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Summer may not be the best time to write about impact and influence. If you're heading for a long weekend at the Oregon coast (or at "the lake," for those of you on the eastern side of the state), I won't hold it against you if this issue of *Alki* doesn't make it into your beach bag. Or it may be the perfect time to consider your influence on others and their impact on you. A good friend (and long-time school librarian) once told me that "learners reflect." The phrase has stuck with me. Consider these articles to be opportunities for reflection as you stretch out on the chaise longue.

Rand Simmons and members of the Washington team for National Library Legislative Day 2009 describe going to Washington, DC, to make a change—and finding the biggest change is in themselves. Mike Wirt provides a wrap-up of the state legislative session. In "Who's on First," Jonathan Betz-Zall remembers intellectual freedom activist Judith Krug and reminds us that we are all responsible for protecting the right to read freely. Jennifer Knight describes how a small group of youth-services students is having a big impact at the University of Washington's iSchool. Samantha Becker and researchers at the iSchool study the impact of public access computing on U.S. communities.

If you missed "Impact and Influence," WLA's annual conference held in Spokane in April, this issue of *Alki* documents some of the highlights in word and image. (You can also listen to a podcast of ALA President Jim Rettig's ALA/PLA breakfast speech at the *Alki Café* at http://wla.org/publications/alki/alki-cafe/.) Bo Kinney, Jenny Westlund, and Steve Duncan recap some of the conference sessions in their articles. Articles about or based on conference presentations are indicated with the conference logo. Be sure to check out the 2009

> **"The National Library Legislative Day team went to Washington, DC, to make a change—and discovered the biggest change was in themselves."**

WLA award recipients, portraits of influence past, present, and future. And meet WLA's new executive director, Dana Murphy-Love.

Slather on the sunscreen and make sure you have plenty of ice in the cooler. But don't leave this issue of *Alki* at home. In the grand scheme of things, it's okay if you get a little sand between the pages. 📖

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