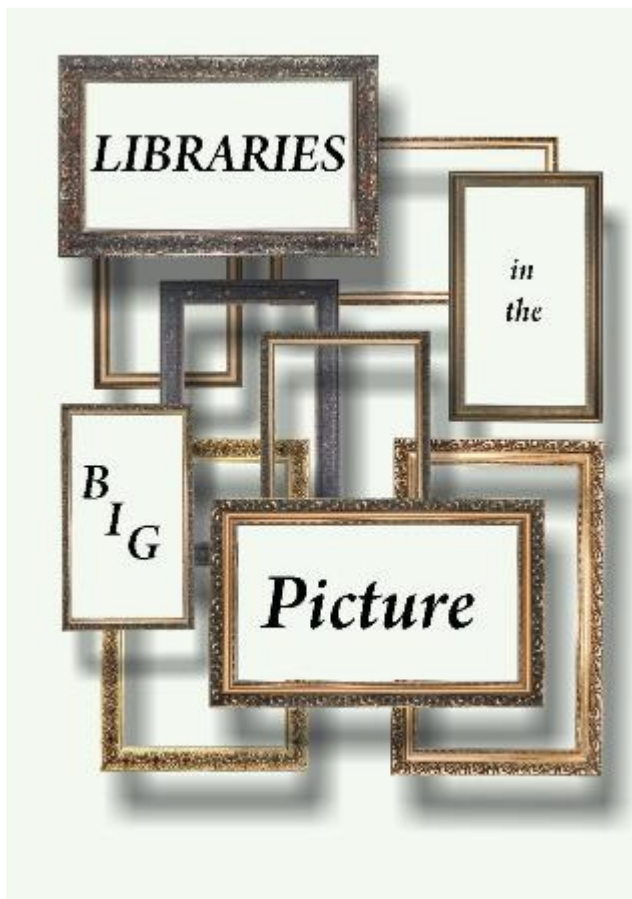


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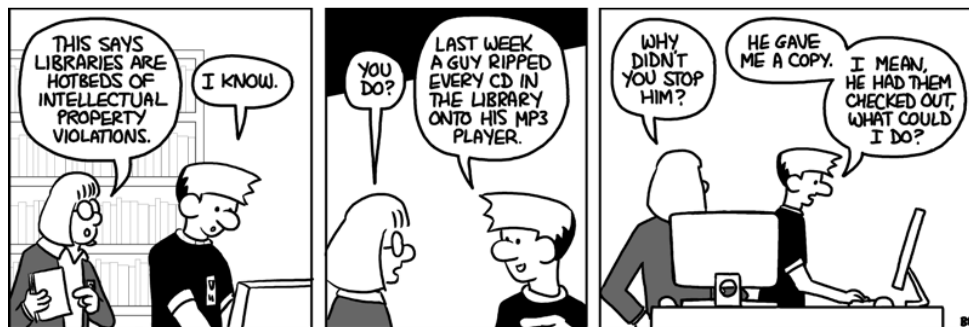
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A statewide conference organized by the volunteers of the Vermont School Library Association and the Vermont Library Association



Keynote Speakers: Bill Barnes and Gene Ambaum from “Unshelved”

Endnote Speaker: Michael Sullivan, author of “Connecting Boys with Books: What Libraries Can Do”



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# 114<sup>th</sup> Vermont Library Conference

Welcome to the 2008 Vermont Library Conference. The 2008 VLC committee, a small but determined group, worked hard to come up with some exciting program topics for you. We welcome a new conference coordinator this year, Anne Blake, and several new committee members. Jessica and I would like to thank all the committee members for the hours of work they volunteered, and we would like to thank Anne, for putting it all together!

With all of the changes in libraries in the last several years, our professional work is framed in several different ways. We work a great deal with technology and all of the exciting innovations that come along with that. We are managers, teachers, resource people, and of course a vital link to information sources and literature. For this reason, our committee thought it appropriate to choose "Framed: Libraries in the Big Picture" as a theme this year. We are constantly approaching our work from different angles and looking at it through different lenses. And to start us off . . . looking at our work through a humorous lens with a bit of comic relief from our keynote speakers, the authors of the library comic strip Unshelved. We hope you enjoy the 2008 Vermont Library Conference!

Kelly Wood, VSLA Co-Chair & Jessica Allard, VLA Co-Chair

## What's New This Year?

**On-Site Computer Lab** – This year we have brought the computers to you, no more buses to UVM. We are offering 6 computer programs. Each program is dedicated to a specific application.

**Job Openings Cyber Café** – Visit the VLA job postings online for job postings all around Vermont.

**Pub Trivia Night!** - Get ready to show off your mastery of library trivia! This will be a fun night of entertainment in the ballroom with a cash bar. Tuesday evening 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

## You Asked for it—We Brought it Back!

**"Hand It to Em" Raffle** - Again this year, everyone can be a winner! Have at least six (6) exhibitors sign the back of your raffle ticket before you put it in the bowl (located at the entrance to the exhibit hall with Marjorie Shane). Prizes are on display. One raffle ticket per attendee and you must be present to win.

**Author's Alcove** - Book signings will be located in the alcove located on the 1st floor.

**Ask Me Volunteers** - Look for the volunteers with the big foam hands if you need help or assistance.

**Chair Massage** - Swedish chair massage from Cheryl Ahokas.

## 2008 VERMONT LIBRARY CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:	Kelly Wood (VSLA)	Jessica Allard (VLA/Academic)
Co-Chair in Training:	Sara Goldstein (VSLA)	
Treasurer:	Joanne Bertrand (VSLA)	Exhibits Coordinator: Marjorie Shane (VLA/Public)

## Committee Members:

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Rob Geiszler (VLA/Public)  
Susannah Paterson (VSLA)

Bonnie Dasher-Andersen (VLA/Public)  
Beth Curtis (VSLA)  
Narda LaClair (VSLA)  
Karen Henning Hospitality Chair (VSLA)

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Barbara Doyle-Wilch (VLA President)  
Jean Fournier (VSLA President)

Judah Hammer (VLA President elect)  
Susan Monmaney (VSLA President elect)

## 2008 Speakers

### A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Library

Bill Barnes and Gene Ambaum, the *Unshelved* guys

What possessed Bill Barnes and Gene Ambaum to write a comic strip about a library? And how do they keep tens of thousands of librarians around the globe laughing every day? Visit [www.unshelved.com](http://www.unshelved.com) to find out what everyone's talking about, and then come to the conference to hear Bill and Gene discuss what makes libraries so darned funny.

#### About Bill Barnes

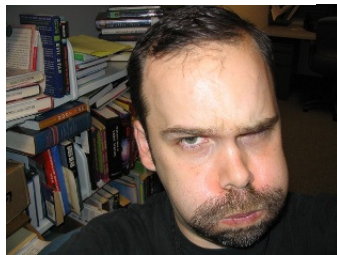


Bill is a native New Yorker who was dragged all around the world by his parents at a very formative age and finally ended up in the wilds of Seattle.

He is a trained software designer and a very much untrained cartoonist.

#### About Gene Ambaum

Gene is the pen name of a public librarian from the Seattle area. He loves graphic novels,



shows from his childhood, pina colodas, and getting caught in the rain. He continues to make the mistake of letting Bill write his bios.

### Michael Sullivan

#### *Connecting Boys with Books* *What Libraries Can Do*

Pre-adolescent boys are nearly invisible in libraries. With ever-increasing electronic amusements, how can the library compete with their attention?

Librarian and educator Michael Sullivan provides the tools that librarians, school library media specialists, and educators need to overcome cultural and developmental challenges, stereotyping, and lack of role models that essentially program boys out of the library. Attracting boys to library programs in the "tween" years will go a long way in maintaining their interest in books and reading over a lifetime, creating good habits from a young age.

**Michael Sullivan** (MLS, Simmons, 1999) has been a Children's Librarian and Library Director in public libraries for twelve years. He is currently Director of the Weeks Public Library in Greenland, NH. He has written several articles for *Public Libraries*, including "Giving Them What They Want in Small Public Libraries." (May/June 2000) He is a traveling storyteller and a chess instructor, and once worked at the Boston Museum of Science as part of its overnight "Camp-In" instructional program for children. His chess program at the Parlin Memorial Library in Everett, Massachusetts was honored with an Outstanding Achievement Award in the U.S. Conference of Mayors City Livability Award competition in 2001.

He is a former President of the New Hampshire Library Association and was the 1998 New Hampshire Librarian of the Year.



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## A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Library

Keynote Address by Bill Barnes & Gene Ambaum

**Location: Emerald Ballroom**

Be sure to pick up your favorite copy of Unshelved and stop by the Author Alcove to get your copy signed.

10:00 am – 11:00 am - BREAK

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

### #A1 VOL's PowerSearch

Stacey Knibloe is returning to update librarians about the new features and databases available on Vermont Online Library and PowerSearch.

**Location: Emerald I**

*Stacey Knibloe, Senior Training Consultant, Gale*

### #A2 Rapid Reviews

Interested in a quick look at the best books published for adults since May that were NOT best sellers? Try this program and bring a pencil to keep track of the gems you want to read.

**Location: Emerald II**

*Amy Howlett, VT Department of Libraries, Ernie Drown, Dan Green, Library Media Specialist, U32 School Library Montpelier*

### #A3 What's the Big Idea? Math & Science Come Alive

Transform your story hour into math and science learning for young children and their families. Learn how in this dynamic, hands-on workshop with librarians who have successfully implemented the program and changed their practice!

**Location: Diamond I**

*Grace Greene, Children's Services Consultant, VT Department of Libraries  
Cheryl Cox, Librarian, Springfield Town Library,  
Linda Donigan & Chris Poggi, Librarians,  
Bennington Free Library*

### #A4 Take a BITE Out of Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week™ (TRW) is a literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, the fastest growing division of the American Library Association. The 2008 TRW theme of "Books with Bite" (October 12-18) marks the 11th anniversary of TRW. In this interactive session, develop sound reasoning for celebrating TRW, discover TRW resources, review the nuts and bolts of YA program planning from marketing to evaluating, and leave with at least 4 ready-to-implement programs for your own TRW celebration.

**Location: Diamond II**

*Beth Gallaway, Library Trainer/Consultant,  
Information Goddess Consulting*

### #A5 Desktop Magic with Word

Need a poster for an event? Want bookplates for a special collection? Have to design a brochure? Learn to use Word to create exciting and visually appealing documents using clipart, WordArt and other features. Find out about resources for free clipart and fonts. You don't need to be an expert to benefit from this work-shop!

**Location: Amphitheater**

*Debra Bullock Spackman, Interim Director, Norman Williams Library, Woodstock,*

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm

**Seated Awards Lunch**

**Location:** Emerald III

**Buffet Lunch**

**Location:** Exhibit Hall

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

**#A6 Websites with WordPress**

Jessamyn West, Community Technology Librarian at the Randolph Technical Career Center and blogger extraordinaire, unveils the new VLA website. Learn about the process of creating the site using WordPress and get an inside look into the architecture of this new resource for Vermont librarians.

**Location:** Emerald I

**#A7 Getting Graphic**

Join local graphic novel, magna and anime enthusiast (and librarian) Rob Brenner for a look into the world of graphic novels and Japanese manga (print comics). Learn about the history of each art form, the elements that make each unique, where to find more information in it all, and top selections for classrooms and school libraries.

**Location:** Emerald II

*Robin Brenner, Reference and Teen Librarian,  
Brookline Public Library, Arlington*

**#A8 The Road to Census 2010**

Census 2010 is only 2 years away. Learn about current activities and programs, employment opportunities and locating offices opening in Vermont. Attendees will also be navigated through the U.S. Census Bureau website to access most up-to-date demographic information for Vermont and cities and towns throughout the state. Learn how to use this great reference tool!

**Location:** Diamond I

*Arthur Bakis, Information Services Assistant, Boston  
US Census Bureau*

**#A9 Social Networking**

We know that a growing number of our patrons are using blogs, photo and video sharing, social bookmarking and networking, tagging and other online applications. Lots of kids and other folks are actively engaged. Are you keeping up? Enjoy a whirlwind tour of these new and great opportunities to connect with your community.

**Location:** Diamond II

*Linda Braun, Educational Technology Consultant, LEO:  
Librarians & Educators Online*

**#A10 Budget Planning with Excel**

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*Knowledgewave Training Staff, Burlington*

**#A11 Book Repair 101**

Participants will learn basic book repair, concentrating on repairing broken hinges on hard covers, as well as re-inserting and re-sewing hinges. Additional skills will be addressed as time permits. Participants should bring hard cover books needing repair. **Sorry, this workshop is full.**

**Location:** Valcour Room

*Lorinda Michaud, Library Assistant  
Fairfax Community Library*

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Break

Refreshment Break and Raffle Drawing  
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Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

### #A12 Library Space

The Evolving Nature of Vermont's Academic Library Webspaces. Panel discussion about technology and software tools used in college libraries. Topics: LibX Toolbar, federated search products, course management systems, Google Scholar, wikis for subject reference, tagging . . . and more!

**Location: Emerald I**

*Kat Berry, Librarian, Bennington College; Michele Melia Librarian, Champlain College; Larraby Fellows, NE Regional Librarian at CCV.*

### #A13 Red Clover Award Program

The Red Clover Award Program committee takes you through this year's nominees. Get a jump on next year's program and join the fun!

**Location: Emerald II**

*Red Clover Award Program Committee*

### #A14 Internet Safety

How can we keep students safe on the Internet? We will discuss the dangers students face today, and what we as adults can do to help students understand these dangers and keep them safe using the Internet.

**Location: Emerald III**

*Sergeant Kris Carlson, Director - Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations, Burlington Police Department*

### #A15 Creating a More Accessible Library: Assistive Technologies

You have created a welcoming atmosphere, your collection is excellent and your computers are in place, but can your students really access the content of your materials? Assistive technology has been used for years for special education students and students on 504 plans. Now this same technology can help all your students better access the materials in your library. This program will help librarians better understand what low-tech and high-tech devices exist to make the library truly inclusive.

**Location: Diamond I**

*Dan Greene, LMS, U32 School Library, Montpelier  
Michael Ferguson, VT Dept of Education*

### #A16 How Will Our Children Learn to Live On-Line?

We are in the midst of a rapid proliferation of exciting and potentially dangerous opportunities for online self-expression, some of which challenge our accepted standards of behavior. Librarians are often asked to know what these opportunities are (MySpace, YouTube, Wiki Pages, etc.), to know how a responsible person would behave, and to know how to teach and model this behavior to children and adults. We'll use remote control clickers (like on the TV show Who Wants to be a Millionaire) to poll the audience on the factual questions and ethical issues surrounding online self-expression. As an added bonus, you will receive a short guide to online reference sites and improved non-google search techniques.

**Location: Diamond II**

*Eli Rosenbert, Teacher, Main Street Middle School;  
Lauren Chabot, Library Media Specialist*

### #A17 Word Tips and Tricks

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**Location: Amphitheater**

*Knowledgewave Training Staff, Burlington*

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

### VSLA Semi-Annual Meeting

**Location: Emerald I**

### VLA Annual Meeting

**Location: Emerald I I**

7:30 pm – 10:30 pm

### Pub Trivia

Get your trivia team together now!!!

**Location: Diamond I**

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am

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### #B1 Retirement Planning

What's the difference between a traditional and a Roth IRA? Are you preparing for your future? This will be an opportunity to hear about the means and methods to assure a comfortable retirement. A financial planner with substantial experience will give us an overview of some basic concepts about which the youngest librarian and the librarian about to retire ought to be thinking.

**Location:** Emerald I

### #B2 Infamous or Famous: Wilson Web Biography

Want to know more about HW WilsonWeb's Biography database? Join us for hands on tutorial of all Wilson Web has to offer; from the famous to the infamous.

**Location:** Emerald II

*Chris Kennedy, Wilson Web*

### #B3 Story Walk

Combining physical activity and literacy may seem like an odd mix but it's an innovative way to get people of all ages out walking while reading some wonderful children's literature. Join the creators of this exciting project and learn how to start a "Story Walk" in your community.

**Location:** Emerald III

*Rachel Senechal, Kellogg Hubbard Library; Anne Ferguson, Vermont Dept of Health; Nancy Schultz, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition of Vermont;*

### #B4 Cataloging State Publications

State publications are unique and useful resources. These publications can be challenging due to the inconsistent layout of information sources. This presentation demonstrates cataloging issues and possible solutions. Includes a discussion on the growing number of online state publications and the potential for digitizing these materials to be preserved for future generations.

**Location:** Diamond I

*Wichada SuKantararat, Cataloger/Authorities/ Metadata Librarian, Bailey/Howe Library UVM*

### #B5 Being Connected with Students and Teachers: The Technology GEs in Practice

Library media specialists can encourage collaboration by harnessing the interactive and collaborative power of the web. Web 2.0 technologies like wikis, blogs, and social bookmarking sites turn the internet into a place for conversation and collaboration. This presentation will showcase examples of collaborations between content level teachers and library media specialists. A focus will be on how information literacy GEs are woven into these engaging projects.

**Location:** Diamond II

*Susan Hennessey, Library Media Specialist, Harwood Union Middle/High School; Donna Sullivan-MacDonald, Library Media Specialist; Deb Gurwicz, Teacher Orchard School*

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*Knowledgewave Training Staff, Burlington*

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

10:15 am – 11:00 am  
Break

### Refreshment Break and Raffle Drawing Exhibit Hall, Must be Present to Win!

Join Beth Kanell, author of the soon to be published book titled *The Darkness Under the Water* (Candlewick, Fall 2008), for a sneak preview reading.

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

### #B7 Open Source in Your Library

Curious about Open Source Software, but not sure what it means for you? In this presentation you'll learn what "Open Source" means and how the concept relates to conventional software. We'll discuss some of the Open Source applications that are making an impact in libraries today including: Evergreen, Koha and DSpace. Most importantly, we'll talk about some of the issues to keep in mind if you are thinking of taking the plunge yourself, including: Free Beer vs. Free Kittens, Staffing Impacts, Communities and Sustainability.

**Location:** Emerald I

*Ed Sperr, Program Director, Digital Services, NELINET  
Sponsored by NELINET*

### #B8 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award

Members of Vermont's DCF Committee will present titles on the new 2008-2009 Master List. Supporting materials will also be provided.

**Location:** Emerald II

*Steve Madden and DCF Committee Members*

### #B9 Searching for Thoreau: On the Trails and Shores of Wild New England

Tom Slayton has written a new book on Thoreau (title of talk is the title of the book). Will talk about the development of the book and read excerpts.

**Location:** Emerald III

*Tom Slayton, Author*

### #B10 Working with Boards

"Can't we all just get along?" Librarians and trustees sometimes have different views of library operations. Whether determining who is responsible for different functions of the library or developing a shared vision for the institution, Librarian and Board need to have common goals. Two librarians and two trustees will discuss their perspectives on the operation of the library, the roles they play and the means and methods they've discovered to achieve optimum cooperation.

**Location:** Diamond II

*David Brown, Chair Trustee, State Board of Libraries;  
Angie Chapple-Sokol, Trustee Brownell Library Board;  
Martha Reid, Director Burnham Memorial Library;  
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**Location:** Valcour Room

*Lorinda Michaud, Library Assistant, Fairfax Library*





Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm  
Lunch and Section Meetings

### Seated Lunch

Location: Emerald

### Buffet Lunch

Location: Exhibit Hall

### CAYAL Section Meeting

Location: Diamond I

### C&S L Section Meeting

Location: Diamond II

### Public Libraries Section Meeting

Location: Emerald I

### ILL Discussion

Location: Emerald II

### UVM SLMIS Meeting

Location: Kingsland

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

### #B14 Top 10 WEB Trends

Vermont's top tech librarians share the latest tools, resources and communication trends on the web today and exciting trends for libraries in 2008.

Location: Emerald II

*Jessamyn West, architect of the new VLA web presence & Community Technology Librarian at Randolph Technical Career Center; Meredith Farkas, Norwich University Distance Learning Librarian and author of "Social Software in Libraries"*

### #B15 Green Mountain Book Award

Catch a teen view of the latest GMBA list as student reviewers share their enthusiasm for individual titles via video clips. GMBA Committee members present the 2008-2009 list of nominated titles and raffle off two sets of the 15 books – one set to a public library and one set to a school library. You must be present to win.

Location: Diamond I

*Marsha Middleton, NCUHS; Anne Brabazon, Dollindo Lund, Lyndon Institute; Ellen Arakpos CVUHS; Phillip Crawford, CCSUVT; Judith Flint, Jessica Langlois, Martha Moncrief Walke, Mary Hood, Hannah Peacock, Burnham Memorial Library; Kathy Johnson, CVUHS*

### #B13 Quick & Dirty Assessment

What are some low-cost/no-cost ways of gathering feedback from library users that can serve as a complement or alternative to more time intensive standardized instruments such as ARL's, LibQUAL™ survey? Hear about how libraries are using focus groups, web surveys, blogs, advisory groups, and marketing campaigns to learn more about the needs of library users.

Location: Emerald I

*Selene Colburn, Asst. to Dean of Libraries for External Relations, Bailey/Howe Library, UVM*

### #B16 Distance Library Science Program

Have you been thinking of getting a library science degree? What should you look for when considering an online library science degree program? Hear insights offered by graduates and current students of online programs and Library Science school representatives. Panelists will discuss their experiences, describe what to look for in online programs and participate in a Q&A.

Location: Diamond II

*Wichada SuKantararat, Cataloger/Authorities/Metadata Librarian Bailey/Howe Library UVM; Marcie Crocker, Toni Fortini, & Prue Doherty, UVM; Helen Linda, Goddard College, Toni Fortin; Representatives from Syracuse & Simmons;*

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## Connecting Boys with Books

### What Libraries Can Do

Endnote Address by Michael Sullivan

**Location:** Emerald Ballroom

Be sure to pick up Michael's book. He will be signing copies in the Author's Alcove after his talk.

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