What a pleasure it is to be writing a column again and to have the bright, airy feeling of the Anaheim conference to look back on. Both of our preconferences, on elections data and Web 2.0 applications, were resounding successes,

as was our program on local government resources for business and our GODORT Update. Speakers contributed their expertise and eloquence, and attendees walked away better educated and ready to try out new tricks when they returned home to tend their libraries and websites. Certain speakers have stayed in my mind, and I don't even need to consult my notes:

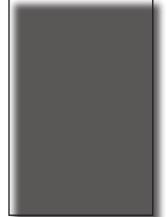
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personal level, when individuals nd our preconferences, profrom the Serial Set and congressional hearings. Sure, it is fun grams, updates, online resources, and published materials to look at ourselves, but as Bernadine Abbott-Hoduski and high value and spread the word. Our message has to be southers have pointed out, we are not the American Librarians's thing about which we can freely say that we think it, we speaks sociation. We represent our libraries when we participate in it, and we hold it dear. What's our GODORT message? Is it ALA and in GODORT. So GODORT's special spark—the our Bylaws? Our Procedures Manual?

No, our message, which we will re ne together in our ment information and libraries. Ten years ago, we would have strategic planning process, comes from our very existence, staid "government information in libraries." But because the need that led to our founding nearly forty years ago. We are government information we steward, preserve, describe, teach part of the American Library Association. Our focus is librarabout, and provide access to cannot and will not be contained ies. We are more than an a nity group for those with a fetishwithin any library's four walls, we have got to state it as the for yellowing micro che and dusty pamphlets. We are more crossroads of government information and libraries. We've got than a loose a liation of people who value cataloging, accurateer ames we like to keep an eye on, but that's our special, record-keeping, and blogging. We are more than quaint typesODORT-guarded ame. And when you're a ame-guarder, who believe that the most profound American literature combs idea is to keep the light shining. Let's do just that.

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