

### **MPLA Executive Board Changes Quarterly to Newsletter Format**

The financial condition of the Association as well as the wishes of the membership caused the Executive Board to move to change the format and title of the *Mountain Plains Library Association Quarterly* from that of a formal library quarterly to that of a less formal and hopefully more lively newsletter to be published bi-monthly and to be called the *MPLA Newsletter*. The Board took this action at its meeting in Denver on May 17th, 1975. They were faced with a publication costing a minimum of \$1,500 per issue that was draining the resources of the Association. It is estimated that the Newsletter will cost a maximum of \$300 per issue. This first issue of the Newsletter is edited by your President whilst the Vice-President has found an innovative Editor who will edit all future issues. She is Ms. Elizabeth Tamura, Assistant Extension Librarian at the University of Utah Libraries. For this issue, the President hopes the membership will accept much less.

### **Convention in Denver - CLA/MPLA Joint Effort**

Our Vice-President, Gus Hanniball is MPLA Program Chairperson and Vern West of the Jefferson County Public Library is Local Arrangements Chairperson for what is shaping up to be an excellent convention. They are working hand-in-hand with Barbara Aro of the Colorado Library Association, which Association is well known for the quality of its conventions. Preliminary information has it that the key-note speaker will be Elizabeth Stone, Chairperson of the Department of Library Science, Catholic University of America, and that the banquet speaker will be Frederick Manfred, well known author who is in residence at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. There are three tentative preferences: A State Documents Workshop; a Networking Workshop; and a Media Workshop. There will be telecommunications demonstrations, updates on inter-library cooperation and a great number of continuing education sessions where all of us may attempt to bring ourselves up to date. Be sure to put on your calendar October 19 (Sunday) through October 22 (Wednesday); the pre-conferences will be on Sunday. Location: Executive Tower Inn, 1405 Curtis, Denver, Colorado 80202.

### **Joe Edelen Becomes MPLA Executive Secretary**

At its May 17th meeting the Executive Board directed the President to appoint Joe Edelen to be the Executive Secretary of the Association. Joe has been serving as the Association's Fiscal Officer for the last two years and this appointment is a natural outgrowth of his work in bringing MPLA out of the red and into the black. The Board allowed a stipend but Joe refused it due to the regulations of his employing library. It is a miserable job with lots of headaches and the Association wishes Joe Edelen a whole lot of luck and good will in carrying out the functions of the job. There was discussion at the Lake Tahoe Convention about the possibility of some organization such as WICHE handling the Executive Affairs of the Association. When the Board sat down and looked at all its options and its fiscal affairs, it had to decide upon a course of action and their action as described above is the option they chose.

### **MPLA Scholarship to be Offered for 1976/1977 School Year**

The Association will offer one \$500 scholarship for the 1976/1977 School Year. Promoting that scholarship and awarding it will be the task of the Scholarship Committee to be appointed by Gus Hanniball, incoming President, shortly after the October 19-22nd Convention. It will be the first scholarship since that awarded Melody Kuehn several years ago. Melody is the current Scholarship Chairman and is making brochures, applications, etc., from the data supplied by her predecessor Duane Johnson of the Hutchinson, Kansas, Public Library and his committee. Melody is establishing the Information and Referral Center at the Minot, North Dakota, Public Library.

### **Future Conventions**

Joint MPLA/SWLA November 11-13, 1976 Albuquerque, New Mexico. Location in the dynamic new city Convention Center with the convention hotel, presently under construction, next door.

Joint MPLA/SDLA October or November 1977 Rapid City, South Dakota. In the beautiful Black Hills - ar-

rangements are currently being made to secure both Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson Motor Lodge which are separated only by a bridge.

# Pick A Conference Theme for 1976

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK OF '76- THE YEAR THAT MPLA AND SWLA MEET IN ALBUQUERQUE. We want members of each association to have some input on the theme for that conference. Suggested below are a half-dozen themes which might be used. Let us know how you feel about them. If none of them turn you on, then take a minute to conjure up your own theme - then let us in on it. A handy coupon is included to encourage your immediate response. Your conference planners thank you for your help.

## FREEDOM '76

The Bicentennial year reminds us that librarians deal with a very precious freedom - one which is basic to our democracy - intellectual freedom. The conference theme on the Bicentennial year would look at the broad spectrum of freedom but would concentrate on that most important library aspect - intellectual freedom - with sessions concentrating upon what state associations can do.

## THE NET WORTH OF NETWORKING

By 1976 networking in the west will be more visible. SLICE, OCLC, BALLOTS, AMIGOS BIBLIOGRAPHIC NETWORK, WIB-NET, and others will be familiar acronyms. The latest developments would be discussed and sessions would concentrate upon developing networks in the west benefiting all types of libraries. Possible subjects include shared cataloging, interlibrary loan, cooperative acquisitions, reciprocal borrowing . . .

## CHAPTER AND VERSE — ALA AND THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS

It was not long ago that Chapter representation in ALA was threatened. Newer voices are now saying that state chapters have a definite function to fulfill for a successful ALA. What are these areas and how do we carry them out? One expressed concern is the work of intellectual freedom. Others? . . .

## HOW TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION

Continuing education is a much discussed subject, but the library profession has yet to develop a coordinated program. SWLA's pioneer project CELS will have been operative for nearly two years and CLENE may have produced some measurable results.

## OUR WESTERN HERITAGE

SWLA hopes to receive a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to pioneer in program development for libraries. Academic humanists who are specialists in the heritage of the Southwest will be involved in community dialog during our Bicentennial year. The sharing of this experience might bring about an exploration of our common western heritage and how it could be brought alive in our library programs.

## THINK SMALL — MINIATURIZING OUR WORLD

In an economy of scarcity and a knowledge industry of abundance, how can libraries acquire and utilize information at a price our taxpayers will spend? The whole world of compacting information and alternate recording of knowledge would be explored.

The *MPLA Newsletter* is published bimonthly. Material of regional interest may be submitted to the editor, Elizabeth Tamura, Asst. Extension Libn., Univ. of Utah Library, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. Matters pertaining to individual or institutional memberships, advertisements, claims or orders for back issues should be sent to Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, Univ. of So. Dak. Library, Vermillion, SD 57069. Back issues are also available in microfilm from Xerox University Microfilms, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

### MPLA/SWLA CONFERENCE '76

I RATE THE SUGGESTED THEMES AS FOLLOWS (1, 2, etc.)

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| ---FREEDOM '76                                    | ---HOW TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION      |
| ---THE NET WORTH OF NETWORKING                    | ---OUR WESTERN HERITAGE                |
| ---CHAPTER & VERSE—ALA AND THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS | ---THINK SMALL—MINIATURIZING OUR WORLD |

NONE OF THE ABOVE EXCITE ME, SO HERE IS THE BEST THEME EVER FOR CONFERENCE '76

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Mail this ideagram to: Gus Hanniball  
MPLA Vice-President  
University of Utah Library  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

## New Executive Board Members

State Associations have been making a number of changes in MPLA's Executive Board. New members since the Lake Tahoe Convention are: Maxine M. Keup as the Wyoming State Representative, Maxine is school librarian in Thermopolis, Wyoming; Ev Foster, Minot Public Librarian is the new rep from North Dakota; and Charles Bolles of the School of Library Science in Emporia is Kansas representative. New representatives are reported to be coming, in time, from Nevada, South Dakota, and Utah, but as of this writing no word has been received on these appointments. State Representatives are perhaps the most vital of the Association's leadership. They are responsible for promoting the Association's membership their respective states and reporting to this Newsletter those major events and happenings in each member state that should be shared regionally.

## New Executive Director Appointed for Bibliographical Center for Research

Donald B. Simpson, formerly with the Ohio State Library in Columbus, was appointed by the Bib Center Board to take the place of Phoebe M. Hayes, who has in turn joined the staff of the Colorado State Library. The Mountain Plains Library Association welcomes Mr. Simpson to the region. He has already shown the good sense to join his new regional Association.

## Bibliographical Center Membership Changes

Only four State Libraries now support the Bibliographical Center for Research and do so through paying blanket access fees for their respective states and transaction fees as well where possible. The recent increase in usage by libraries in member states, the direct result of a turnaround time that has been reduced from three weeks to 24 hours, has caused the center to become fiscally sound. The supporting state libraries are Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. Nebraska is the most recent state to drop its membership while New Mexico did so earlier in the year. Libraries in other states still use the center but do so at considerably increased transaction costs.

## Bibliographical Center Sets Goals and Directions 1975 - 1980

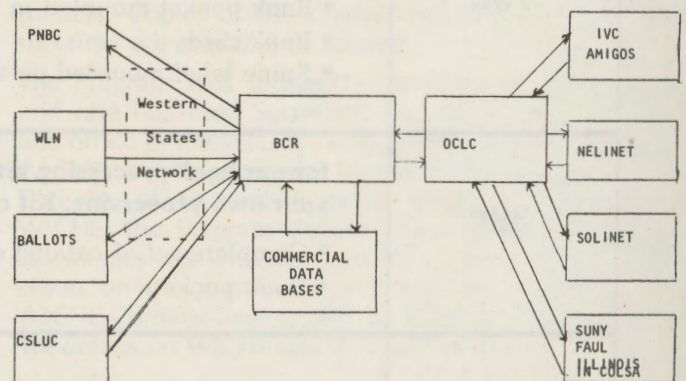
The overall goal of the Bibliographical Center for Research is the improvement of library and information services for all of the people of the Mountain-Plains Region through their libraries. This may be accomplished by:

1. **Facilitating access to information -**
  - a. Through the operation and maintenance of a regional union catalog of library holdings.
  - b. Through the operation of a clearinghouse for interlibrary loan transactions.
  - c. Through the provision of access to informational data bases of value to the membership and users of the Center.

2. **Promoting interlibrary cooperation -**
  - a. Through encouraging, participating in, and acting as a catalyst in the development and implementation of regional, national, and international networks that will require library services.
  - b. Through acting as a focal point for the operation of an automated bibliographical service network in the Mountain-Plains Region that utilizes a variety of established systems and mechanisms.
3. **Improving regional library capabilities -**
  - a. Through providing professional assistance to member libraries for the purpose of systems study and network participation.
  - b. Through improving communications among libraries in the region and with library networks elsewhere.
  - c. Through offering regional sources and systems that successfully reduce the rate-of-rise of library unit costs.

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10-16: **Executive Development Program for Library Administrators,** Miami U. 4 cred.; \$295 inc. rm., bd., tuit., materials. C. E. Watson, Ctr. for Mgmt. Services, Miami U., Oxford, OH 45056 (513-529-4129).

17-22: **Program budgeting: Rational Allocation of Resources According to Organizational Objectives.** U. of Mich., Div. of Management Education. Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. \$375, inc. tuit., course material and luncheons, and year subscr. to Human Resource Management. Excl. housing and other meals. Program Budgeting Registrar, Div. of Mgmt. Educ., U. of Mich., 1735 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (313-763-1000).

18-20: Pacific Northwest La, Big Sky, Montana. Contact: Exhibits Chairperson, Lloyd Jellum, Seattle Public Library, 1000 4th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104.

## SEPTEMBER

2-Oct. 4: **School Media Programs for Early Childhood,** W. Mich. U./SL. 1 cred. Designed for updating skills of school, pub. Ins. in field over 3 yrs. Sat. classes. J. Lowrie, WMU/SL, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

15-26: **Introduction to Modern Archives Administration,** Natl. Archives Bldg., Washington, D. C. Spons., Amer. U., L. C., Md. Hall of Records. 3 sem. cred. Dept. Hist., 33rd Archives Inst., Amer. U., Washington, DC 20016 (202-686-2401).

26-28: Nevada Library Association Conf. Contact Robert G. Anderl, Executive Secretary, U. of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV 89154.

29: Arizona Library Association Annual Conference, Phoenix. Sue Holden, 539 W. 15th St., Tempe, AZ 85281.

## OCTOBER

1-3: Joint Annual Conference of North Dakota LA and South Dakota LA, Mitchell, S.Dak. D. Phillips, Box 127, Spearfish, SD 57783.

2-5: Midwest Federation of Library Associations Conference, Detroit. M. Daume, Pres., MFLA, Monroe Co. L. Sys., 3700 Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161.

8-10: Iowa LA Annual Conf., Sioux City. R. Dubberly, P.L., Sioux City 51105.

15-17: Nebraska LA Annual Conf., Kearney. R. Martin, Kearney SC L., Kearney 68847.

19-22: Joint CLA/MPLA Convention, Executive Towers Inn, Denver. Theme, "Continuing Education — Continuing Excellence." Ann Kimbrough, CLA Exec. Sec., 2341 S. Josephine, Denver 80210.

22-24: Missouri LA Annual Conf., Breckenridge Ramada Inn, Jefferson City. MLA, 403 S. Sixth St., Columbia 65201.

## Metro Information Retrieval Network Pioneered in Colorado

The Bibliographical Center for Research, Denver, has initiated a new service program providing centralized access to computerized subject-oriented reference data bases. The program, entitled Metro Information Retrieval Network, is the result of an LSCA Title III grant from the Colorado State Library and begins July 1, 1975.

On-line search services are being made available through six metropolitan area libraries offering either generalized or specialized searching. Participants include Colorado State Library, Denver Public Library, University of Colorado Libraries, University of Colorado Medical Center, Pikes Peak Regional Library District, and University of Denver Graduate School of Librarianship.

The program will greatly improve access to information for professionals, students, businesses, public administrators, teachers, and other types of users throughout the service area. Aimed at developing an on-going program, the project service will be widely publicized. A fee schedule is being developed by an advisory committee consisting of administrators from each of the participating libraries.

## Bibliographical Center Board Reports

The adoption of a 1975-76 operating budget in excess of \$205,000, which allows for staff expansion and implementation of two new major service programs, highlighted the June 14, 1975 meeting of the Bibliographical Center for Research Board of Trustees, held in Denver.

An Assistant Director and an Information Specialist are to be added to the Center staff, which currently numbers 11 professionals and assistants.

Leading the list of new service programs is the Mountain-Plains Regional Information Retrieval Network, an outgrowth of the Metro Information Retrieval Network being established in Colorado through a Library Service and Construction Act Title III grant of \$25,936 from the Colorado State Library. The Center serves as the project director and administering agency. The regional network will provide access to major computerized information data bases to improve reference services throughout the Center's service area.

In other business, the Center Executive Director, Donald B. Simpson, reported on the sound financial position of the Center, stating, "The excess of revenues over expenditures for this year is providing the resources to develop the new service programs for the membership." Simpson also announced that an outside consultant had been engaged to perform a major technical audit of all the Center's financial, statistical and communication systems.

The Board of Trustees received a progress report on the development of the Regional Bibliographic System, including the status of contract negotiations with the Ohio College Library Center and the establishment of contract with representatives from the Washington Library Network and Stanford University's BALLOTS.

Donald K. Nelson, Director of Libraries at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, is the President of the Board.

## Colorado Public Library Systems Receive Legal Basis

A bill has unanimously passed the Colorado Legislature that establishes regional library service systems. The bill defined a "Regional library service system" as an organization of public libraries established to provide cooperative interlibrary services within a designated geographical area. School academic and special libraries may elect to participate in a system.

## Denver Public Library Assistant to Direct Minneapolis Public Library

W. Joseph Kimbrough, Assistant City Librarian and Director of Public Services at the Denver Public Library, has been named Director of the Minneapolis Public Library. He begins his duties in Minnesota on May 15th and succeeds Dr. Ervin J. Gaines who became Director of the Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library.

## New Director at the University of Kansas Libraries

Effective July 1 Jim Ranz, formerly Vice-President of Academic Affairs and more recently Professor of Library Science and Acting Director of Libraries at the University of Wyoming, assumed his duties as the Director of Libraries at the University of Kansas Libraries.

## New Information Specialist at Bib Center

Mary Grush has been appointed as Information Specialist in the Bibliographical Center's Office of System Development and Operations. She began her duties on June 16, 1975. A graduate of the University of Denver Graduate School of Librarianship, Ms. Grush's principal duty at the Center will be as project director for the Metro Information Retrieval Network. She has most recently been Administrative Assistant and Search Specialist for the Bibliographic Search Service at the Computer Access Lab, University of Denver.

## Youngman Returns to Durango

Charles E. Youngman, Jr. became the Director of the Durango, Colorado, Public Library in April. He had previously served as the Durango Librarian from 1969 to 1973 but has spent the last two years as head of the Charlottesville, Virginia, public library system.

## Colorado Chapter Special Libraries Association

Jim Arshem, outgoing President announced the newly elected Colorado SLA Chapter Officers for the 1975-76 SLA year, at a May 23rd dinner meeting. The Chapter elected Roza Ekimov, Vice-President, President-Elect; Terry Mood, Secretary, and Janice Sandstede, Treasurer. Along with Barb MacDonald, incoming President, this group will comprise the Executive Board of the Colorado Chapter. Nancy Greer will edit the groups publication, *The Columbine*.

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## **Minnesota and North Dakota Library and Information Networks Exchange Services**

The State Library Commission of North Dakota has signed a one-year agreement with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide North Dakota residents, through their local libraries, improved library and information services. The Agreement provides for MINITEX (which is operated by the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission) to provide access to Minnesota library and information resources via the North Dakota State Library Commission. This access includes loan of books and documents, and photocopies of periodical articles.

Three North Dakota libraries have been designated as access points to MINITEX: The State Library, Bismarck; The Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota; The Library, North Dakota State University. All other North Dakota libraries will channel their requests for service through the State Library unless special arrangements

have been made with University of North Dakota or North Dakota State University.

The agreement requires that North Dakota library resources must first be exhausted before contacting MINITEX. Thus, all requests for books must be cleared through the State Library Union Catalog to be sure that the material is not available in North Dakota. Periodical requests must be filled within the state whenever possible before referring to MINITEX. Access libraries will be using TWX to transmit MINITEX requests in a designated format and verified in accepted bibliographic tools.

The agreement also provides for Minnesota access to North Dakota resources via the State Library Commission. The entire cost of the one-year agreement is paid by the State Library Commission with Federal Library Services and Construction Act funds. No local library assessment charges are made to participate in the service. However, after the one-year period has ended, unless additional funds are made available to the State Library Commission for the continuation of this service, local library assessment fees, will by necessity, be charged. These assessed fees will probably be based upon usage.

The State Library Commission requires that local libraries indicate whether a MINITEX referral is desired at the time a request is made for a book loan or photocopy service. Automatic referral to MINITEX will not be made by the State Library Commission. Local libraries are asked to inform their patrons that a MINITEX referral may mean a delay of 5-10 days before material is received. MINITEX referral service is designed for college and graduate students, faculty, and adult researchers. High school student requests will not be referred, except under special circumstances.

For materials not available via MINITEX, the State Library will continue to refer requests to various out-of-state libraries (however, UND and NDSU do their own out-of-state searching and retrieval). Out-of-state delivery of library materials (other than MINITEX) can be a period of 2 to 4 weeks. Photocopying and any service charges assessed by the lending library are to be paid by the local borrowing library. The agreement also provides for MINITEX to produce a new edition of the North Dakota Union List of Serials. Fifty libraries have been invited to participate in the new edition. MINITEX has recently published the Minnesota Union List of Serials. It is expected that the North Dakota List would be published in late 1975 by the State Library Commission. In addition to the statewide list, area-wide lists, or type of library lists can also be provided.

## **Dickinson State College Library Remodeling Completed**

Instead of a new \$600,000 library addition, the political atmosphere in North Dakota combined with declines in college student enrollment predicated that the Stoxen Library at Dickinson State College remodel at a much reduced cost: \$150,000. This remodeling is now finished and did accomplish some of what the addition was supposed to do. It allowed an expansion of the materials collections and made the facility far more attractive and inviting to the student body.

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# MPLA-CLA Convention News

The joint MPLA-CLA Annual Convention to be held in Denver at the Executive Tower Inn during October 19-22, 1975 is destined to become a major event. The theme, "Continuing Education for Continuing Excellence in Librarianship", is most meaningful in that the Convention itself will be a continuing education experience for all who attend.

You may select from over fifty separate meetings or programs including eight meal functions and numerous social events. Exhibits will be open for a total of eighteen hours for your viewing convenience. Continuing education packages will be available for your review and a series of several demonstrations of telecommunication technologies will provide you with a perspective of the library world as our country enters its third century.

Forms for Convention registration and for hotel reservations are included in this issue. "Full Convention" fee is for two, three, or all four days of Convention (including pre-conference events on Sunday); "One Day Only" fee is for a single day only (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.) If you are planning to attend meal functions and you have special dietary needs, please communicate your needs by October 1, 1975 to Mr. Vern West, Jefferson County Public Library, 1875 Yank Court, Golden, CO., 80401.

In the following schedule of program details and menus, capsulized titles are provided to coincide with the Convention Capsule found in the center of this issue. Although time slots are firm, times may not be exact. You will be provided with an up-to-date, precise program at the Convention. Here is the preliminary program.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

Mountain Plains Library Association — Colorado Library Association  
Joint Convention

Sunday, October 19 — Wednesday, October 22, 1975

Executive Tower Inn  
Denver, Colorado

### Continuing Events

Registration:	Sunday .....	8:00 to 6:00
	Monday .....	8:00 to 6:00
	Tuesday .....	8:00 to 6:00
	Wednesday.....	8:00 to 3:00
Exhibits:	Sunday .....	None
	Monday .....	2:00 to 5:00
	Tuesday .....	8:00 to 5:00
	Wednesday.....	8:00 to 2:00

### Sunday Convention Schedule (Pre-Conference)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... NETWORKING  
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: MPLA Technical Services Section, MPLA College and University Section, CLA College

and University Division and the Colorado Chapter of Special Libraries Association.

Content: Presentations by Allen Veaner, Stanford University Libraries, on network governance structure and related political and fiscal issues; Larry Livingston, Council on Library Resources, covering national bibliographic control; and David Weber, Stanford University Libraries, on prospects of resource sharing. In addition, Maryann Duggan, WICHE, will present a progress report on the western interstate bibliographic network project. Panel response and open discussion will follow each speaker. The program will be of interest to all types of librarians.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.....DOCUMENTS WORKSHOP  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sponsor: MPLA State Library Section

Content: Morning session will cover state documents systems in several MPLA states. Afternoon sessions will cover local and federal documents from 2-3:30 and state and international documents from 3:30-5:00.

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. .... LUNCHEON

Menu: Dutch Oven pot roast with buttered noodles, peas and mushrooms, molded fruit salad, mint ice cream.

Content: A social luncheon for the convenience of those who wish to avoid crowded restaurants in downtown Denver at noon on Sunday.

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.....MEDIA WORKSHOP

Sponsor: Association of Colorado Community College Learning Resource Centers.

Content: Entitled "Librarians: Mediate Yourselves", this event will feature repeated small workshops on equipment, videotaping, graphics, copyright for media materials.

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.....BIB CENTER MEETING

Sponsor: Bibliographical Center for Research, Rocky Mountain Region, Inc., Don Simpson, Director.

Content: Annual membership meeting and presentation of the Center's programs. A meeting of the Bib Center Board will follow.

8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. ....GAUMER GALA

Sponsor: Gaumer Reference Services

Content: Social gathering, featuring live entertainment and refreshments.

### Monday Convention Schedule (Opening Day)

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. .... GENERAL OPENING SESSION

Sponsor: MPLA and CLA

Content: Welcoming remarks by a Colorado dignitary. Introduction of keynote speaker by Margaret

Knox Goggin, Dean, University of Denver  
Graduate School of Librarianship.

Keynote address by Elizabeth W. Stone,  
Chairman, Catholic University of America  
Department of Library Science. Her topic cen-  
ters on continuing education.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... CLA BUSINESS MEETING

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon .... CONTINUING EDUCATION  
PACKAGES AND DEMO/REVIEW

(Repeated Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

Sponsor: MPLA and CLA

Content: For those not attending the CLA business  
meeting, several types of packages may be ex-  
amined or viewed, such as the ACCESS  
videotapes of the SALINET project, WICHE  
packages, segments of Denver's Channel 6  
series in a program entitled "Feed Forward: An  
Educational Television and Library  
Cooperative Venture in Environmental Educa-  
tion" with accompanying library kits, and  
possibly others.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... EXHIBITORS BUSINESS  
MEETING

12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. .... JOINT MPLA-CLA LUNCHEON

Sponsor: MPLA and CLA

Menu: Hickory baked ham in champagne sauce,  
whipped potato, head lettuce wedge, apple  
strudel with hot vanilla sauce.

Content: A luncheon for all with conversation at the  
round tables revolving around continuing  
education and staff development topics.  
Barbara Micheel of the Colorado State Library  
will coordinate a group of discussion leaders,  
one at each table, who are familiar with con-  
tinuing education and who will initiate con-  
versation to elicit and share ideas (an ancient  
continuing education methodology!) A spin-  
off of these round table conversations will be  
a list of topics which you would like to see  
covered in continuing education packages and  
staff development programs developed by  
your various organizations.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EXHIBIT VIEWING EXCLUSIVELY

Sponsor: Exhibitors, MPLA and CLA.

Content: Two hours of uninterrupted exhibit viewing  
will follow a grandiose grand opening at 2:00  
p.m. Drawings and other exhibit — related  
events will take place in the exhibit area dur-  
ing this time. Free coffee or tea.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. .... COMMERCIAL PANELS

Sponsor: Exhibitors

Content: Panels will focus on four areas, namely a.)  
audio-visual, b.) jobbers (both book and  
periodical), c.) publishers and encyclopedias,  
and d.) supplies, furniture and bookbinding.  
Each of these half-hour panels will be repeat-  
ed and each will include presentations by  
commercial exhibitors followed by open dis-  
cussion.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. .... CATALOG CARD REPRODUC-  
TION DEMONSTRATION

Sponsor: MPLA

Content: Joe Edelen of the University of South Dakota  
Library will present a slide program and  
demonstration of techniques for catalog card  
reproduction in moderate-sized libraries. This  
demonstration may be repeated.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. .... INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Sponsor: CLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, MPLA.

Content: Sharing of experiences in the area of in-  
tellectual freedom among Colorado librarians  
and their MPLA counterparts.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. .... COPYRIGHT

Sponsor: MPLA

Content: Tom Schmid of the University of Utah libraries  
will conduct a program entitled "Copying:  
What It Means to Libraries, Publishers,  
Authors."

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. .... MPLA BUSINESS MEETING

Monday night has been set aside for dining, shopping and  
other entertainment of your choice. Denver stores will be  
open.

## Tuesday Convention Schedule

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. McGRAW HILL BREAKFAST AND  
PROGRAM

Sponsor: McGraw Hill

Menu: Unknown at this time.

Content: McGraw Hill is making all arrangements for  
this free breakfast.

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... CLA PARAPROFESSIONAL  
WORKSHOP

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (repeat of the a.m. session)

Sponsor: CLA Paraprofessional Roundtable

Content: Don Weatherley, a psychologist at the  
University of Colorado, with the help of his  
team, will conduct the three hour workshop  
entitled "On Communication Skills for the  
Paraprofessional."

Those planning to attend should preregister  
early and designate their attendance pre-  
ference as "a.m." or "p.m." as well as indicate  
the name of a guest administrator if they plan  
to bring one. Guest administrators must be re-  
gistered for the Full Convention or must re-  
gister for Tuesday of the Convention.

12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. .... PARAPRO LUNCHEON AND  
MEETING

Sponsor: CLA Paraprofessional Roundtable

Menu: Broiled chopped sirloin steak, oven browned  
potato, tossed salad, strawberry sundae.

Content: Lunch and CLA Paraprofessional Roundtable  
business meeting.

9:10 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. .... MPLA SECTION  
BUSINESS MEETINGS



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9:10 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. .... CLA SECTION  
BUSINESS MEETINGS

10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. .... MORE MPLA SECTION  
BUSINESS MEETINGS

10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. .... MORE CLA SECTION  
BUSINESS MEETINGS

Specific information regarding the above series of meet-  
ings will be included in the final Convention program.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... JMRT AFFILIATES

Sponsor: MPLA-JMRT

Content: Marilyn Hinshaw from El Paso, Texas, newly  
elected head of ALA-JMRT, will discuss de-  
veloping affiliates in MPLA member states.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... SEXISM IN LITERATURE

Sponsor: CLA Children's Services Roundtable, CLA  
Young Adult Roundtable, CLA School Library  
Division, MPLA Children's and School Library  
Section.

Content: "The Person Centered Woman/Girl: Realizing  
Her Potential", a workshop on sexism led by  
Flip Whyman, school counselor and  
homemaker in Boulder, Colorado.

12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. .... JOINT LUNCHEON  
SCHOOL AND PUBLIC

Sponsor: MPLA Public Library Section, MPLA Children's  
and School Library Section, CLA School  
Library Division, CLA Public Library Division,  
CLA Young Adult Roundtable, CLA Children's  
Services Roundtable.

Menu: Broiled chopped sirloin steak, oven browned  
potato, tossed salad, strawberry sundae.

Content: A talk entitled "Public + School Libraries =  
Services to Children and Youth", given by  
Richard Cheski, Colorado Deputy State  
Librarian.

11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. .... RESOURCES FOR THE AGING

Sponsor: CLA Special Services Roundtable

Content: "Enliven the Leisure Years: Resources for the  
Aging" will be followed by a brief 15 minute  
business meeting of the Roundtable.

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. .... CATALOGING IN THE 70'S

Sponsor: University of Colorado, Denver Center Library,  
and CLA.

Content: "A Night on Bald Mountain; or Cataloging in  
the Seventies."

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. .... TELECOMMUNICATION  
(repeated sessions) DEMONSTRATIONS

Sponsor: MPLA College and University Library Section,  
CLA College and University Division and CLA  
Telecommunications Roundtable.

Content: Representatives of several organizations will  
give demonstrations of telecommunication  
programs and equipment, such as computer  
access to reference and bibliographic data  
bases for reference and cataloging purposes,

use of telefacsimile and a preview of a new  
videodisc technology. Included are de-  
monstrations from Lockheed DIALOG,  
Systems Development Corporation, OCLC, In-  
formation Dynamics Corporation, BALLOTS,  
ERIC, New York Times Data Bank (Tentative),  
DiscoVision, Inc., and Science Graphics.

Demonstrations will be given in separate  
sessions and repeated at least hourly between  
1 and 5 p.m. Sign-up sheets for sessions during  
1 to 4 p.m. will be available beginning Mon-  
day near the Convention registration area. The  
last hour, 4 to 5 p.m., will be open sessions.

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. .... SERVICE TO THE BLIND

Sponsor: MPLA State Library Section and Colorado State  
Library for the Blind and Physically Hand-  
icapped.

Content: Kurt Cylke, Chief of the Library of Congress  
Division for the Blind and Physically Hand-  
icapped will speak on the local library's role  
in the provision of library service to the blind  
and physically handicapped.

3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .... A-V IN INSTITUTIONAL  
PROGRAMS

Sponsor: MPLA State Library Section and Nebraska  
Library Commission.

Content: A program on the value and uses of A-V in in-  
stitutional programs, such as prisons,  
hospitals, etc.

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. EXHIBITORS COCKTAIL PARTY

Sponsor: Exhibitors

Content: "Attitude adjustment."

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. .... JOINT BANQUET

Sponsor: MPLA and CLA

Menu: French onion soup, charbroiled club steak,  
tossed salad greens, baked potato, lemon  
sherbet.

Content: Exhibitors will be introduced. Banquet speaker  
is Frederick Manfred, noted author whose col-  
orful saga of the legend of *Lord Grizzly* was  
recently shown on television. Mr. Manfred will  
speak on "Who Does the Author Write For?"

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. .... BRO DART BASH

Sponsor: MPLA JMRT and Bro-dart, Inc.

Content: Dance to live music; cash bar.

### Wednesday Conference Schedule

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. YOUNG ADULT CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST

Sponsor: CLA Young Adult Roundtable

Menu: Juices, Danish pastries and beverage.

Content: Review of materials emanating from the ALA  
Pre-Conference on Young Adults held in July,  
1975, in San Francisco. Materials will be  
available.

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. .... ACADEMIC CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST

Sponsor: CLA College and University Division, MPLA College and University Library Section.

Menu: Juices, Danish pastries and beverage.

Content: A social opportunity for CLA and MPLA academic librarians to meet and compare concerns.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. .... MPLA BUSINESS MEETING

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. .... CONTINUING EDUCATION PACKAGES AND DEMO/REVIEW

(Repeat of Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. .... EXHIBIT VIEWING

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... REFERENCE SERVICE MEASUREMENT

Sponsor: MPLA and CLA.

Content: "Reference Service Measurement — What Is Being Found Out" is the topic of the main speaker, Professor Ellen Altman of the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto. A panel of public and academic librarians will react. The moderator will be John Lubans.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... DANA AWARD A-V PRESENTATION

Sponsor: CLA Public Library Division

Content: Mary Ellen Brubaker, Cortez, Colo. Public Library will speak and show her excellent A-V presentation on the reception of her **second** John Cotton Dana Award.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon .... COLORADO SYSTEMS LAW

Sponsor: CLA Legislative Committee, Colorado State Library

Content: An informational presentation on the proposed Rules and Regulations for library systems under Colorado's new "systems law." A question and answer period will follow.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... SERIALS MANAGEMENT (Tentative)

10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. .... DIRECT RECIPROCAL BORROWING

Sponsor: MPLA and CLA.

Content: Robert Erisman of the University of Colorado and Tom Pieschl of the University of Northern Colorado will conduct a workshop which is intended to result in a drafting of a policy statement for direct reciprocal borrowing. A half-hour general discussion will be followed by separation into smaller groups for one hour to draft different sections of the policy statement. The groups will then reconvene to merge the parts and discuss how to implement the policy.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon ..... BOOKMOBILE SERVICES

Sponsor: CLA Bookmobile Roundtable and MPLA

Content: "Bookmobiles: Where They've Been and

Where They're Going: A Roadmap for Change" is the general title of the program for this time slot and the luncheon which follows. This morning program is entitled "Bookmobiles: Current and Controversial: A Hard Look at Alternatives" and will feature a panel discussion on the mail-a-book schemes, changing patterns of service, professional development and new uses for old bookmobiles.

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. .... BOOKMOBILERS' LUNCHEON

Sponsor: CLA Bookmobile Roundtable and MPLA

Menu: Colorado rainbow trout, boned and butterflied with lemon butter, green beans almondine, tiny whole carrots, fruit pie.

Content: All are encouraged to attend this meal function which is the historic and nostalgic part of the bookmobile program entitled "Bookmobiles: Where They've Been and Where They're Going: A Roadmap for Change".

1:30 p.m. to ? ..... MPLA BOARD MEETING (New and Present members)

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. .... CLA BUSINESS MEETING

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .... CLA BOARD MEETING (New and present members)

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**Sunday  
Oct. 19**

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REGISTRATION

NETWORKING		SUNDAY LUNCHEON		NETWORKING (cont.)			BIB CENTER ANNUAL MBRSHIP. MEETING		BIB CENTER BOARD MEETING	GAUMER GALA TIL 1:00
DOCUMENTS WORKSHOP		DOCUMENTS WORKSHOP (cont.)			MEDIA WORKSHOP					

**Monday  
Oct. 20**

OPENING DAY

REGISTRATION

GENERAL OPENING SESSION  WELCOME ELIZ. STONE ON CONT. ED.		CLA BUSINESS MEETING  CONT. ED. PACKAGES DEMO/REVIEW  EXHIBITORS BUS. MEET.		JOINT CLA-MPLA LUNCHEON  CONT. ED. CONVERSATIONS WITH CONT. ED. PEOPLE		EXHIBIT VIEWING EXCLUSIVELY  GRAND OPENING AT 2:00 p.m.			COMMERCIAL PANELS A-V A-V PUB. PUB. JOBB. JOBB. SUPP. SUPP. CATALOG CARD REPROD. DEMO INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COPYRIGHT		MPLA BUSINESS MEETING	NITE ON THE TOWN	
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**Tuesday  
Oct. 21**

REGISTRATION

McGRAW HILL BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM		CLA PARAPRO WORKSHOP			PARAPRO LUNCH & MEETING		CLA PARAPRO WORK. (Repeat)			EXHIBITORS COCKTAIL PARTY		JOINT CLA-MPLA BANQUET SPEAKER: FREDERICK MANFRED  BRO DART BASH 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.	
		MPLA SECTION BUSINESS MEETINGS	MORE MPLA SECT. BUS. MEETS.	SEXISM IN LITERATURE	RESOURCES FOR AGING	JOINT LUNCH PUBLIC & SCHOOL LIBS.		SERVICE TO BLIND	A-V IN INSTITUTIONS				
		CLA SECTION BUSINESS MEETINGS	MORE CLA SECT. BUS. MEETS.	CATALOGING IN THE SEVENTIES	JMRT AFFILIATE CHAPTERS	TELECOMMUNICATION DEMOS REPEATED HOURLY: SIGN-UP SHEETS. LAST HOUR HAS OPEN SESSIONS							

**Wednesday  
Oct. 22**

REGISTRATION

YOUNG ADULT BKFT.	MPLA BUSINESS MEETING	EXHIBIT VIEWING	REFERENCE SERV. MEASMT.		CLA BUSINESS MEETING		CLA BOARD MEETING		CONVENTION CAPSULE SEE CONVENTION NEWS THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS			
			JOHN C. DANA AWARD A-V PROGRAM		RESOLUTIONS							
			COLORADO SYSTEMS LAW									
ACADEMIC BKFT.	CONT. ED. PACKAGES DEMO/REVIEW (Repeat)		SERIALS MGT. (Tentative)									
			DIRECT RECIPROCAL BORROWING									
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## **Dertien Moves to Nebraska**

Jim Dertien, formerly Director of the Veterans Memorial Public Library in Bismarck, has assumed the position of Director of the Bellevue Public Library located outside Omaha in Nebraska. Jim had edited the lively North Dakota Library Association newsletter called *The Good Stuff*.

## **Two State Workshop Held**

The North Dakota and South Dakota State Libraries jointly sponsored an Information and Referral Services Workshop in Aberdeen, South Dakota, in April. The workshop was designed to help participants understand the functions of an I & RS center. May Jane Chaussee, Director of the Bismarck I & RS; Melody Kuehn, Director of the Minot I & RS; and Fern Chamberlain, Director of the Sioux Falls I & RS were the key personnel.

## **South Dakota Expands Teletype Network**

Grants of \$2,500 each for installation and annual operation of teletype equipment were awarded by the South Dakota State Library Commission to twelve libraries in June. The purpose of the grants are to tie the libraries of the state together for purposes of resource sharing and rapid communication. Each of the recipients is a contributor to the South Dakota Union Catalog. Grants were given to the following libraries:

- Black Hills State College, Spearfish
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City
- Rapid City Public Library
- Northern State College, Aberdeen
- Alexander Mitchell Public Library, Aberdeen
- South Dakota State University, Brookings
- Dakota State College, Madison
- Sioux Falls Public Library
- University of South Dakota at Vermillion
- University of South Dakota at Springfield
- Sioux Falls College
- Health Sciences Library, University of South Dakota at Vermillion

The installation at Sioux Falls College joins the Colleges of Mid America Consortia Network (small private colleges in South Dakota and northwestern Iowa) into the state network. The installation at the Health Sciences Library ties the state network into the MEDLINE network through the Medical School of the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

## **South Dakota State University and South Dakota State Library Buildings Receive Bids Below Estimates**

New library facilities for the South Dakota State Library and for the Lincoln Library at South Dakota State University in Brookings received bids recently for \$250,000 and \$700,000 respectively below estimates. Both institutions were able to add all alternates and feel very happy about the results. The construction industry seems to be hungry.

## **Mona Swanson Moves to Ames, Iowa**

Mona Swanson, formerly librarian of the Brookings, South Dakota, Public Library has accepted the position of Director of the Ames, Iowa, Public Library. She made this move shortly after winning a bond election for a new public library facility in Brookings. Getting the new building under bids was Ms. Swanson's final activity for Brookings. She has resigned her position as MPLA State Representative for South Dakota.

## **Utah Library Association Offices**

New officers of the Utah Library Association for 1975-76 will be: President: Guy Schuurman, Salt Lake County Library; First Vice President-President Elect: Lucille M. Thorne, Brigham Young University Department of Library and Information Science; 2nd Vice President: E. Dale Cluff, Marriott Library, University of Utah. In other business, the ULA gave a Special Award to Edith Rich in appreciation of her many years of service to the Association as its Historian and the Distinguished Service Award was given by the University and College Section to Martie Collett of Weber State College Library for her many years of distinguished contribution to the profession.

## **Brigham Young University Student Library Support**

Students at Brigham Young University are actively engaged in a number of activities associated with the fund drive for student-pledged million-dollar support to the building costs of the new wing of the Lee Library, now under construction. In the course of the yearly drives, students have held book-writing marathons, sold breakfast in bed, wakeup services, jogging partners, bowling lessons, hot dogs, and Christmas trees.

## **New Type Storytime**

Weber County, Utah, Public Library has been holding "Pajama Storytimes." Parents are invited to bring their youngsters, dressed for bedtime, to evening storytime sessions thus making storytelling available to children whose parents cannot bring them to daytime story hours. Weber County has become one of the more innovative public libraries in the MPLA region what with its unusual ideas in the provision of expanded public library services.

## **North and South Dakota Handicapped to be Served by Utah State Library**

Braille readers in both North and South Dakota will begin to be served by the multi-state center at the Utah State Library on July 1, 1975. The number of Braille readers in both states combined had dropped to below 100 so the South Dakota State Library followed the lead of other western states in contracting with the Utah State Library for Braille services. South Dakota's Library for the Visually and Physically Handicapped serves North Dakotans who are handicapped by contract with the North Dakota State Library Commission.

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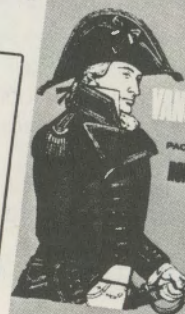
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## Wyoming Library Association Elects New Officers

Al Whitelock, Laramie County Library director from Cheyenne is the new President of the Wyoming Library Association. He succeeded Marcia Wright from Gillette at the annual meeting of the Association in Gillette in April. Mary Kuhn, Albany County Librarian was elected 1st Vice President-President Elect. Lynn Wile, Johnson County Librarian was elected Recording Secretary.

## Laramie County Library Receives a John Cotton Dana Award

The Laramie County Library System will be awarded the American Library Association's John Cotton Dana award, according to Al Whitelock, Laramie County Library director. The John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards contest is sponsored jointly by the H. W. Wilson Company and the Public Relations section of ALA, and is awarded annually at the organization's summer conference.

Whitelock said the library received the honor for its publicity program, which is under the direction of Louise Flynn Underhill, public relations coordinator. "This is Laramie County Library's second John Cotton Dana award," he said, "but the first for public relations." In 1967 the ALA presented the Library with a special award for its building program, under the direction of Stan Oliner, who was administrator at that time.

## Wot is WICHE?

The following is copied from the published Fact Sheet of the Western Council of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education describing its programs in Continuing Education and Library Resources:

### WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

This Program is an effort to assist in the improvement of library services in the West by (1) providing continuing

education experiences for library staffs, and by (2) developing ways and means for sharing of library resources across state lines. It is one of 28 WICHE programs all of which are related to improving the quality of education for all citizens in the West.

### HOW IS IT FUNDED?

The core budget (about \$60,000 per year) is supported by Membership Fees from WICHE-area state library agencies selecting to join the Program. As of September 1, 1974, seven states are actively participating in the Program.

Additional funds for specific activities come from special grants or contracts. At present, the Program has received (since April 1, 1974) about \$34,000 funding from grants and contracts to perform certain specific services. A detailed income and expense budget is available on request.

### HOW IT IS ADMINISTERED AND STAFFED?

Each Member state serves on the Western Council for the Continuing Education and Library Resources Program. This Council elects a Chairperson and A Vice Chairperson yearly. The Council serves as the "Board" for the Program, setting policies, approving budgets, recommending action, evaluating performance, and reviewing staffing. The Council meets at least twice each year or more frequently as needed. The Council operates under a Charter which details responsibilities and organizational matters. Copies of the Charter and minutes of Council meetings are available on request.

The Program staff (presently consisting of one Director and one half-time Secretary) are employees of WICHE and office in the WICHE Headquarters in Boulder. Within WICHE, the Program staff reports to the Director of the Division of General Regional Programs. As part of WICHE, the Program derives considerable benefits and advantages. As with any WICHE program, the final decision on major policies and budgets is made by the WICHE Commissioners. (See the *WICHE Annual Report* for details on WICHE and the Commissioners.)

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was developing and delivering continuing education "packages" to the library community in the WICHE states. A total of twelve learning packages were developed as of April 1, 1974. A list of these is attached. These Learning Packages are currently under review and evaluation by the Western Council. It is planned to monitor continuing education needs in the western library community and seek additional ways and means for meeting these needs. On July 30, 1974, the Western Council approved a "test run" of a Clearinghouse Newsletter describing on-going or planned continuing education events in the western states. This Clearinghouse Newsletter is scheduled to start in early 1975.

During 1973, the Program was instrumental in getting graduate library science education qualified as a WICHE student exchange area. This means that students residing in states not having graduate library schools can attend qualified library schools in other WICHE states without paying the out-of-state fee. Details of this program are available.

Since April 1, 1974, the Program has also been concerned with the "orderly sharing of library resources in the West" — or library networking. A grant from USDE was received in July 1974, to conduct a four-phase training institute (during 1974 and 1975) on interlibrary cooperation and networking for the library community in the 13 WICHE states. Also, on July 30th, the Western Council voted to sponsor an invitational "Western States Network Study and Planning Conference" on September 19-20, 1974, to initiate the process of orderly network development in the West.

All the Program activities are cooperative ventures with other concerned agencies or organizations — such as regional or state library associations, library schools, state libraries, or academic library consortia. The Program's policy is to do only those tasks that are not now being done or that are of such magnitude that collective effort among several states is necessary. Every effort is being made to provide measurable cost-beneficial services responsive to the needs of the library community in the western states. Suggestions for projects are welcomed.

#### **HOW CAN YOUR STATE PARTICIPATE?**

Any of the 13 WICHE-area states are entitled to actively participate in the Program by joining the Western Council. Membership Fees are based on population plus a fixed cost. The maximum Membership Fee is \$15,000 per year (for the more populous states). Specific Membership Fees for each state are listed on the attached. A description of Benefits derived from Membership is also attached. Membership period is July 1 to June 30th; pro rata Memberships are possible at any time during the year. Inquiries regarding Membership are welcomed.

#### **WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?**

The future of the WICHE Continuing Education and Library Resource Program depends entirely on how effective and beneficial the Program is to the western states in relation to the states' investment in the Program. If the Program is not cost-beneficial, it should not and will not be continued. However, WICHE, the Program staff and the Western Council are committed to making this Program one of such value that the benefits are self-evident.

## **South Dakota Aligns Itself With WICHE**

Under a special action of the WICHE Governing Board, The South Dakota State Library, though not a WICHE state, was allowed to participate with all rights and privileges in the Western Council. Its first participation has been through having a representative as part of the Institute "Training the Trainers to Train for Interlibrary Cooperation and Networking." Currently four librarians from South Dakota are participating in a WICHE/USOE Institute for Training in Staff Development. The possibility of similar participation is available to the other MPLA states which are currently in the WICHE area. Those are North Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

## **Grants**

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., is accepting applications from and nominations of mid-career librarians of outstanding leadership potential for its 1976-77 class of up to five academic library management interns. Aimed at the development of future managers for the nation's large research and academic libraries, the CLR program has thus far provided opportunities for two groups of five interns to spend a full academic year working closely with the directors and top administrative staff of several of the country's great academic libraries. The internship covers a full year, with 10 months spent at the host institution and one month in preparation of a report to CLR. The Council pays the interns the basic salary and benefits (up to \$20,000) they received during the year the application was made, and also provides some assistance for costs of moving and for certain travel expenses. Applicants must be individuals with at least five years of library experience at a professional level, under 45 years of age, and citizens of the United States or Canada or with resident status in either country. Those interested in receiving an application form should send a self-addressed, No. 10 envelope or mailing label to the Management Intern Committee, Council on Library Resources, One Dupont Circle, Suite 620 Washington, D. C. 20036. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than January 1, 1976.

## **Western Library Network Gets Start-up Funding**

The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) has received a \$65,000 grant from the Office of Education for a cost study on its proposed Western Library Network; a grant of some \$90,000 is also expected from the Council on Library Resources. Noting current efforts in California toward the establishment of a statewide computerized network operation, Lawrence Livingston of CLR speculated that this cooperative venture would probably be a central component of the WICHE regional network, reports the California State Library's newsletter.

While backing system development in California and elsewhere, Livingston stressed that the "bibliographic center of the world is still in Washington, D.C." and that "the bibliographic files of the Library of Congress are essential" to any network operation. He noted that LC is now ready to accept the cataloging done by other libraries and that Henriette Avram is in charge of the new

program (called COMARC): the MARC records of these libraries are being merged with LC's master file.

Said Livingston, the COMARC project "is a building block in the establishment of the Library of Congress role in national bibliographic control. The decentralization of labor, as other libraries produce MARC records and the definition of LC responsibilities are part of the total developing picture . . . Bibliographic control is absolutely essential to interlibrary lending, and the COMARC project will provide more standard records than LC alone can develop."

Livingston also reported that the recently established joint advisory group on national bibliographic control (with members from the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, CLR, and the National Science Foundation) has set as priority projects: a national approach to name authority files; a MARC format for journal articles and technical reports; and holdings statements for serials. It wants an agency to be set up to coordinate these priority projects.

Backing system development everywhere, Livingston speculated that a national network will evolve from disparate systems, each with a high degree of internal autonomy.

## Publication Information

If any member of MPLA has news of regional information, the member should contact his or her State Representative. The State Rep will in turn compile all information for the state and transmit it to the Editor of this NEWSLETTER. State Representatives are:

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## CLR Grant to WICHE Supports Western Network

The Council on Library Resources has made a grant of \$79,325 to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) toward the planning and development of a 17-state (plus British Columbia) bibliographic network.

The CLR grant will enable a small staff within WICHE to work full time for a year on the overall design, which will

be compatible with other developing bibliographic systems and with the evolving national system.

Among other things, the design study will examine the possibilities of connecting the BALLOTS system at Stanford University to the Washington State Library Network so that each can complement the other in providing bibliographic products and services over the network.

By building into the new system the capability to produce a complete and accurate bibliographic record in the Library of Congress MARC formats, the designers will provide in-and-out compatibility with the MARC formats, which will permit a division of labor in data base construction and maintenance.

The fledgling Western Interstate Bibliographic Network's relationship to WICHE — and the resulting use of states as building blocks rather than individual institutions — answers a basic need of developing systems to reside in some logical managerial and political environment.

The basic program is funded by membership fees from 11 Western state library agencies (Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming).

## Casper's Loss is Colorado Springs' Gain

Kenneth E. Dowlin has moved from the position of Director of the Natrona County Public Library in Casper, Wyoming, to take the position of Librarian of the Pikes Peak Regional Library headquartered at the Penrose Public Library in Colorado Springs. He takes the place of Mrs. Margaret G. Reid who recently retired.

## Nebraska Library Commission Begins Fiscal Year 1976 With Caution

Gleaned from the *Overtones from the Underground* published by the Nebraska Library Commission is an element of caution or "trepidation" as the publication puts it. It speaks of that library's budget and thanks its legislature for stabilizing its Fiscal Year 1975 budget but looks with "trepidation in viewing the year ahead with this (1975) legislative session's over-reliance on federal funds for 1975/76 programs." The federal funds in this case are those of the Library Services and Construction Act which is not quite leaping into its final year under Federal legislation.

## Mail-A-Book Success in Lincoln

Lancaster County residents living outside Lincoln, Nebraska's city limits are taking advantage of the Lincoln City Libraries' Mail-A-Book service which began in early 1975. Nearly 1,000 books were mailed in response to requests in the first two weeks of the service.

## OCLC Gets Study by Nebraskans

W. S. Debenham, assistant executive director of the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) and Mrs. Esther Greenberg, Case-Western Reserve University Library, users of OCLC, were in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission and at Kearney at the State College Library in the late winter. They featured an on-going program demonstration with the installed terminal at Kearney State College Library. Librarians throughout Nebraska were invited to attend the demonstration.

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