

General Info

Registration Desk: OCC,
outside Congress Hall

— today 8:30 a.m. - noon

Hospitality Desk: OCC,
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— today 8:30 - 10 a.m.

CLA TODAY: OCC, mezza-
nine level, conference room

Don't Miss

Inaugural Lunch:

At noon today, hear incoming president Paul Whitney's inaugural speech, and then enjoy the Jazz Poll Cats.

Tickets are \$15 at the Registration Desk.

OCC Congress Hall E

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is available by 7 a.m. at the Hospitality Desk & in session areas. Submissions (convention news, program changes) must be left at the Hospitality Desk by 1 p.m.

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Book Launch Breakfast

By Ruthanne Urquhart

A lesbian librarian remains “in the closet”, wondering, “...what kinds of backlash would I suffer”?

The Surrey, BC school board moves to ban books depicting gay-parented family life.

A librarian is advised to use headings which are “...neutral—not too positive...” when cataloguing books with gay/lesbian/bisexual themes.

These are just a few of the many problems/prejudices facing gay, lesbian and bisexual librarians, according to Norman G. Kester, editor of *Liberating Minds: The Stories and Professional Lives of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Librarians and their Advocates*.

The book comprises stories written by librarians from Canada, the U.S., Germany and New Zealand.

Mr. Kester read excerpts from the book to delegates at yesterday's breakfast—excerpts at once entertaining, thought-provoking and poignant—and talked about day-to-day encounters with the straight world—Canada Customs repeatedly holding up, damaging or turning back material with gay/lesbian/bisexual themes, for example.

He spoke of the roadblocks encountered by all minority groups in the library profession, and indicated that universal cutbacks in budgeting make advocacy of minority rights more challenging than ever.

One excerpt embodied Mr. Kester's message: “Fighting [gay/lesbian/bisexual] censorship ... is fighting all other forms of censorship.”

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Program changes

CANCELLATIONS

- Session 501
- Session 518

CHANGES

- Session 238 schedule change
This session will be held at noon on Sunday June 22
- Session 504 location change
WH Executive Board Room - see hotel front desk for directions

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