DEDICATED TO THE VICTIMS OF THE 5.12 EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA
Damaged libraries from the earthquake affected area
--pictures from the web site of Library Society of China
Dear CALA members:

As we approach the Annual Conference, many of our committee chairs are busy completing their perspective projects and preparing for the Conference in Anaheim, California. I am excited that the ALA Annual Conference is coming to California this year. I hope that members who decided to attend the conference will have a safe trip and a great experience. The Local Arrangement Committee has prepared an excellent program as well as a great feast for you. I encourage everyone to attend the CALA program and to purchase your tickets early for the Awards Banquet.

During the last few months, I have been working closely with several committee chairs to ensure that their projects will be completed by June. We are thrilled to have our first ever Officer’s Handbook for 2008-2009. It will be a great tool to help officers familiarize themselves with CALA as well as their duties and responsibilities. Also, I am working with the board to look at some of the recommendations from the Self Assessment Survey. The board hopes to implement these recommendations in the near future.

Earlier this year, I was asked to serve on a Library Automation Committee of Logos Evangelical Seminary assisting them in choosing an automation system that will best fit their school library in El Monte, California. In May, I was invited to speak at the Chinese American Historical Society of South California in Chinatown. At their monthly meeting, I gave a brief presentation of the history and activities of CALA and I presented our anniversary book “Bridge to China” to add to their library’s collection.

Since several officers’ terms will end in June 2008, it is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment for the following positions:

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**Liaison to the Diversity Council (2008-2010):**
Y. Diana Wu,
Business Librarian and International Student Coordinator
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library,
San Jose State University (CA)

**JLIS English Editorial Board (2008-2011)**

Min Chou, JLIS English Editor (2008-2011)
Reference Librarian
New Jersey City University

Editorial Team:

Dr. Xue-Ming Bao, (2008-2010)
Librarian II (Systems/Digital Library)/Associate Professor
Seton Hall University Libraries (NJ)

Nancy Hershoff (2008-2011)
Head Bibliographic Control Dept.
Florida International University

Manuel Urrizola (2008-2010)
Head, Cataloging & Metadata Services
University of California, Riverside

Mark Winston (2008-2009)
Associate Professor
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

As president, I have been privileged to work with an outstanding group of colleagues. I thank all of them for their excellent work and they all had been great asset to me. I wish CALA continuous success and prosperity in the coming years.

Dora Ho
CALA President 2007-2008

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**CALA Donation to LSC for Library Rebuilding**

The Board of Directors has discussed how this money will help the victims and rebuild libraries. In June, the Board voted anonymously in favor of the motion that CALA direct our collected funds to the Library Society of China for the rebuilding of libraries affected by the earthquake in Sichuan, China. The motion was moved by Priscilla Yu and seconded by Shuyong Jiang.

To Donate: please go to the
www.cala-web.org/earthquakedonation.htm
send check to

Maggie Wang
CALA Treasurer
P.O.Box 6341
Alhambra, CA 91802
Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, the former Chief of Asian Division at the Library of Congress, and Dean Emeritus of Ohio University Libraries, retired in March 2008, after more than 40 years of distinguished services to the library profession. Dr. Lee was surrounded and congratulated by his families, friends, and colleagues at his retirement reception held at the Library of Congress in February 2008. Dr. James Billington, Librarian at the Library of Congress, Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian, Dr. Mi Chu, Head, Scholarly Services of the Asian Division, and other guests, offered wonderful remarks on Dr. Lee’s achievements on the post. Due to his tireless efforts, the Asian Division “has grown from Obscurity in the eyes of peer librarians and scholars to a statue of recognized importance in the world,” said Dr. Chu. Dr. Lee was also presented Life Achievement Award by CALA at the reception.

During his long time library professional career, Dr. Lee held the positions at the University of Pittsburgh, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Asian Institute of Technology (in Bangkok, Thailand), Colorado State University, Ohio University, Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), and the Library of Congress. For each of these positions, Dr. Lee made significant contributions to advocate users’ needs and to advance library services. During his tenure as Dean of Libraries at Ohio University, the Libraries experienced substantial growth and become a member of Association of Research Libraries (ARL) under his deanship. Upon his retirement at Ohio University in 1999, the University named a new library building as Hwa-Wei Lee Library Annex and the first floor of the main library as Hwa-Wei Lee Center for International Collections to recognize his achievements and contributions.

Dr. Lee’s accomplishments were recognized by many honors and wards. Among them are the JCLC Advocacy Awards, Honorary Member of the Library Society of China, the Distinguished Service Awards of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association, Distinguished Service Award of the Chinese American Librarians Association, Ohio Librarian of the Year, John Ames Humphrey Award of the American Library Association for Significant Contributions to International Librarianship, Ohio Librarian Hall of Fame, and OCLC award for significant contributions as OCLC Visiting Distinguished Scholar, to name a few. In addition to his busy schedules, Dr. Lee continued contributing to the library profession through presentations and publications. He is a sought-after speaker and consultant in the U. S. and around the world, with authored or coauthored five books and 80 professional papers. He left his footprints in the five continents where he gave speeches, presented at conferences, provided consultancy, and engaged in many collaborative projects.

On the occasion of Dr. Lee’s retirement, CALA members have paid their respects and appreciation to Dr. Lee for his contributions to this association. Dr. Lee was the founder and the past president of CALA. He has served as a mentor for many CALA members to help them to achieve their professional goals. Dr. Lee has set up a wonderful role model for CALA members. We are sending our best wishes to Dr. Lee and Mary, his wife, to enjoy their long-waited retirement.
Asian Division of the Library of Congress
Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the
Chinese American Librarians Association
Invite you to a presentation:

"Achieving Library Excellence: Employing Modern Management Practices" by Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, former Chief, Asian Division and Dean Emeritus, Ohio University Libraries

Date: Friday, May 2, 2008
Time: 3:00pm - 4:45pm
101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20540

Description: This presentation will review the four major management practices - Management by Objective (MBO), Participative Management (PM), Total Quality Management (TQM), and Knowledge Management (KM) and discuss their best practices in achieving library excellence. This topic should be of great interest to CALA members and other interested audience, because this is a rare opportunity to hear one of the best and most experienced library managers sharing his knowledge and experience with us. This presentation will be about one-hour long, followed by a 20-30 minute discussion.

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, former Chief of Asian Division, the Library of Congress, and Dean Emeritus of Ohio University Libraries, has more than 40 years of experience in academic libraries including the University of Pittsburgh, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Asian Institute of Technology (in Bangkok, Thailand), Colorado State University, Ohio University, Ohio University, OCLC, and the Library of Congress. He is a highly regarded academic in the library communities and a sought-after lecturer and consultant in the US and Asia. He authored or coauthored five books and 80 professional papers. Upon his retirement in 1999 after serving for more than 21 years as the Dean of Libraries, Ohio University named a new library building as Hwa-Wei Lee Library Annex and the first floor of the main library as Hwa-Wei Lee Center for International Collections. Among the many honors he received are the Distinguished Service Awards of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association and the Chinese American Librarians Association, Ohio Librarian of the Year, John Ames Humphrey Award of the American Library Association for Significant Contributions to International Librarianship, Ohio Librarian Hall of Fame, and OCLC award for significant contributions as OCLC Visiting Distinguished Scholar.

URL: http://lcasianfriends.org/event/Achieving_Library_Excellence
Global Outreach: A U.S.-China Experience
2008 ALA CALA ANNUAL PROGRAM
Chinese American Librarians Association 2008 Program
1:30~3:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 29, 2008
Anaheim, California
Disney’s Paradise Pier, Room C/D

With fast approaching dates of the 2008 Olympic Games to be held in Beijing and a continuously rising economy, China has become a buzzword in the media nowadays. But how much do we know about library services to users in China? This program presents first-hand experience from U.S. librarians in working with the library community in China. One keynote speaker and the four panelists will present several successful ongoing outreach programs to the libraries in China.

Keynote Speaker:

- Beverly Lynch
  Professor, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies
  University of California at Los Angeles

  Beverly P. Lynch is Professor in the Department of Information Studies at UCLA, where she teaches courses in management, academic libraries, information policy, intellectual freedom, and measurement and evaluation of libraries and library services. She directs the Senior Fellows Program, and is the founding director of the California Rare Book School. She served as Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at UCLA, from 1989-1994, University Librarian and Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1977-1989, and Executive Secretary of ACRL, 1972-1976. She was ALA President in 1985-1986. In 2000-2001, Dr. Lynch was the President of the Center for Research Libraries, an international library organization located in Chicago. Dr. Lynch has published and consulted nationally and internationally in the areas of library organization and management and academic libraries, and has long been active in professional organizations, including numerous ALA committees, boards, and task forces.

Panel Speakers:

- Haipeng Li
  Reference Librarian/Outreach Coordinator
  Oberlin College Library

- Trisha Davis
  Head of Serials, Electronic Resources and Rights Management Department
  Ohio State University Libraries

- Qiang Zhu
  Director
  Peking University Library
  China

- Lian Ruan
  Director/Head Librarian
  Illinois Fire Service Institute Library
HELP MEET AND GREET INTERNATIONAL GUESTS at ALA ANNUAL!

The ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) International Visitors Center (IVC) Committee is looking for volunteers to staff the International Visitors Center at the ALA conference in Anaheim, CA. IRRT sponsors the IVC for international librarians attending the conference. The IVC will be located near the exhibits and will be open Friday, June 27 through Monday, June 30, 2008.

IVC Volunteers assist international visitors by answering questions and giving directions at the conference (don’t worry, we provide all the information you need to help the visitors!). In addition to information, the IVC offers international visitors computers for email/Internet and a place to meet with friends and relax.

Working at the IVC is fun and a great way to meet a variety of people from around the world. All you need to be a successful volunteer is a smile and a helpful attitude! Please consider volunteering for a 1 to 2 hour time slot (or more!). To volunteer, please contact Jaclyn Bedoya at jaclynbedoya@gmail.com. We’ll set the schedule in June, but please let us know now if you are interested in helping.

Sha Li Zhang, Ph. D.
Dear CALA Members:

CALA 2008 Election will be held May 1-15 for the following positions and for ratifying the revisions and amendments of the CALA Bylaws:

1) Vice-President/President-Elect 2009/2010
2) Treasurer, 2008-2010
3) Five Directors of the Board 2008-2011
4) Bylaws - Proposed revision and amendments.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has made the following Recommendation for Editorial Amendments to the Bylaws, which has been approved by the Board at 2008 Midwinter. According to CALAs Bylaws, Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be ratified at an annual membership meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Association present at the meeting, or if determined by the Board, by mail or electronic vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Association. Please review the recommendation below and prepare to vote on the ballot.

Note: Strikethrough indicates deletions; boldface in square brackets indicates additions:

1. Article IV. Duties of Officers, Section 6/(4) and Section 7/(3) will be amended as:
   serve as an ex-officio member of the Publications Committee.

2. Article VII. Nominations and Elections first paragraph
   At least thirty days prior to the midwinter meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present to the president and the executive director a list of nominees to fill the positions of the five outgoing Board members. The number of nominees shall be between five and ten. At the same time, the Nominating Committee shall also submit a slate of no more than three nominees for each of the positions of vice president/president elect and [the] incoming vice president/president elect.

Reason: The suggested change is to correct an oversight in the document.

Background: In an answer to the ALA requirement that all units should plan their annual programs one year in advance, the Board of CALA decided to elect the vice president/president elect one year in advance for program needs. In election 2005-06, two vice presidents were elected (the vice president/president elect for 2005-06 and the incoming vice president/president elect for 2006-07). After the 2005-06 election, only the position of the incoming vice president/president elect is nominated for election every year.

3. Article VIII. Electronic or Mail Vote first paragraph
   Whenever any action requires a[n] [electronic or mail ballot] vote of the general membership or the Board, the executive director shall prepare the ballots, including instructions for use. The executive director shall notify the membership or the Board of Directors that they may vote, and return the marked ballots to the executive director on or before a specified date. The date so specified shall be no more than thirty days and no less than twenty days from the distribution of the ballot. The executive director shall oversee the tellers in the counting of all ballots.

Reason: This paragraph covers the procedures of electronic or mail vote by ballot that does not take place at a meeting. Not all actions of membership or the Board will require a vote by ballot unless specified by the Constitution and Bylaws or a Board decision. The suggested changes will clarify when the provisions of this paragraph should apply.

The paper ballots have been sent to members without email. The e-ballots will be sent out soon. And the online voting will be held May 1-15.

Thank you for your participation in this important event!

Shixing Wen
CALA Executive Director

From CALA Publications Committee

"CALA Brochure" and "CALA Fact Sheet" are available on the CALA website under About CALA. Please use these documents to promote CALA in your programs, gatherings and other activities, and recruit new members. The direct links to the documents are:

http://www.calaweb.org/calabrochure.pdf
Dear CALA Members,  

I regret to inform you that Shixing Wen has resigned from the Executive Director position as of May 31, 2008. Mr. Wen actively participated in many CALA activities and projects in the past, with excellent quality outcomes and performances. He was a past CALA President and a recipient of the 2006 CALA President’s Award, which recognized many of his contributions to CALA. He was instrumental in helping CALA move toward using technology to conduct CALA businesses and continue to provide valuable advice in using technology. The board will miss him tremendously as a valued colleague and an excellent resource person. I hope that Mr. Wen will remain active in CALA in many facets.

The Executive Committee feels that it is vital that we fill the Executive Director immediately because of many major initiatives and on-going projects. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the Executive Committee appoints Haipeng Li to fill the Interim Executive Director position. Mr. Li is the immediate past president of CALA and he is very familiar with the CALA’s current activities, programs, and initiatives. He has worked well with the Executive Committee members, Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, committee and task force chairs, and many CALA members. In addition, he is the recipient of the 2008 CALA Distinguished Service Award that recognizes his contributions and accomplishments to CALA.

Dora Ho  
CALA President 2007-2008

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2008 CALA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dear CALA Members & Friends:

The 2007/2008 CALA Awards Committee (Jiun Kuo, chair, Elaine Dong, Jie Huang, Miao Jin, Li Sun) would like to call for nominations for the 2008 CALA Distinguished Service Award.

The criteria are:

1. The recipient of the award shall have consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievement in library and information services at the national and/or international level. Distinguished contributions and services to the advancement of Chinese-American librarianship shall receive special consideration from the Awards Committee;

2. The Award is a permanent recognition. No individual can receive the award more than once; AND

3. There will be no special consideration for or against a candidate’s age, gender, nationality, or length of service to the profession. The recipient needs not be a member of the Association.

The Distinguished Service Award is established to recognize an individual each year for her/his outstanding contributions to librarianship in general and to Chinese-American librarianship in particular. The word “librarianship” is defined broadly to include the fields of information science, educational media and archives. The award consists of a citation and a plaque. The recipient will be honored at the 2008 CALA Awards Banquet at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

Please send your nominations, along with nomination materials via email (kuo@rice.edu) to the Awards Committee chair. You may also fax or mail your nominations directly to:

Jiun Kuo  
Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services  
Rice University  
Fondren Library MS 44  
P.O. Box 1892  
Houston, Texas 77251-1892
I have to say that this three-day workshop provided an excellent opportunity for me to learn from our Chinese colleagues. The energy efficient building not only reflects current trend in modern architectural design, but serves well the purposes of integrating modern technologies into library science. The services provided by Dongguan Public Library are very dynamic and proficient. What has impressed me even more is the energetic and aspiring leader team, who guides this institute into the frontier of 21st century librarianship. It is not exaggerating to say that Dongguan Public Library sets up an excellent model for library services not only in China, but in the United States as well.

--JING LIAO

During my short stay in Dongguan, I was so excited about progresses made by Dongguan Public Library. I am so proud that Dongguan Public Library has made so many remarkable processes in the fields of public information services. No doubts, some of their innovative explorations are new leading service models which we have never experienced in America.

--LILI LI
TAIWAN TEAM

The International Relations Committee is very pleased to announce the three presenters for the seminar in Taiwan on July 7-July 11, 2008. They are:

- Y. Diana Wu (team leader) (Business Librarian and Liaison, International Student Coordinator, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, San Jose State University)
- Qi Chen (Director of Library Services, Argosy University, Chicago)
- Win Shih (Head of Library Systems, University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY)

May the team have a successful seminar with our Taiwan colleagues.

YUNNAN TEAM

By carefully reviewing the applications and discussion, the International Relations Committee is very pleased to announce the final decision of the team for the 3rd Yunnan seminar on July 10-13, 2008.

The team members are:

- Yuan, Haiwang, Team leader (Western Kentucky University)
- Bao, Xueming (Seton Hall University Library in New Jersey)
- Fernekes, Robert (Georgia Southern University, Zach S. Henderson Library)
  - Miao, Hong (Marywood Univ. Library, PA)
  - Zhou, Liana (Indiana Univ. Kinsey Institute Library)

In addition, we are honored to have ALA 2008/09 President Mr. Jim Rettig to join this team. He will give a key-note speech at the seminar. For this seminar, we have received an overwhelming response from our members. It is a hard job for the Committee to choose only five among very competitive applicants. We thank all our applicants for your initiative and time. We encourage you to continue to apply in the upcoming seminars of the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series and wish you all be successful.

WUHAN TEAM

The International Relations Committee is very pleased to announce the five presenters for the seminar at Wuhan University on Oct. 23-25, 2008. They are:

- Shuyong Jiang (Leader) (Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign)
- Ma Lei Hsieh (Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ)
- Shuqin (Shu) Jiao (Saint Louis University)
- Julia Martin (University of Toledo, OH)
- Karen Wei (Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign)

Beside these representatives, CALA will have more members to join the seminar at the time.

May the team have a successful seminar in Wuhan.
Thanks all CALA members for your applications and time.
Dear CALA Members and Friends,

Camila has received 8956 votes (55.8%) and thus is ALA President-Elect!
CALA members Ling Hwey Jeng and Wei Jeng-Chu have been re-elected to ALA Council. And Julie Su has been elected to ALA Council for the first time.
Congratulations to all!
And thanks to all who have voted for them.

Shixing Wen
CALA executive director

Welcome, Em Claire, to join CALA!
I’d like to introduce Dr. Em Claire Knowles to you.
Dr. Knowles is Assistant Dean for Student Administrative Services at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College.
Dr. Knowles is currently board member of the Black Caucus. At ALA 2008 Midwinter, she was elected to ALA Executive Board.

Shixing Wen
Executive Director

Camila Alire Now a CALA Member!

At our Board meeting in Philadelphia, Camila Alire was invited to join CALA. She promised it on the spot, and today we received her online payment for her CALA membership.

Shixing Wen
CALA executive director

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW CALA MEMBERS AND NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Library Branch Manager Angela Yang bids farewell to Fremont

Dear CALA Members and Friends,

Angela Yang, a past CALA president, has recently retired. During her long services in the library profession, she has actively promoted diversity and integrated libraries into local communities. It’s been a great pleasure to have worked with Angela in CALA. Best wishes to Angela in her new phase of life!

Shixing Wen
CALA executive director

The following is a transcript of her “exit” interview by TCV:

For the past six years, the pleasant voice and smile of Angela Yang has been a fixture of the Fremont libraries. Her demeanor and focus on the community has guided this institution through significant changes and difficult fiscal times. Always upbeat and cheerful, Angela represents the dedication and concern of the staff and volunteers who have transformed modern libraries from quiet recesses often relegated to the corner of community consciousness to active and vibrant centers of activity with extensive resources for everyone.

No longer are libraries simply a selection of books for a few bibliophiles. The light and airy environment and myriad of materials are well used. Rooms are filled with all age groups, ethnic backgrounds and special needs and requests. People are busy reading, admiring artworks, selecting books (and periodical publications) including non-English collections and American Sign Language, DVDs, talking books and other materials working and playing on computers and using study rooms.

Activities entice the community to hear lectures, join how-to classes, take advantage of tutoring opportunities, watch movies, enroll in computer classes - even one in which teens teach seniors - and participate in much more. Libraries with personnel like Angela have moved to the center of community life and continue to expand their embrace of all its facets. Angela sums it up commenting that libraries, available to all, represent the true meaning of a free society.

Recently, Angela announced her retirement as of May 3, 2008. TCV met with her to ask about the Fremont libraries and her career as a librarian and future plans.

TCV: Are the Fremont libraries heavily used?

Yang: The Centerville Library is the fourth busiest library in the Alameda County Library system. There are ten libraries in our system and Fremont has four of them - Fremont Main, Centerville, Irvington and Niles. The others are Newark, Union City, Dublin, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and Albany. Even though Centerville is only open two days a week, the per-hour circulation is right behind Dublin. Irvington is very busy with a per-hour circulation of 120 which is busier than San Lorenzo. At Fremont Main, we check out 600 items per hour which is the highest in the Bay Area. On a weekday, 2,300 to 2,500 people use this library - on Saturday, over 3,500. In February, we had a record 3,814. It is wonderful and also a challenge for the staff.

TCV: Is the bookmobile part of the system?

Yang: Yes. It is part of the county library system and heavily used. About 40% of bookmobile stops are in the city of Fremont. The Fremont Main Library is only open six days a week and Irvington is open one day a week. From Central Park to the border with Santa Clara County, there are no libraries. Many of the bookmobile stops are in areas that are quite a distance from our libraries.

TCV: What programs are available for children at the library?

Yang: Everything from bicycle safety to teaching children how to be good story tellers. There is so much focus on academic achievement in our community - this is a place to learn life skills. Last month we had 72 programs for children: preschool story time, computer programs (we have computers for children too) and even movies for “tweens” age 8 - 13, music, math and science. We have become a community center.

TCV: How does the library interact with schools?

Yang: It is very important to interest children in reading. We have a program that emphasizes sharing our resources with teachers and letting them know that we consider ourselves partners with them. Children’s Services is 51% of everything we do at the Fremont Main Library. We have a very close relationship with the school district, private schools and many programs for home school parents and children.

TCV: Are there other programs that reach out to children at school?

Yang: The Bookleggers go to schools to read books to the children. This program has volunteers who have been with it for 20 years. Last year, bookleggers read stories to 18,000 students.
Awards & Recognitions

CONGRATULATIONS TO MENGXIONG!

Dr. Mengxiong Liu, Engineering Librarian and Professor of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University has been selected for a Fulbright Senior Specialists and completed her Fulbright project in Uruguay at Latin American Center for Human Economy (CLAEH) and The British Schools during the month of November 2007. Dr. Liu advised, recommended and evaluated the design and structure of the postgraduate degree in management of digital resources at CLAEH, and the information literacy program at the British Schools. She also delivered seminars on topics focusing on digital libraries and information literacy to an audience of postgraduate students, librarians, information technology specialists, and educators at the secondary and tertiary level within the community.

Dr. Mengxiong Liu is one of over 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who traveled abroad in 2007 through the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, created in 2000 to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, provides short-term academic opportunities to prominent U.S. faculty and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at post secondary, academic institutions around the world.

The Fulbright Program, Americas flagship international educational exchange activity, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Over its 60 years of existence, thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals have taught, studied or conducted research abroad, and thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States. Over 285,000 emerging leaders in their professional fields have received Fulbright awards, including individuals who later became heads of government, Nobel Prize winners, and leaders in education, business, journalism, the arts and other fields.

Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement. Among thousands of prominent Fulbright Scholar alumni are Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist; Alan Leshner, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet; and Craig Barrett, Chairman of the Board of Intel Corporation. Distinguished Fulbright Senior Specialist participants include Mahmoud Ayoub, Professor of Religion at Temple University, Heidi Hartmann, President and CEO, Institute for Women’s Policy Research, Percy R. Luney, Jr. Dean and Professor, College of Law, Florida A&M University and Emily Vargas-Barone, Founder and Executive Director of the RISE Institute.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MENGXIONG!

Dr. Mengxiong Liu on her Fulbright experience in Uruguay was telecasted at 11pm (Pacific time) on Monday, January 28, at the “Talk Tonight” show on KTSF Channel 26. It was re-telecasted at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 29. CALA members living in Northern California are able to receive it.

Please see the press release here:
http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/march2008/humphry.cfm

Barbara Ford, Director at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, former president of ALA, a CALA life member, and the keynote speaker for one of the CALA 21st Century Seminars held at Yunnan Normal University in July of 2006 has won this years American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Committees John Ames/Humphry/OCLC/ Forest Press Award. This is a well-deserving award for Barbara who has made outstanding contributions to international librarianship. Please note that Barbara will be recognized during the International Relations Round Table Chairs Program on Monday, June 30, at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Please see the press release here:
http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/march2008/humphry.cfm
Dear CALA Members and Friends:

Please join me to congratulate Liana Zhou, CALA Past President, and Director of Library and Archives at the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, on receiving the 2008 Equality Award by the American Library Association.

The ALA Equality Award recognizes Liana Zhou’s significant and outstanding contributions that promote equality in the library profession. The award includes $500 and a 24k gold-framed citation generously donated by Scarecrow Press, Inc.

In addition to her leadership roles with the Chinese American Librarians Association (including terms as president) and the American Library Association (including terms on ALA Council, the Diversity Council), and Joint Conference for Librarians of Color (JCLC06), Liana has served on numerous professional committees and is a frequently invited speaker, including the Asian Federation for Sexology, the Association for Asian Studies and the Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality.

The ALA Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, July 1, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Inaugural Banquet/Ball will be held from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the ALA Awards Reception and Inaugural Ball for ALA incoming President Jim Rettig in one of the headquarters hotels in Anaheim, California during the 2008 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. This ALA black-tie or cultural dress gala evening will include music, banquet, and dancing. Ticket to the Inaugural Banquet is available from ALA Registration at a cost of $89 each. You are welcome to seat with Liana at her table.

Congratulations again to Liana on this great honor! You are a shining star! Please see ALA Press Release on Liana’s Award below.

Best wishes,

Sally C. Tseng
CALA Honorary Executive Director

Liana Zhou  Winner of the 2008 ALA Equality Award

Good news on CALA members’ achievements keep coming in!!! Congratulations to all election and Awards winners!!! CALA is not only full of talented librarians but also includes many (Wo hu cang long = Crouching Tigers and Hidden Dragons).

Dr. ShaLi Zhang  CALA’s 2008/2009 President and winner of the 2008 Chair-elect of the ALA International Relations Round Table. Dr. Zhang is the Assistant Dean for Collections and Technical Services, University Libraries, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In addition to her numerous ALA leadership roles, specially noteworthy are Dr. Zhang’s long-time professional activities and contributions to international library services, and her editorship and contributions to the successful ALA publication of the International Leads.

Priscilla Yu, Professor Emerita of Library Administration, University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. Her recent scholarly research paper entitled, “History of Modern Librarianship in East Asia” presented at the 2006 IFLA Conference in Seoul and published by electronically in the journal of Library History. The latest content may be viewed at www.ingentaconnect.com/content/maney.

Carol Yuan Gee and Janey Sheau-yueh Chao  winners of the PSCCUNY (New York City University Professional Congress) Research award, in a total of $7,495.00, for their research project on the genealogy of the Yuan Shikai family. Carol is one of the granddaughters of the late General Yuan Shikai, See http://www.worldjournal.com/weekly92 disp.php?nt_seq_id=1642430 published in the Dec. 23, 2007 Weekly World Journal.

Yuan Shikai, 1859-1916, was one of the most significant Chinese political figures in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was a high military official of the Qing Dynasty who succeeded Dr. Sun Yat-sen as the President of the Republic of China from 1915-1916. Carol and Janey, with their background and professional expertise will be the best librarians to trace the Yuan’s genealogy! Let’s look forward to reading the Yuan’s genealogical compilation.
Films 'R' Us: Jim Cheng, University of California–San Diego
University of California–San Diego

Realizing that East Asian studies professors at University of California–San Diego (UCSD) were increasingly using popular media for research and teaching, librarian Jim Cheng built an unparalleled collection of East Asian films for them. This now-renowned collection (including posters, too) has enabled faculty and student research on a wide variety of topics.

Cheng publicized the collection through a series of film festivals featuring directors and scholars from UCSD and around the globe. The 2003 symposium capitalized on Cheng's underground Chinese film collection, which one UCSD professor considers the best in the world. His 2007 symposium on the Chinese Cultural Revolution featured films and personal recollections of people who lived through it—including Cheng himself, who was sent with his parents (both science professors) to the countryside.

UCSD librarian Catherine Friedman credits Cheng's creation of this unique resource with building university support and an international reputation for UCSD Libraries, as well as a better understanding of a region that “will have significant impact on the future of the United States.”

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Ka-Neng Au receives RUSA Dun & Bradstreet Award

CHICAGO–Ka-Neng Au, business librarian, John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers University, Newark (N.J.), is the 2008 recipient of the Dun & Bradstreet Award for Outstanding Service to Minority Business Communities. The award is sponsored by Dun & Bradstreet and presented by the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS) of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

The award, $2,000 and a citation, is given to a librarian or library that has created an innovative service for a minority business community or has been recognized by that community as an outstanding service provider. Minority business is defined as Hispanics, African Americans, Asians, Native Americans or people from the Indian subcontinent, as classified by the U. S. Government for minority-owned businesses.

Ka-Neng Au is a contributor to a research guide (http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/busi/business.shtml) that has links to more than 3,000 selected business and management-related Internet resources.

"Mr. Au goes beyond his traditional responsibilities as a business reference librarian at Rutgers University to help the Rutgers-Newark Small Business Development Center (http://msbdc.newark.rutgers.edu/) develop and teach classes to small business owners—a vast majority of which are minority owners" said Susan Wolf Neilson, award committee chair.

"I am very honored to be selected for this award," stated Ka-Neng Au. "The award also honors the long-standing relationship between the John Cotton Dana Library and the Rutgers-Newark Small Business Development Center."

The award will be presented at RUSA Awards Ceremony from 4 to 6 p.m. on June 30 during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim (Calif.).
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

KA CHUEN YUAN GEE, a member of the North East chapter, received a grant award of $3,100 from the City University of New York Research Grants Committee, for her research project on the Yuan Shikai family genealogy. Ka Chuen will travel to China this fall to pursue her research.

April, 2008, **DR. YAN MA** received 2008 Diversity Award of Faculty Excellence Leadership/Service, University of Rhode Island.
Chair of the Organizing Committee to organize the Conference of Enhancing Multiculturalism: Chinese Cultural Immersion for Global Leaders and Partners in Higher Education, Hangzhou, China, May 25-28, 2008. The participants included Vice Provosts, Deans, Associate Deans, Directors, and professors from US, Ireland, Australia, and Netherlands. Dr. Yan Ma and Patrick Otton will present "Diversity and Chinese Information Services" at the 2008 Diversity & Outreach Fair on Saturday, June 28th, 2008 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm during the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.

SHUYONG JIANG & Ping Situ
CALA member and CALAMW Chapter President, Shuyong Jiang from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, together with Ping Situ from the University of Arizona, have won this year’s ACRL Samuel Lazerow Fellowship Award. They are selected for the award for their research project on vendor-provided records and the experience of a research library in outsourcing cataloging service for its Chinese language materials.

Please see the press release here: [http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/lazerow08.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/february2008/lazerow08.cfm)

Janet Lu has received the C.O.R.E. (Celebrating the Outstanding by Rewarding Excellence) Award at the Nebraska Wesleyan University on April 2, 2008. This award goes to a staff member whose “contributions significantly exceed expectations in demonstrating or promoting one or more of the core values: Excellence, liberal arts, personal attention to students, diversity, community and stewardship”.
Janet has also been invited to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the initiation into Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held on April 14, 2008.
Program and Banquet at the CLA Annual Conference

The SCA Chapter held its program at the California Library Associations Annual Conference in Long Beach on October 28, 2007. Five SCA members from academic and public libraries—Helen Tsai (Deputy Director of Public Services, Los Angeles County Library), Cesar Caballero (Dean of Libraries, CSU San Bernardino), Yongyi Song (Head of Technical Services, CSU Los Angeles), Ying Zhang Asian Studies Librarian, UC Irvine), and Ying Xu (Public Services Librarian, CSU Los Angeles) gave a panel presentation entitled “New and Special Services to our Diversified Society”.

Immediately after the Program, we hosted the Chinese fund-raising Banquet. Due to its success year after year, this event has become a CLA/CALA tradition that attracts many CALA supporters. VIP guests among our Spring Program 2008

SCA held its Spring program on March 6, 2008 at Monterey Park Library. Dr. Stephen Ma, Professor of Political Science at California State University, Los Angeles was our invited speaker. He gave a seminar entitled “Public Employees: Honesty, Moral Standards, and Access to Information.” While discussing the ethic codes of American Library Association, he also introduced the ethical codes for social workers. Questions and concerns were raised by the audience regarding the academic dishonesty or resume fraud by some public employee in Southern California in securing her/his current position. CALA-SCA condemns any such academic dishonesty and fraud that violate ethics and laws of this country. Most of us are the first generation immigrants who worked hard to be law-abiding and contributing citizens of this country. At professional level, many CALA leaders and members worked tirelessly to establish and promote the professional image and reputation of CALA. We as public employees and professionals should stand up to defend principles and integrity.

After the Seminar, members visited the Huntington Library. Laura Stalker, Head of Collection Development and Reader Services, presented a tour of the Library’s collections and the newly-built Technical Services and Book Preservation building. Afterwards, members visited Liu Fang Yuan, the newly opened Chinese Garden.
CALA /MW/KS & MO had a gathering on January 19, 2008, Sat. at Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch. We had six people participated. Fu Zhuo, Instruction librarian from Univ. of Missouri in Kansas City, Junie Hao, Cataloging head from Olathe Public Library in Olathe, KS, Deng Sai Metadata Catalog Librarian, and Graduate student, Levi Zhe-ming Wang from Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, Lihui Xiong and I (Jane Cheng) from Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Spencer Art Reference Library, K.C. MO. Unfortunately, Vickie Fu, Sharon Zhang and Julie Wang could not participate, due to illness.

The meeting went very well. Zhuo Fu, newly librarian in UMKC/KC shared his experience as an Instruction librarian in the University Library. His practical experience and effort to study and to advance him was very inspiring to all of us. Julie Hao, as head of cataloging in the public library, talked about the public library and its new collection, is also widened out view on the contemporary public library. Sai Deng, our speaker from Wichita State University Library presented her “Digital imaging and the Early Sedgwick Country Township Maps Project”. She used the minimal resources to create the imaging database for the Wichita State University Library. It was very impressive. Levi Wang, the graduate student of computer science from Wichita State University, also interested in library work. We encouraged him to pursue another degree in Information Science. Our meeting was completed about two hours.

Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch, is a newly re-build library on the same ground. It is very large and modern in the center of the Plaza area, surrounding with cultural institutions. We had a good tour, guided by their Reference Librarian. After the tour, we went to Bo-ling Restaurant in Plaza area to have a Chinese dim sum lunch and continue our talk and social. It was a very pleasant and rewarding meeting.

We went to Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art to visit after the lunch. Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art had a new addition “Block building”, designed by New York architect, Steven Holl. The design of the building won the first design award among the museum buildings this year. Spencer Art Reference Library has been moved to the first Block building since spring, 2007. Our group visited the Spencer Art Reference Library as well as the current exhibition “Rising dragon, ancient treasure from China”. I also took Sai Deng and Levi Wang to visit our famous Chinese collection.

CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Meeting held May 2-3, 2008 at Argosy University Chicago. Keynote speaker, Michael Dowling gave a presentation on the ALA International Relations Office. Dr. Li Tze-Chung, Students members from UIUC and otehr MW members participated in the meeting.

CHINESE-AMERICAN LIBRARIAN ASSOCIATION /MIDWEST CHAPTER/KS & MO

Jane Cheng

The NE Chapter successfully hosted a two-day program to welcome the 2007 Library Society of China Delegation during the delegation’s stay in New York City in October 2007.

The delegation visited the well-known Donnell Library Center on October 28, and several of our CALA/NE Chapter Board members were there to greet the group from various parts of China. The delegation was very impressed by the extensive collection of the World Language Collection (70 languages in circulation collection) and the rich services provided by the Donnell Language Center.

The "Welcome the 2007 Library Society of China Delegation" program was held on October 29, 2007 at the Central Library of the Brooklyn Public Library. Over 60 people attended the program, and they came from different library systems in the Northeast region. In addition to librarians and administrators from the Brooklyn Public Library, attendees also came from the New York Public Library, Queens Public Library, Columbia University, City University of New York, New Jersey City University, Rutgers University, Bergen Community College, and Yale University.

The Director of the BPL, Ms Dionne Mack-Harbin, provided an excellent presentation on her library system. It was very informative and helpful to the delegation and the attendees.

Ms. Deng Juying, the Deputy Director of the Capital Library, and Mr. Chen Shengli, the Chief of the Library Division, Bureau of Social Culture and Library, Ministry of Culture of the People’s Republic of China, also delivered very interesting speeches on the development of library services in China.

The question and answer session at the end of the presentations received a very positive response from those present. They were very glad to have this opportunity to get to know one another more and to exchange experiences. We hope this program would serve as the first step of idea exchange between the Chinese and American librarians in the U.S. Northeast region, and we look forward to future exchange opportunities.

Newspaper such as the World Journal, Qiao Bao, and Singtao Daily reported this special event to the Chinese community after the program.


The program featured a photo exhibition on Wang Luobin’s life and career with 68 photos from Mr. Martin Sze’s valuable personal collection. Mr. Sze was Wang’s fellow musician in Xinjiang. In addition, there was a chorus performance of Wang Luobin’s songs by the famous Uncle Yao’s Chorus.

The event attracted over 180 attendees, and it was an overwhelming success.

Please follow the following link to review the program pictures:

http://picasaweb.google.com/sqliu2007/WangLuobinProgramCALANEChapter

3. A Slide Lecture on “From the Taj Mahal to Mount Fuji: Treasures of Asia” - April 12, 2008

Over 40 people showed up on the special slide lecture program “From the Taj Mahal to Mount Fuji: Treasures of Asia” on April 12, 2008, held at the Forest Hills Community Library.

The lecturer Natalie DeVoe, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, presented a very interesting slide-illustrated lecture on selected Asian art works from the world famous Metropolitan Museum. The audience learnt something about the shared artistic traditions and differences in art from China, Korea, India, and Japan.

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Dear CALA members: I want to introduce and remind you about ALA-APA. But first, let me thank all of you who have supported ALA-APA in so many ways, with your ideas, telling others about the organization, serving on committees and making donations. Still, there are so many library employees who don't know what this association can do for you, so this brief orientation may help. Within ALA-APA, there's something for everyone! You know that ALA's mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information. You might not realize, however, that ALA created an organization to raise librarian and support staff salaries and status: the ALA-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA — http://www.ala-ap.org). It is housed in the ALA offices in Chicago, IL.

ALA-APA can help you to improve your salary, status and career opportunities!

+ Attend our salary negotiation workshop every year at the ALA Annual Conference – It works! Learn what's negotiable, practice negotiating and let us know what happens once you put your new skills to the test. If you don't attend conference, there are instructions and examples in the Better Salaries and Pay Equity Toolkit – http://www.ala-ap.org/toolkit.pdf. We also host management and professional development programs.

+ Are you a public librarian who wants to be a manager or a manager who wants to fill in a few learning gaps? Consider the Certified Public Library Administrator Program. CPLA offers courses in the skills you need most, like personnel and building management, marketing and budgeting, culminating in a certification. Candidates talk about how the program is changing their work lives, giving them confidence, a better understanding and relevant knowledge right when they need it. One candidate said, “These courses were a god-send and I am anxiously awaiting the start of my next class which is on Planning and Management of Buildings (just in time as the heat went off in our building today!). I wish I could express to you how much I am enjoying these courses. For years I contemplated enrolling in a doctorate’s program, but I honestly was looking for something that was more ingrained with everyday tasks (and headaches) facing public librarians. Our Regional Library published an article in their monthly newsletter about the CPLA program and I thought “this is just what I am looking for.” The next application deadline is March 8, 2008. Find out more at http://www.ala-ap.org/certification/cplaaapplication.html.

+ If you are quirky, have an interesting background or a unique skill set, you can be a spotlight in or write for our monthly e-newsletter Library World. A subscription to Library World is a free member benefit for ALA institutional members and $35/year for individual ALA members - http://www.ala-ap.org/newsletter/4nspecial.html.

+ Use our data to research and identify trends in librarian and support staff salaries – We survey public and academic libraries each year and report salaries for more than 65 positions. The reports are available in print and in a database that allows you to run reports by library types, state and region - http://www.ala-ap.org/salaries/alaapasurveys.html.

+ Are you entrepreneurial, enthusiastic, experienced and/or eager to break into committee work? Serve on one of our exciting committees. Even if you already serve on three ALA committees, you can still serve with ALA-APA:
  o Salaries and Status of Library Workers
  o Publishing
  o Fundraising

+ Nominate someone or yourself for the SirsiDynix Award for Outstanding Achievement in Promoting the Salaries and Status of Library Workers. This $5000 annual award honors those people or institutions that have made a significant difference in staff salaries - http://www.ala-ap.org/salaries/sirsidynixaward.html. Nominations open again in October, but we will meet the 2008 winners at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA, at the Networking Breakfast on Sunday morning. The breakfast is also a forum for finding out more about unions in libraries (no, ALA-APA is not a union).

+ Let us know if you are hosting a great idea that will elevate the status of our profession. We are also happy to come speak at your librarianship classes and/or conferences about salaries, certification, stress management, personal advocacy and more.

+ Finally, celebrate National Library Workers Day (NLWD) on the Tuesday of National Library Week. The theme is “Libraries work because we do” and we have ideas on the NLWD site (http://www.ala-ap.org/about/ideas.html) for how to remind your communities, administrators and colleagues that you are valuable. If your library provides exceptional options for improving workplace wellness and work-life balance, let us know.

Contact me at any time for more information about any of these opportunities.

Jenifer Grady, MSLS, MBA
jgrady@ala.org; 800-545-2433, x2424
You are cordially invited to participate and/or to present paper(s) at the LSC Annual Conference to be held in Oct. 2008, (exact date and location to be decided). As in the past few years, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) will form a delegation to participate in the Conference.

Date and location of 2008 Library Society of China Annual Conference. See the following message:

"The date of 2008 LSC annual conference is confirmed as Oct 28-30. The registration date will be Oct. 27. The venue is confirmed as Chongqing. For conference theme, please see attached file or look at this link: http://www.lsc.org.cn/CN/News/2007-12/EnableSite_ReadNews1120716751198425600.html

The deadline for submitting for CALA members is April 30, 2008, but you need to provide your draft to Guoqing Li for review before April 20. This is a firm deadline if you want to participate in the competition for the 2008 LSC Best Papers Award. We are pleased to let you know that several CALA members are recipients of the Best Papers Awards during the past few years. But the first criterion is to meet the Deadline.

The fee for paper evaluation:
Paper in Chinese/LSC member: RMB 40 (or USD 6)
Paper in Chinese/NON-LSC member: RMB 60 (or USD 10)
Paper in English/NON-LSC member: RMB 160 (or USD 25)

The fee should be send to Guoqing Li as well, not to LSC, in order to avoid hassle of money transferring.

There might be after-conference tours.

More information will follow. If you have any question, please contact: Guoqing Li, email: li.272@osu.edu

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The International Conference on the Development of Subject Librarianship and Personal Librarianship

The International Conference on the Development of Subject Librarianship and Personal Librarianship will be held at Capital Normal University Library in Beijing, China, October 14-16, 2008. The theme of the conference is the development of subject librarianship and personal librarianship. The conference web site is http://www.netlib.edu.cn/huiyi/index.html. For more information, please contact Michael Bailou Huang, michael.b.huang@stonybrook.edu, 631-444-3794.
With a title bearing similarities to that of ILIG’s 2005 AGM (Edward Dudley, Marigold Cleeve, Simon Francis and Sylva Simsova - ‘Looking Back and Moving Forwards - Has ILIG lost its way?’), I thought ILIGlist readers may like to know about the Hong Kong Library Association conference later in 2008 to commemorate its 50th anniversary:-

In 2008, The Hong Kong Library Association celebrates its 50th Anniversary! To commemorate this event, the HKLA will be hosting an international conference “Looking Back, Moving Forward: Asian Libraries in the World of Information”, focusing on the key issues and challenges which face libraries in Asia today. (http://www.hkla.org/events/2008/conf/)

The main themes covered by the conference will be:
- Asian Digital Libraries Digitisation, Preservation and Conservation Initiatives
- Libraries, Learning and Language
- Library Buildings and Learning Spaces
- The Internet, Social Networking, Web 2.0 and Libraries
- Learning Technologies and Libraries
- Issues in Library Management
- Library Professional Development in Asia

The HKLA 50th Anniversary Conference will bring together speakers and participants from across the region and the world to discuss and debate these issues. In addition, in recognition of the 50 years of the HKLA, we will be hosting a number of presentations and other events on the history and development of libraries and librarianship in Hong Kong. The conference will be held over two days - the 4th and 5th November 2008 - at the Hong Kong Central Library, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

This is the first call for papers to be presented at the HKLA 50th Anniversary Conference. You are invited to submit a paper on a topic related to the above themes for presentation at the Conference. An abstract of your proposed paper of approximately 500 words is to be submitted together with your contact details to the HKLA 50th Anniversary Conference Secretariat by Friday the 23rd May 2008. Abstracts using the attached form can be submitted by email to Ms Venia Mak, Honorary Secretary, HKLA, at ymmak@ied.edu.hk or by mail or fax to the address listed below. All applicants will be notified by early June of the acceptance of their paper, and full papers will be required for submission for inclusion in the Proceedings by the end of September.

Papers may be submitted and presented in either English or Chinese. Mandarin/English translation will be available during the Conference.

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TCV: Is the Fremont Main Library considered a large library?

Yang: We are considered a medium size library. Libraries are judged by the population served. The county library system serves about 500,000 people. In Alameda County there are separate city libraries not in our county library system. The book count in Fremont is about 430,000. All of our libraries together check out about 1.5 million items a year.

Libraries today are a lot more than just checking out our items. Digital databases allow us to do a lot more. People come for programs, quiet study, listen to a lecture or use or electronic resources either at home or here. The advantage of coming here is that help is close by if they need it. We offer classes for people to know how to use these resources effectively.

There is also the ability for borrowing between libraries in our consortium and a “link plus” system that allows the transfer of materials from libraries outside the state. For instance, if someone needs something from the Harvard library, we can access it. It only costs postage. Electronic items can be accessed immediately.

This is the best age for curious people. The advantage of library data bases is that they are organized. Information is so easily available that the challenge now is critical thinking - how to select from all the possibilities. We are in the business of information organization and, with all the additional programs, so much more.
Dear fellow CALA members,

Many of you know of the nonprofit projects by Apple Tree Library Foundation. We are a California-based 501(c)(3) that establishes English-language public children’s libraries in China. Our website is www.appletreelibrary.org. Although it needs some updating, you can still see what we do and view pictures of our existing sites. 4 more Apple Tree Libraries will open this year - Nanjing, Dalian, Xianyang, and Beijing.

We have been receiving applications for donations for next year, and we are looking for help. Rather than relying solely on the information provided by the library themselves, we ask local volunteers to pay an un-announced visit to the library for first-hand impressions and most up-to-date situations. Some of the past visits have proven to be invaluable, and were major determinants in our final selections.

Please, if you will visit any of the following cities, or if you have family or friends in any of them, let me know. I will be happy to give you a guideline of what to look for, and what information to provide to us. The volunteer doesn’t need to be a librarian at all, although that would help. All we need is for someone to go see the place, look around and take pictures, ask about getting a library card and/or programs the library offers, pick up brochures or class schedules, etc. Because we focus on children's services, if a youngster can go along and give his/her impression, that would be even better.

Right now we would like someone to visit the four cities below:
- ChongQing
- ShaoXing
- QingDao
- LiuZhou

A site visit is an essential part of our selection process. We appreciate any assistance you can offer. If a city is eventually chosen to be our partner, the volunteer who visits will know that he/she is instrumental in bringing an English-language collection to the children of that city, and will certainly be invited to attend the ceremony when the Apple Tree Library opens.

Thank you.

Cathy Hsiao
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Both titles are available:

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Email: chinaclassics@yahoo.com

Lisa Zhao, a member of CALA, recently published a children book based on her son’s earlier age drawings that she collected for years. The title of the book is “Start from Here: A Boy’s Art Work.” The book collected 100 pieces of art works done by her son before his 15th birthday with her comments. These illustrations are presented in seven categories: Cities and scenes, Science related, Nature, Computer graphics, Movies, Cartoons and Love. The brief introduction and sample of the book can be found at:

http://www.xlibris.com/StartFromHere.html

Lisa Zhao currently works as an assistant catalog librarian at Univ. of Ill. at Chicago Daley Library.

Buchet Chastel, a French publishing house in Paris, has just published Yongyi Songs book Les Massacres de la Revolution Culturelle. This is the French edition of Yongyi’s book (Eds.) in Chinese, which was also translated into Japanese in 2006. Marie Holzman, a well-known French scholar wrote the preface for the book, in which she highly praised Songs research contributions.

Yongyi is invited by Center for International Relations of French National Academy to give a speech: Memories of the Chinese Cultural Revolution in Paris on February 22, 2008.

# CALA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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