

## PLA Convention March 25-28, 2008

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The PLA convention was my first national convention and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Here are some of the highlights for me:

- John Wood—Opening Session  
John Wood described his journey from Microsoft executive to head Room to Read, a non-profit organization bringing libraries and books to some of the poorest parts of the world. It was inspirational and enlightening.
- The Disconnected: Who Are They? How Can We Help Them?  
We have a group of people at the Brainerd Library who fit this description, and this session gave me some new options to help and connect with them.
- Technozoo  
New technological items and trends were discussed and displayed—a fun way to keep up on what's new.
- InQueery or Out of the Stacks
  - This session looked at new and classic books for the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community. This focused on teen and kids literature, and we will be able to add to new titles to our collection.
- Louise Erdrich—luncheon speaker  
Personally, it was such a pleasure to hear from one of my favorite authors. Her presentation was so good, just what I would have expected from her.