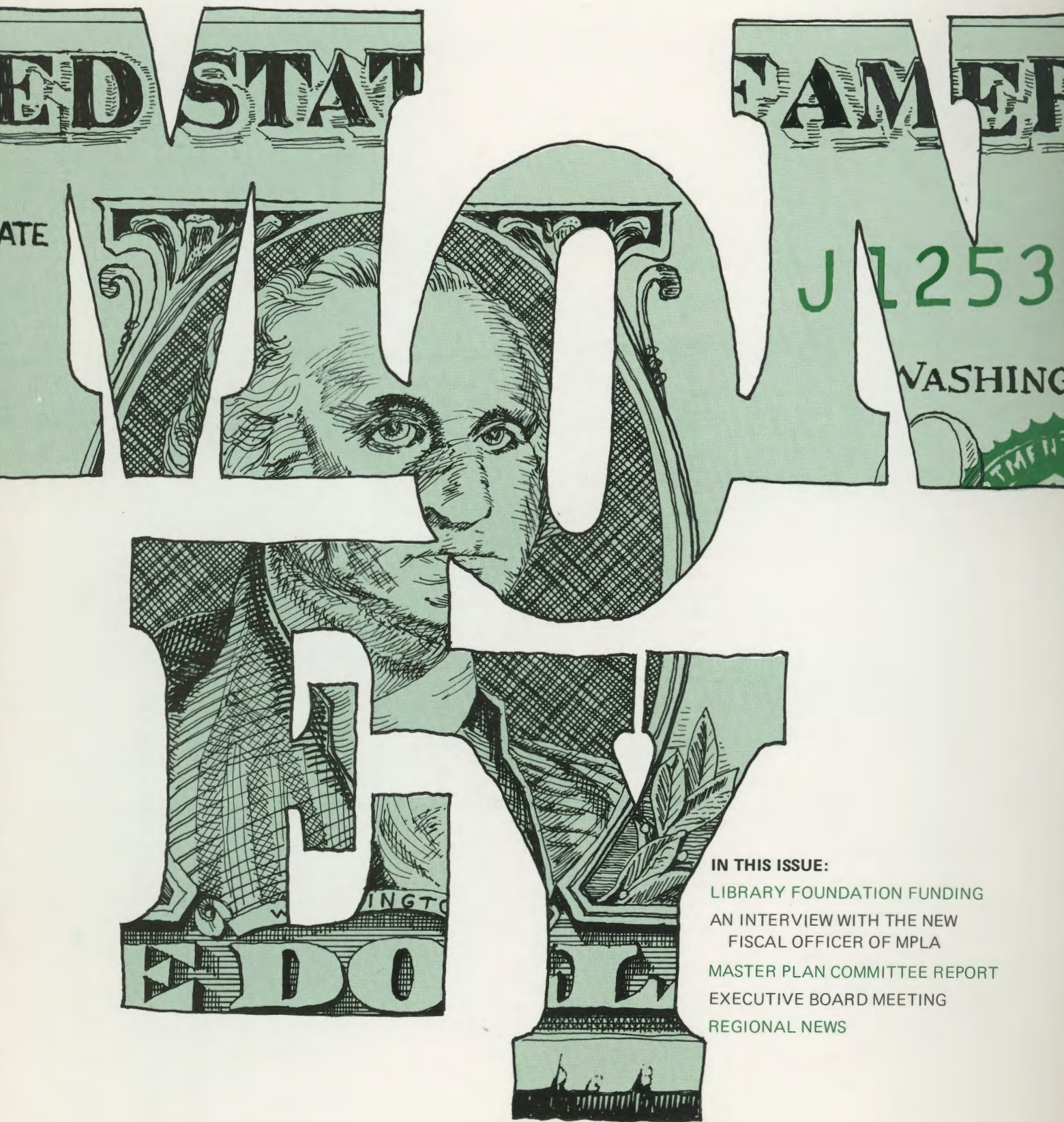


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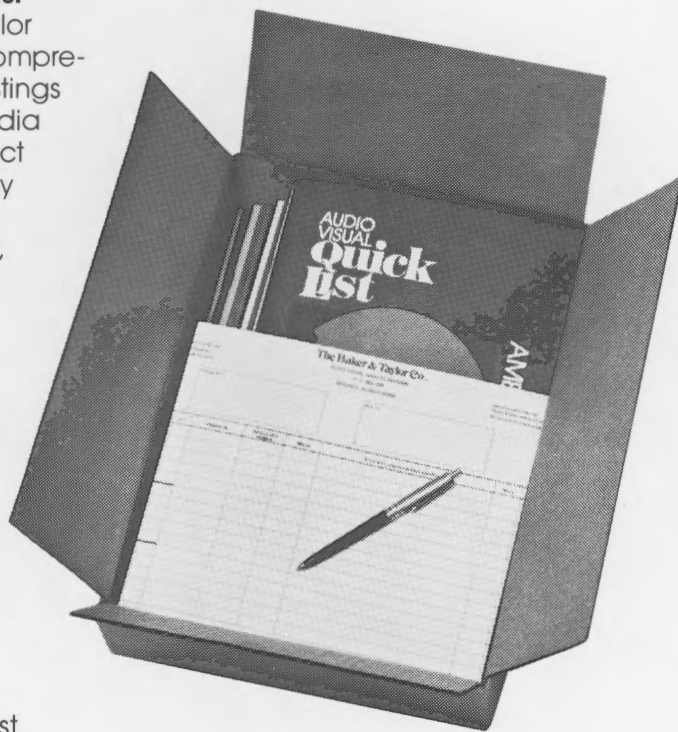
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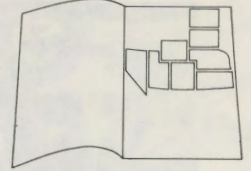
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Like everyone else, and particularly librarians involved with administration, my life is full of frustration. But one thing that really gets me is people who think working in a library isn't fun. One of the more idiotic remarks leveled at me recently was from an individual who asked upon learning of my profession, "Don't you find all those books boring?" I guess maybe there really isn't much of an answer to anyone who doesn't see the inherent excitement and interest which exists in a steady stream of learning and information sources in a great variety of recorded forms.

But libraries are exciting not only because they provide the materials which record ever changing knowledge and information, they are fun because exciting things happen in them. Take the student who came in to our reference desk and demanded to see Eric. When told there was no librarian by that name nor anyone on the entire staff he became angry and remained adamant. He had been told the ERIC had the information he needed and demanded that we bring him out. Then there was the girl who approached the reserve desk and asked quizzingly, "Is this where you have books on lay-away?" Also, two students arranged a plan to steal some bound journals by having one drop them out of an upper floor window to the other waiting in the bushes below. The first landed successfully for the student, it broke the spine of the journal, but the second was different. When the student bent down to pick up the first volume the second knocked him in the head opening a wound it took six stitches to close. That was yesterday. Just a few days ago on a Saturday, three typical hippy-types had an automobile accident outside the library. They proceeded to inquire at the circulation desk if they could use the phone and if by any chance the library had an extra band-aid available. The attendant on duty immediately called

the circulation librarian who fortunately stands 6'3" and weighs 230 lbs. He inquired of the hippy who was bleeding all over the circulation desk if he should call an ambulance and the police. He was told rather abusively that the police should not be bothered but that the injured fellow's girl friend should be called. She subsequently arrived and the three individuals left, leaving the circulation librarian and the library assistants standing in bewilderment.

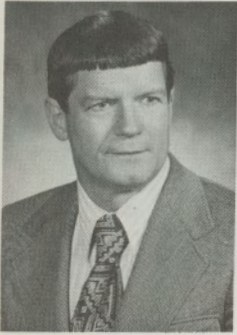
Funny and sad things happen outside of the library also. My wife approached the checkout counter at a local supermarket with groceries for the coming week (about \$800) and found that she had forgotten to put her billfold in her purse. She did find her public library card which she always keeps handy and handed it to the clerk for identification to cash a check. The puzzlement, and argument which subsequently followed involved the store manager, and all the other clerks who became interested in knowing if a valid ID card from a local social institution was acceptable identification. Tragically enough it turned out not to be.

Correspondence also provides a chuckle once in a while. We got a letter which said, "While a student at your university, I had occasion to read a red book on the French Revolution. Please send me the author and title as I wish to recommend it to a friend." Our days are made exciting also by the constant threat of an exhibitionist. Our library was plagued some months ago by a series of exhibitionist attacks. After a clever bit of work coordinated with our campus police we apprehended and convicted the shadowy individual. Now people are heard bemoaning the fact that "Nothing exciting happens around here any more," which is not true, because just a week ago we had an attempted hold up at the circulation desk. Fortunately one of the student assistants accidentally foiled the attempt by assuming it was a joke. "Look," she laughingly said to the terrified supervisor, "he's even got a play gun." Unfortunately we have yet to experience a streaker, which means that most of the staff sit on the edge of their chairs waiting, prepared not to miss him when he does strike. And he will, it's just a matter of time because libraries are places where things happen.

*John M. Christ*

(Editor's Note: These stories are true and have not been fabricated. Please send me incidents which have happened to you).





# NOTES

FROM YOUR  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Daniel A. Seager  
Library Services  
University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, CO

Your help is needed at once!

1. If your membership dues are in arrears, please send at once. Also check on the institutional dues. Form is attached.
2. Because of increased costs in publishing the *Quarterly* (double that of last year) and the cost of printing the proceedings of the "Conference on Interlibrary Cooperation" (\$3,220), etc., we are getting into severe financial straits. And there are many brave plans in the making for our organizational future.

*Each of us can help!* Here's what I have done personally, and I feel others will follow suit: I have sent my personal check for \$100 to: Mr. Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Financial Officer, c/o University of South Dakota Libraries, Vermillion, SD 57069.

I have also committed an additional gift of \$900.00 for this year, which represents the refund of the "expense-honorarium" which MPLA has given me over the past three years, for which I am grateful but feel that MPLA needs it at this crucial time. *May I challenge each of you to match the one hundred dollars now.* If this is not possible, please do something, regardless. Tax deductible, you know. Let's work together now for the present and the future of MPLA! Use the enclosed special form!

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Executive Secretary 1959, and I wish I could continue. However, my full-time job gets heavier and more complicated, and it is not fair to you for me to continue serving you in a "half-sloppy" way as I have had to do of late. Joe Edelen has kindly volunteered to do the bookkeeping and handle other financial matters, and I will promote MPLA in every way possible, send out convention mailing, etc., until the annual conference at Lake Tahoe, at which time, hopefully, the Board will provide a paid Executive Secretary to devote ample time to the work. What you do now will go a long way toward making this possible, of course. Please help. Thank you for everything!

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Cedar Room, Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado  
March 23, 1974

The meeting was called to order by President Lundgren. Present were Mrs. Lundgren; Mr. Janecek, Past President; Mr. Anderson, Vice President; Mrs. Jones, Recording Secretary; Mr. Seager, Executive Secretary; Dr. Christ, Editor *MPLA Quarterly*; Mr. Edelen, Fiscal Officer; Miss Hoyt, Chairperson, Childrens and School Libraries Section; Mr. West, Chairperson, Junior Members Round Table; Mr. Johnson, Chairperson, State Agency Section; Mr. Insko, Chairperson, Technical Services Section; Mr. Hershcopf, Colorado State Representative; Mr. Waddell, Nebraska State Representative; Mrs. Swanson, South Dakota State Representative.

Mr. Carmack officially submitted an outline and recommendations from the Master Plan Task Force. (See Form No. 1)

*Minutes* – Reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Mr. Janecek recommended a revision on page two of the November 7, 1973, Executive Board Minutes. Paragraph two was revised to begin "Jan Janecek reported on the following motion he made at the membership meeting: Recognizing . . ." The minutes were approved as corrected.

*Old Business* – Mr. Seager reported on the finances of the association. (See Forms No. 2, 3, 4, and 7). Dr. Christ reviewed the advertising of the *Quarterly*. Total income from advertising is \$1,067.50 from nine advertisers. The cost of an ad is \$125/copy for four issues. He further reported that the next issue of the *Quarterly* will not be quite as long as the last one. Dr. Christ reported that he talked to each exhibitor at Cheyenne and followed up with a letter to encourage advertising but he has found that personal contacts by all MPLA members are needed.



He asked each board member to encourage advertising in the *Quarterly* at every opportunity.

Mr. Seager reported on his activities with regard to the sale of the *Peaceful Valley Conference on Interlibrary Cooperation Papers*. Mr. Janecek mentioned that the next time such a publication is made, a cataloger should be included in the process, in order to alienate problems encountered in this publication. Presently copies of the publication may be secured from Mr. Seager for \$5.20. Dr. Christ was directed to place a notice in the next *Quarterly* stating that any MPLA member who has not secured a free copy of the proceedings may do so by writing Mr. Seager.

Dr. Christ asked if the Executive Board wanted the *Quarterly* to be maintained on the level of money available. It was decided that the *Quarterly* is now in a state of transition toward self-support, but that self-support should not be considered on an immediate basis. No drastic cutbacks should be made until the Fiscal Officer can get a clear idea of the financial situation of the association and an updated mailing list is compiled.

Mrs. Lundgren asked that there be a formal policy established for payment to those attending Executive Board meetings. Mr. Joe Edelen moved that as an interim motion the association pay only the transportation costs, public transportation, airplane or 12 cents a mile if one drives, whichever is less, for those attending board meetings. Mr. Wayne Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

The convention site in 1975 will be Denver at the Brown Palace Hotel. A block of rooms has been set aside. MPLA will have a joint meeting with the Southwest Library Association, November 7-10, 1976, in the Convention Center at Albuquerque, New Mexico. A cooperative planning meeting was held in February to which our representatives were Mrs. Lundgren, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Seager. Mrs. Lundgren reported the MPLA should encourage a large attendance in order to receive a larger percent of the profits. Alan Clark is local arrangements person and is actively planning now.

A complete MPLA membership roster was discussed. Mr. Seager did not know the number of members at present. However, Mr. Edelen and Mrs. Swanson agreed to prepare a complete membership list by next November. They are to receive copies of the card file. Mr. Seager has within two weeks of this Executive Board meeting, and a print-out of the mailing lists for the *Quarterly* as a basis to prepare a new master membership list.

Mrs. Lundgren reported she would be asking Mr. Elmer Bachenberg to serve as parliamentarian for the next year.

Mrs. Lundgren made the following report concerning membership in committees. The 1974 Standing Committees will be as follows:

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Mr. Anderson brought up the letter (See Form 6) from Mr. Seager. Problems incumbent in moving financial records to Vermillion, South Dakota were discussed. Mr. Johnson said that the Executive Secretary should have the opportunity to promote the Association and leave the financial routine to the Fiscal Officer. Miss Mauseh reported that the use of a Fiscal Officer in Nevada was extremely effective. It was decided to follow the recommendation made at the last Executive Board meeting and Mr. Seager was directed to transfer all fiscal matters to Mr. Edelen. All money was to be transferred on the first Monday following this meeting. All dues and monies will be sent to Mr. Edelen. He will update the master list and notify the Executive Secretary and the *Quarterly*. Dr. Christ was asked to write a notice to this effect in the *Quarterly*.

**New Business** — Mr. Anderson reported on the plans for the 1974 convention at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, Sahara Tahoe Hotel, November 3-6. Miss Mauseh reported on local arrangements for Dr. Larry Crandell. Mr. Anderson moved and Mr. Edelen seconded the motion to charge \$125 for exhibitors. The motion was passed. Mrs. Swanson moved and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion that negotiations for exhibit expenditures be left to the discretion of the local arrangements chairman. Mr. Edelen moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion that each section receive \$200 for program expenses. The motion was passed. Mr. Johnson discussed the theme for 1973 as a carry-over for 1974.

Reports were given by the various section chairmen and Mr. Anderson with regard to program plans for the 1974 convention as follows: Miss Hoyt, Children's and School Section reported they will secure Mr. Wilson Rawls as a speaker. Mrs. Henderson sent a letter explaining that the College and University Section would plan a workshop on "Participatory Management." Mr. Trottier sent a letter stating that the Public Library Section will present a panel on "Volunteers in Libraries." Mr. Johnson reported that State Library Section will have Mr. Ray Lutz from the University of Dallas conduct a workshop on management in libraries. Mr. Insko for the Technical Services Section and Mr. West for the Junior Members Round Table reported they are planning a joint meeting on "Library of Congress Services." Mr. Edward Blume and Mrs. Elizabeth Tate will be the resource people. Mr. West reported that JMRT is working on coordinating travel via train to Lake Tahoe. The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

Mrs. Lundgren reconvened the meeting at 1 p.m. Mrs. Jones was appointed chairman of the Publicity Committee and asked to send a list of MPLA officers, an announcement of the fall meeting, and an announcement of the availability of the Peaceful Valley proceedings for \$5.20 to the major library journals. Mr. West continued the transportation discussion.

Reports were given by the state representatives. Each representative outlined the ways he is promoting MPLA in his state. Mrs. Lundgren handed out a list of duties for State Representatives to them as outlined in the new *Rules of Procedure*.

Mrs. Lundgren received several letters with regard to MPLA taking a stand on faculty status for college and university librarians. Discussion was offered on this point. Mr. West moved and Mr. Hershkopf seconded the motion that MPLA supports the joint ACRL/AAUP resolution on faculty status for college and university librarians. The motion was passed. Mrs. Jones was instructed to write the Association of College and University Libraries concerning this action and notify Mrs. Rosemary Henderson of the action.

Mr. Edelen asked if MPLA received \$1,000 from the Bibliographical Center for Research. Mrs. Lundgren turned the check over to Mr. Edelen. It was moved and seconded that MPLA pay \$1,000 now and at least \$1,000 more as soon as possible to Bailey Lewis and Associates for past bills relating to publication of the *Quarterly* and the Conference on Interlibrary Cooperation. The motion passed.



Mrs. Lundgren reported on her activities in connection with writing a proposal for NASA. She outlined four levels of concern: individual user level, community level, regional bibliographical data and inservice training of librarians. She reported a request for the MPLA board to select a representative to serve on the SALINET Board. Mr. Janecek moved and Mr. Seager seconded the motion to designate Mrs. Lundgren as the official representative of MPLA to the SALINET Board. The motion passed.

Mr. Anderson presented a further report on the Master Plan Committee task force outline. He emphasized the importance of the purpose of MPLA "To establish and strengthen a viable organization through which library interests may find expression." He reviewed the goals of MPLA as outlined in Form No. 1.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion that the *MPLA Quarterly* Editorial Board be directed to locate a volunteer advertising manager for the *Quarterly*. The motion passed. Mr. Anderson moved and Mr. Edeln seconded the motion to increase immediately the cost for all new and renewed subscriptions of the *Quarterly* to \$8.00 for non MPLA members and institutions. However, current subscriptions will be honored for this year.

The MPLA Executive Board recommended that the *Quarterly* be run on a cost basis and that the *PNLA Quarterly* and the *Southern Librarian* be looked at as model journals for implementing regional ideas. Mr. Edelen reported that the membership roster he and Mrs. Swanson will compile will hopefully be able to be utilized as a mailing list for the *Quarterly*. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion that the master membership list be in the custody of the fiscal officer and a copy be sent to the Executive Secretary. The motion passed. Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion that the winter issue of the *Quarterly* be the cut-off date for those who do not renew their membership in MPLA.

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion to direct the Master Plan Task Force to cast out numbers I and II on the Executive Secretary Recommendations on their outline report submitted (See Form No. 1) earlier in the meeting.

Mrs Lundgren asked when and where a summer MPLA Executive Board meeting could be held. Mr. Edelen moved and Mr. Janecek seconded the motion that Denver, sometime during the first two weeks of June would be the best time and place for

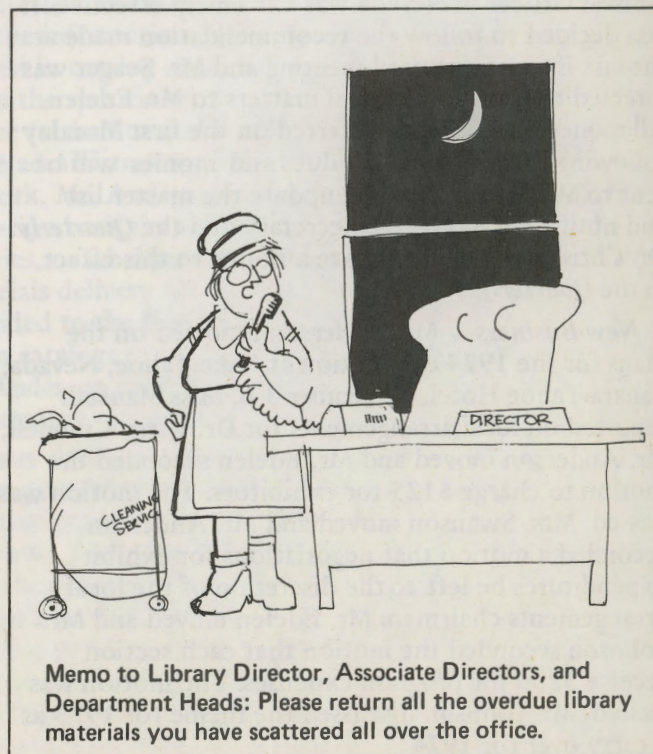
such a meeting. The motion passed. Mr. West volunteered to make the local arrangements.

Mr. Janecek moved and Mr. Edelen seconded the motion that the MPLA Executive Board accept Form No. 1 as an ititial step in the Master Plan for MPLA. The motion was passed.

Dr. Christ raised the question as to what methods of fund raising should be tried for MPLA. It was suggested that institutions contribute more than the institutional membership whenever possible. It was also suggested that a program to solicit donations to the association be established. Dr. Christ moved and it was seconded that an addition be made to the Master Plan Committee report (Form No. 1) on Page 2 under Fiscal structure to include: 6. MPLA explore various methods of fund raising. The motion passed. Each member of the Master Plan Committee was asked to send Dr. Christ their ideas on this last point.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna R. Jones,  
Recording Secretary







# An Interview With The New Fiscal Officer of MPLA

*Mr. Joe Edelen, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D.*

At its last meeting at the close of last year's annual MPLA conference in Cheyenne the Executive Board created a new position within the structure of the Association. This interview is with the new fiscal officer of the MPLA, Mr. Joe Edelen who was appointed by the Executive Board to this post. Mr. Edelen has served the MPLA extensively, most recently as chairman of the Association's Finance Committee. He is head of technical services at The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D.

**Q:** *Mr. Edelen, what will your role as fiscal officer of MPLA include?*

**A:** The role encompasses several areas of responsibility. First will be accounting to the executive board for all income and expenditures of the association. A second area of responsibility would be that of coordinating the membership and all other renewals from approximately half of the persons who were members last year and the *MPLA* mailing lists within MPLA.

**Q:** *What are the major avenues of income for the Association?*

**A:** At the present time there are several basic sources

of income. First and foremost are the membership dues. Secondly would be convention income. A third would be specific donations earmarked for the scholarship fund. A fourth source of income would be institutional memberships, and the fifth area would be revenues from advertisement in the *Quarterly* and also non-member subscriptions to the *Quarterly*.

**Q:** *What is the current financial health of MPLA?*

**A:** At the present time the Association is not in good financial health. It's not critical I don't believe, but to the best of my knowledge we have outstanding bills we are unable to meet of approximately \$3,000.00. I would hope that by fall, by the time of the annual convention the situation would have corrected itself. If it does not, it will be a very serious situation.

**Q:** *Are there any program areas in which particular budgetary problems are occurring?*

**A:** The answer to that would be no. The main reasons for the current financial picture of the Association are two. First of all we have not received renewals from approximately half of the persons



who were members last year. Secondly, the *MPLA Quarterly* is at the present time nowhere near self supporting so we lose a lot of income in these two areas where we should be able to generate revenue.

**Q:** *What is the relationship between the financial officer and the executive secretary?*

**A:** Well, the way the division of duties was arrived at is that it was the view of the executive board that the financial officer should act as an accountant. The executive secretary remains responsible for promoting MPLA and helping develop its programs. The fiscal officer would be responsible for seeing that those programs would fit within the budget and also account to the executive board for all matters that are relative to the financing of the association. The fiscal officer is primarily responsible for bookkeeping of finances and record keeping of Association membership.

This division of labor was made not in any derogatory sense but to give the Executive Secretary more time to help develop MPLA and the programs that MPLA must be involved in and to place the necessary bookkeeping and record keeping functions onto another person's shoulders. The workload frankly, has become too much for one volunteer to take. This is why the executive board moved so quickly to implement the recommendation of the finance committee last fall.

**Q:** *Will the fiscal officer have any program responsibilities or veto capacity over programs such as in establishing priorities with regard to programs?*

**A:** I do not have any responsibility in the area of program development as fiscal officer of MPLA. However, I do have input capacities in the sense that I can offer suggestions and advise as to whether the Association can afford a particular program and if it can't how we can develop the funding to support the particular program in question. In other words, the fiscal officer will act as a financial advisor to program development people within the Association.

**Q:** *What are your immediate and long-term goals as fiscal officer for MPLA?*

**A:** My first, immediate goal which has been accomplished was to find out how much money we had and to get this money separated and divided more specifically into separate accounts based on function of the Association. The second area with which I was very concerned and one which I had a definite charge from the executive board was to

find out exactly how many members we had and how they are distributed throughout the region. By the time this interview will be published that analysis will be completed and the members of the executive board will have print-outs based on categories of membership. A third and long-term goal is to develop possible sources of income for the Association which are needed to place the Association on a more fiscally sound footwork.

**Q:** *In light of the current financial situation of the Association, are you optimistic about our ability to develop the programs called for by the membership as defined at last year's annual conference?*

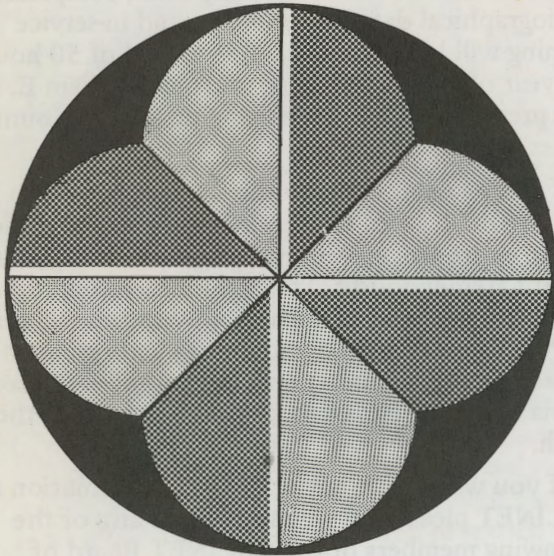
**A:** The membership of MPLA has been the group of people who have mandated that we develop these new areas of concern. The people that have asked for these new programs, have in the past and I think in the future, spent their time, efforts and financial resources to make a success of MPLA. I think once we get the situation so that we know the scope of our financial base and the extent of our current obligations it will be a lot easier to go into tomorrow. We are now right at the point of finalizing that information. Also, by getting state chairmen more active in membership development we can tap a very extensive body of persons who would like to join MPLA and become members of the Association but who really have not been approached and in many cases don't even know we exist.

**Q:** *What is the outlook for the coming year as far as current operations? Are we going to be able to put on the kind of excellent convention we are used to having? Are we going to be able to fund the scholarship and other traditional kinds of activities that we've done?*

**A:** There will be no problem providing an excellent convention because historically the convention has been a revenue generating operation. The convention chairman is normally and has been given this year a blank check to develop the best convention he can. I think Lake Tahoe will be an outstanding meeting and that it will be professionally important for everyone to attend. The scholarship probably will be offered this year depending on the executive board because the board has decided that it will only be offered when donations to the fund reach \$1,000.00 which is the amount of the scholarship. To date this year we have received approximately \$740.00, and it is my judgement we will not reach \$1,000.00 by July 1. That money will carry over into next year and when we arrive



# COOPERATION



A satellite parked high above the earth may soon bridge the gap between what people need to know and the nearest point for finding out in sparsely settled areas of the West.

Four interests are represented in the library oriented project, which bears the acronym of SALINET — Satellite Library Information Network. The University of Denver Graduate School of Librarianship, the University of Kansas Libraries, the Wyoming State Library and the Natrona County (Wyo.) Library are the principals in the consortium. Each of those institutions is responsible for certain portions of the library program, which will benefit both libraries and their patrons in the mountain and plains states.

Dr. Margaret Knox Goggin, dean of the DU Graduate School of Librarianship, is principal investigator on the library program. Her co-workers representing other members of the consortium include Kenneth E. Dowlin, director of the Natrona County Library, Casper, Wyo., William Williams,

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at the \$1,000.00 we will award a scholarship I'm sure by next year. As for other programs such as the \$200.00 which has been allotted to each of the sections, I'm sure these allocations will continue. The only questions I have at the present time is moving into new or developing areas. I do not feel we can afford to do so until we get our financial feet more on the ground.

**Q:** *The Executive Secretary, Dan Seager, has initiated a fund raising program in which he has pledged \$1,000.00 to MPLA and called for others to follow suit. What has been the response to this action on the part of other members of the Association?*

**A:** A few of the members of the Association have responded very generously. The executive secretary has donated \$100.00 and pledged his \$300.00 annual honorarium for the past 3 years. In addition, we have received one check for fifty dollars and several checks for twenty-five dollars each. I would guess without having the records at my fingertips that these special contributions total some \$250.00.

**Q:** *You have outlined the rather serious financial situation of the MPLA at this time. Do you feel there are any rather key areas associated with our financial situation?*

**A:** Certainly right at this time membership. I think we need to elaborate on the role of the state chairmen to MPLA and the development of MPLA programs within their own states. Yesterday we made out a mailing to 455 non-paid members who were members last year but who have not as yet brought their membership up-to-date. I think it is important to reach the membership and potential membership on a more personal level. Certainly the state chairmen are needed to achieve this. I think also that it is important to tell the membership that an attempt is being made to develop a more formalized accounting and record keeping system of the Association so that when individuals within the Association need demographic and statistical information it will be available to them.

**Q:** *Does this mean that we can look for annual, semi-annual or quarterly financial statements to be printed in the Quarterly?*

**A:** Yes, it does. It is my hope that we can keep the membership apprised of information.





Wyoming State Librarian, and Robert Malinowsky, assistant director for public service, education and statistics at the University of Kansas Libraries.

The proposal has won "designated user" approval from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which means that NASA thinks the program has merit enough to be included in the communications satellite project. Funding and further implementation of the program has to come from other sources.

Also taking part in the SALINET program are the Bibliographical Center for Research, Rocky Mountain Region, Inc., the Federation of Rocky Mountain States, and the Mountain-Plains Library Association.

The Bibliographical Center, MPLA, and the Federation will assist with programming, broadcast and engineering requirements, utilization and research.

The proposed program will utilize 56 satellite ground stations which will be in place as part of the Federation's satellite technology demonstrations. Twenty participating libraries in the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas will be added to complete a 12-state test bed representing all categories of libraries.

With the involvement of all these points, half of which will be in two-way communication with other points via the satellite, the library information project hopes to accomplish three primary goals:

1. Improving individual and organizational capacities for getting information.
2. Demonstrating and testing cost effectiveness in using technological advances to disseminate information.
3. Developing user "markets" for information utilizing satellite distribution.

The program will try to help individual users of information, and community-level groups such as governmental agencies, businesses, and other organizations. On a regional level, bibliographical information will be transmitted to libraries in a "compressed data format." With such a format, a library in a remote area of North Dakota may have access to most-needed information about resources available from large and specialized centers, such as the Denver Public Library's special conservation library or Western history collection.

The proposed satellite information program will also be used to train librarians, both at a professional and paraprofessional level. The in-service program will be aimed at helping librarians to better assist their patrons in getting information.

All these major aspects — public information programming at the individual level, technology dissemination at the community level, compressed bibliographical data transmission, and in-service training will be accomplished in a total of 50 hours per year of programming, reports Dr. William E. Rapp, vice president of the Federation of Rocky Mountain States.

If the available time on the satellite is used to its full potential, Dean Goggin believes the population of the entire Rocky Mountain and plains region will benefit tremendously. The combined resources of major libraries and two major universities will be shared instantly with communities and residents of the region in a manner never before believed possible, all via a satellite hovering 22,300 miles above the earth.

If you would like any additional information about SALINET please feel free to contact any of the following members of the SALINET Board of Directors:

Dean Margaret K. Goggin, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Paul I. Bortz, Research Economist, Denver Research Institute, Industrial Economics Division, Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Kenneth E. Dowlin, Director, Natrona County Library, Casper, Wyoming.

Ms. Phoebe Hayes, Director, Bibliographical Center for Research, Rocky Mountain Region, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Leslie M. Lieurance, Television Coordinator, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Ms. Kay Lundgren, President, Mountain Plains Library Association, P.O. Box 1086, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Mr. H. Robert Malinowsky, Assistant Director, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas

Mr. Glen Marotz, Assistant Dean for Research and Administration, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dr. William E. Rapp, Vice-President, Federation of Rocky Mountain States, Denver, Colorado.

Mr. William H. Williams, Wyoming State Librarian, Cheyenne, Wyoming.





# News & Events



## STATE MEETINGS – WYOMING



Picture of the opening session of the Wyoming Library Association. From left to right: Bill Heuer, Fremont County Librarian; Jim Richards, Director of the University of Wyoming Library and 1973 President of WLA;

Richard Frost, Curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum of Cody, Wyoming, and Chairman of the State Library, Archives and Historical Board

June McGrath, Park County Library Director and host librarian

Al Whitelock, Laramie County Library Director and vice-president, president-elect.

## WYOMING LIBRARY CONVENTION

By Dorothy Middleton

Mrs. Marcia Wright, Junior High School Librarian of Gillette is the new president of the Wyoming Library Association. Mrs. Wright was installed at the recent convention held in Cody, with nearly 200 members in attendance. She succeeds Jim Richards, University of Wyoming Library Director, out-going president. Other newly elected officers of the Association are Al Whitelock, Laramie County Library Director, vice-president, president-elect, and Jean Johnson, University of Wyoming Library, recording secretary.

Theme of the convention was "Libraries and Lawmakers: We Relate." A workshop on "Legislative Technique" was a feature, with Dick Jones, State Senator from Cody; Ellen Crowley, State

Representative and Cheyenne Attorney, and Glen Stutzman, county commissioner.

Eileen Cooke, of the American Library Association Washington Office spoke of legislative technique during the final session.

Norman D. Weiss, author of *Ghost — Towns of the Northwest*, was the speaker at the banquet. He is also a noted photographer and instructor at the Casper College. He illustrated his talk with slides of pictures from his forthcoming book.

Business meetings were conducted by President Jim Richards. Convention chairman was June McGrath, Park County Library Director.

Special recognition was given Mrs. Eunice Hutton, who was honored with an award presented at the meetings. She was cited for 40 years of service to Green River High School. She is a life member of WLA and has been active within state library circles for many years. She served as a consultant for 8 schools, and is a member of the American Library Association, working for Library services nationally.

Also recognized were Francis Brooks, Campbell County Media Center, Gillette, and Laura Fisher Herbst, a Laramie, Wyoming author for children.

Mrs. Mary Kuhn, WLA Awards Chairman, presided at the awards luncheon. Others receiving awards were: Virginia Hake, chairman of the Washakie County Library Board; Dr. Walter C. Schmid, chairman of the Laramie County Library Board; the Johnson County Library Board and Estelle Stacy Carrier, president of the Converse County Library Board. Other awards were given to Lee Myers, editor of the Cody Enterprise, and a special award to the Federated Women's Clubs of Wyoming for service to libraries. Awards were presented to Susie True of the Natrona County Library; Gay Collier, library trustee from Albany County, and

to Jim Richards for outstanding service as president of WLA. The Council on the Humanities was honored at the meeting, as was Shirley Sedgwick of the Wyoming State Library.

Other awardees were Betty Amick, Glendo Branch Library; Al Whitelock, Laramie County Library; Ruby Preuit, Platte County Library, and Carolyn Duncan, Bairoil Branch Library.

First place Publicity Awards were presented to Sheridan Fulmer Public Library; George Amos Memorial Library in Gillette, and to Rock Springs Carnegie Public Library. Other libraries cited for good publicity programs were Laramie County, Platte County and Park County.

Eileen Cooke of the ALA Washington Office joined the Wyoming librarians at Cody for the annual conference April 25-27. Theme for the meeting, "Libraries and Lawmakers: We Relate," was developed by speakers from the state legislature and panel discussions. Ms. Cooke discussed the Federal programs at the convention.

Interest in the proposed White House Conference on Libraries and Information Sciences was sparked as the librarians and trustees studied priorities for legislative promotion.

Adoption of an Inter Library Loan Code for the state was achieved by an ad hoc committee.

James H. Richards, Jr., Director of Libraries at the University of Wyoming, turned over his Presidential gavel to Marcia Wright of the Gillette Schools. He also announced his retirement from the WLA Executive Board as he will be leaving Wyoming in the summer.

## STATE MEETINGS – KANSAS

By Dick Neuman

The annual conference of the Kansas Library Association was held in Topeka, April 28-30. Attendance was excellent, about 470 registered, but the most help-



ful factor for the convention host was the 335 pre-registrants.

Officers for the 1974-1975 year: Mr. Duane F. Johnson, Librarian of the Hutchinson Public Library and Director of the South Central Kansas Library System, President; Mr. John Glinka, Associate Librarian, University of Kansas Libraries, Vice-president and President-elect; Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, Librarian, Seward County Community Junior College, Liberal, Second Vice-president; and Sister Bernadine Pacht, Librarian, Marymount College, Salina, Secretary.

David Heron, director of the University of Kansas Libraries, becomes librarian at the University of California at Santa Cruz California, July 1.

#### NEWS — KANSAS

1974 Kansas Legislature passed first state aid to public libraries — first year appropriation \$600,000 . . . 1/3 to be divided equally among the seven regional library systems; 2/3 to local libraries based on the population of their library tax district . . . about 24 cents per capita.

#### NEWS — SOUTH DAKOTA

By Mona Swanson

Libraries in South Dakota were immeasurably benefited when the 1974 legislature appropriated two million dollars for a state library building in Pierre and 4.2 million dollars for a library building at South Dakota State University.

State Library Director H.V. Anderson has completed the written building program and bid-letting is anticipated for later this year. (It should be noted that the library building was funded instead of a state Supreme Court building. Possible ramifications of this move have not yet been explored!)

Action was finally taken on the report made by the Public Documents Study Commission established by the 1972 legislature. A Documents Depository System was established that will enable the State Library to begin the orderly acquisition and distribution of documents published by agencies of State government. More information can be obtained

from Bob Carmack, (USD, Vermillion, SD) who chaired the Commission, or H.V. Anderson, S.D. State Library Director, (322 S. Fort St., Pierre), who will be in charge of implementing the program.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of SDLA was given a grant from the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities to fund three workshops in the state on intellectual freedom. These were held in Madison on March 23, Spearfish on March 30, and Aberdeen on April 20. Participation was open to any interested person. Invitations were sent to all municipal officials, legislators, school superintendents, and librarians. Even though attendance was not overwhelming, those who did participate were enlightened by the learned discourses of the following panelists: David Nelson, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, South Dakota State University, Brookings; Duane Addison, Department of Religion, Augustana College, Sioux Falls; Katherine Schack, Department of History, Huron College; John Hagemann, School of Law, University of S.D., Vermillion.

The annual convention of the South Dakota Library Association will be held at the Holiday Inn of the Northern Black Hills near Spearfish, October 2, 3, and 4. Guest speakers will include Allie Beth Martin, Tulsa City-County Library; Leslie Dunlop, Director of the library at the University of Iowa, Iowa City; and Glen Rounds, author. This year's officers are Jean Lothrop, Huron, president; Jay Paulukonis, Dakota State College, Madison, vice president president elect; Sonia Jordre, Selby Public Schools, secretary; Dorothy Liegl, South Dakota State Library, Pierre, treasurer.

#### NEWS — WYOMING

"Videotape is rolling" — this television production phrase is now a familiar sound at the Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne, after four month's activity in a research project which explores videotape technology and cable television uses in libraries. The Wyoming State Library Community Access Television (WYCAT) provides free access to cablecast facilities for government agencies and the local community, with programs shown an hour or more

daily on the Library's cable channel. Research data collected from the project is being compiled into a handbook for Wyoming's 23 county libraries to assist them with their varied videotape and cable television activities. The information will also be made available to other libraries in the United States.

Les Lieurance, a graduate in broadcasting from the University of Wyoming heads up the project, which is a part of the Public Information section of the State Library. State Library Director Bill Williams and Public Information Officer Ruth Aubuchon explored the need for research in library participation in the cable field for more than a year before beginning the research project. "We are the libraries' library," Williams said, "And we hope to produce information which will give them concrete future assistance in this vital field."



Ruth Aubuchon, Public Information Officer and Bill Williams, Wyoming State Library Director conducted a year's research on cable technology in libraries before starting WYCAT to aid Wyoming county libraries in their videotape efforts. The two are seen reviewing recent WYCAT publicity materials to be inserted in the monthly cable billing.

The facility cablecasts in black and white with two studio cameras, a simple film chain, an editing VTR, and portable equipment. Most of this equipment was already owned by the State Library, having been purchased in 1971 under a federal grant for librarian training workshops. The donation of a modulator and cable installation by local franchiser Cable Colorvision of Cheyenne, enables the Library to cablecast on channel 12 weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., sharing the channel with the local school district.



### LIBRARY, DENVER, COLORADO MAY 10, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Dowlin of the Bibliographical Center. Present for the Mountain Plains Library Association were: Mr. Anderson, Vice President; Mrs. Jones, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Edelen, Fiscal Officer. Present for Bibliographical Center were: Mr. Dowling, President; Mr. Nelson; Mr. Carmack, Secretary; Ms. Gralapp, Treasurer; and Miss Hays, Director.

Mr. Dowlin opened the meeting by reporting that the Bib. Center Board passed a resolution to ask the MPLA Executive Board Officers and Secretariat to meet with the Bib. Center Officers. He ask for a report from the MPLA Master Plan Task Force on areas of joint interest, particularly the possibility of a Joint Secretariat.

Mr. Carmack reported on the task force meeting held during the day of May 10, 1974. Concentration was on the development of a document for presentation hopefully at the June MPLA Executive

Board Meeting, on the duties of an Executive Secretariat. Plans for implementation of costing-out items under the Executive Secretariat on the Master Plan Committee report, submitted to the MPLA Executive Board at the March 23, 1974 Meeting were established. The Committee prepared ideas to be incorporated into a draft to be sent to a number of consulting firms and other interested agencies in the Rocky Mountain Region on providing an Executive Office to fulfill duties, programs and activities by MPLA. The Bib. Center will be one of the interested agencies to receive the opportunity to react to MPLA needs with bids.

Mr. Carmack reported that items have been grouped into three areas for discussion: membership promotion, activity package and association business. Mr. Anderson reported that the task force has solidified ideas and is at a point where they need cost figures. Mr. Dowlin asked what areas the Task Force is considering that may affect the Bib. Center. Mr. Anderson stated two reasons for asking the Bib. Center to bid are the common-



Bob Ridgley, LeRoy Willard, and Ramona Rank earn Laramie County Community College credits editing a State Health Services program in the Wyoming State Library Community Access Television facility. The students produce programs on portable cameras and use the studio facility for telecasting in the evenings.



Jerry Cordova and Dave Montgomery Cablecast Practicum students from Laramie County Community College review a script for final camera angles and narration. The students participate in the Wyoming State Library's Community Access Television project for University of Wyoming transfer credit.

Evaluation within all types of homes is scheduled to begin soon and handbook information should be available within a year. Inquiries about WYCAT may be sent to Les Lieurance, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.

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ality of area and commonality of interest. Miss Hayes asked for clarification. Mr. Carmack explained that MPLA is asking for cost figures to develop a plan in each of the three areas cited for discussion by the Task Force.

Miss Hayes discussed the variety of programs relating to libraries in the MPLA region and stressed the need for solidarity. Mr. Anderson mentioned the existence of items that cross state boundaries within our region. Mr. Dowlin reported on a meeting where they tried to define regionalism. The participants identified cooperation between states that exist even though there are problems. Some methods of consolidating MPLA into a more viable regional association that were discussed by Mr. Anderson included: promotion of professionalism, a promotion of commonality within the region, especially the sparse population.

Miss Hayes mentioned concern about a time table for bidding agencies. Mr. Carmack reported that agencies will have about two or three weeks to prepare a package. The agencies will submit a bid on preparation of separate packages for implementation.

Mr. Dowlin said the Bib. Center would consider reacting to the package to be sent out by May 18. Further discussion of specific items included in those for which bids will be submitted was held. Mr. Anderson stated that basically MPLA is looking for a full-time Executive Secretary. Mr. Dowlin asked if MPLA was not looking for an operational arm as discussed at Peaceful Valley. Mr. Anderson reported that the areas for which MPLA is asking for bids are the beginning of implementation of an operational arm for MPLA.

Miss Hayes said she would like to know more about programs undertaken by WICHE. Mr. Anderson stated that if an MPLA Executive Office were established it would facilitate coordination of plans and projects for the region, including WICHE.

Miss Hayes stated that the minutes of the Bib. Center must be ratified by their Board prior to distribution. She will send copies of such minutes to the Recording Secretary of MPLA for distribution to the MPLA Executive Board. Mrs. Jones reported MPLA minutes will be sent to Miss Hayes and she may distribute MPLA minutes to the Bib. Center Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna R. Jones  
Recording Secretary

#### PUBLICATIONS

Gale Research Company has announced that it has completed its series, "Library of Congress Classification Schedules: A Cumulation of Additions and Changes 1971-72." The 1971-72 cumulation complements the previously published cumulation which covered all additions and changes made in then-current base schedules through 1970.

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#### PUBLICATIONS

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## INNOVATION

### THE BEATRICE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Two recent innovations in the Children's Room are a Book Nook and Student Reviews. The Book Nook is a luxuriously carpeted bathtub in which two children

at a time may relax while looking over their books. The student reviews are given by any 7th grade student who wishes to come to our library, select one of the new books, read it, and then write a brief review and criticism which is then added to the column "Books of Interest at the Beatrice Public Library" which appears once a week in the local paper. This project has been accomplished with the cooperation of our 7th grade English teachers.

**Kathryn Wolter, Children's Librarian**

### BATTLING DOLDRUMS

Ora Marie Stewart, librarian, Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton, North Dakota tells us that they are battling the winter doldrums by sponsoring evening hobby classes. Instructors come from the Grafton and Cavalier area. A small enrollment fee is charged to pay the instructors. Courses include: beginning bridge, knitting and crocheting, small handicrafts, gourmet cooking, and bead jewelry. Ora Marie comments that the courses have been well received, since only basic adult education classes are otherwise offered in the community.

The staff at Minot, North Dakota Public has been exploring the uses of cassette tapes. Stephanie Borud, the adult services and reference librarian, has programmed a set of six cassettes with a book by book description of the Reference Section. Each Library Assistant, using headphones and a portable recorder, has listened to the tape while at the same time looking through the book being described. Those who have completed the tape/book program feel that it has helped them a great deal in searching for patron requests.

Another new program using tapes is the "Dial-a-Story" line recently installed. During the hours the library is open, children can dial a special number — different from the regular library telephone number — and hear a three-minute story recorded each week by the Children's Librarian. When the library is closed the line is switched to the regular library number and a 30-second tape is substituted, giving the library hours and a short description of one service offered at MPL.

Wednesday mornings are pretty busy now that "Mothers and Others" programs have begun. About fifty Mothers and sixty preschoolers regularly attend the hour-long double program. For preschoolers the Children's librarian, Jeanne Narum, plans stories, games and activities; while in the Community Room the mothers hear speakers from the community. Home decorating, make-up, insurance, and rainy-day activities are some of the topics covered so far.

### INNOVATION

Some active programs in the encouragement of youngsters to enjoy reading are being tried this spring. There was a lot of quiet excitement at Jackson Elementary School in Salt Lake's Central City on Tuesday, March 26, when the friends of Salt Lake City Public Library group conducted the premiere of its **Reading is FUNDamental** project for three classes of youngsters in third grade. Each shining-eyed child was free to choose any title he liked from a large number of colorful new paperbacks to have and keep for his own. Sometimes the choice was hard to make, but Charlie Brown titles and **Charlotte's Web** moved fast. According to Mrs. Pat Jarvis, Chairman of the RIF Committee, money for purchase of the paperbacks has been raised by projects such as sale of gift books, and it is planned to give the same children another book in April and another in May, as reinforcement of the experience for fun in reading. This program at Jackson is the first in the city; it is hoped that financial aid can be found to help it grow and spread. Response from the children, according to feedback from their classroom teachers, is warm and thrilled. (The first action taken by one small boy was to persuade his uncle to build him a bookcase!) . . . Union Junior High administrators had a hard time getting youngsters to stop reading, when, stimulated by Mrs. Marcy Jensen, chairman of the reading department of Jordan District, they organized a "reading marathon" in January. Goal: to see how long student participants could read without stopping and still retain what they had read. Items to maintain comfort such as pillows, water pitchers, snacks, blankets, were welcomed. Students were tested periodically to determine



reading retention. Two-minute rest breaks were taken every hour. After 13 hours 39 weary students were still busily reading. Judges, non-plussed by such stamina and feeling that the contest had gone on long enough, declared the 39 to be winners. Prizes donated by over 50 local merchants were distributed by raffle. Several youngsters had read 7-9 books in the 13 hours; a book fair follow-up has led to development of a little student bookstore manned by PTA help; booming business in paperback books testifies that Union Jr. High students are "hooked on books," at least for now . . . Another beginning program draws interest to Brockbank and Kearns Junior High schools; where youngsters who have had reading difficulties are being guided in individualized reading programs in which they are free from competition and more or less self-directed in a happy and colorful environment. There seems to be enthusiasm and progress as a result in this beginning program.

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO GENERAL LIBRARY**

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The notable writing of British and American authors dating from invention of the printing press in the 15th century to 1800 have found a home in the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library.

The massive 38,000 volumes of fiction and periodical works can be housed in just a few colorful cases, for they are contained on 10,000 reels of 35mm microfilm.

"The pieces represent an enormous retrospective collection of English and U.S. literature and history," said Alan Reed, Zimmerman's social science bibliographer. "They are the finest copies in the world — clear, complete copies of hard-to-find items." The microfilm both preserves them and permits the storing of a vast number of volumes in a small area.

#### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

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The Library Associates is a group of librarians dedicated to the proposition that "all is not lost." In fact, **nothing** need be lost in the information retrieval

field.

Bill Webb, editor for the group of Colorado-based librarians, explains: It's not enough for the librarian to give the patron the book: the patron needs an explanation of how to use it."

**Reference Book Guides** is a separate piece of heavy cover stock, about 5 X 8 inches in size and in a standard format. The Library Associates publish 20 Guides on the alternate month (the first issue is just out) for 20 different reference books. Subscribers to the service can insert the RBG (as each Guide is called) anywhere in the book, tape it on or inside the front cover, or even tack it on the desk or wall area adjacent to the reference bookshelf.

"Each **Reference Book Guide** is a short, graphic key to a particular reference book," Webb explains. "We try to design each RBG so that the average library user can read the text and assimilate the example in 60 seconds or less.

Some typical titles for which RBGs are published are: Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature, Statistical Abstracts of the U.S., P.A.I.S., Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, Writer's Market, and the MLA Bibliography.

To place an order or for more information and a sample, write:

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P.O. Box 3411  
Boulder, Colorado 80303

#### **PEOPLE — NORTH DAKOTA MARY GLASER PASSES AWAY**

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Mary Glaser, long-time member of the North Dakota Library Association, passed away January 21, 1974. Mary had been ill since last summer.

Mary was active in all phases of libraries and librarianship. She was secretary of NDLA during the 1963-64 term. She was a charter member of the Bismarck-Mandan Library Association, and held various positions in this organization.

#### **PEOPLE — UTAH**

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New Librarian at Kearns Branch of Salt Lake County Library as of February, is **Douglas Hindmarsh**, MLS graduate

from B.Y.U. in 1968. Doug has been with the Cataloging Department at the B.Y.U. Library, until taking his new position with SL County.

We regret very much to report the death, on February 7, 1974, of Mrs. **Esther M. Hooper**, librarian at the Chapman Branch for 10 years, and employee of Salt Lake City Public Library for a total of 38 years. We extend sincere sympathy to her husband, George Hooper, also of the Salt Lake City Public Library staff.

**Sam Weller's Zion Book Store** in Salt Lake City received notice in **Publisher's Weekly** in a recently published article, "Salt Lake City's Sam Weller Champions the Cause of Regional Bookselling," edited by Lila Freilicher. Sam's philosophy of giving good individual service to clientele and warmly supporting the local book market was given appropriate notice.

We regret to report the death on February 12, 1974 of Mrs. **Thomas H. (Margaret) Perry**, member of the Board of Trustees of Manti Public Library. She will be succeeded on the Board by **L. Glen Anderson** of Manti.

**Mrs. Erma Buys**, who has served as the Junior Librarian with Payson Public Library during the last seven years, has resigned. New children's librarian in Payson is Mrs. Buys' sister, **Mrs. Lois Wright**. In Richmond an effective new assistant librarian, **Jim McDaniel** has been recently appointed. Provo Public Library's Young Adult Librarian, **Maggie Schaerrer** received last week a nice notice of service given through a number of years, as a recipient of of an award given by the Provo Education Association to her as a "Friend of Education." Mrs. Schaerrer has been active in the development of outstanding cooperation between Provo schools and the Public Library.

#### **PEOPLE — SOUTH DAKOTA NEW LIBRARIAN IN YANKTON**

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Miss Martha Schaer has been appointed new Yankton Community Librarian. Miss Schaer, a native of Elgin, Iowa, holds a B.A. degree (1968) in English from Upper Iowa College in Fayette, Iowa, and a M.S. degree in Library Science



from the University of Denver. In the interim years, she has taught school and directed the library at Allamakee Community School District, Waukon, Iowa, and did the same in a boys' secondary school, in West Cameroon, Africa.

The State Library and the State's library profession welcome Miss Schaer to South Dakota.

#### DARLIEN KLUG NAMED LIBRARIAN EMERITUS

Mrs. Darlien Klug, assistant professor and head of the reference department of the South Dakota State University library, has been named Professor Emeritus of Library Science by the South Dakota Regents of Education.

The Professor Emeritus standing will become effective July 1, following her retirement after more than 25 years of service to the SDSU library.

#### TELEVISION SHOW FEATURES LIBRARIAN

Twice each week television viewers in the KXON coverage area of southeastern South Dakota have the opportunity to watch Jan Olsen, Director of the Mitchell Public Library, as he presents a variety of approaches to the subject of libraries and what they have to offer to their patrons.

Olsen, who is Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the South Dakota Library Association, was contacted last fall by the hostess of KXON's morning show, "The World's Worst Movie," and asked to appear as a guest. The show, which is aired Mondays at 9:00 a.m., consists of interviews with local personalities and an old movie.

For the first two months Olsen appeared irregularly, discussing books, records, periodicals, and newspapers with the interviewer. Later he began appearing regularly on "Bulletin Board," a show which airs local announcements every Thursday at 12:20. Then he was asked to video-tape interviews on a regular basis, and these are used as a weekly feature, shown along with the Monday movie. Presently, Olsen appears regularly twice a week, and is often asked to fill in when other interviews are cancelled.

Olsen reports that he enjoys the opportunity to publicize library materials, events, and services, and he feels that the television coverage should provide indirect benefits for all libraries. Readers within the KXON broadcast area who have access to a television set at the times mentioned should tune in and find out what one librarian is doing for the collective public image of libraries and librarians.

#### PEOPLE – NEBRASKA CENTRAL NETWORK WELCOMES NEW COORDINATOR

Mrs. Alexi Schuman, a graduate of the Kansas State Teacher's College, Department of Library Science at Emporia has recently started working in the Central Network replacing Ms. Paula Smith who resigned to become Director of the Hastings Public Library.

Alexi has most recently worked for the Ottawa, Kansas Public Library as Public Services Librarian and previously was a district Advisor for Girl Scout Council in Kansas. "Music, camping, and pen and ink drawing are some of my favorite hobbies." Alexi is living in Hastings with her husband Phillip, a vocal music teacher and her daughter, Shaundra.

**Editor's Note:** We regret that the author listings in the previous issue were errone-

ously presented. Corrections are herewith presented:

"A Legislator Looks at Libraries" – a speech given at the 1973 NDLA conference by North Dakota State Senator Robert Melland of Jamestown, N.D.

"Inter-library Cooperation; Mythical Concept and Workable Reality" by Dr. Harold Smith, Library Director, Park College, Parkville, Mo.

"An Operational Analysis of Library Information Networks of Nebraska and Texas" by Mr. Ron Norman, Director, Kearney, Nebraska Public Library.

"The Bound Periodical—A Disservice" by Margaret Dobbyn, Social Science Librarian, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

#### OVER – "BROWNIE" – SIDNEY'S MAN OF THE MONTH

Sidney Public librarian and past President of the Nebraska Library Association, R.W. Brown, was recently selected as the Sidney Jaycee's Man of the Month. Building an outstanding library, a strong bookmobile program and innovative ideas were cited among the reasons for the presentation. He will be considered, along with other monthly winners of the award, for the Man of the Year Award – good luck and congratulations!



Mind terribly if we play through? . . . We have some overdue library books to return.





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# Library Foundation Funding

*The establishment of a foundation may be the turning point of your library!*

That statement may seem too optimistic, but the record of achievement of the foundations established in support of libraries makes the statement more than believable. Take, for instance, the growth experienced in the services and facilities of the Lincoln city library system during the past twenty years in which the Lincoln City Library Foundation has functioned. The financial statements record gifts near the one million dollar mark; these funds were channelled through cash contributions from \$1 to \$300,000, through bequests and estates, through transfer of stock certificates and real estate. An additional undetermined amount has been received through gifts of books, recordings, films, reference materials, rare books, and miscellaneous collections of manuscripts, historical papers and memorabilia concerning the library, Lincoln, Lancaster County, and the State of Nebraska. Several recently founded organizations of the same type or similar to Lincoln's foundation have had rewarding experiences, too. The Columbus Library Foundation was set up in 1971 and, although moneywise the benefit has been conservative, to date \$100 worth of memberships and two \$100 gifts have been received and the library has been designated as a beneficiary of two wills of

substantial amounts.

*So, you say, this sounds like an idea which has potential for our library, our community. But, how do we go about getting a foundation set up and established? The first step seems, from experience, to be the most difficult – the idea must be planted and nurtured and brought into full bloom. This takes work, interest, support and backing.* The Library Board is the first group with whom the idea should be discussed; many times the enthusiasm of one board member for this type of activity will encourage the other board members to "get on the bandwagon" and get involved, too.

The Lincoln City Library Foundation was established in 1954 by the Library Board to promote the understanding of the role of the public library in the community and to provide information about the opportunities for benefactions to the library. The primary concern in establishing the foundation was to show how significant the public library was to the entire community; that a gift to the library perpetuated itself in that it grew and became more significant as the years went on. The foundation had practical aspects, too. It could point out specifically the opportunities for gifts, the advantages of such philanthropy and could exercise judgment and good



management in seeing that the intent of the donor and of the library was realized to the fullest and maximum achievement. Further, because it was separated from governmental aspects of operation of the library and tax support funds, it could be more forthright in describing the opportunities without incurring any misunderstanding that might result if a governmental agency actively engaged in securing additional funds for library purposes. In some instances, opportunities were brought to realization because the foundation provided a channel of cooperation between the Library Board, the City Council and other city officials, and community groups, or individual citizens.

As an example of an opportunity for cooperation between various community agencies, the Lincoln City Library Foundation Board formed a liaison committee of citizens interested in libraries and their development at a crucial time – the proposed closing of a branch library which had been operated from a school building. The closing had been proposed due to school needs and the proposal was received by the Library Board during the fiscal year; therefore, additional funds were not available to establish an alternate library location immediately. Through the efforts of the Library Board, the Foundation Board and the Liaison Committee of citizens from the service area of the library which was being phased out, it was possible to hold public meetings to discuss the potentials for library service in the community area, to discuss the various needs and requirements for service in the area, to contemplate future planning and developments for service facilities in the area. This provided the channel for communication between the appropriate city agencies and officials, the Library Board and the Foundation Board, the public schools and the citizens to solve the immediate problem. It led to the eventual realization of a full-service branch library in a location which could service not only the present population but projected population growth and expansion as well. Such groups working closely together have made this and other projects, such as building programs, possible because the planning and funding could be managed by means which were not always otherwise available.

*Now you and the Library Board are enthused, but what next? The help of several present or former board members, or interested community leaders, or library patrons will be needed to form the nucleus of the foundation group; to assist in outlining the role of the foundation, to help work out the legal details and the formalities of articles of incorporation, by-laws, state and federal tax questions. A lawyer will be*

required to guide the group through the technicalities, perhaps you'll be as fortunate as Kimball and find an attorney who will volunteer his services.

Let's consider briefly those various technicalities and details. To start at the beginning, and to use the advice of a fellow librarian, there is some basic work which the librarian can do before even presenting the idea to the board . . . a little research into the various types of foundations which other libraries have established may save time and effort, and may provide many ideas as to the function, form and procedures which may be followed. You may find that the very reason you have for wanting to get a foundation going in your community was the basis for another similar organization. The most "popular" reason has been to provide the financial funding for a new facility, as tax monies are not readily available in so many cases, and many times the foundation provides an alternative to a bond issue. You may also find that the articles of incorporation and/or by-laws of another foundation are readily adaptable to your local situation.

*You're now ready to find that attorney to take care of the legal steps – preparation of articles of incorporation for the Secretary of State, advertising, registering with the County Clerk, and clearing with the Internal Revenue Service to make contributions tax deductible, and getting a state tax number, too.*

The Lincoln City Library Foundation's articles of incorporation state: "The general nature of the corporation's business shall be: (1) To solicit and receive gifts, bequests, grants and devises of property of any kind, whether real or personal and wherever situated, for the use and benefit of the Lincoln City Library or any of its branches . . . and to apply, expend and use any or all property so received, principal and income or either, to the use and benefit of the said Library or any of its branches and for such purposes as shall have been approved by the governing body of the said library; (2) To hold, manage, operate, sell, exchange, invest and reinvest, and generally deal with property which may come into its possession for the use and benefit of the said Lincoln City Library or any of its branches or successor institution, and in the course of such activities to defray from its funds and property the reasonable expenses of its operation . . . The corporation shall have no capital stock and shall declare no dividends, nor shall its trustees or officers receive or participate in any gain or profit from its operation, although fair and reasonable compensation for services rendered may be paid to any employee . . . The powers of this



corporation shall be limited to the solicitation, receipt and general management of gifts, bequests, grants and devises of property for use and benefit of the Lincoln City Library or any of its branches . . . and shall not extend to the management and control of the operation of the Library . . .”

The articles of incorporation for the Lincoln City Library Foundation further detail the powers with relation to investments in any stocks, bonds, or other securities and any properties which may be acquired and held by the Foundation. (You may think that it's a remote possibility that your foundation will gain funds sufficient to warrant investment, but sometimes the benefits of a library foundation are astounding). The by-laws will further detail the structure of the Board of Trustees and the duties of the officers and the general operation of the foundation.

For example, so that there will never be a conflict between the purposes of the Library Board and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, in Lincoln the by-laws provide that the majority membership of the Foundation Board is always the Library Board, and therefore, they direct the business of the foundation to the maximum accomplishment of the basic purposes of the library service program. Other methods, however, might be more effective in your situation.

As most libraries have found, these legal steps are perhaps the most difficult aspects of a foundation; it does take time to get the foundation set up, and the process may take longer than one thinks initially.

*But, the work has just begun. You have the idea approved, the legal steps are taken care of and out of the way – now, you have to get the foundation operating. First step – proper publicity to make people aware of the foundation. Second step – some individual work to find donors who are interested in giving substantial sums.* Columbus Library Foundation approached this through enlisting members at a set fee (\$3.00 a year for adults and \$1.00 for students); Lincoln uses a flat fee of \$2.00 per member per year. (You need not be a member, however, to make a contribution, large or small). This provides a base for operation and gives the foundation some cash inflow (and financial support) to use in preparing publicity, brochures and/or bookmarks; for office supplies, postage, and basic operational costs. It also encourages participation and spreads the word about the foundation and its purpose. The Lincoln City Library Foundation printed up a descriptive brochure detailing what the foundation was, how it functioned, how contributions and benefactions were channelled into

library services and facilities. A letter describing the foundation was prepared and sent to every attorney in the community. A newsletter was printed and mailed periodically to interested citizens and donors keeping them informed and aware of the activities, potential developments and future needs and plans of the library. The newspaper was enlisted for their help in publicizing the foundation (and continued to be a valuable means of announcing gifts benefactions, establishment of new services, construction of new buildings – all activities of the foundation).

*Now that you have the foundation established, all the legal steps have been taken, the foundation has been publicized, the community is responding and gifts are being received – what next? That's up to you, your board, the members and donors. The possibilities are many – a fund drive to develop the funds for a new library building, or for new draperies, or for furniture, equipment, shelving, carpeting; or for some decorative feature for the library's interior (fountain, plantings, sculpture, for example), or for a library garden ( a nice setting for a story hour or a group discussion or other library activity). Perhaps you would like to add a service – framed art reproductions for home use, or phonograph recordings, or a film projector (for library and community use), or sculpture for home loan . . . or to develop a special collection of books by a local author, or special resources of historical value to the community or area . . . Do you have many books which need to be withdrawn from the collection, but which you hate to throw away – maybe the foundation's sponsorship of a book sale (with the proceeds going back into the foundation's treasury for some special use) is the answer. Or, perhaps the gift of a Book of Memory by one donor will encourage others to give memorials which can be recorded and displayed publicly as a lasting contribution. There are even possibilities of obtaining grants from other charitable foundations for which your library may qualify in a wide range of library services and programs.*

*The purpose and function of the library foundation is as individual as each library. But, the rewards to the foundation and its donors and the achievements for the library cannot be measured alone in terms of dollars. They must be recorded in the benefits to the community, to individuals, to the library's service program.*

*Joyce Coppinger, Lincoln City Libraries*





*MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION*

# Master Plan Committee Report

The MPLA Master-Plan Task Force, in fulfillment of the charge given at the MPLA convention in Cheyenne, 1974 submits the following outline and recommendations to the Executive Board of the Mountain Plains Library Association for consideration in the development of a Master Plan for the Association.

I. Establishment of the office of the Executive Secretary

A. The Task Force recommends, in priority order:

1. The Executive Board contract with a library consulting firm, within the current means of the association, to provide necessary on-going business and membership records, to provide membership promotion and development, and to provide assistance in the planning and staging of association meetings. There are a number of firms within the region that might be interested in bidding on such a contract. This alternative would give the association the opportunity to attempt to expand the membership to a point where it could ascertain how much a budget it might be able to consistently anticipate while at the same time affording the Board the executive office it so desperately needs.

B. The establishment of this office should be considered as a long-range goal of the Association.

C. A tentative budget is submitted:

Staff	
Director	\$15,000
Clerk-Typist	5,000
Benefits	5,000
Travel	2,400
Rent	2,100
Lights & Heat	1,000
Telephone	1,300
Printing	2,000
Supplies	1,000
Office Equipment	3,000
Postage	2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

II. Fiscal Structure

A. The Task Force Recommends, not necessarily in priority order:

1. Making MPLA dues a part of the State Association dues, which in effect would make each member of the State library association automatically a member of MPLA, with that portion of the dues for MPLA going directly into the MPLA treasury. This should be tried experimentally in one or more states first to make sure that it would work.
2. Approach the State Library agencies and Associations of the states in the region for support.
3. Change in the dues structure for individual as well as institutional members.
4. Increase the subscription charge for the MPLA Quarterly to institutional libraries especially, and other appropriate methods to bring the

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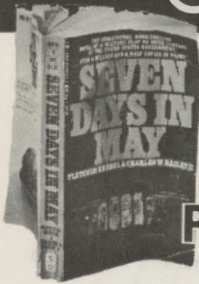
*MPLA CONVENTION*

## Information:

The 1974 Mountain Plains Library Association's Annual Convention will be held at the Sahara Tahoe Hotel, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, November 3-6, 1974. "A New Direction" will be the theme. Those interested in receiving further information concerning the convention should contact Mr. Joseph Edelen, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069, in order to be placed on the mailing list. All of those interested in exhibiting at the convention should contact the local arrangements chairman, Dr. Larry W. Crandall, Learning Resources Center, Western Nevada Community College, 813 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.



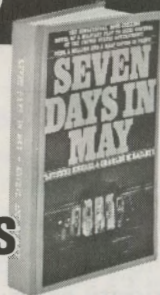
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5. MPLA membership drive coordinate and coincide State Library Association membership drives with MPLA State Representative handling the arrangement.

6. MPLA explore various methods of fund raising.

III. Establishment of relationships with the region and with ALA

A. The Task Force recommends that

1. MPLA look internally within the eight (8) regional states and development within the region as a first priority and working with ALA as a second priority. These priorities to be reviewed annually.

2. That the Executive Board investigate immediate Bibliographical Center—MPLA staffing and housing so as to provide a part-time person and part-time clerical support in the Bib Center office. A series of problems might develop with this arrangement, as attractive as it is. There is some personal antipathy between some members of the association and the administration of the Bib-center; this might cause a loss of membership. There are other problems of a fiscal nature which might cause some States to lower their support of the Bib Center or even cancel it, if the Bib-Center could not definitely, through program budgeting, show each supporting Bib-Center State agency that it was not actively supporting a professional organization. The Bib-Center now cannot, through program budgeting, show any participating state definitely whether or not the Colorado State Library is supporting their programs or they are supporting Colorado's. Until these fiscal questions are solved, this alternative is tenuous at best.

3. That the Executive Board attempt to sell joint Executive Secretarial offices for the association and the eight State associations to be supported by dues to both state and regional associations perhaps prorated upon the populations of the states concerned. This alternative would take longer and would delay the establishment of an office some time since each State association would have to be contacted and not all might be receptive.

IV. Continuing Education

A. The Task Force recommends that

1. One of the major goals of the organizational



structure of MPLA be coordination and provision of continuing education programs for the membership within the eight (8) state region.

2. The MPLA Executive Board take steps to identify programs and packages available at the present time and that this be the first step toward MPLA development and implementation of continuing education programs for the eight (8) state region.
3. The MPLA Executive Board explore all available funding possibilities for continuing education programs implementation.

#### V. Resource Coordination

##### A. The Task Force Recommends:

1. One of the major goals of the organizational structure of MPLA be the coordination of resources within the region.
2. The MPLA Executive Board that resource coordination, as a priority action, be tabled until such time that the Bib Center has determined its direction and its development of future programs.

#### VI. Communication and Publication

##### A. The Task Force Recommends:

1. The *MPLA Quarterly* be recognized as the major vehicle for communication within the regional association.
2. All efforts be made by the MPLA Executive Board to make the *MPLA Quarterly* self-sustaining.
3. The major focus, in content, of the *MPLA Quarterly* should be regional in nature. Such basic information as officers, appropriate officials, and dues structure, to name three, should be listed in each issue. The *PNLA Quarterly* and the *Southeastern Librarian* should be looked at as model journals for implementing these concepts.

Vince Anderson

Mona Swanson

Evelyn Brewster

Joe Edelen

Bob Carmack, Chairperson

K.J. Janecek

Kay Lundgren, ex-officio

Wayne Johnson

### **MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

#### I. PURPOSE

To establish and strengthen a viable organization through which library interests may find expression.

#### II. GOALS

#### A. Establish a viable organization and structure

1. Rewrite the Constitution as appropriate
2. Create a central Office of the Secretariat
  - a. Investigate the alternatives for the office
    1. Explore MPLA and Bib. Center joint sponsorship of Executive Secretary to be housed in the Bib. Center.
    2. Explore the possibility of joint sponsorship of Executive Secretary by MPLA and State Library Association within the region.
    3. Explore the possibility of MPLA as a sole sponsor of the Executive Secretary.
  - b. Describe the duties of the office

#### 3. Establish a fiscal structure

- a. Study the existing financial structure, make recommendations as to how this structure will have to be expanded to accommodate new organizational structure.
- b. Explore the possibility of outside funding for beginning new programs, for example, the office of the Executive Secretary.

#### 4. Establish relationships with the states within the region

- a. Define the role of the state representatives. (Recommend that they should be Immediate Past Presidents of the Association)

#### 5. Establish relationship with ALA

- a. Establish both negative and positive relationships with ALA.

#### B. Establish viable programs

##### 1. Continuing Education

- a. Explore and develop program packages for Continuing Education.
- b. Coordinate implementation of existing programs.
- c. Disseminate information on available Continuing Education programs.

##### 2. Resource coordination

- a. Identify and promote the expansion of existing networks within the MPLA Region.
- b. An inventory of library strengths within the Regions and library resource strengths within the Regions.
- c. Inventory and encourage participation in various technology in the MPLA region.

##### 3. Establish communication and publications

- a. Study the value and cost of the MPLA coordinate.
- b. Study alternatives for effective means of communicating with the membership including the needs of membership for specific information.
- c. Explore vital means of selling MPLA.



## Bibliographical Center For Research Rocky Mountain Region, Inc.

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Present for the Bibliographical Center: Kenneth E. Dowlin, President; Robert Carmack, Marcelee Gralapp, Dorothy Lessenhop for Jane Geske, Philip F. McCauley, Louise Millar, Donald K. Nelson, Barry L. Porter, Henry G. Shearouse, Jr., and Phoebe F. Hayes.

Present for the Mountain-Plains Library Association: Kathryn K. Lundgren, President; Herschel V. Anderson, Joseph Edelen, Richard Hershcopf, Don Insko, Kilbourn Janeczek, Helen Hoyt, Wayne Johnson, Donna Jones, Barbara Mauseth, Dean Waddell, Vern West, Daniel Seager, and Mona Swanson.

Mrs. Lundgren presided, and requested that Executive Secretary Seager discuss MPLA structure, functions, and financing. He referred to the Constitution and Bylaws and recent revisions; and to the Convention Handbook. Financing comes largely from dues payments and from conference exhibitors. Gifts come to the scholarship fund. There is need to broaden the financial base. Joe Edelen and his committee are preparing fiscal recommendations. In response to questions, Mr. Seager stated that membership is about 720 members, with a round figure annual income varying from \$20-25,000, including convention income, cash balances and savings, and in 1973, income from the Conference on Interlibrary Cooperation.

Miss Hayes discussed structure, functions and financing of the Bibliographical Center, referring to its Charter and Bylaws; staffing; Board composition and election; membership. States with state contracts were named. She referred to financing under contract and the Center's fee schedule. Variations exist in the state contracts in terms of allowable use of services, levels of service, and methods of meeting the fees. Expected income for the year is almost entirely from fees and will amount to about \$128,000 this fiscal year. Support of the Center's service and within-state interpretation of contract terms is very dependent

upon institutional attitudes.

Questions asked concerned rental paid to the Denver Public Library (none); catalog holdings, including per title location averages. In response to a question about other services offered, including those which may vary as between states, Miss Hayes indicated ratios of staff time spent on verification, location and referral; catalog maintenance; materials acquisition; overhead services; education and consultation; program planning. New services such as OCLC or other R & D investigations are presently absorbed by overhead. Mr. Nelson discussed as considered services the delivery of information; the processing of materials, the incorporation of non-book materials into the information bank. Mr. Dowlin referred to our interest in catalog conversion. Miss Hayes also referred to the specific terms of the second program of service to the State of Colorado, i.e., the functioning as the administrator of the statewide communications network. Mr. Anderson asked if the Center costed on a pro-rate basis the catalog input from Colorado libraries, or whether Colorado input was supporting materials delivery for all other states. This discussion extended to the Bibliographical Center's access to union catalogs existing in other MPLA states. Mr. Anderson reiterated that this type of costing information would be valuable.

Later dialogue related to the need to engender a real regional feeling in MPLA. The history of the relationship between the two organizations was reviewed. From the MPLA side came the proposal that the association secretariat be located within the Center headquarters; or, at least, a much closer relationship developed. Mr. Hershcopf stated the need to look at the broad programs needed in the region by both organizations. How can MPLA be supportive? How can both organizations move on mutually acceptable goals? What are the responsibilities of

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# MPLA CONVENTION NOTES

The Lake Tahoe Convention, November 3-6, is shaping-up toward being an exciting session for librarians of the Mountain-Plains. In the atmosphere of an elegant water-front hotel, the Sahara Tahoe, librarians from eight states will have the opportunity to continue to consider reorganization and development of the Mountain-Plains Library Association. The whole convention is designed around membership in-put in much the same way as was last-year's Cheyenne Convention.

The Master Plan Committee established last year by membership action at Cheyenne, under the leadership of Bob Carmack, has been working steadily all year in developing a design for the future of the Association. The Committee will present its design at the first major session of the convention. It expects that design to be argued, debated, and criticized with colleagues on an individual basis, in state sessions, and in section sessions. Only after all comments have been heard will the membership take action on the Committee's report; this will be on the last morning of the convention.

Our Association and this convention provides a golden opportunity for librarians in the MPLA region to offer themselves and their colleagues a viable alternative to both the larger association where one's voice cries in the wilderness and the smaller state associations where professional contacts are limited. Our Association can be a catalyst for cooperation in an area where we must work together — cooperating in continuing education, resource coordination, and joint solution of similar problems. We have only one major element holding us together — distance. That distance means sparse populations and low tax bases with weak collections resulting from both.

The Convention will not all be Master Plan. Tentative plans, thus far, call for such speakers as Dr. Ray Lutz of the University of Texas at Dallas whose doctoral program for librarians at the University of Oklahoma has set a national standard. Mr. Edward Bloom and Mrs. Elizabeth Tate will speak of subject and descriptive cataloging and upon the functions of the various divisions of the Library of Congress. Wilson Rawls will present aspects of his work with children in schools. There will be panels on participatory management and upon volunteers in libraries. The Interlibrary Loan Committee of the Bib Center will have another bull session since last year's was so successful.

So, come to Lake Tahoe, participate in developing "A New Direction" for your association, garner additional professional contacts and ideas, perhaps gamble a bit, perhaps ride the train if one can successfully be chartered from AMTRAK, learn about Nevada's ghost towns, and visit in one of America's most scenic resort areas.

Plan to attend and watch for our next issue which will provide much pre-convention information.

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each? What new services beyond document delivery? How can the definition of roles be achieved and properly assigned? How can planning be related to national network development? Can we really define and sustain the region?

Mr. Dowlin concluded the meeting by suggesting the MPLA bring to the Bibliographical Center specific and practical proposals, that the Bibliographical Board certainly would receive any reasonable proposals. It was agreed that each organization should be obliged

to keep the other informed in a more formal manner by exchange of Board Minutes, by other direct consultation.

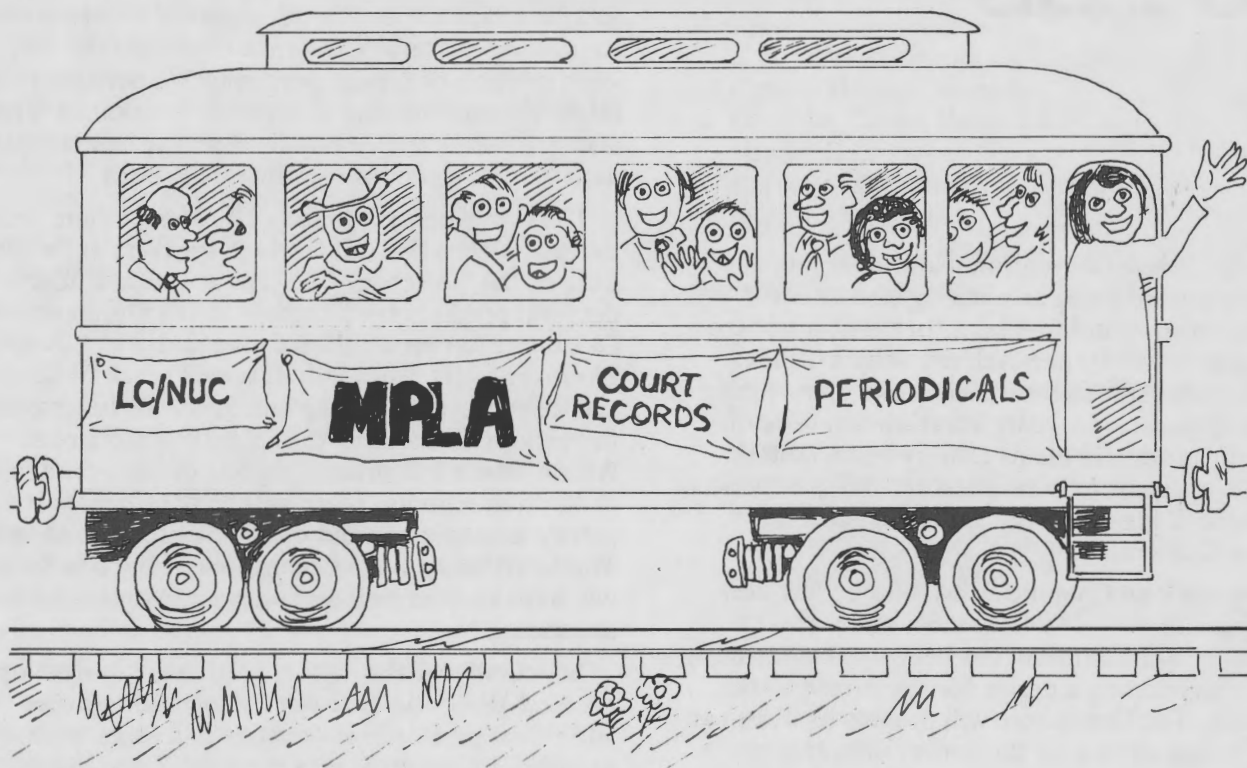
Director's Note: These Minutes are incomplete due to non-functioning of her tape recorder during the mid-part of the Meeting. Please call her attention to any discussion which should amend them.

P.S. MPLA's tape recorder didn't function at all!

Respectfully submitted, Robert Carmack, Secretary



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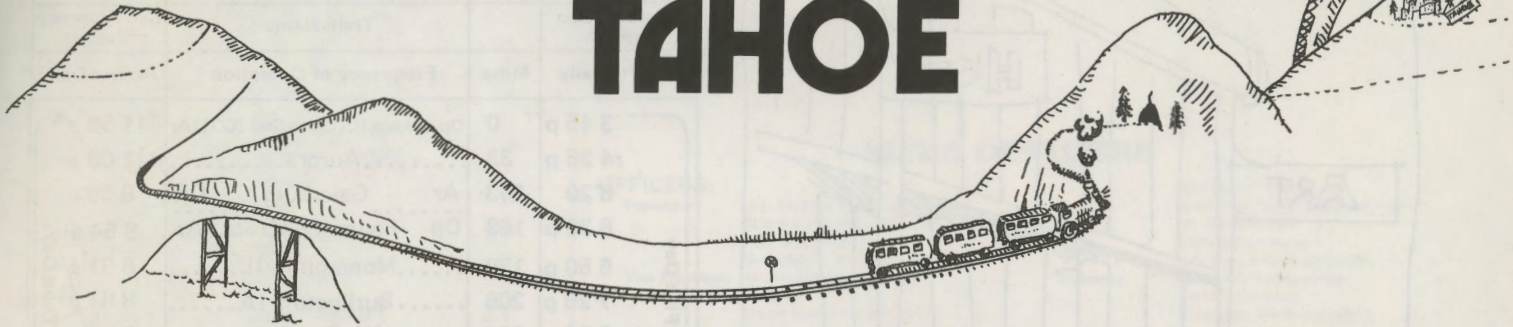


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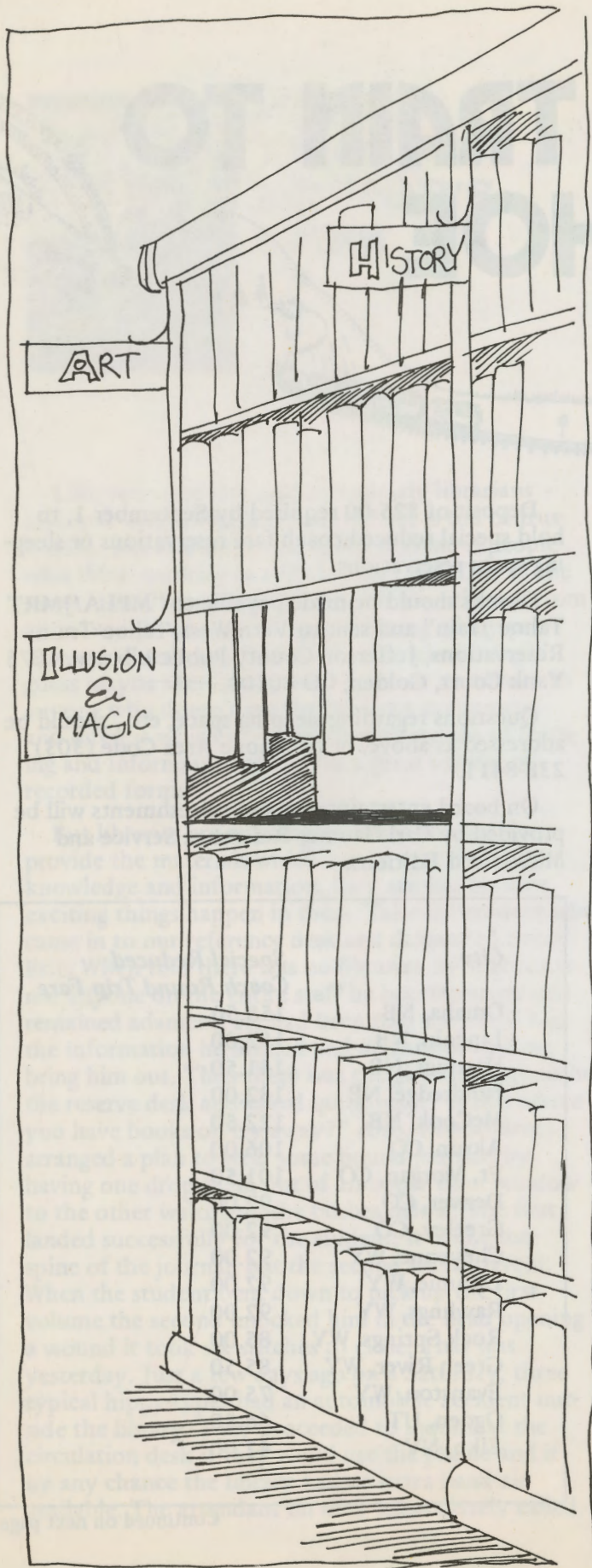
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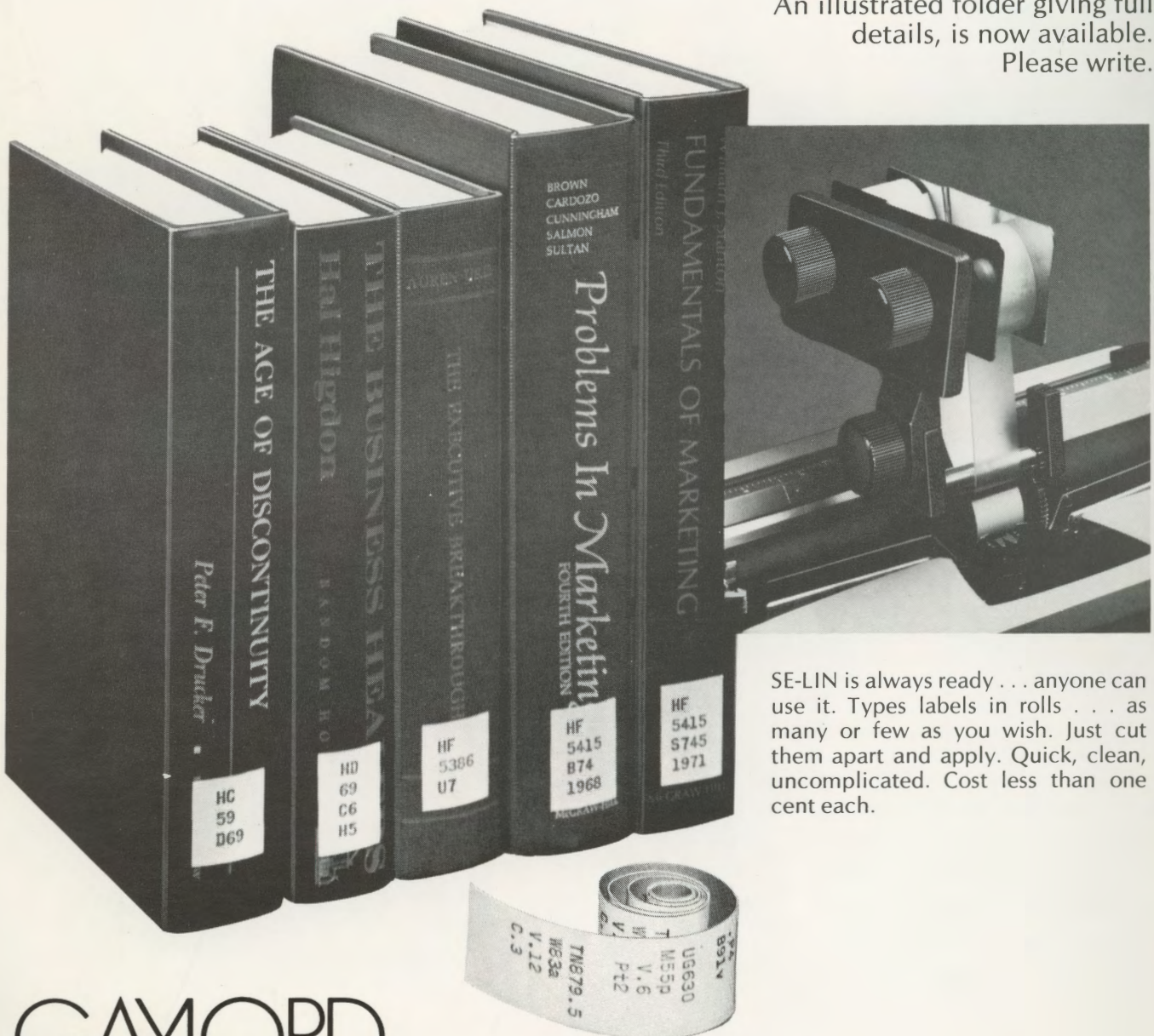


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