

LAMA news section

ALA-IIDA Library Interior Design Awards Competition Announces First Award Winners

LAMA's Building and Equipment Section (BES) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) collaborated to launch the first ALA-IIDA Interior Design Awards on Monday, June 26, 2006, at the Renaissance Arts Hotel in New Orleans. Attendees enjoyed deluxe hors d'oeuvres, drinks, New Orleans jazz, and a chance to meet interior designers, librarians, and our favorite interiors and furnishings vendors during the award presentations.

The ALA-IIDA Interior Design Awards will be given for extraordinary library interior design biannually in an array of prize categories for every size and type of library project. The 2006 winners included:

- **Academic Libraries: 30,000 Square Feet and Smaller**
 - *Project:* Morton College Library, Cicero, Illinois; *Firm:* Legat Architects, Chicago
- **Academic Libraries: Over 30,000 Square Feet**
 - *Project:* University Library, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Ontario, Canada; *Firm:* Diamond & Schmidt Architects, Inc., Toronto
 - *Project:* Christopher Center for Library and Information Resources, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana; *Firm:* EHDD Architecture, San Francisco
 - Special Merit awarded to:
Project: Baker Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; *Firm:* Robert A. M. Stern Architects, New York City
- **Public Libraries: 30,000 Square Feet and Smaller**
 - *Project:* Incline Village Library, Incline Village, Nevada; *Firm:* Hershenow & Killenstein, Omaha, Nebraska
 - *Project:* Quincie Douglas Branch, Tucson-Pima Public Library, Tucson, Arizona; *Firm:* Richard + Bauer Architects, Phoenix
 - Honorable Mention awarded to:
Project: International District/Chinatown Branch, Seattle Public Library; *Firm:* Miller Hayashi Architects, LLC, Seattle
- **Public Libraries: Over 30,000 Square Feet**
 - *Project:* Pierre Berton Resource Library, Vaughan, Ontario, Canada; *Firm:* Diamond & Schmitt Architects, Inc., Toronto
 - Special Merit awarded to:
Project: ImaginOn, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina;

Firm: Gantt Huberman Architects with Holzman Moss Architecture, Charlotte, North Carolina

- **Single Space Library**
 - *Project:* Nashville Public Library Civil Rights Collection, Nashville, Tennessee; *Firm:* Tuck-Hinton Architects, Nashville, Tennessee
- **Special Library: 30,000 Square Feet and Smaller**
 - *Project:* Edward E. Hale Public School 106 Library, Brooklyn, New York; *Firm:* Rockwell Group, New York City
- **Innovation in Sustainable Design**
 - *Project:* Desert Broom Branch, Phoenix Public Library; *Firm:* Richard + Bauer Architects, Phoenix
- **"On the Boards"**
 - *Project:* Arabian Library, Scottsdale Public Library System, Scottsdale, Arizona; *Firm:* Richard + Bauer Architects, Phoenix

The award was conceived by Kelly Bauer, principal in Richard + Bauer of Phoenix; Joe Agati of Agati Furniture, Chicago; Philip Tramdack, director of the library at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania; and Lorraine Olley, LAMA executive director. Taking note of the longstanding and successful ALA-American Institute of Architects Library Building Awards, given in odd-numbered years, they envisioned an award for interior design excellence in libraries to be given in even-numbered years. An awards committee composed of Kelly, Joe, Lorraine, and BES-Library Interiors and Furnishings Committee members attracted corporate sponsors; began an important collaboration with Cheryl Durst, executive director of the International Interior Design Association; and launched the award competition. It resulted in 115 submissions for the 2006 awards. The awards provide a valuable focus on interior design as a discipline distinct from architecture, and the committee hopes that future awards will encourage greater participation in LAMA by interior design professionals and library interiors and furnishings vendors.

Judging took place in April 2006 at ALA headquarters in Chicago. The judges were Neil Frankel of Frankel and Coleman, Chicago; Cary Johnson of Gensler Chicago and past president of IIDA; Susan Kent, director of the New York Public Library; and Bill Sannwald, a library consultant, former LAMA president, and retired city librarian of the San Diego Public Library. Awards were presented by Lorraine, Cheryl, and master of ceremonies Jim Ford, managing principal and president of Desks, Inc., of Chicago, at a gala event in New Orleans.

Planning is already under way for the next awards. It's not too soon to think about entering a project in the 2008 award competition.—*Gail Kennedy*

Editor's Note: *LA&M* Online, the electronic version of *LA&M* for LAMA members only, is featuring expanded coverage of all the winning entries of the ALA/IIDA awards. "Library Design—The Inside Story!" is available at www.ala.org/lama.

LEADS from LAMA Converts to Blog

The LEADS from LAMA blog will take the place of the print and electronic newsletter that LAMA has issued biweekly (more or less) for the past thirteen years. This blog will make it much easier to quickly get news and information out to the LAMA membership and anyone else interested in the areas of administration, organization and management, buildings, equipment, assessment, human resources, public relations and marketing, and fundraising and financial development for libraries. The LEADS blog can be accessed at <http://blogs.ala.org/lamaleads.php>.—*Lorraine Olley*

Highlights of Midwinter Meeting

The 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting will be held January 19–24, 2007, in Seattle. For details and registration information, visit www.ala.org/midwinter.

LAMA Board of Directors Meeting

Session I—Saturday, January 20, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session II—Tuesday, January 23, 8 a.m. to noon

"The Complex Edifice: Analyzing Your Dream Library"

Thursday, January 18, and Friday, January 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In this two-day institute, noted instructor Bill Sannwald will help participants determine the current and future functionality of a library facility, establish the capital investment needs of the facility, and develop operating and capital budgets for facilities. Sannwald is retired city librarian of the San Diego Public Library and currently a full-time management and marketing professor in the business school at San Diego State University. This institute fulfills a core requirement for the Certified Public Library Administrator Program (CPLA), and is open to all interested librarians and facilities planners.

LAMA Leadership Development Seminar

Friday, January 19, 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Seminar geared for members of the LAMA Board of Directors and Executive Committees and chairs of committee, discussion and interest groups.

LAMA Discussion and Interest Group Reports

Assistant to Directors Discussion Group

The meeting included participants from a variety of public, academic, and special libraries. It began with a survey of projects in which each participant is currently engaged. Topics included dealing with the departure of a director, a salary reallocation project, and information commons facilities. Discussion focused on renovation projects in which a number of institutions were involved, and in particular, questions surrounding the construction of cafes and information commons, including food and drink policies, hours of service, and space reallocation.—*Rob Withers*

Education Interest Group

The group brainstormed ideas for ALA Midwinter and Annual meetings in 2007 and will be discussing what training options are available to develop management and administrative skills. A resource will be created to incorporate examples of experiences new managers and administrators have found helpful in developing their skills. A joint program with Continuing Library Education Network and Exchange Round Table (CLNERT) is to be discussed. A new meeting time of Sundays 4 to 6 p.m. was selected. The group is seeking a vice-chair/chair elect. If interested, contact current Chair Karen Diller at diller@vancouver.wsu.edu or (360) 546-9681.—*Karen Diller*

Organizational Development Discussion Group

Shelley Phipps led a discussion on project management, stressing the importance of a clear and detailed charge to save team time and avoid frustrating outcomes. A clear charge facilitates project management by identifying what needs to be changed, desired outcomes, available data, timeline, necessary steps, project parameters, constraints, roles, available resources, and decision-making authority. Shelley also highlighted the importance of establishing a project sponsor, who has a real interest in the outcome and will help the group secure resources and negotiate problems and changes.

The discussion focused on several issues, including how to encourage team initiative and problem solving while maintaining some level of control and direction; how to define a project; and how to keep projects on track.—*Joanne Bessler*