drafted an “awareness of libraries” plan and developed the theme, “Our Libraries...the Best Deal Around”, which was combined with several images and slogans and made into bus signs, bookmarks, and a slide show. The RILA Board used money from savings to fund the campaign this year and is committed to continuing with PR in the future. Special thanks to Tonia Mason.
2. LTV—Contributed \$1,250 for production of LTV shows.
3. Letter to the Editor—Submitted a letter to the Editor of the Providence Journal supporting libraries and their role assisting the unemployed.
4. RI Mock Newbury Award—Co-sponsored with RIEMA and contributed \$150.
5. RI Children's Book Award—Donated \$250 toward the award.
6. GSLIS Annual Gathering—Donated \$250 toward the event.
7. Library Student Mentors—Co-sponsored program.
8. Federal Stimulus—Letters were written to RI's Representatives and Senators requesting that libraries be included in Stimulus programs.
9. Grant-in-Aid—The RILA Board vigorously advocated for maintenance of State grant-in-aid, construction reimbursement, and OLIS funding.
10. Emerson Greenaway Award 2008—Nominated Melody Allen, who was the recipient of the award.
11. National Legislative Day—RILA President joined: Howard Boksenbaum, Chief Library Officer, Mark McKenney, President of the RI Library Board, Joan Ress Reeves, Library Board member, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Library Board member, and Mary Ann Slocomb, Director of Hospital Libraries, in Washington, DC to promote library legislation and thank our Representatives and Senators for their past support.
12. School Basic Education Program (BEP)—The RILA Board gave its support to minimum staffing levels of school media specialists and the inclusion of library instruction programs in the revised BEP.
13. Memorial to Judith Krug—Adopted a resolution honoring the work of the late Judith Krug, who was an advocate for intellectual freedom.

All of the committee chairs and members, as well as board members, deserve a special thank you for their commitment of time and expertise to RILA for its members and the library profession.

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Respectfully submitted,
Christopher La Roux

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. La Roux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'C'.

President, RILA
Director, Greenville Public Library