

Date: April 14, 2009  
To: Ruth Solie, Executive Director NLLN  
From: Stacy Voeller  
Re: Report for NLLN Professional Engagement Award for the ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 2009, Denver

Thank you so much for the support of the Professional Engagement Award to attend the midwinter meeting in Denver. I served in a variety of capacities once again which included chairing ACRL's College Libraries Section Leadership Committee, leading the sub-committee for the Leadership Committee to choose an award winner for CLS's inaugural award, being a committee member on LITA's Assessment & Research Committee, and serving as Editor of *Cognotes* as well as contributing articles as a reporter.

As Chair of the Leadership Committee, it became my responsibility upon my appointment to ensure the section's award, entitled the "CLS ProQuest Innovation in College Librarianship Award," received approval from ACRL and ALA, and then that the entire process of publicizing, receiving applications, and finding an award winner for this inaugural year was successful. I personally put a lot of time and effort into this whole process outside of the meeting in Denver, and I am very pleased to have seen it come to fruition. Not only did the Award and its procedures need approval from the CLS Executive Board, it also had to be formally passed by ACRL and ALA. I will also have the honor of participating in the award presentation in Chicago in July. In reality, the process began with my appointment to the committee in 2007 and was the culmination of a lot of hours of work outside of the two yearly ALA Midwinter and Annual Conferences.

Information on the award can be found at:

<http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/awards/clsproquest.cfm>

The press release on the award co-winners can be found at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/february2009/acrlproquest.cfm>

For the first time in Denver, I assumed the position of Editor of *Cognotes*. Much of the work for this happened prior to Denver and involved putting together a list of potential events to cover and getting assignments worked out with reporters. During conference, I covered last-minute events and also worked on doing copy editing for several of the stories turned in by reporters. I truly enjoy this role with ALA and hope to continue for a long time. In addition to Editor duties, I also wrote the following articles for the paper:

*Cognotes*:

Voeller, Stacy L. "ALSC Notable Children's Book Review." *Cognotes* [Denver, CO] 24 Jan. 2009: 3.

*Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Cognotes%20Sat%20Jan%2024%2009%20Denver%20\(Part%201\).pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Cognotes%20Sat%20Jan%2024%2009%20Denver%20(Part%201).pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. "Authors of Mystery Discuss Their Craft." *Cognotes* [Denver, CO] 25 Jan. 2009: 5. *Cognotes*. American Library Association.

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/CognotesSunJan2509%20\\_Denver\(Part%201\).pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/CognotesSunJan2509%20_Denver(Part%201).pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. "Grants Announced to Support Financial Education." *Cognotes* [Denver, CO] 25 Jan. 2009: 8. *Cognotes*. American Library Association. <

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Voeller, Stacy L. "Peace Prize Winner Speaks at President's Program." *Cognotes* [Denver, CO] 26 Jan. 2009: 3. *Cognotes*. American Library Association. 26 Jan. 2009

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Cognotes%20Mon%20Jan%2026%2009%20Denver%20\(Part%201\).pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Cognotes%20Mon%20Jan%2026%2009%20Denver%20(Part%201).pdf)>

Voeller, Stacy L. Reprint of "The Mix of Pedagogy and Social Technologies." Cognotes [Denver, CO] 26 Jan. 2009: 12. Cognotes. American Library Association. 26 Jan. 2009

<[http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Cognotes%20Mon%20Jan%2026%2009%20Denver%20\(Part%202\).pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/Cognotes%20Mon%20Jan%2026%2009%20Denver%20(Part%202).pdf)>

Friday, January 23, 2009

Notable Children's Books Committee Discussion: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
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Author Forum: Women of Mystery: 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM  
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Duties in Cognotes' office.

Saturday, January 24, 2009

ACRL/CLS Leadership Award Sub-Committee: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This sub-committee met to go through the award nominations/applications for the CLS ProQuest Innovation in College Librarianship Award.

ACRL/CLS Leadership Committee: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

This is the committee I currently Chair. The sub-committee presented the award winner and discussed the merits of the winning librarians. The committee also discussed future improvements to the award requirements and wording to encourage appropriate nominations/applications in the future. Details were fine-tuned for the media release for ACRL.

President's Press Conference on FINRA/ALA Grants: 2:00 PM

Covered for Cognotes: The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association (ALA) have announced nearly \$882,000 in grants to 12 recipients as a part of the Smart investing@your library® initiative.

Duties in Cognotes' office.

Sunday, January 25, 2009

ACRL/CLS Executive Committee: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

As Chair of the Leadership Committee, I am required to attend Exec where I reported on the progress regarding the winners of our new award.

ALA President's Program featuring Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Muhammad Yunus: 3:30- 5:30 PM  
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Duties in Cognotes' office.

ProQuest/CSA Dinner: 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

This was a vendor-sponsored event.

Monday, January 26, 2009

LITA Assessment and Research Committee: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Duties in Cognotes' office.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

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