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## MPLA + CLA

1065 librarians and exhibitors came to Denver in October to participate in one of the friendliest, swingiest, strongest conventions on record in the Rocky Mountain area. Joining with CLA was apparently the key to both boosting attendance and supporting a fine show of programs and people.

## Convention Arrangements

Barbara Aro and Vern West choreographed the four-day event, arranging the myriad details of scheduling and physically providing for the needs of 117 groups and workshops, as well as transporting speakers, and helping exhibit setups. The Executive Tower Inn people cooperated beautifully. The smooth operation of the convention resembled the apparent ease of a well-rehearsed magic show. Vern West has mentioned plans to write a convention handbook revealing "tricks of the trade" he's picked up coordinating eleven conventions. The *Newsletter* will tell you when that handbook is ready.

## Exhibitors

The whole gang was there! Four hotel banquet rooms held a full complement of booths and bookmen. Ribbon-cutting on Monday was livened by a Spanish music-and-dance team, and as librarians surged thruout the aisles, the sense of a gala affair was maintained. Bright new books in unpeeled jackets and fine new machines were much admired. In private showings, computerized bibliographical services and telecommunication demonstrators showed

their wares. Exhibitors reported some large sales were made, though at least one press person commented on "that wistful look" given by librarians without funding to buy. Exhibitors and librarians really got together in the evenings, when bright parties with professional entertainers or quiet hospitality suites were hosted by the exhibitors. Free feeds also brought forth enthusiastic response. Some small reward for these efforts was the awards presented at the Tuesday evening banquet to Ray Leonard of Gaylord Brothers for "Best Exhibit," to Priscilla Salazar of El Camino Real Bookstore for "Best Exhibitor" and to Carl Gaumer of Gaumer Reference Service for "Best Display Resource Materials." Our thanks also go to those who generously provided us with the paraphernalia to put the whole show together.

## Exhibitors Round Table?

Despite all the informal contact, a few exhibitors mentioned that they'd like a more formalized forum for interaction with librarians — perhaps an Exhibitors Rountable for MPLA?

## People and Programs

Content was the strong point of this convention. Dr. Elizabeth Stone described CLENE (Continuing Library Education Network and Exchange) and Frederick Manfred shared his personal guideline for integrity in writing, namely to "listen to your inner sound." These were the highlighted speakers, but actually each program and workshop provided a forum for talented people.

Even business meetings displayed skilled leadership and an occasional sense of humor. When the incoming MPLA President, Gus Hanniball, accepted the gavel during Wednesday morning's "swearing-in" ceremony, everybody particularly enjoyed his droll de-description of himself as "staid" — an appellation he lost the right to apply to himself after a fine performance in the Sunday night floor show at the Gaumer Gala! His serious side is presented in the "President's Message" in this issue.

## MPLA + SWLA in 1976

Next year in Albuquerque! Enthusiasm overcame exhaustion during the final hours of the convention when MPLA Executive Board members got together with John Anderson, incoming President of SWLA, to describe plans already afoot for next November. Our programs will center around the general theme of "the Net Worth of Networking" — certainly an appropriate and timely topic for the Bicentennial. Since Albuquerque is their home turf, on-site arrangements will be left primarily to SWLA with advice and input by Jan Beck who will act as our liaison. Vern West, having been elected V.P./President-elect of MPLA, also accepted responsibility for our program content.

## Act Now!

Tell Vern West what you'd like to see in Albuquerque. A show of interest might easily result in just the program you'd want. Write him at the address listed on the backside of this issue.

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## Young Adult Librarians

### Special Interest

### Column

by Dorothy Middleton

At the recent MPLA Convention in Denver, the young adult and school librarians discussed problems peculiar to our field. It was brought out that there is little being written in professional literature of interest to the young adult librarian. The group decided to try to have an article in each issue of the *Newsletter*.

This first article will touch on general interests. For future articles, we ask that librarians in the region submit whole articles to Georgia Shovlain, Sheridan County Library, Sheridan Wyoming 82801. Or just send in ideas which then may be researched and articles written up concerning the problem.

The young adult area has been a specialty for about 30 years, but we still discuss what a "young adult" is. It originally was defined as being about the 15-to-20 age bracket. Now, however, it probably is more usually accepted as covering ages 12-18. Six years is not a long span of time, but it is a very long span of interests. It is the difference between grade school and college.

Trying to decide what is going to be popular reading for these people next year is as difficult as trying to guess fashionable clothes next season. You know they are going to discover some new book that just everybody just has to read — that you never heard of — just as sure as you know they will think up some wild new style of dress. And you know they will continue to ask for some old favorites just as sure as they will continue to wear bluejeans. **Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jo Jones** may be a patched and faded pair of old jeans, but it is a must book for any young adult collection.

What makes up a young adult collection is one of the problems our librarians face. The selection problem isn't unique to our area, but finding good selection tools sometimes is. On a negative note, **Top of the News** is of very limited value. It may feature some material for the junior high age group, but they almost never list anything for the high school student.

Wilson's **Senior High School Library Catalog** and **Junior High School Library Catalog** recommend good titles and keep fairly current by supplements and periodic revisions. Most space is devoted to non-fiction titles — which brings up another question that divides young adult librarians: should young adult sections have non-fiction books? In areas where schools have their own school libraries in the building, the school library can probably support the curriculum and provides students with needed non-fiction books better than the public library. If students need non-fiction materials beyond the school's resources, they will probably go to the regular shelves of the public library. A young adult section of the public library, too, will probably be mainly fiction or general, recreational non-fiction.

The school librarian may use the non-fiction section of Wilson's to establish a basic collection and then keep up with special needs. The question arises — how much help is Wilson's in establishing a fiction collection? Unfortunately, it is probably of limited use. It is good for establishing a basic collection of old favorites. There is no question that the recommended titles are good books which the teenager can read to his profit. But Wilson's has a greater proportion of historical novels than is being read by today's teenager. And it does not include the very current books, the ones no library ever has enough copies of.

Should libraries try to supply teenagers with the latest in fad reading? Perhaps we should leave that area to the bookstores and book clubs? This writer believes libraries should supply as much current reading material as our budgets and buying schedules allow. If we never have the latest books, we will lose our potential patrons to the bookstores and book clubs. Our readers will cease to think of us as a source of recreational reading and we will lose many customers since people don't always have problems needing research, but they nearly always can use a good recreational book. Some librarians spurn current popular novels on the basis that they are not good, enduring literature. Many are not, but we can hardly recommend a better book to a patron who is in the corner bookstore rather than the library.

About the only way any library can keep up with the latest books, and certainly the only way to have even close to enough copies of a popular title, is through paperbacks. Several publishers have automatic paperback shipment plans. One needs to evaluate them carefully, but they can be useful in keeping the collection attractive to readers.

Where can a librarian find good selection aids? **Booklist** and **School Library Journal** have good current reviews and mark titles of special interest to young adults. Their choices will not always agree with every locality, but overall they are helpful. A good booklist of best books since 1960 came out of the Young Adult Pre-conference at ALA in San Francisco this year. Booklists of any kind are always worth looking at. And any young adult section or school library should have a suggestion box. Any book that is asked for and not owned yet is a possibility for purchase. Also, librarians should talk to one another. City or regional level meetings give librarians a chance to tell what titles are popular and what new titles are coming up. Young adult library work is a fast-moving field and we need to help one another!

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## The President Speaks To the Future of MPLA



Gus Hannibal

I think it important when a change of President takes place within an organization, that the membership gain some appreciation as to how the incoming officer feels about certain issues and on what course the ship will attempt to be steered.

It is with some trepidation, as I take office as your President for the year ahead, to offer those views which I consider most important for MPLA and how we might proceed in solving some of our more immediate and pressing problems. My views will certainly not reflect those of all the membership — we are too large and diverse a group for that — and the importance I attach to certain areas will not be shared by all. Nevertheless, I think most of you will agree that some good may result from analyzing where we have been, where we are, and where we might go, and to get on with the implementation of some actual programs.

First, a little history. On May 23-25, 1975, the Association began to take a hard look at itself in what came to be known as the "Peaceful Valley Conference" held in Lyons, Colorado. The 66 participants made 15 broad recommendations before they disbanded. In addition, 11 Task Force Committees were formed to provide further refinement and specificity of goals, presenting these to the membership at the 1973 MPLA Conference, Nov. 4-7, held at Cheyenne, Wyoming. At that conference a Master-Plan Task Force was also formed, under the Chairmanship of Bob Carmack, to present a coherent plan for consideration and adoption by the membership. This was subsequently accomplished at the Lake Tahoe Convention, Nov. 3-6, 1974. Since that time, Vince Anderson has been working to solve the dilemma of a full-time Executive Secretary, to seek fiscal viability — primarily through the bitter step of curtailing the *Quarterly* and instituting a less expensive *Newsletter* — and to provide some kind of continuing education program for the region.

I would submit that the time has come for serious action this year! Let's now do some of the things which have been suggested repeatedly in the recent past, but let's not diffuse our efforts by attempting to do too much in one year's time.

With that thought in mind, and after having read the many reports produced, it appears to me that there are three areas which are absolutely vital for us to pursue:

1. Organizational Structure
2. Continuing Education
3. Public Relations and Publications

These are their 1973 Task Force names. Let me discuss each of these in turn, beginning with Organizational Structure.

The Master Plan Task Force listed its first goal as the establishment of a viable organization and structure. The earlier Total Organizational Structure Task Force, chaired by Bill Knott, recommended that "a smaller Executive Board (8 - 10) seems needed, no section chairmen included." Now I have nothing against section chairmen, and perhaps they should remain on the Board, for they include some of the hardest working members we have — but I *do* feel that a 21-member Board is a bit large for the expeditious conduct of organization business and for a region which is as large as this one. It requires large expenditures of money just for us to come together.

There are other points for consideration. Why omit the Convention Chairman from the Board when he or she is almost always in attendance and provides very important information? Should we not consider the creation of a Public Relations Officer position for the organization? This is an area, I feel, which has been particularly weak in the past because of just such an omission. Why not have State Association Presidents on our Board, instead of appointed representatives? The very effective Southwestern Library Association does exactly this — in fact, they are the Board, with the exception of four elected officers.

Perhaps none of these thoughts deserve implementation, but they all deserve consideration. I have, therefore, formed an "Ad Hoc Committee on Organization" to investigate these problems and to make *specific* recommendations to the Board and to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, where applicable. These recommendations will, hopefully, be presented to the membership at the Albuquerque

Convention — where the members will discuss them and approve or disapprove their implementation if the Constitution and By-Laws are affected.

I am pleased to say that Bill Knott has accepted the charge to chair this committee.

Similarly, I have requested Ranae Pierce to chair an "Ad Hoc Committee on Public Relations" and she has accepted. It is no secret that MPLA has done poorly in selling itself to the region's librarians. I would hope that we might create a P.R. Officer position — someone in the Association who possesses the expertise to develop a coherent program including slide-tape presentations, visual displays, and other techniques for use at state conventions and other meetings. This individual would also insure professional convention news coverage in the form of news releases and photography.

At present, the MPLA state representatives have been charged with membership development — an area which requires a degree of public relations effort. Let me be generous and characterize these efforts as "uneven." The Master Plan Task Force recognized this when they recommended that we develop an MPLA membership promotion program and organize promotional packages. The fault, they knew, did not entirely rest with the representatives themselves, since they had little to work with. Our Executive Secretary, Joe Edelen, has already begun P.R. efforts, but we now need a professional extension of them.

Continuing Education seems to be the area with which most of the membership identifies. This was already evident in the 1973 30-member "Task Force on Continuing Education and MPLA" chaired by Peter Hiatt. In a committee survey, with a priority scale of 1 thru 10, with 10 being the highest rating, no committee member gave continuing education less than 8!

The organization, increasingly, seems to envision its primary role as one involving continuing education. One notes that emphasis in this year's convention theme, in a recent survey to

the membership, and in the Master Plan Task Force recommendation. There is no question in my mind that we can play a *major* role here.

Again, to provide us with a reasoned plan to follow, I have formed an "Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Education" and am extremely pleased to say that one of this area's most capable librarians has agreed to chair it. I refer to Virginia Boucher. In fact, she already has Barbara Micheel of the Colorado State Library on the committee, plus Ruth Katz, Director of the Center for Communication and Information Research at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Librarianship and Phyllis Baker of the Wyoming State Library. I know we can expect great things from this group and hope to have them report on possibilities for implementation of programs at Executive Board meetings — so that we can vote on those recommendations without delay. If we can, there is no reason to wait until an annual conference. The constitution does not require it and that's what an Executive Board is for — to act on your behalf.

Another recommendation of the Master Plan Task Force was that "as a long range goal, MPLA consider making its dues a part of State Library Association duties." Preliminary talks with Mr. Guy Schuurman, President of the Utah Library Association, have been very productive and we hope to initiate some arrangement between MPLA and ULA to encourage membership in both organizations, using Utah as a pilot project.

Finally, my personal conviction is that we, on the Executive Board, have an unwritten mandate from the membership to institute new ventures that will go beyond an annual convention. This is the direction toward which we shall be working and, hopefully, by this time next year we shall already have some tangible programs to offer to you as individuals and to your institutions.

With your help — and *only* with your help — MPLA is about to realize its potential.

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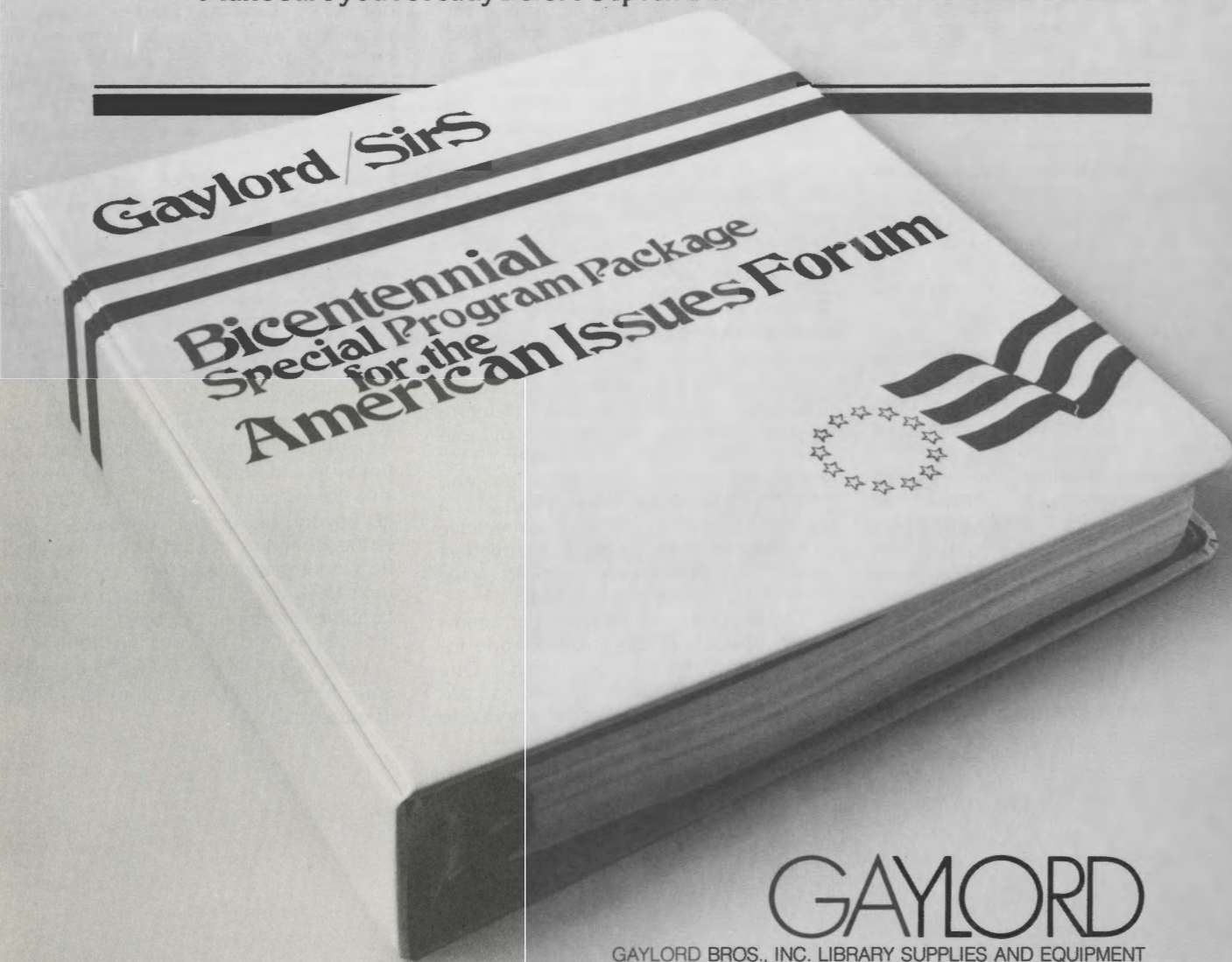
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## Continuing Education

## Conversational Luncheon

## Questionnaire

At the MPLA/CLA Convention on Monday, October 20, 1975, a Continuing Education Conversational Luncheon was shared by 200 people from the Western states.

Participants completed a questionnaire which asked what types of continuing education programs they needed. The format largely reflected public library service, but librarians from academic, school and special libraries indicated commonality of needs in many areas.

The questionnaire identified these areas of greatest need:

1. Management skills/planning and problem solving:
  - a. Personnel supervision (85)
  - b. Budget management (83)
2. Public service knowledge/skills
  - a. Public relations (80)
  - b. Working with other agencies (78)

- c. Library orientation for legislators and city/county officials (77)
  - d. Assessing community needs and resources (68)
3. Technical knowledge/skills
    - a. Collection evaluation and weeding (77)
    - b. Audiovisual (65)
    - c. Reference (57)

Asked what type of courses they'd be most likely to participate in, people responded:

1. Correspondence courses (106)
2. Library workshops (105)
3. Statewide workshops (96)
4. TV courses (94)
5. Regular college courses (69)

For a complete breakdown, write: Barbara Micheel, Consultant, Continuing Education, Colorado State Library, 1362 Lincoln, Denver, Colorado 80203.

## \$ For Continuing Education And PR

The 1976 budget for MPLA carries an allocation of \$2,500 for continuing education and \$1,000 for public relations. If approved, these sums will be used at the discretion of the Ad Hoc Committees with Executive Board approval to create actual programs, A/V materials or other support methods of informing people and telling them our story. The next Executive Board meeting will be in January. If you want to comment on these expenditures, please write your state representative or any officer listed on the back cover.

This funding represents an effort to streamline our activities — to make it possible for someone to have a good idea and carry it out the same year. The two areas selected are mentioned in the President's Message (p. 4 - 5) as ones where he sees the greatest immediate need for action. To input, write Ranae Pierce, Salt Lake City Public Library, 209 East 5th South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 or Virginia Boucher, 845 Lincoln Place, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

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# Official Minutes

## MPLA Business Meetings

By Helen Hoyt  
Recording Secretary

The business meeting of the Mountain Plains Library Association was called to order at 6:05 p.m., October 20, 1975, in the Ballroom of the Executive Tower Inn, Denver, Colorado by the Association President, Vince Anderson.

The President moved that during the business session of this Annual Convention, the order of business and conduct of the meetings will be according to the Association Constitution and By-Laws and wherever matters are not so covered, **Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised**, will prevail, with all motions made from the floor to be in written format and handed to the Recording Secretary if and when they are seconded, whether they are passed on or not. The motion was seconded by Kelly Patterson. Motion passed.

The President asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the MPLA Quarterly, Vol. XIX, no. 3, pp. 16-22. There being no corrections, the President declared that the minutes of the previous meeting stand approved as published.

The President made his report and requested that it be attached to these minutes in the minute book.

The Vice-President, Gus Hanniball, gave his report and requested that it be attached to these minutes in the minute book.

The business meeting moved into a period of committee reports.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given by Bob Carmack, Chairperson. He recommended that in the future the audit be done by a Certified Public Accountant as it had been during the past year and that the Auditing Committee be dissolved and its responsibilities given to the Finance Committee. He moved adoption of the report and the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Joe Edelen. Motion passed.

The report of the Membership Committee was given by Larry Marcott, Chairperson. He reported the Association membership to be 470 personal and 119 institutional members.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Kelly Patterson, Chairperson pro tem. She announced the election of Vern West as Vice President/President-Elect and Elizabeth Morrisett as Recording Secretary. The President moved to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Charles Bolles. Motion passed.

The Finance Committee report was given by Joe Edelen, Chairperson. The report recommended a tentative budget for the coming year of the Association. He moved the report be adopted and attached to these minutes in the minute book. The motion was seconded by Bob Malinowsky. Motion passed.

The Scholarship Committee report was given by Melody Kuehn, Chairperson. She reported that a \$500.00 scholarship will be given in 1976 and that application forms could be obtained from both herself and the Executive Secretary, Joe Edelen.

The Executive Secretary and Fiscal Officer, Joe Edelen, gave his report. He described the program organization of the Association and moved the adoption of his report and that the report be attached to these minutes in the minute book. The motion was seconded by Carol White. Motion passed.

The President introduced Elizabeth Tamura as the Editor of the **MPLA Newsletter**. Ms. Tamura outlined her plans for the publication and urged that articles or items of newsworthy interest be sent to her for inclusion in the **Newsletter**.

There was no old business.

The business meeting moved into a period of New Business.

The President called upon Virginia Boucher, Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to present the report of that committee. She described the recommended changes to the Constitution and By-Laws as published and distributed to the membership thirty days prior to this meeting. She moved adoption of the Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws as printed and the attachment of them to these minutes in the minute book. Glen Sunvold seconded the motion. The President declared the need for a two-thirds majority vote and requested the voters to stand for counting. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Boucher then moved that Articles VII through IX of the By-Laws be rearranged to read as follows:

**Article VII.** Quorum. Ten percent of the members present at any meeting of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

**Article VIII.** Meetings open to the membership. All meetings of any board, committee or other policy-making body of the Mountain Plains Library Association at which Association business is discussed or at which any formal action is taken shall be open to the membership of the Association.

**Article IX.** By-Laws. By-Laws must be amended, adopted, or suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, provided that specific notice of any change has been given in a general session previous to the session in which the vote is taken.



Photos contributed by Mary Carlson and Elizabeth Tamura



The motion was seconded by Alvina Desjardins. Motion passed.

At 7:00 p.m., the President ordered the meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m., October 22, 1975.

The second session of the business meeting of the Mountain-Plains Library Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 1975 in the Ballroom of the Executive Tower Inn, Denver, Colorado, by the Association President, Vince Anderson.

The first item of business was the motion to change the By-Laws as presented to the membership as the last item of business on Monday, October 20, 1975. The President declared the need for a two-thirds majority vote and requested the voters to stand for counting. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dan Seager moved that the Executive Board prepare and submit to the Membership a total revision of both the Constitution and By-Laws prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Association. The motion was seconded by Billie Poulson. Motion passed.

The business meeting moved into a period of reports from Section Chairpersons and State Representatives.

Alvina Desjardins reported for the College and University Section and announced the Chairperson for the next year to be Bob Runyon, the Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect to be Bob Carmack, and herself as Secretary.

Joy Riske reported for the Childrens and School Library Section and announced that Georgia Shovlain would be the next Chairperson, Kay Lundgren the Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, and Fran Dufraime, Secretary.

Jan Beck reported for the Junior Members Roundtable and announced that Annette Milliron would be the Chairperson, Gary Powell would be Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, and Dorothy Liegl, Secretary.

Shirley Flack reported on the activities of the Public Library Section and announced that Velma Brooks would be the new Chairperson, Carol Connor would be the Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, and Alexi Shuman would be Secretary.

The State Library Section report was made by Susan Kling who announced the new Chairperson to be Evelyn Brewster.

The Technical Services Section report was given by Elizabeth Kaufman who also announced that the new Chairperson would be Harriet Rubedella, Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect would be Charles Bolles, and Donna Jones would be Secretary.

Section reports are attached to these minutes in the minute book as submitted.

State representative reports were given by Charles Bolles for Kansas, Jerry Kaup for Nebraska, Billie Poulson for Joe Anderson of Nevada, Jan Janecek for North Dakota, Doris Ellis for Colorado, Glenn Sundvold for South Dakota, Russell Davis for Utah, and Dorothy Middleton for Maxime Kaup of Wyoming.

State Representative reports are attached to these minutes in the minute book as submitted.

Kay Lundgren moved to have all members send cards to Wilmot McFadden, a previous president, who is in the Colorado General Hospital following open heart surgery. Motion seconded by Elizabeth Morrisett. Motion passed.

The President then turned the gavel over to the Incoming President, Gus Hannibal, and wished him well as he begins his duties as President of the Mountain Plains Library Association. Mr. Hannibal accepted the gavel and thanked the now Past President for a job well done. He also summarized where the Association has been, where it is now and outlined his plans to make 1976 a year of action. His acceptance speech is attached to these minutes.

The President then introduced John Anderson, President of the Southwestern Library Association. Mr. Anderson stated that his Association is looking forward to an excellent joint SWLA/MPLA Convention which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 11-13, 1976. He also announced a post-convention trip to Mexico City that is in the planning stages. It was pointed out that Jan Beck will be the convention liaison person for MPLA.

Vern West, Convention Chairperson, reported that the total registration for the CLA/MPLA Joint Convention was 1,064.

There being no further business, the President Gus Hannibal adjourned the meeting sine die at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 1975.

## Reports, Reports, Reports

Attached to these minutes in the minute book and an official part thereof are:

President's Report  
Vice President's Report  
Auditing Committee Report  
Nominating Committee Report  
Finance Committee Report  
Scholarship Committee Report  
Executive Secretary/Fiscal Officer's Report  
Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report

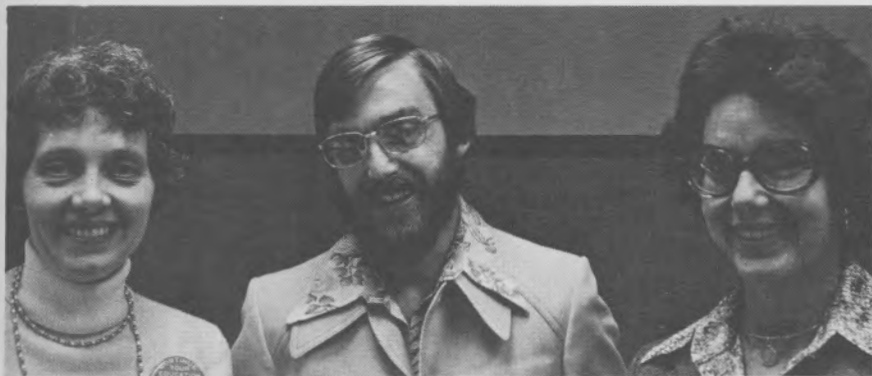
### Section Reports

Children's and School Library Section  
College and University Library Section  
Junior Members Roundtable  
Public Library Section  
State Library Section  
Technical Services Section

### Reports from the State Representatives

Colorado  
Kansas  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
North Dakota  
South Dakota  
Utah  
Wyoming

(Editor's note: My thanks to all these people who gave me copies of their reports—but there is no way I can include the full texts in this issue. If you want a copy of any of the above reports, please write the Editor or the Recording Secretary who is now Elizabeth Morrisett, Brownley Library, University of Colorado at Denver, 1100 14th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.)



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## Upper Cumberland Library System Continuing Education Program as Model

The article below describes a program in the Upper Cumberland Regional Library System of Tennessee. Although it is obviously outside our territory, I thought there were certain very interesting points to this program which we might consider: it serves an area with a scanty population of professionals; it uses available talents to develop a program combining audio-visual in-

structional materials, workshops and on-site followup team visits; and it deals with nitty-gritty problems. Surely there are aspects of this program we could adopt — if, indeed, MPLA library systems already have undertaken such efforts, please write the Editor about them, so we can share your experiences and results throughout the region.

### Staff Development Using Available Human Resources

by Ben E. Pitts

The Upper Cumberland Regional Library System employs approximately 13 librarians who do not hold a professional degree. Educational background of these employees varies from high school through college. Two reasons account for their employment: (a) funds are inadequate to employ a person with a professional degree and (b) the lack of interest among professionals to serve in rural areas of Tennessee.

With the availability of additional services through the regional system in Tennessee, the Director of the Upper Cumberland Regional System became more concerned than ever about developing training and staff development for the librarians in the system.

A proposal was written by Tennessee Technological University asking federal funding for the purpose of identifying educational needs of librarians in the Appalachian Region who held less than a professional degree. Unfortunately, austere times caused many proposals not to be funded.

With the lack of funding both at the federal, state, and local level, public library and university personnel met recently for a planning session. At this session it was agreed that a staff development program would be implemented in the Upper Cumberland District, headquartered in Cookeville, Tennessee. Both groups agreed that leadership was needed in this program. It was decided to develop and implement a program of staff development utilizing existing facilities and personnel with the program being met with "extra effort" on the part of both groups.

At the meeting 12 needs were identified as follows:

1. Audiovisuals
2. Promotion and Public Relations
3. Reference Materials
4. Library Ethics
5. Technical Processing (vertical file)
6. Selection
7. Card Catalog (file) (ALA Rules)
8. Books and Related Materials for Children
9. Books and Related Materials for Young People
10. Books and Related Materials for Adults
11. Censorship
12. Organization of Materials

Implementation of this program was conceptualized in 2 phases. Regional librarians will meet at the headquarters of the Upper Cumberland Regional Library and Tenn Tech University Campus.

Tentative dates for Phase I have been established as follows:

#### 1975-76

1. October 3, 1977  
"Audiovisuals"
2. November 21, 1975  
"Promotion & Public Relations"
3. January 23, 1976  
"Reference Materials"
4. March 26, 1976  
"Library Ethics"
5. May 28, 1976  
"Technical Processing"
6. August 20, 1976  
"Selection"

Phase II will be implemented as follows:

1976-77

1. October, 1976  
"Card Catalog"
2. November, 1976  
"Books & Related Materials for Children"
3. January, 1977  
"Books & Related Materials for Young People"
4. March, 1977  
"Books & Related Materials for Adults"
5. May, 1977  
"Censorship"
6. August, 1977  
"Organization of Materials"

Labor Experiences

Include: How develop lettering Program slide

During the year 1975-76 each library will be visited at least twice by Mrs. Julia Boyd, Director and Dr. Ben E. Pitts, Director of Library Education at Tennessee Technological University.

This program will involve:

6 training sessions 1975-76	4 hrs each = 24
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Approximately 2 visits per library 1975-76 to 13 libraries	26
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Total 100 hrs

Stated objectives of this plan are as follows:

Assist librarians in Upper Cumberland Region to develop certain competencies as set forth in the needs section of this article; This program will serve as a pilot program for staff development in other regions of Tennessee Regional Library System; It will provide a laboratory experiences for library education students at Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee; and seek to raise the standard of library service to rural counties within the region.

Meetings will run from approximately 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Expenses of the librarians to the center will be met by the regional system. The university will provide aides, audiovisual equipment, instruction and other educational assistance.

Mr. Bobby Oliver, Putnam County Library Director, Cookeville, Tennessee, participated in a two part video tape on encyclopedias produced by the Learning Resources Center of Tennessee Technological University. This tape will be shown to librarians as a part of the staff development program. Regional personnel have been active in developing plans for the inservice activities. A variety of audiovisual aides will be utilized in the program.

For more information contact: Prof. Ben E. Pitts, Dept. of Learning Resource Center, Tennessee Technological University, College of Education, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501.

## Gleanings

In order to share newsworthy items across state boundaries, these stories have been lifted from various sources. Regional stories are also included.

To assure publication in any given issue, please submit copy by the dates indicated below to the Editor, Elizabeth Tamura, University of Utah Libraries, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.

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## Of Regional Interest

Miss Phoebe Hayes, former Library Development Supervisor for the Colorado State Library, died September 24 after a lengthy illness.

Miss Hayes had a long and active career in special libraries and library cooperation prior to her retirement in July. For fifteen years, she was director of the Bibliographical Center for Research in Denver. Other library positions were held with the Public Administration Service in Chicago, the Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C., the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Madison, Wisconsin, and the National Farmers Union in Denver, Colorado.

She was recipient of the 1974 Librarian of the Year award bestowed by the Colorado Library Association and was a member of the American Library Association, the Special Library Association, the Mountain Plains Library Association and the Colorado Library Association.

Born in Cleveland in 1915, Miss Hayes moved to Wisconsin at the age of 16. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1937 with a degree in library science and also received a masters degree in library science from the University of Denver.

(Source: Press release from Lee Thielen, Consultant, Colorado State Library, 1362 Lincoln, Denver, Colorado 80203 on Sept. 26, 1975)

## Colorado

Two area librarians are the compilers of a new history directory. Carol M. Joy and Terry Ann Mood, librarians at Metropolitan State College Library, have compiled *Colorado Local History: a Directory*, which lists by county collections of local history to be found in libraries, museums, historical societies, schools, colleges, and private collections in Colorado. Based on data compiled from questionnaires, information is given on subjects, forms of material, hours, use policy, and size of each collection.

The directory is to be published in the fall through a grant from the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission. The grant provides free distribution, through the Colorado Library Association, to public and academic libraries in the state. If you are not on the distribution list, you may purchase a copy by contacting the Executive Secretary of CLA. (SOURCE: *Colorado Libraries*, Vol. 1, No. 3, September 1974, p. 53)

At a meeting held on July 1 during ALA in San Francisco a decision was reached and seed money raised to form a new, grass roots organization, tentatively called Women Library Workers. The impetus for this new group came from the women within the ALA/SRR Task Force on Women, particularly the Bay Area women. . . . This new group will not replace the ALA/SRR Task Force on Women; nor is it anticipated that the Task Force will be dissolved. It is felt that there is a need for both organizations.

The new group will be open to all women library workers, whether "credentialed" or not. It is visualized as functioning as a decentralized network, concerned with problems and issues common to all women library workers. Among the goals and issues they hope to become involved with are affirmative action and equal opportunity laws, forming job networks and career counseling centers, and providing both financial and moral support in overt discrimination cases. . . . Interested people may contact Judith Mahrer, 2221 Kearney St. #5, Denver, Colorado 80207. (SOURCE: *Colorado Libraries*, Vol. 1 No. 3, September 1975, p. 52)

## Nebraska

The Nebraska Arts Council is beginning a major, long-range planning process similar in nature to that which the Nebraska Library Commission undertook beginning in 1972, and we've agreed to assist them.

The Arts Council wants to involve citizens from all across the state in process of defining common cultural needs, setting priorities for services and programs. To do this, they want to hold a kind of "town meeting" in communities all around Nebraska where the major questions and issues concerning Nebraska's future cultural growth can be discussed. Since it is important to the Arts Council that these "town meetings" involve a cross-section of each community far broader than just those who are active in the arts, they would like to work through the libraries in each community and have the librarian help arrange the meeting and invite the participants. When they approached us to ask our cooperation, we agreed this was an important and valuable way in which Nebraska libraries can do their part in behalf of the state's total cultural growth. . . . We feel that through this cooperative effort with the Nebraska Arts Council the libraries of the state can make an important contribution to our common goals and to the cultural future of each of the communities involved. It should be an extremely interesting and enjoyable experience. (SOURCE: Jane Geske, Director, Nebraska Library Commission in *Overtones from the Underground*, Sept. 19, 1975)

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is launching a *Mystery Sleuth Readathon* to raise funds and motivate youth in the U.S. to read. Youths between 9 and 14, ask friends, neighbors and relatives to pledge a donation to MS for each book read during a stated length of time. Parents monitor their child's progress while a local organization or institution (school, library, parent group) makes books available. The proceeds are collected from the youths by MS chapters for local patient services and research on multiple sclerosis. MS is a crippling neurological disease which strikes young adults. Lincoln City Libraries' program began October 1. Other Nebraska libraries are encouraged to have their own programs at times convenient to them. All supplies are available free of charge from Norma Stoehr, Lincoln Chapter, 317 Lincoln Center Building, Lincoln, NE 68508. (SOURCE: *Overtones from the Underground*, Vol. 3, No. 3, Sept. 19, 1975, p. 3)

## Nevada

A university and a public library are getting together in Las Vegas — at least their circulation control is.

The Clark County Library District and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with help from a Nevada State Library grant, are jointly using a CLSI mini-computer.

The County library, currently on-line, has a data base of over 90,000 items; the university, scheduled to be on-line January 1976, has supplied over 14,000 items to date.

The two libraries both use the Library of Congress classification. The data base has ramifications for cooperative acquisitions as well as joint use of materials.

The joint project is believed to be a first for a university and public library in the MPLA region, if not nationally. Circulation policies including fines and loan privileges are being standardized.

Chester Davis coordinates the project for the University; Nancy Hudson for the County.

(SOURCE: Press release from Harold H. J. Erickson, Director of Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154, on August 18, 1975)

## South Dakota

On October 6, a new intercampus courier service between the four campuses of the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University began operation. A one-year pilot project, the service, called SHARE (Shared Area Resource Exchange) is designed to facilitate the direct sharing of resources particularly between the many campuses of the University of South Dakota.

The service, which includes the transfer of personnel as well as other resources, runs daily during the week on two different runs. A Monday - Wednesday - Friday run goes to the USD Medical School Office in Sioux Falls, and the libraries at Dakota State College in Madison, a branch of the University, and the library at South Dakota State University, Brookings. On Tuesday - Thursday the courier stops at the USD Medical School Office in Yankton and the University of South Dakota at Springfield. Each run makes a complete circle with return stops at each point in the run.

Though primarily designed to share resources between the campuses of the University the development of the project will be carefully monitored to determine if expansion to other libraries and institutions in this area is feasible. An advisory board, made up of at least one representative from each campus has been formed to provide direction in the current operation and to assist in the policy and decision making processes for the project.

With limited resources available in the state a need to maximize the access to, and availability of, the total resources of the University exists. The courier service is anticipated to do its part in meeting this need by promoting the effective use of existing resources in a fast and efficient manner through cooperation and sharing.

(SOURCE: News release from Bob Carmack, Director of Libraries, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069, October 9, 1975)

## Utah

Directors from Urban Public libraries along the Wasatch Front have recently organized a council to investigate and take affirmative action in developing cooperative services among the member libraries. This group is known as the Urban Public Library Council (UPLC), most appropriately, and consists of Richard Rademacher, Salt Lake City Public Library; Donald Trotter, Weber County Library; Larry Hortin, Provo Public Library; Jeanne Layton, Davis County Library; Russell Davis, Utah State Library Commission, and, of course, Guy Schuurman, Salt Lake County Library. (SOURCE: *Main Entry*, Vol. IV, No. 2, October, 1975, p. 2)

## Wyoming

The Wyoming Association for Educational Communications and Technology is born. The first organizational meetings were held September 12 and 13 at the University of Wyoming campus under the helpful guidance of Ted Vaughn.

The first president of WAECT is Marvin Emrich, Natrona County Schools A-V Director. Al Messana, Campbell County Schools A-V Director, holds the office of Vice-President/President-Elect.

To start the Association workings on ratification of the constitution and by-laws, \$5.00 was set for membership dues through December, 1975. . . . Proposals for the constitution and by-laws of WAECT will be approved and finalized at meetings in Casper on December 5 and 6. For information, contact Lee Lieurance, State Library Audio Visual Consultant, Wyoming State Library, Supreme Court and State Library Bldg., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. VII, No. 10, October 1975, p. 5)

## Jobs in the MPLA Region

At the October meeting of MPLA/CLA in Denver, the decision was made for the *MPLA Newsletter* to carry a jobline of vacancies in MPLA-associated libraries as well as a "classified ad" section for individual MPLA members and associated library school students seeking library positions. This December issue initiates the job exchange service with vacancies posted at the October convention on the MPLA/JMRT bulletin board.

For future job listings we intend to contact state libraries and MPLA member institutions. When the CLENE computerized exchange is available, we will reconsider our job exchange function and procedures, but in the meantime, we are interested in learning of all available positions thruout the MPLA region. Information may be sent directly to the Editor.

### Colorado

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Media Cataloger**

Salary: \$12,000 per year

Library: Auroria Libraries, c/o CU Denver Campus  
1100 14th Street (An Equal Opportunity Employer)

Responsibilities: To catalog media for Auroria Libraries

Experience desired: 3 years LC cataloging — 1 year necessary in media cataloging

Phone: 303-292-5190

Apply to: John Hunger, 1100 14th St., Denver, Colorado 303-892-1117, Ext. 228

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Reference Librarian**

Salary: Librarian II DPL

Library: Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, Denver  
Public Library

Responsibilities: Computer based literature searching

Experience desired: 2 to 3 years science reference

Phone: 303-922-0505

Apply to: Barb Wagner, 2100 West. Mississippi, Denver, Colorado

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: Program Information Librarian

Salary: \$10,300 - \$12,000 starting salary

Library: High Plains Public Library System, Greeley,  
Colorado 80631

Responsibilities: School and Public Library consulting  
and public relations

Experience desired: MLS and 1 to 2 years experience  
preferred

Phone: 303-356-0214

Apply to: Ron Stump, High Plains Public Library  
System, 2227 23rd Avenue, Greeley, Colorado  
80631

### Nebraska

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: Circulation Librarian

Salary: \$10,800+

Library: Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska

Responsibilities: Circulation system, coordinate use  
studies program

Experience desired: Statistics background, circulation  
experience, second masters degree

Phone: 308-236-4218

Apply to: Ron Martin, Kearney State College Library,  
Kearney, Nebraska 68847

### North Dakota

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Head, Reference Department**

Salary: \$13,500+, depending upon qualifications

Library: North Dakota State University Library, Fargo,  
North Dakota (an equal opportunity/affirmative  
action employer)

Responsibilities: Supervises the organization and ad-  
ministration of the work of the Reference staff  
of 3.5 librarians, 2.5 full-time support staff plus  
student assistants; activities include information  
retrieval services, interlibrary loan and educational

Experience desired: Graduate degree in librarianship  
from an ALA accredited institution; appropriate  
reference experience, combined with increasing  
supervisory experience; double masters with science  
background preferred; knowledge of one  
western language other than English

Apply to: K. L. Janecek, Director, North Dakota State  
University Library, Fargo, North Dakota 581002

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Head, Catalog Department**

Salary: \$13,500+, depending on qualifications

Library: North Dakota State University Library, Fargo,  
North Dakota

Responsibilities: Supervises the organization and ad-  
ministration of work of the monographic and  
A/V Catalog staff of two librarians, six full-time  
support staff and student assistants; Activities in-  
clude processing approximately 12-15,000 volumes  
per year, on-going reclassification from Dewey to  
LC, participating in planning and ultimate change-  
over of the card catalog to machine readable  
form, utilizing COM, in the establishment of a  
union catalog serving three academic institutions.  
Current monograph materials budget of \$200,000

Experience desired: Graduate degree in librarianship  
from ALA accredited institution; appropriate  
cataloging experience, combined with increasing  
supervisory experience; double masters with science  
background preferred; knowledge of one  
foreign language

Apply to: K. L. Janecek, Director, North Dakota State  
University Library, Fargo, North Dakota 48102

### South Dakota

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Director**

Salary: \$8,000 - \$9,000

Library: Public Library, Madison, South Dakota 57042

Responsibilities: Make things happen

Experience desired: None

Phone: 605-256-3551, Ext. 227

Apply to: Jay Paulukonis, Dakota State College,  
Madison, South Dakota 57042

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: Librarian for the Handicapped

Salary: \$9,100+

Library: South Dakota State Library, Pierre, South  
Dakota 57501

Responsibilities: Supervise state service to usually and  
physically handicapped

Experience desired: None

Phone: 605-224-3131

Apply to: Herschel V. Anderson, South Dakota State  
Library, Pierre, South Dakota

### Utah

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Branch Librarian**

Salary: \$675 - \$850 per month

Library: Davis County Library, Farmington, Utah

Responsibilities: Administration of services and staff  
of regional branch

Experience desired: MLS plus one year in public  
library

Phone: 801-867-2322

Apply to: Jeanne Layton, Director, Davis County  
Library, 205 East. Front Street, Farmington, Utah

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Librarian 19**

Salary: \$904 per month

Library: Whitmore Library, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

Responsibilities: Children's librarian

Experience desired: One year full-time paid employ-  
ment in this field

Phone: 801-943-7614

Apply to: Guy Schuurman, Whitmore Library, 2197  
East 7000 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

■ Opening: Immediate opening

Position: United Nations and International Documents  
Librarian

Salary: Salary commensurate with experience. Mini-  
mum \$9,000. Faculty status, 25 days vacation. An  
Equal Opportunity Employer.

Library: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

Responsibilities: Planning technical work, providing  
reference service for U.N. and U.S. Documents,  
collection development, acquisitions, record  
maintenance and revision, bibliographical search-  
ing and verification.

Experience desired: MLS from ALA accredited school;  
two years experience desirable with U.N. and  
International Documents, cataloging background  
with understanding of serials cataloging; com-  
prehension of a Western European language.  
Resume must include names of 3 references.

Phone: 801-581-8558

Apply to: Winnifred Margetts, Personnel Officer,  
Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake  
City, Utah 84112

### Wyoming

■ Opening: Immediate Opening

Position: **Children's Librarian**

Salary: Approx. \$700 per month

Library: Natrona County Public Library, Casper, Wyo-  
ming

Responsibilities: Jr. area of library — selection, story  
hours, etc.

Experience desired: None necessary

Phone: 307-234-1553

Apply to: Mary Lynn Corbett, Natrona County Public  
Library, 307 East Second Street, Casper, Wyoming  
82601

■ Opening: Immediate opening

Position: **Director**

Salary: \$10,000 minimum; negotiable, according to  
experience

Library: Park County Library, Cody, Wyoming 82414

Responsibilities: Administration, reference, collection  
development, budget

Experience desired: ALA accredited MLS; 3 years pub-  
lic library experience

Apply to: Doc DeVore, President, Park County Library  
Board, 235 South Division, Powell, Wyoming  
82435

## Scholarships and Grants

So much information has come in concerning scholarships and grants that it became possible to run an entire page featuring them in this issue. It is impossible to be serious about encouraging continuing education or innovative library programs without also providing information on funding to help support the costs of such efforts. The items on this page include both individual and organizational sources of support.

■  
Deadline: January 2, 1976  
Title: **AAUW Graduate Fellowship**  
Award: \$3,500-\$6,000 stipend  
Sponsor: American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
Content: 70 dissertation fellowships available  
Contact: AAUW Fellowships Office, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037

■  
Deadline: Not stated in available information  
Title: **Minority Group Library Assistantship Program**  
Award: \$4,340 plus tuition exemption  
Sponsor: University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science at Urbana-Champaign  
Requirements: Members of minority groups who expect to receive a bachelor's degree next June, as well as those already completed undergraduate education  
Content: Half-time assistantship requiring 20 hours each week; Students permitted up to two years to complete MS degree in individually planned course of study in librarianship  
Contact: Scholarship Program, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801

■  
Deadline: December 15, 1975  
Title: **3M Professional Development Grant**  
Sponsor: JMRT-ALA  
Requirements: JMRT member must provide statements on professional activities and affiliations, plus justification of financial need and how attendance at ALA would benefit personal professional development.  
Content: Provides transportation to and from ALA annual convention, plus food, lodging and related expenses; to encourage professional development and participation of new librarians in the activities of the ALA and its JMRT.  
Contact: Lamar Veatch, Ohoopce Regional Library, 606 Jackson St., Vidalia, Georgia 30474

■  
Deadline: January 1, 1976  
Title: **Management Intern Program**  
Award: Up to \$20,000.  
Sponsor: Council on Library Resources  
Requirements: At least five years professional library experience, under 45 years of age, citizenship in U.S. or Canada or resident status in either country.  
Content: Internship for five mid-career librarians of outstanding leadership potential; aimed at the development of future managers for large research and academic libraries.  
Contact: Management Intern Committee, Council on Library Resources, One Dupont Circle, Suite 620, Washington DC 20036. Include self-addressed, stamped envelope (No. 10).

■  
Deadline: January 15, 1976  
Title: **Special Libraries Association Scholarship Program 1976/77**  
Award: \$2,500 for academic year 1976/77  
Requirements: College graduate or senior interested in special librarianship (work experience helpful) Citizen of US or Canada; Must indicate definite interest and aptitude for special library work, have good academic record and financial need  
Content: Funding for graduate study leading to a master's degree at a recognized school of library or information science in the US or Canada; Awards made without regard to race, sex, age, religion or ethnic background  
Contact: Special Libraries Association, Scholarship Committee, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003

■  
Deadline: March 1, 1976  
Title: **Scholarship for Graduate Study in Librarianship**  
Sponsor: Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA)  
Award: \$500.00  
Requirements: Applicant must be a resident of the MPLA region, show evidence of acceptance to a library school accredited by the ALA, be sponsored by an MPLA member, agree to work in the MPLA region for at least one year after graduation  
Content: To encourage candidates from MPLA region to obtain professional library degrees and to work in the region.  
Special Conditions: Recipient must sign a statement setting forth a professional responsibility to abide by the conditions of the scholarship; if the recipient accepts a position outside the MPLA region immediately after graduation from library school, the grant shall be considered a loan and will become repayable at the current bank rate of interest per annum, over a period of four years.  
Contact: Mr. Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Executive Secretary, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

### MPLA Job/Scholarship Information Form

(Please send to Elizabeth Tamura, Editor, MPLA Newsletter, University of Utah Libraries, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112)

Opening/Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary/Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Library/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities/Content: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience desired/Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Apply to/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## MPLA Calendar Of Events/Programs Policy And Proposal

This calendar is designed to be a clearinghouse for the following types of events having deadlines:

- Conferences
- Continuing education programs
- Outstanding lectures & series
- Post-masters' programs
- Part-time study arrangements
- Short courses
- Summer-session courses
- Workshops

In addition, we propose an exchange of information for those just beginning or just completing these types of short-term programs:

- Action research projects
- Art or music workshops
- Grant proposals & projects
- Management or in-service training
- Public relations projects
- Special occasion programs/packets
- Summer programs for children

■  
Date: December 1975  
Title: **Interterm '75**  
Sponsor: University of Denver, Graduate School of Librarianship  
Location: Denver, Colorado  
Content: A series of "short course" seminars for credit. Dec. 8-12, 1:30-4:00 daily "Publisher and the Librarian" with Frederick Praeger on relationships between publishers and librarians. (1 qtr. hr.) Dec. 8-12, 9:00-11:30 daily "Public Relations for the Library" with Alice Norton on public relations principles and library applications (2 qtr. hr.) Dec. 15-19, 1:30-4:00 daily "Microforms in Libraries" an introduction to micro-reprographic equipment, materials and methods (1 qtr. hr.)  
Cost: \$70.00 per quarter hour  
Contact: Dean, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80210

■  
Date: January 1, 1976  
Title: **JMRT Logo contest**  
Sponsor: ALA-JMRT  
Enrollment: Any member of JMRT  
Content: JMRT announces a contest to design a logo to be used on its publications and stationery. The winner receives paid registration for 1976 ALA conference. Entries must be black and white for photographic reproduction.  
Contact: Rose M. Caruso, 5459 Netherwood Street, Oregon, Wisconsin 53575

■  
Date: January 15, 1976, 7:30 p.m.  
Title: **Tour and Demonstration**  
Sponsor: Colorado Chapter, Special Libraries Association  
Location: University of Denver, College of Law Library, 200 W. 14th Ave., Denver, Colorado  
Content: Prof. Al Coco will provide overview of basic research methods and legal materials used by the legal profession and others. Short discussion of copyright laws and problems.  
Contact: Roza Ekimov, Exxon Co. Exploration Library, P.O. Box 120, Denver, Colorado 80201

■  
Date: January 18-24, 1976  
Title: **Midwinter Meeting**  
Sponsor: American Library Association  
Location: Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois  
Content: Working meetings for ALA Council, Executive Board, Conference Program Committees and other official ALA units; Exhibits and National Registry for Librarians placement clearing service  
Contact: for hotel reservations, Palmer House, ALA Midwinter Meeting, State and Monroe Streets, Chicago Illinois 60690, attention of the Reservations Manager; for job placement clearing service, National Registry for Librarians, 40 W. Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603 by December 19, 1975.

■  
Date: January 23-24, 1976  
Title: **CLENE Assembly Educational Program**  
Sponsor: Continuing Library Education Network and Exchange (CLENE)  
Location: Chicago, Illinois  
Enrollment: Limited to 300 members  
Content: Focus on assessment in continuing education with Malcolm Knowles as keynote speaker; programs on ARL's MRAP program, CIPP program techniques for assessing individual interests and career plans, public library and school library projects, staff development needs  
Cost: \$25.00  
Contact: CLENE, Inc., 620 Michigan Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20064

■  
Date: March 31-April 2, 1976  
Title: **Annual Conference**  
Sponsor: Utah Library Association  
Location: Salt Lake Hilton, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Content: Theme: "Libraries: Heritage and Horizons"; Special interest group meetings, committee and round table meetings, business meetings; luncheon on Governor's Conference and White House Conference on Libraries  
Contact: Terry Hogan, Salt Lake County Library System, 2197 East 7000 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121.

■  
Date: February 26-27, 1976  
Title: **Networks III; Multiplying Regional Trends**  
Sponsor: ALA-ISAD  
Location: New Orleans, LA.  
Content: Examination of forms networks have taken in their rapid development nationwide  
Contact: D. Hammer, ALA-ISAD, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, Ill. 60611 (312-944-6780)

■  
Date: April 25-27, 1976  
Title: **Annual Conference**  
Sponsor: Wyoming Library Association  
Location: Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Contact: Mary Kuhn, Director, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, Wyo. 82070 or Charlene Stearns, Powell Branch Library, Powell, Wyo. 82435.

■  
Date: June 6-10, 1976  
Title: **Annual Conference**  
Sponsor: Special Libraries Association  
Location: Brown Palace and Currihan Convention Center, Denver, Colorado  
Content: Theme is "Information: the Unlimited Resource"  
Contact: Joan Maier, 2380 Panorama Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80302

■  
Date: July 6-July 30, 1976 (2 hrs. daily)  
Title: **Medical Literature and Reference Work (LS E439)**  
Sponsor: University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science  
Location: Library of the Health Sciences, Medical Center, 1750 W. Polk St., Chicago, Illinois  
Enrollment: 25 students; MS in library science or candidacy required plus course in science reference sources  
Content: Bibliographical and reference materials in the health sciences (1 unit credit)  
Cost: \$88.00  
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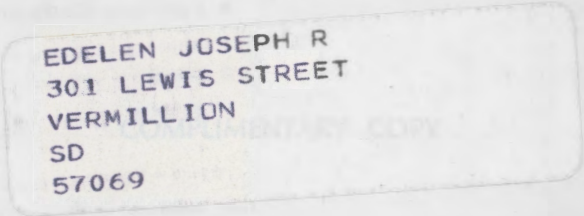
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- Information exchange on technological developments and innovative interpersonal programs undertaken by MPLA libraries.
- Earmarking of unique library holdings and support of regional bibliographic efforts
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