

Native Perspectives, New Orleans, 2006

Pam Klipsch

The IF program on Saturday, June 24, 2006 in New Orleans will be "Acknowledging Native Perspectives on the American Experience." The program is co-sponsored by the American Indian Library Association and will feature keynote speakers Richie Plass and Charles Yow.

Richie Plass (Menominee), former director of Indian Studies at Kent State University, is an educator, poet, musician (Wolf River Band) and activist from Green Bay, WI, and a board member of STAR (Students and Teachers Against Racism).

Charles Yow (Cherokee), senior litigation partner with Red Cloud Law Firm in Pine Ridge, SD, is a former Tribal Court judge and mediator, active in a variety of Native American causes nationally. He lives in Bay St. Louis, MS.

In addition to the keynote speakers, the program will include a panel of Native librarians/booksellers who will discuss how library programs and services can address issues of racism and inclusion. The joint program committee of IFRT and AILA are planning a website to promote the program, beginning in January. Watch for more details in future issues of the IFRT Report.