

# MPLA Newsletter

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## OFF THE WIRE

The teletypewriter is no stranger to libraries. Many libraries across the country use it for interlibrary loans. The District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, D.C., serves its deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons with teletype. Other libraries use teletype machines to produce continuous strips of embossed tape for their blind patrons.

But the Salt Lake County System's Whitmore Library offers the teletype news wire, the same service subscribed to by newspapers and radio and television stations. According to Gary Neeleman, UPI representative, "There is a growing trend in this country to use news wires as a part of the school's curriculum. (The Salt Lake County Library System) is a trend setter among libraries."

Sending news over the wire came about as newspapers in this country grew in number. Stiff competition developed and speed became of the utmost importance in beating out the competitors. The steamship, railroad, ponies, and even Carrier pigeons were used to carry the news. But the biggest boon came with the telegraph in 1844. Morse's first news message published in the **Baltimore Patriot** - "one o'clock - There has just been made a motion in the house to go into committee of the whole on the Oregon question. Rejected—ayes, 79; nays, 86" - signaled a whole new system of communication.

Now the United States has two major press associations with globe-girdling communications networks. By leasing a UPI teletype machine, the Salt Lake County Library System has become a part of this fresh, relevant, and exciting world of instantaneous information. Other subscribers in Utah include U.S. Steel, public relations departments of major corporations, government agencies, colleges and universities, and even high schools.

Pleasant Grove and Logan high schools are among the local schools subscribing to a news wire service. Because of the wide variety of information — world news, regional news, weather reports, stock market reports, agricultural reports, sports—the wire may be

used for English, social science, current affairs, journalism, debate, and many other classes.

Stan Workman, Whitmore's Information Center librarian, said the library's wire is an excellent source of information for all these areas of study. The wire, in fact, provides current information on some subjects, like Latin American politics, that is not available from any other source.

Nationwide, the teletypewriter is being used by more and more elementary and high schools as a vital part of the classroom. The machine has proved especially helpful in reading programs. Because the vocabulary is today's vocabulary, because the concepts and words are reinforced many times a day, because the content is real and now, it arouses natural curiosities to know.

"Want to" may be the key concept in further developing the reading skills of high school students. Dr. Nancy Livingston, Utah State Department of Education's specialist in reading education, said, "One out of every five Utah high school graduates is functionally illiterate, and two out of five have reading deficiencies serious enough to affect their choice of employment or education." Many educators believe one of the reasons for this increasing rate of illiteracy is that today's high school students are not being served the kind of material they want and need to read. Textbooks are stilted and deal with the past and boring facts. They have little relevancy to teenagers' lives.

The teletypewriter has provided reluctant readers across the country with an incentive to "want to" read. Teachers who have used this unconventional method of reading instruction have observed that it has a number of unique qualifications as a supplement to the traditional program. The varied, continually changing material transmitted from the news service satisfied the students' need for relevancy in education. The steady flow of current information stimulated their curiosity, broadened their horizons, and made them more aware of the world around them.

Terry Hogan, Salt Lake County Library System, 2197 East 7000 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 89121.

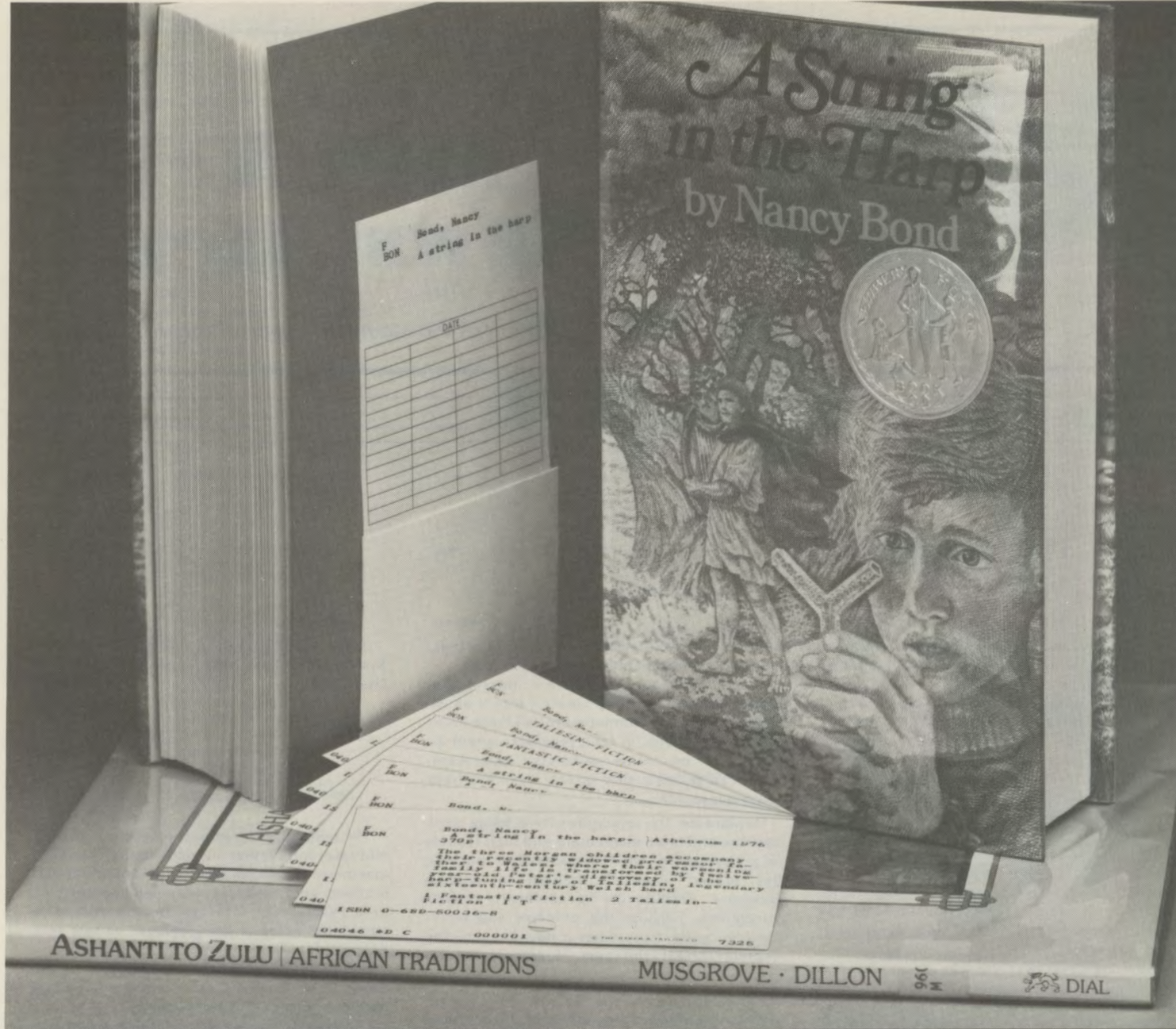
The teletypewriter provided opportunities for multiple interaction. Unlike other teaching machines, it was not limited to individual use. Students could read the teletyped copy in pairs or in small groups with spontaneous discussion stimulated by news being relayed as fast as it happened.

The teletype approach also helped to improve self concepts of poor readers. The machine attracted older students and faculty members, and by sharing an interest with these people, students felt changes in their status. This feeling was reinforced by the opportunity to be "first" in relaying up-to-date information to parents and peers. After all, the news comes over the wire before it appears in the newspaper or on radio or television.

Although these experiments have been performed in schools, similar uses could be applied in the library. In fact, in many instances, public libraries are probably a more practical location for teletype news services. In Salt Lake County, students and other members of the community could have direct access to the news wire either by visiting Whitmore Library or by visiting one of the branch libraries and having copies of the news stories transmitted from Whitmore by telecopier. This way the county could be served with one teletypewriter rather than the eleven it would take to serve the senior high schools or the thirty-four required for both junior and senior high schools.

So the next time a patron needs information on a current topic or a youngster is bored with every book in the library, think of the possibilities of the teletypewriter. (Adapted from **Main Entry**, Salt Lake County (Utah) Library System, Vol. 6, No. 3, November 1977.)





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## MPLA SCHOLARSHIP

At the Association meeting in Rapid City, MPLA decided to offer one last scholarship for a person studying to enter the library field. This scholarship will be along the guidelines that have been followed in the past. It is open to anyone in the MPLA region who plans to work in the region upon graduation from library school. The applicant must have at least a Bachelors degree and be accepted by an accredited library school. The scholarship will be for \$700.00 and this will close out the balance of the account that has been donated by members for the purpose of an entry level scholarship.

All students currently studying, or planning to study library science are urged to apply. The money will be awarded in 1978 for use during the 78-79 school year. Those interested in applying should write for an application to Mr. Joseph R. Edelen, University of South Dakota Library, Vermillion, S.D. 57069. Deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 1978.

## NEW THIS YEAR

As MPLA decided to end their offering of an entry-level-only scholarship, they also decided to start offering a Continuing Education Scholarship. This new scholarship may be used by a person studying to enter the field of librarianship; but it is aimed primarily at helping the person already working in the field to expand and continue their education.

For this purpose each year, MPLA will be offering up to four grants of up to \$500.00 each. People may apply for grants which do not require the full \$500.00, but that is the maximum for each grant. These grants may be used for formal classwork at a university or they may be used to attend workshops or seminars or to pursue independent study.

Applications for these \$500.00 scholarship grants may be obtained by writing to Mr. Joseph R. Edelen, University of South Dakota Library, Vermillion, S.D. 57069.

In addition to the application form, the following guidelines may be helpful to persons considering applying for the grants. An applicant must have been a member of MPLA for the past two consecutive years. To allow trustees, students, and unemployed members to be eligible, it is not necessary that applicants be currently employed in a library. The application should be accompanied by a narrative statement addressing what personal growth and future goals are expected from the planned educational experience. It should also include an estimated budget, description of the program, schedule of activities, and similar information. Whenever possible, printed materials may include course descriptions printed pamphlets, etc. A final report will be required of all participants in the program.

Deadline for returning applications for these \$500.00 grants is April 1, 1978. Applications should be returned to Joseph Edelen.

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## HUMANITIES HOLDINGS IN SMALL LIBRARIES

Public libraries in the U.S., both large and small, have extensive and high quality holdings in the humanities. The finding was reported by Herbert Goldhor, director of the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, at the conclusion of a study conducted by the school's Library Research Center for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"We used a sample of 19 libraries, large and small, scattered over the U.S.," Goldhor said. "One of our major conclusions is that books in the humanities constitute about 11 percent of all books in these libraries; 15 percent of all adult books, and 22 percent of all adult non-fiction.

"We also attempted to evaluate the quality of these holdings by checking a sample of 6,400 titles against seven different lists of recommended books. Fifty two percent of all the books appeared in three or more of these lists; 32 percent in one or two, and only 16 percent in none. This is a better record in terms of quality than we have found in any other subject we've looked at," he said.

"We looked at four size groups, ranging from small libraries serving less than 25,000 to large libraries over 500,000. The most surprising thing to me is that the very small libraries have proportionately as many books in the humanities as larger libraries and their quality is at least as good, maybe a little better," Goldhor said. (SOURCE: Press Release from University of Illinois, November 9, 1977.)

## BYU LIBRARY SCHOOL ALUMNI SOCIETY

The BYU School of Library and Information Sciences is organizing an alumni society. On Wednesday, March 15, 1978, at 4:00 p.m. an organizational meeting will be held during the ULA Convention to discuss the society's purposes, constitution, and activities. A preliminary constitution will be presented, discussed, and acted upon.

All BYU LIS faculty, graduates, and potential graduates are invited and urged to attend. Students of the school before accreditation and other librarians interested in being associated with the organization are also welcome to attend the meeting. All alums, please plan to attend the meeting or get in touch with one of the following for additional information or to offer your help and suggestions: Connie Lamb, Utah State Library Commission, 2150 South 300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115; Lenore Lewis, Salt Lake Public Library, 209 East 5th South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; John Taylor, Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84602.

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## MEMBERS ASKED FOR PROGRAM IDEAS

Jim Dertien, Vice-President of MPLA, is now working with Nevada on programs for the upcoming joint conference, October 12-15, at Lake Tahoe. Members are encouraged to send their ideas to him immediately or no later than February 28 to the Bellevue Public Library, 1003 Lincoln Road, Bellevue, NE 68005.

## REDUCED RATE FOR NEW MEMBERS OF ALA

Librarians who have never been members of ALA may now join that organization at a special 1978 introductory rate. By paying the regular \$35 to join ALA, they will receive membership in any one of the association's 12 divisions FREE, for a saving of \$15. For an application and information on the divisions write: Public Information Office, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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## Copy Deadlines

MPLA representatives in each state are responsible for supplying the *Newsletter* with information to share throughout the region, but all librarians are invited to send in newsworthy items. To assure publication in any given issue, please submit copy by the dates indicated below to the Editor.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Civic Center, Rapid City, S.D.  
9:00 - 10:05 A.M.  
November 5, 1977**

The meeting was called to order by the President, H. Robert Malinowsky. Introductions followed and roll call was taken from a signed list. Those present were: H. Robert Malinowsky, President; Jim Dertien, Vice President and outgoing Nebraska State Representative; Shirley Flack, Recording Secretary; Vern West, Past President; Larry Webber, Colorado State Representative; Donna Jones, Kansas State Representative; Dennis Page, North Dakota State Representative and Chairman, Public Library Section; Donald T. Schmidt, Utah State Representative; Sonia Jensen, Wyoming State Representative; Jean E. Diggins, Chairman, Children's and School Section; Dean A. Waddel, Chairman, College and University Section; Joseph J. Anderson, Chairman, State Library Section and Nevada State Representative by proxy for the meeting; Elizabeth Morrissett, Chairman, Technical Services Section; Elizabeth Runyon-Lancaster, outgoing **MPLA Newsletter** Editor; Dorothy Middleton, outgoing Secretary; Vince Anderson, outgoing Past President; Vicki Lea, outgoing Chairman, JMRT; Jerry Kaup, Chairman, Finance Committee.

**STATE LIBRARY SECTION  
REPORT**

Joe Anderson reported on the State Library Section meeting (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association). In regard to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services, he stressed the need for an effective strategy for interstate communication and that an action role be developed by MPLA and coordinated with other Western regional associations. Robin Barker, Nevada State Library, has volunteered to compile and disseminate information from the various states' conferences.

Bob Malinowsky reported that he will be appointing a committee-at-large from the membership to work with Joe to help develop a substantive program for regional input for the White House Conference.

**MINUTES**

Copies of minutes of the Executive Board meeting, November 2, 1977, were distributed and Board members were asked to report back errors or corrections for action at the next Board meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Jerry Kaup distributed copies of the Finance Committee's budget recommendation for *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

calendar year 1978 (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association). The Board discussed a need to include a budget item for the Public Relations Committee which would include travel funds for awards recipients. The Finance Committee was asked to work this out and submit completed recommendations for the next Board meeting.

**1977 CONFERENCE**

Vern West moved that the MPLA Executive Board commend the 1977 Conference Committee for providing a unique conference, the motion received unanimous approval.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Elizabeth Runyon-Lancaster reported that she will complete the post-conference newsletter and then her resignation will become effective.

Bob Malinowsky recommended Blaine H. Hall to serve as Newsletter editor. Blaine served as editor of **Utah Libraries**, which received the H. W. Wilson Library Periodical Award. Elizabeth Morrissett moved that Blaine Hall be asked to serve as **MPLA Newsletter** editor. Donald Schmidt seconded, motion carried.

Vern West moved that the Board express appreciation and thanks to Elizabeth for all her efforts. Joe Anderson seconded, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The President announced that the by-laws require that the Executive Secretary must be appointed at the close of each annual meeting of the Association. Jim Dertien moved that Joseph Edelen be reappointed as Executive Secretary. Dean Waddel seconded, motion carried.

**A.L.A. CONFERENCE**

Bob Malinowsky reported that Alice Ihrig has suggested that the MPLA Executive Board write to the Executive Board of the American Library Association recommending Denver, Colorado, as the conference site for the 1980 A.L.A. Conference.

After discussion, Bob said he would write to the A.L.A. Executive Board on behalf of the MPLA and urged other Board members to contact personal acquaintances on the A.L.A. Executive Board about this.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The President announced that the change from the Scholarship Fund to the Continuing Education Scholarships concept was passed at the General Membership meeting on November 4, 1977, and that he will direct Charles Bolles, Chairman, Continuing Education Committee, to present guidelines for the scholarships for input at the next Board meeting.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION  
UNITS**

Joe Anderson reported that he will work with South Dakota representatives to see how continuing education units were handled for the MPLA-SDLA Joint Conference and include these credits for the 1978 MPLA-NLA Joint Conference in Lake Tahoe, if possible. Bob Malinowsky stated that he will check with Charles Bolles, Chairman, Continuing Education Committee, to see if Charles would prefer a sub-committee to work on this.

**1981 CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the North Dakota Library Association, Dennis Page extended an invitation to the Board for an MPLA-NDLA Joint Conference, 1981, Bismarck, North Dakota. Elizabeth Morrissett moved the invitation be accepted. Jim Dertien seconded, motion carried.

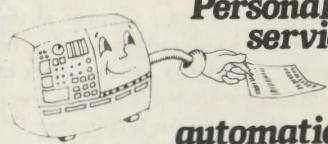
**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

It was decided that the next Board meeting be held in Denver in January or early February with date and site to be set. The Spring meeting of the Board will be held in Nevada.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

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## Colorado

### TWO NAMED TO TOP COLORADO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION POSTS

Ron Stump, Director of the High Plains Library System in Greeley, Colorado, will assume the office of president of the Colorado Library Association during 1978. Dr. Claude J. Johns, Jr., Dean of Library Services at the University of Northern Colorado, will serve as Vice-President/President Elect of the 1000 member association.

Stump has directed the High Plains Regional Library Association, a multi-type library organization serving 69 public, school and academic libraries in a 9 county area in north-eastern Colorado, since 1974. Before moving to Greeley he was the Assistant State Librarian for Library Development at the Kansas State Library and the Director of the Field Service Division at the Iowa State Traveling Library. In addition to his library positions, Stump has worked as a printer and is an antiquarian bookseller. He has been active in the legislative activities of the Colorado Library Association and is a member of the Colorado Council for Library Development, the advisory body to the Colorado State Library. Stump holds a masters degree in Library Science and a bachelors degree from the University of Iowa.

Claude J. Johns, Jr. will serve as Vice President during 1978 and will become President of the Association in 1979. Before being named Dean of Library Services at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, he was the Director of Libraries and Professor of Political Science at the United States Air Force Academy. He was also an Air Intelligence Officer for the United States Air Force and an Instructor in Political Science for the University of Maryland, Far East Division. Johns received a Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has a masters degree in Public Administration from Florida State University and a masters degree in Library Science from the University of Denver. His bachelors degree is from Florida State University.

Johns recently served as a consultant to the Shah of Iran on the design, construction, and development of an Imperial Iranian Academy Library. He is currently the Chairman of the Colorado Alliance for Research Libraries and last year served as Chairman of the Frontier Chapter of the American Society for Information Science. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and was the 1974-75 John Cotton Dana Lecturer for the Special Libraries Association. (SOURCE: Press Release from Colorado Library Association, December 13, 1977.)

### CENTRAL COLORADO LIBRARY SYSTEM APPOINTS PLANNING STUDY GROUPS

The Central Colorado Library System's board of directors has established ten study groups to assist the planning committee in developing future program plans. A group has been assigned to each of the following areas: a systemwide borrowing card, reciprocal reference services, last-copy depository, union list of serials, union catalog of title locations, courier services, audio-visual sharing, centralized publicity assistance, cooperative equipment repair, and continuing education.

Each group will look at alternatives, costs, sources of funding for new programs, facilities, cooperative efforts among libraries and other community agencies, evaluation criteria, and levels of priority for each as a system program.

The members of the committee include librarians from school, public, academic and special libraries throughout the system. Each group will submit a preliminary report to the planning committee during January 1978.

(SOURCE: *Nexus*, Vol. 4, No. 6, December 1977, pp. 3, 5.)

### NEW DIRECTOR FOR THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM

Robert W. Audretsch has been appointed director of the Three Rivers Library System in New Castle, Colorado. The Three Rivers System is a cooperative of 31 public, academic, and school libraries in 10 northwestern Colorado counties around Vail, Aspen, and Steamboat Springs. The system supplies supportive services to member libraries, such as workshops, interlibrary loans, and consulting and public relations services, which serve a combined population of about 90,000 people.

Audretsch, a Detroit, Michigan, native, has previously been director of the Salem (Ohio) Public Library; assistant director of the Warren (Ohio) Public Library; cataloging department head of the Wayne County (Mich.) Federated Library System and reference librarian at the Southfield (Mich.) Public Library. He holds bachelors and master's degrees from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Audretsch has been active in professional organizations and is a member of the Ohio Library Association, PNLA, MPLA, ALA, and a member of the Kent State University School of Library Science Advisory Council. He is also an avid bicyclist, having cycled more than 2,000

miles in eight states this past year.

(SOURCE: *Salem (Ohio) News*, November 26, 1977.)

### PIKES PEAK REGIONAL LIBRARY OPENS ACTION LINE

Residents of Colorado Springs, Colorado, with need of information, referral, help with a minor problem, or assistance with a crisis will have a place to call for help, thanks to the cooperative efforts of the Pikes Peak Regional Library District and the Junior League of Colorado Springs.

Slated to begin operation January 16, the "Citizen's Action Line" will provide a central telephone answering service for the community of some 300,000. The service will be located in Penrose Public Library, library district headquarters, and will be staffed by some 60 Junior League volunteers on a five-day-a-week basis.

The project was conceived through the efforts of Ken Dowlin, library district director, and league member and project chairman Gail Magruder. The League's research and project committee determined, through interviews with agency heads, that such a service was needed in Colorado Springs. Dowlin, since assuming the directorship in Colorado Springs in 1975, had been trying to establish such a service, but lacked the manpower to staff the service effectively. The league came to the library seeking its assistance, and Colorado Springs' first central help line was born.

Mrs. Magruder, who worked on a similar project in Washington, D.C., is guiding the Colorado Springs league members through an intensive training period to learn to interpret patrons' calls and to present workable alternatives and answers. In addition, an up-to-date file of existing community agencies and their services has been compiled and will be kept current.

An important part of the new service will be the "call-back" system to insure that each caller's needs have been met. Emergency calls will be followed daily, and non-emergency inquiries will be tracked weekly. A special telephone line and number, 471-CALL, have been secured for the project.

In speaking of the new project, Dowlin said: "I think information is an important commodity today, a commodity that this library focuses on providing."

(SOURCE: Press Release from Pikes Peak Regional Library District, November 8, 1977.)



## Kansas

### KANSAS GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE IN PREPARATION

The governor of Kansas has appointed a 16-person task force to gather data for the governor about library service in Kansas. The library community has been divided into eight sub-committees to gather the data, which will be used as part of the material for a Governor's Conference in Kansas.

The Kansas Library Association has designated \$1,500 to support the conference and the Kansas Association of School Librarians has started a drive to raise money for the conference as well. (SOURCE: News Release from Donna R. Jones, MPLA Kansas Representative.)

## Nebraska

### FRANCES WARNSHOLZ NEW OUTREACH CONSULTANT

Frances Warnsholz has been appointed Volunteer and Outreach Consultant for the Nebraska Library Commission after twelve years in the Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Frances began working in the newly created position December 1, 1977.

As Volunteer and Outreach Consultant, Frances will assist libraries in developing a corps of volunteers across the state to perform tasks, which would extend library services to persons who for some reason are unable to come to the library themselves. This includes providing materials for persons in medical or rehabilitative institutions, nursing homes and rural areas, and extending personal library service to borrowers of the Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. (SOURCE: NLC *Overtones*, Vol. 5, No. 2, p.1).

### CZECH MATERIALS MOST NUMEROUS IN NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Preliminary results of the Nebraska public library foreign language census indicate small collections in a number of libraries across the state. With over half the census forms returned, it appears that materials in Czechoslovakian are most numerous. Responses show that at least 14 libraries possess literature in Czechoslovakian and collectively hold over 2500 volumes. Books and periodicals in German are the second most numerous with Spanish and French following.

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Summaries of the collective foreign language holdings located in Nebraska libraries and a directory of these special materials are in process now with publication and distribution expected in January. (SOURCE: NLC *Overtones*, Vol. 5, No. 2, December 29, 1977, p. 5.)

## Nevada

### WESTERN AMERICANA COLLECTION DEDICATED AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

The Gloria Grace Griffen Western American Collection was dedicated at the University of Nevada, Reno library on November 10. The collection, one of the largest ever donated to the university, contains more than 3,600 books dealing with the trans-Mississippi West and 180 Indian artifacts that are good examples of American Indian culture and craftsmanship. The artifacts, representative primarily of the Plains Indians, include clothing, tack equipment, baskets, pottery, toys and weapons.

The collection was a gift from Robert and Grace Griffen of Reno in honor of their daughter Gloria, a distinguished history professor and western researcher. The Griffens have actively supported the library for many years; Robert was the first president of the Friends of the University of Nevada Library when the group was founded in the 1950s. Griffen was an adopted son of the Blackfoot tribe of Montana and many of the artifacts were gifts to his family from the tribe. The pieces date from the late 19th century to the 1950s. (SOURCE: Press Release from The University of Nevada, Reno, November 21, 1977.)

### EXPANSION OF NEVADA ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

A graduate internship program has been added to the Oral History Project at the University of Nevada, Reno library. A \$6,750 grant from UNR's Bureau of Community Development will fund the first staff expansion of the project since its inception in 1964. Five graduate students recommended by their department chairman will be chosen each year to study topics most pertinent to the development of Nevada and the west under the direction of Mary Ellen Glass, project head. The expansion will enhance the primary reference sources available on developments in 20th century Nevada. Areas of vital interest are the gaming industry, water resources, conservation, mining and the history of medicine in Nevada. (SOURCE: Press Release from The University of Nevada, Reno, November 21, 1977.)

### AMARAL NEW HEAD OF LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

Anne Amaral, who worked in reference at the State Library and has been interlibrary loan and reference librarian at University of Nevada, Reno for the past five years, was appointed Life and Health Sciences Librarian on November 15. She succeeds Joan Zenan, who was appointed head of the School of Medical Sciences Library in July.

Ms. Amaral earned her Master of Library Science degree at the University of California at Berkeley. She recently completed a comprehensive study of the new copyright law which formed the basis for a workshop at the Nevada Library Association convention this fall. She also serves on the university's Environmental Studies Board. (SOURCE: Press Release from The University of Nevada, Reno, November 21, 1977.)

### NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION MENUS DISPLAYED AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

In October 1977 the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Library exhibited the National Restaurant Association's menu display. The display contained the gold and silver winners of the Fourteenth Annual NRA Menu Contest. A total of 149 gold, silver, and bronze winners were chosen from more than 800 menus submitted by restaurants from throughout the United States and thirty-seven countries. Entries were printed on everything from handkerchiefs, preserving jars, and canoe paddles to bank books and for every type of location and occasion imaginable — college spring break, the daily double, sunbathing, and Christmas Day in Columbia. The menus were judged on overall appearance, merchandising or selling power, ease of reading, imagination, and originality.

The Special Collections Department has written each food service institution receiving the gold and silver awards requesting copies of their menus. Those received are added to the department's collection of approximately 3,000 menus. This is the third year the department has acquired fine menus through the National Restaurant Association's contest. (SOURCE: James R. Dickinson Library Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 5, November 1977, p. 4.)

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## South Dakota

### SOUTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY 1979 BUDGET

A budget request for the State Library Commission of \$1,687,643 was presented in Executive Budget Hearings to Governor Kneip on September 26th. Vince Anderson, State Librarian, explained to the Governor's finance and management staff that the overall request reflected what it would cost for the State Library to adequately do its job in meeting the information needs of its users. The request involved very large increases in the audio-visual program for provision of adequate school library services, including films, personnel and equipment. It also showed a considerable need for increased book and periodical purchasing ability and for increased service to all types of libraries through both in-state and out-of-state network capabilities.

The top five of nineteen priorities set by the State Library Commission for new and increased items in its request were as follows.

1st Priority: Adjustment of salaries to meet those of surrounding states for professional, and sub-professional personnel in order to maintain quality of staffing.

2nd Priority: Expansion of the Audio-Visual Program to provide an adequate supplementary 16mm film service to elementary, secondary and post secondary school teachers to use in their respective classrooms.

3rd Priority: Increase in mail room staff to handle the increased usage of that facility by the Audio-Visual Program.

4th Priority: Increased transaction fees for data base research and materials delivery in the Interlibrary Cooperation Activity.

5th Priority: Increase of \$168,000 in book, microform, and periodical budgets. (SOURCE: *South Dakota State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No. 5, October 1977, p. 1.)

### MAIL-ORDER LIBRARY IN BROOKINGS COUNTY

The Brookings Public Library announced that it has sent 4,000 mail-order catalogs to rural homes in Brookings County. This program of the library is funded by the county commission through a contract with the public library. Its effectiveness can be judged by the 1976 statistic of 4,941 books mailed to 580 rural residents. The mail circulation for the first six months of 1977 was 3,100. This project originated in a demonstration supported jointly by the Brookings Public Library Board of Trustees and the South Dakota State Library. The demonstration proved successful and the service has since been maintained by the county commission, who are pleased with its success. (SOURCE: *South Dakota State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No. 5, October 1977, p. 7.)

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## Utah

### DATE SET FOR UTAH'S GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

The Executive Committee of the Utah Governor's Conference on library and information services has set April 9-11, 1979, for the state conference in Salt Lake City. Representatives of school, public, and academic libraries; the State Library Commission; library trustees; the counties of the state; the Urban Public Library Council; the Utah Library Association; the news media; the BYU Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences; the Utah League of Cities and Towns; the Conference of Intermountain Archivists; and the Governor's Office have been named to the executive committee chaired by Russell L. Davis, State Library director, with four or five additional members yet to be named.

At the January meeting, subcommittees were appointed as follows: Finance, Roger Hanson, University of Utah, Chairman; Delegate, LeRoy Lindeman, State Library Commission, Chairman; Program, Dennis Day, Salt Lake Public Library, Chairman; Public Information, Keith West, *Deseret News*, Chairman; and Conference Arrangements, James Duane, Utah Educational Media Association Chairman.

The committee is anxious to receive any ideas, concerns, and interests from all segments of the community as well as from the library profession. The committee meets the second Thursday of each month, and each meeting is open to any interested citizen.

### BYU LIBRARY JOINS BALLOTS

The Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University is now cataloging on BALLOTS, the first library in Utah to join the California system. A 400-page profile spelling out the library's requirements for the card production program was completed in November, specifying the format and contents of catalog cards, call number form and position, and the types of catalogs, sorts, and card types needed for the 59 separate card files maintained in the library. A profile for reclassification from Dewey to LC was also included.

The phone lines and five terminals were installed in late December and BALLOTS representatives conducted a two-day training session for cataloging department staff January 5-6. The first cards were produced on January 16.

The Lee Library, which had been considering joining OCLC, decided to go with BALLOTS because it offered a more complete automation system for the entire library, with capabilities for acquisitions and reference and the possibility of interface with other library automation systems, such as Lockheed, SDC, and the CLSI circulation system. The files can be accessed by author, corporate name, title, subject, LC card number, and call number; and the catalog data files of the inputting library are held on line so that modifications and the library's holdings remain for future reference.

The disadvantage of BALLOTS is the much smaller data base, the loss of a broader national ILL capability, and the inability of BYU to participate with other Utah academic libraries in a statewide OCLC network. In spite of these drawbacks, BALLOTS seemed the better choice because of its greater flexibility in meeting the automation needs of the library.

### UTAH LIBRARIANS TO CONVERGE ON SALT LAKE CITY

Utah Librarians will gather at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City, March 15, for a three-day conference with the theme "Utah Libraries Diversity and Growth." Amy Owen, 1st Vice President/President-Elect of the Utah Library Association, the conference chairperson and her committees have arranged an exciting program.

Keynoted by Jesse Shera, the conference will focus on workshops on Wednesday sponsored by committees and roundtables of the association. Librarians can learn to write publishable articles under the expert tutelage of Dr. Ralph D. Barney of the Brigham Young University Communications Department, discuss the meaning and value of research with Jesse Shera, ponder "Questions in Mid-Career" with Barbara Conroy and the New Perspectives Roundtable, or learn about services for the aging or the accessing of legal information. And a choice of two feature films, "Man of La Mancha" or Poe's "The Raven," will entertain conference goers Wednesday evening.

Thursday features two general sessions with Jesse Shera delivering the keynote address, "The Perennial Issues of Librarianship," in the morning session and a report on the Governor's Conference and other business in the afternoon session. A showing of the controversial ALA film, "The Speaker" and a panel discussion on the film with Sam Weller, bookman and owner of Zion's Bookstore, Don Trotter, ALA Councilor-at-large, and John D. O'Connell, a lawyer, sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee will follow the luncheon address by Edward Abbey, author of *Desert Solitaire*. The evening awards banquet will top off the day.

Friday will be devoted to association section meetings. The school librarians will focus on library skills instruction while the academic librarians are studying the role of computers in library operations, and the public librarians will consider "The Problem Patron."

## Wyoming

### PRINCE APPOINTED TO ALA COMMITTEE

Jack Prince, Instructional Resources Coordinator for the State Department of Education, has been appointed to the American Library Association School Library/Media Facilities Committee for the term 1977-1979. (SOURCE: *The Outsider*, Vol. 9, No. 12, December 1977, p. 2.)

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# Newly Minted

## STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT SPLIT

Effective January 1, 1978, the State Library and Archives and Historical Department was separated to conform to existing statutes. The two departments have operated under a single board since 1951 and for the past five years have had a single director. William H. Williams will return full time as state librarian, and a new director will be sought for the Archives and Historical Department. An ad hoc committee, set up to assure a smooth changeover, is also charged with establishing a procedure for continuing the joint business and public information offices for both departments. Work will likely continue, however, on a proposal to the legislature to formally consolidate the two departments. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. 9, No. 11, p.1.)

## WYOMING UNION CATALOG UPDATE

The Wyoming State Library is now gathering 1977 acquisition lists from Wyoming libraries to update the *Wyoming Union Catalog*.

The catalog was designed to facilitate locating and borrowing books within the state that are not available locally. It provides a ready reference of how many libraries in the state own a particular title and is a vital tool for the interlibrary loan division of the State Library. Books not available in the state can be located through the Bibliographical Center in Denver, but the catalog can help locate 30 to 40 percent of the requested interlibrary loans. The plan for the catalog came from the State Advisory Council on Libraries, which listed the catalog as a priority during a meeting in September 1976. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. 9, No. 12, December 1977, p. 1.)

**DICTIONARY BUYING GUIDE:** A Consumer Guide to General English-Language Wordbooks in Print by Kenneth F. Kister; available for \$15.95 from R.R. Bowker, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

**FAR EASTERN POLITICS: CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA,** 1950-1975, compiled by Anthony Ferguson, is a special index to *International Political Science Abstracts*, Vols. 1-25 and provides for each entry full bibliographic references as well as the abstract number for the benefit of readers who have access to IPSA. Titles of articles in languages other than English have been translated. Arrangement is by countries with subject matter subdivisions. There are additional subject and author indexes. Available for \$12.50 (paper) IPSA, c/o University of Ottawa, Ottawa Kin 6n5, Canada.

**FROST IN THE ORCHARD**, a collection of short stories by Donald R. Marshall set primarily in the cities and rural communities of Utah, champions the need for the balance of people's lives and remarkably catches the Utah idiom and milieu. Available for \$4.95 (paper) from Brigham Young University Press, Marketing, 206 UPB, Provo, Utah 84602.

**1976-77 ANNUAL REVIEW OF ENGLISH BOOKS ON ASIA** by Anthony Ferguson is the third in a series of annotated bibliographies of English-Language books on Asia held by the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University. Entries are arranged under author, subject, and form. Available for \$8.00 (paper) from Brigham Young University Press, Marketing, 206 UPB, Provo, Utah 84602.

**NOTES FROM A DIFFERENT DRUMMER:** A Guide to Juvenile Fiction Portraying the Handicapped by Barbara H. Basking and Karen H. Harris. Available for \$15.95 from R. R. Bowker, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

**RIM-ROCK AND SAGE** is a limited edition of 1300 copies of the complete poems of Maynard Dixon with a provocative essay on Dixon by Kevin Starr. Available for \$29.95 from California Historical Society, 2090 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California 94109.

**"TRENDS IN THE GOVERNANCE OF LIBRARIES"** is the subject of the Fall 1977 issue of *Library Trends* (Vol. 26, No. 2). Edited by William Summers, Dean of the College of Librarianship at the University of South Carolina, the nine papers in this issue deal with governance on the national, regional, and local levels and find indications of major changes in the recent past and long present. Contributors include Ernest R. De Prosopo, Jr., Russell Shank and Elaine Sloan, Charles H. Stevens, James P. Govan, and Virginia Young. Single copies, \$4; yearly subscription, \$15 from the University of Illinois Press, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

**PUBLISHING AT ALA** is a pamphlet answering the question often posed by prospective authors, "How do I publish at ALA?" Available for 25 cents from Donald E. Stewart, Associate Executive Director for Publishing, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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# Joblist

Deadline: March 25, 1978

Opening: July 1, 1978

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Library: University of Nevada, Reno

Salary: \$18,000 minimum depending on qualifications; 12-month appointment with full faculty status; 24 days annual leave; TIAA.

Responsibilities: Seeking a service-oriented person who will actively participate in and supervise and coordinate reference services, including general reference, interlibrary loans, instructional services and computer search services in a challenging university community. Staff of 4.5 FTE librarians, 2 library assistants, and several student assistants.

Qualifications: MLS; minimum four years or professional experience in academic libraries, including two years of reference experience; demonstrated supervisory ability.

Apply To: Ruth H. Donovan, Assistant Director, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, Nevada 89557. Send resume and names of three references. An Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

Cost: \$15, including luncheon and coffee breaks

Description: Co-directors of the conference are professors Mildred Laughlin and Terry Weech of the library faculty. Keynote speaker will be William G. Asp, Director of Minnesota's Office of Public Libraries and Interlibrary Cooperation. The conference will explore the current state of school/public library relationships.

For program brochure and registration form write Ethel Bloesch, School of Library Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City 52242.

Date: March 21-23, 1978

## Title: **Institute on Library Personnel Development.**

Sponsor: Mountain Plains Library Association Continuing Education Committee

Location: Lost Valley Ranch, Deckers, Colorado

Cost: \$35 registration; \$60 and up meals and lodging, depending on room accommodations.

Enrollment: Limited to first 50 applicants

Description: Program will be devoted to providing a frame of reference, including theory and principles; illustrations, and demonstrations of the principles in application. A significant amount of time will be devoted to participant involvement and activity.

Apply to: Rod Wagner, Nebraska State Library Commission, 1420 P. Street, Lincoln, NB 68508.

Deadline: April 15, 1978

## Title: **Robert B. Downs Award**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois.

Description: Annual award for an outstanding contribution to intellectual freedom in libraries. The award was established in 1968 to honor Downs, now dean emeritus of library administration at Illinois, and consists of a citation and a check for \$500. Send a letter explaining what the nominee has done to further the cause of intellectual freedom in any type of library. The work need not have been done only in 1977.

Send nominations to: Herbert Goldhor, Director, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

Date: April 23-25, 1978

## Title: **Kansas Library Association Convention**

Sponsor: Kansas Library Association

Location: Hilton Hotel, Wichita.

Description: For information contact Donna Jones, Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. 4th, Colby, KS 67701.

Date: April 27-29, 1978

## Title: **Annual Conference, "Discover Laramie"**

Sponsor: Wyoming Library Association

Location: University of Wyoming Union, Laramie, Wyoming

Cost: Pre-registration: \$5 member, \$6 non-member; At conference: \$9 member, \$10 non-member; Daily \$3.

Speakers: George Cunha, Director, New England Document Center; Don C. Smellie, Head, Department of Instructional Media, Utah State University; Alfred Arth, associate professor of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Wyoming.

Program: Conservation of library materials, data base searching, attracting young library users, media.

Contact: Lisa Kinney Lang, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, Wyoming 82070.

Date: April 30-May 5, 1978

## Title: **Educating Library Users Today: The Role of the Librarian as Teacher**

Sponsor: School of Library Service, Columbia University

Location: Columbia University, New York City

Description: An advanced reader service minicourse that will focus on the role of the librarian as a teacher of informational skills and techniques. Emphasis will be on the various approaches available for such instruction, program development, and evaluation. It will include the study of trends in education and information handling and their implications for library-based instruction, instruction development, comprehensive program planning, ways to reach the non-user, and the politics of library instruction. Participants may develop programs for their own libraries and can arrange individual counseling sessions. Dean Patricia Senn Breivik, Dean of Library Services, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL., will conduct the week-long program. Enrollment limited to no more than 30 people.

For further information and application forms write or call Educating Library Users Today-Minicourse, School of Library Service, 516 Butler Library, Columbia University, New York, New York 10027 (212) 280-2292.

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## Continuing Education

Date: March 30-April 2, 1978

## Title: **Personnel Evaluation Institute for Librarians**

Sponsor: Illinois State University and Illinois State Library with a \$15,000 grant from LSCA.

Location: Illinois State University, Normal-Bloomington, Illinois

Description: The institute will focus on information and skills needed to evaluate the performance of library staff in large-group sessions, small-group workshops, and one-to-one conversations. Participation limited to 105 public, academic, special, and school librarians. Preference will be given to those who attended the first institute two years ago in Charleston.

For information write Dr. Forrest G. Wisely, Assistant Professor of Information Sciences, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61761

Date: March 10, 1978

## Title: **Conference on Public Library/School Library Cooperation**

Sponsor: School of Library Science, University of Iowa

Location: Iowa City, Iowa



Date: May 17-19, 1978

Title: **Third Annual Administrative Development Program for Library Administrators**

Sponsor: School of Business, University of South Dakota

Location: Vermillion, South Dakota

Cost: \$150, includes transportation from and to airlines and room and board.

Description: The seminar will concentrate on the fundamentals and current problems of recruiting, evaluating, and developing library staff. Subject areas will include job analysis and position description; attracting, selecting, and organizing personnel; interviewing; employee evaluation; and employee training and staff development. Open to all kinds of library administrators—public, academic, special, etc.—who want to improve their managerial effectiveness. Instruction will include lectures, case analyses, and experiential exercises and will be structured to utilize the backgrounds and experiences of registrants in a problem-solving atmosphere.

Apply to: Dr. C.N. Kaufman, School of Business, The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069, (605) 677-5232.

Date: August 14-19, 1978

Title: **Eleventh Loughborough International Seminar on Children's Literature**

Sponsor: Framingham State College

Location: Framingham, Massachusetts

Description: Directed by Mary M. Burns, Coordinator of the Curriculum Library and Children's Literature Specialist at Framingham State College. Limited participation so apply early.

For information and application forms write Ann A. Flowers, Administrative Chairman, Loughborough 1978, Box 155, Wayland Massachusetts 01778.

Date: May 7-19, 1978

Title: **Twelfth Annual Library Administrators Program**

Sponsor: College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland

Location: University of Maryland, Donaldson Brown Center, Port Deposit, Maryland

Description: Participants will include senior administrative personnel of large library systems—public, research, academic, special, government, and school—from North America and abroad. Sessions will concentrate on the principal administrative issues encountered by senior managers. Leadership, motivation, communication, personnel policy, decision making, problem solving, financial planning and control performance appraisal, the impact of technology, and the planning for change are among some of the issues considered in lectures, case analyses, group discussions, and seminars. The faculty consists of well-known educators, scholars, management consultants and lecturers drawn from universities, government, and consultants.

For further information address inquiries to Mrs. Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program,

College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

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For information and application forms write Scholarship Program, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

Date: April 4, 1978

Title: **Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.**

Sponsor: Washington Office of ALA and District of Columbia Library Association

Description: A National Library Week event where librarians from all over the country gather at the Capitol and personally meet with their representatives in Congress. A morning briefing session and an evening champagne reception complete the day.

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