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Excitement Building for State Library Conference

(Wisconsin Dells, WI) – Librarians across the state will attend the Wisconsin Library Association Conference from October 17-20 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, 1305 Kalahari Drive in Wisconsin Dells.

“We expect to see over 800 librarians at this year’s conference,” said Plumer Lovelace III, executive director of the Wisconsin Library Association. “It’s a great opportunity for all of them who work in public, academic, school and special libraries to network and experience professional development.”

The conference keynote address will be presented by Grace Lim from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17 in Suite A/B/G/H in the convention center. Lim is an instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and has more than 20 years of journalism experience. She will talk about her experience with public libraries when she came to the United States from Taiwan at age 5.

Other conference highlights on Wednesday include the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening at 10 a.m. with more than 50 library-related vendors and independent authors and publishers, and a luncheon with author Andrea Davis Pinkney from 11:40 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. in Suite A/H.

Programmer, storyteller and illustrator Linda Liukas will give a keynote address from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 18 in Suite A/H. Traveling from Heksinki, Finland, Liukas will talk about the role libraries play in coding and technology. From 11:40 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday in Suite A/H, librarian Jessamyn West will present at a luncheon on the digital divide.

Former Wisconsin governor Martin Schreiber will present a session on being an Alzheimer’s caregiver from 10:35 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. on Friday, October 19 in the Tamboti Room. Schreiber served as the governor of Wisconsin from 1977-1979 and is one of the nation’s leaders for Alzheimer caregivers.

For more information on the WLA Conference, visit its website at <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/events-conferences/annual-conference/wla-conference-home> or contact Wisconsin Library Association executive director Plumer Lovelace III at 608-245-3640.

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