



## BREAKING NEWS

### Quarterly News from the Library Support Staff Certification Program

Happy New Year. We at the Library Support Staff Certification Program are looking forward to the upcoming year with exciting activities planned for our growing program.

#### LSSC tops 200 Registrants and has 11 graduates

In December 2011, LSSC registered its 200<sup>th</sup> candidate with more applying each week. In the last three months, five candidates achieved certification: Eva Marie Fiffie and Susan Baker from Louisiana and Debra Brown Wilson from New York. In her letter informing us that she was submitting her final Certificate of Course Achievement, Susan Baker wrote: *I truly enjoyed the courses I took and learned so much. I feel a true sense of accomplishment and I would highly recommend the LSSC program to others.*

Tracey Hill and Julie Wright, new graduates from Palomar College in San Marcos California, received their Library Support Staff Certification through an agreement between ALA and Palomar College. LSSC reviewed the Palomar curriculum and determined it matched the ALA/LSSC competencies, thus Palomar graduates are immediately eligible for Certification as soon as they graduate.

#### Registration Assistance Awards (RAA)

This fall, LSSC, in cooperation with the [Library Support Staff Interests Round Table](#) and six state libraries and cooperatives, awarded over 100 Registration Assistance Awards. The participating states included the Mississippi State Library, the Washington State Library, the Wyoming State Library, the Louisiana State Library, the Idaho Commission for Libraries, and the Colorado Library Consortium. RAAs provide \$175 of the \$350 enrollment fee.



#### Agreements with Library Technology Programs

LSSC currently has agreements with five LTA programs that recognize their curriculums as matching the ALA/LSSC competencies: The College of DuPage, Waubensee Community College, and Illinois Central College in Illinois; the Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana; and Palomar College in California. LSSC is currently working with the Pasadena Community College to sign an agreement. This fall, eleven additional LTA programs were accepted to have their curriculums reviewed for agreement with the ten ALA/LSSC competency sets. These reviews will occur over the next year.

## ALA Midwinter Activity

LSSC will sponsor two sessions at the [ALA Midwinter Meeting](#) in Dallas. The Certification Review Committee (CRC) is the official Advisory Committee for LSSC. CRC meets on Sunday, January 22, from 8-10am at the DCC in Room 140. LSSC will also conduct an open forum with information about all aspects of LSSC. We hope support staff, their managers and directors, and educational providers will join us at the forum on Sunday, January 22, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in DCC 168.



## Portfolios

In the last three months, three candidates have successfully submitted portfolios for review. Portfolio evaluators continue to be impressed with the quality of the work represented in the portfolios. Sample portfolio submissions are available on the [LSSC website](#). LSSC staff members offer a webinar on portfolio preparation each month and [archive these for convenient viewing](#).

## Monthly webinars

Upcoming webinars are scheduled for:

- [January 17<sup>th</sup>](#) – Preparing a Portfolio for LSSC
- [January 31<sup>st</sup>](#) – Introduction to the LSSC Program
- [February 7<sup>th</sup>](#) - Preparing a Portfolio for LSSC
- [February 14<sup>th</sup>](#) - Using the LiveText Certification Management System

All webinars, upcoming and archived, are available on the [LSSC website](#).

## Upcoming Presentations

Watch for LSSC staff to make presentations at the following locations in the next three months. To invite LSSC staff to present at your library or conference, contact [lssc@ala.org](mailto:lssc@ala.org).

- [ALA Midwinter](#), Dallas Texas, January 22, all staff.
- [Tennessee Library Association](#), March 23, Nancy Bolt, Project Co-director

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