



Problems of Computer Indexing

The recent literature has included several accounts of attempts at producing local computerized indexes, most notably the studies by Kim Fisher and Phillip J. Schwartz.¹ These papers imply the ease and inexpensiveness of indexing with computer assistance. But we need to analyze the merits of these assumptions and discuss some of the more practical factors in the decision to undertake local computerized indexing.²

Background

The most obvious contribution the computer yields to indexing is that the computer can perform a repetitious function with a huge amount of data in an amazingly short time. Projects which were not logistically possible in the past because of the amount of man-years involved in performing the necessary data manipulations have now become feasible with the use of mechanized procedures. As Hilda Feinburg points out:

The increasing volume of published literature continues to present problems in relation to information handling and information representation. As the magnitude and complexity of the available information has continued to increase, investigations have examined means of reducing the costly and time-consuming processes involved when human beings assign index terms to documents. Recognition of the general inadequacy of present indexing, and concern over time and cost factors in index preparation have prompted experimentation in the development and application of machines to assist in the indexing process.³

In the past this application of mechanized indexing techniques has been mainly limited to large interest areas of information or where the amount of in-

formation to be handled was quite large (e.g. the Library of Congress' development of the MARC cataloging technique). The logic involved in these large projects is that it would be infinitely easier and more economical for one institution to perform a function which could then be used by five hundred other institutions, than it would be for the five hundred institutions to perform the same function individually. Therefore, the cost per unit decreases proportionally to the increase in the number of users. Unfortunately, the same logic is also valid when considering local indexing projects (i.e. the fewer the number of users, the smaller becomes the financial and logistical advisability of the project). Several factors, however, demonstrate the need for careful consideration of the desirability of using the computer in an indexing project.⁴

Cost

The cost of producing local computerized indexes is a subject to which few authors have addressed themselves. An exception is Fred Blum who conducted a 1971 study of KWOC and KWIC indexing at the Catholic University of America.⁵ Blum's paper took into account factors such as: keypunching, keypunch machine rental, IBM cards, computer time, and printing; the result was that to produce an index containing 975 original entries the total cost was \$1,628. Although some critics can point out that the cost of computer time has steadily declined since 1971, one can also substantiate that the expenditure required for nearly everything else (e.g. staff time, printing) has more than compensated for the decline in cost of computer time. In addition, the Blum study did not account for the professional staff

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time required to supervise the production, editing, and distribution of the index. Blum also assumed that the computer facility to be used already possessed a KWOC or KWIC program. If the program is not available, the user might also calculate the one time cost of buying a program or having a computer programmer write a software package.⁶

Admittedly there are factors which can raise or lower the required capital expenditure. Some computer facilities do not charge members of its own institution for the use of the computer, the keypunch machine, or the cards necessary to produce the index. The indexer may also choose to distribute the finished product in the form of a raw computer printout which would decrease the printing costs. Others may find it impossible to acquire keypunch staff at student hourly wages and may have to raise their cost projections to cover the expense of professional keypunching.

Hence, computerized indexing has the potential of being a very expensive proposition. One should seek to investigate all the relevant cost factors before becoming committed to a project which may be impossible to finance.

*John N. Olsgaard has published two enriched KWOC indexes: *An Index of South Dakota State Government Publications: 1977*. (Vermillion, S.D.: I.D. Weeks Library, and the South Dakota State Library, 1978) and *Index of History, Government, and Political Science Thesis at the University of South Dakota*. (Vermillion, S.D.: I.D. Weeks Library, 1978).

Computer Capabilities

A primary consideration which should be taken into account is whether the computer facility the indexer intends to use has the necessary equipment to produce a KWOC or KWIC program. Each of these indexing programs normally consist of a JCL (Job Control Language) program with three sub-routines; one of these sub-routines will probably require a COBOL compiler. Although either a disc or batch operation can be used, the batch procedure may be preferred for ease of editing the end product. It is also helpful if the printer can run special forms so that the final copy can appear on solid white paper, rather than the usual green lined variety, to enhance visual attractiveness. Further, it should be noted that a KWOC or KWIC program will command a good deal of core storage within the computer, which may mean that the indexing programs will be on a low priority basis at the computer facility and will result in a slow turn-around time.

Other Considerations

A factor generally ignored during the evaluation of a proposed program is the "frustration factor"—the amount of trouble and problems a new program generates before expected results begin to accrue. In a manual index the frustration factor is normally centered around such problems as vocabulary control and frequency of indexing. When considering a computerized index these problems common to all indexes are compounded exponentially by the difficulties in dealing with the computer. These difficulties would include programming, keypunching, and printout problems. The first Schwartz study states that "the programs (KWOC) are simple enough so that any programmer can easily write them for computers having disk or tape on line storage."⁷ If there is any general rule when dealing with any computer program of complexity, it is that there is no such thing as an "easy" program. Anyone who has spent time debugging programs knows the amount of frustration encountered in making a computer program function correctly. Obviously we are speaking in relative terms. A KWOC or KWIC program would be **relatively** easy compared to some of the more complex automated circulation or acquisition programs. Just as cataloging one thousand books is relatively easy compared to cataloging ten thousand books. The point is that neither alternative is completely trouble free. A computerized index has a frustration factor a level above any of the manual forms of indexing.

Conclusion

The ultimate question one must ask before committing to a locally tailored com-

puterized index is the value of the project. After all, the purpose of local indexing should be to fill in a number of areas, which, in Millard T. Johnson's words, "Fall into the cracks of bibliographic coverage" (i.e. the areas too specialized to be covered by national publishing houses and too large to be undertaken as a library pathfinder).⁸ Admittedly putting any list of material on computer will provide some benefits to the distributing institution: a KWOC or KWIC index will provide greater access to the material than would a card catalog, and it will thereby provide a more thorough analysis of the material being indexed.⁹ It will also give the distributing institution a certain amount of prestige simply from the computer format. Unfortunately, none of these reasons are adequate to justify the cost and time that would be expended.

The indexer must be able to objectively evaluate the potentials of the proposed project by asking such questions as: 1) Is the material already indexed in some other existing form? 2) If the material is being indexed simply as a time-saving device, will the amount of time saved justify the index? 3) Can the index be utilized by other institutions (i.e. will it replace work that others would have to undertake)? 4) How much will the index be used, twice a day or once a month?

As John Stuart Mill would be pleased to know, it is a question of utility. The indexer, as the prime mover in the scheme of things, must determine if the potential for service to patrons, librarians, and other institutions will outweigh the expenditure of time, effort, and money. In short, local computerized indexing does have a legitimate purpose in the overall concept of bibliographic control; however, the value of such projects must be weighed carefully in terms of bibliographic utility.

NOTES

1 See Kim Fisher, "The KWOC Index, or, There is a Light at the End of the Tunnel," *Documents To The People* 5 (November 1977): 238-239; Phillip J. Schwartz, "KWOC Solution: State and Local Document Retrieval," *RQ* 11 (Spring 1972): 250-252; and Phillip J. Schwartz and Constance J. Tiffany, "Need More Ready in Your Reference? KWOC It!" *RQ* 16 (Fall 1976) 39-43.

2 Three of the more popular computer indexing programs that will be referred to in this study are the KWIC (Key Word in Context) the KWOC (Key Word Out of Context), and the "enriched" KWOC (i.e. a KWOC program that includes added subject descriptors).

3 Hilda Feinburg, *Title Derivative Indexing Techniques: A Comparative Study*. (Metuchen, N.J.; Scarecrow Press, 1973) p. ix.

4 A fairly complete list of considerations for indexing can be found in Feinburg, *Ibid.*, p. 19.

5 See Fred Blum, "Two Machine Indexing Projects at the Catholic University of America," *Information Storage and Retrieval* 6 (1971): 453-463.

6 With the high cost of a computer programmer's services purchasing a package program might be more economical.

7 Schwartz, "KWOC Solution," p. 251.

8 Millard T. Johnson, Jr., "MARC Cataloging, Optical Character Recognition, and Key-Word-Indexing Teamed for Publication," *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science* Vol. 10 *Innovative Developments in Information Systems: Their Benefits and Costs*. (Washington: ASIS, 1973), p. 100.

9 This statement is based on the premise that the card catalog will average five hits per original entry (one author hit, one title hit, three subject hits), whereas a KWOC index averages six hits per original entry (see Feinburg, *Title Derivative Indexing*, p. 107), and it is the author's experience that an enriched KWOC index averages between eight and nine hits per original entry.

Correction to April Issue

In Tony Ferguson's article, "Take Your Rank and Track It," we regret that the word **professorial** was erroneously printed **professional** near the top of column three. It should read: "Libraries and librarians must recognize that not all positions within university libraries are the same. Some require **professorial** activities, some do not. Consequently, one system of university status is not enough. Library administrators in concert with their librarians need to take a hard look at all positions (including administrative positions) and decide which ones require **professorial** activities and which do not."

Two Regional Librarians to Attend Columbia Preservation Institute

Among the twelve participants chosen for the four-week Institute on the Development and Administration of Programs for the Preservation of Library Materials to be held at the School of Library Services, Columbia University, from July 10 to August 4, 1978, are Robert Patterson, University of Wyoming and Sandra Turner, Denver Public Library.

Funded by the U.S. Office of Education under Title IIB of the Higher Education Act, the institute will prepare experienced librarians to plan, organize, and administer comprehensive preservation programs in the libraries in which they are employed.

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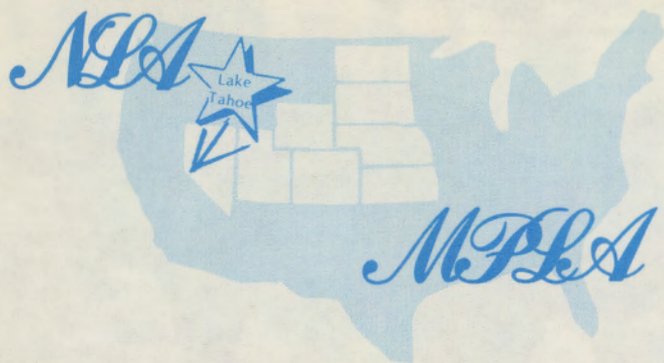
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Conference Schedule

MPLA's 1978 Conference at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, offers something for everyone—evaluating academic library performance; state library services to state agencies; grantsmanship; workshops on accepting new technology, fresh ideas in management, the use of media to motivate library users; programs on the freedom to read, circulation data bases, problem patrons, children's services; words of wisdom from a past-president of the American Library Trustees Association; more on continuing education, and observations from the editor of a library newsletter on our condition. The conference offers several promises. Besides the natural attractiveness of the setting and the fun of the casinos, the conference offers a compact schedule to allow you time off to enjoy what Tahoe can offer. In planning the program, the committee has tried to provide two program possibilities for each section, a key-speaker program and an opportunity to use the full section business meeting time for additional program items.

Registration materials and the full program will be printed in the *Newsletter* in August, but start planning your attendance now. Here is the initial outline of the conference schedule:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

University of South Dakota Management Seminar

Topics: (1) *Budgeting in the Worst of all Possible Worlds:*

The Budget Cut, A. Budget Cuts — Some Classifications; B. Budget Cuts — A Management Approach; C. Negative Library Growth — Fact or Fiction; D. Budget Cuts and Subordinates; E. Budget Cuts, Strategies & Superiors. (2) *The 'Jackass Effect' in Compensation of Library Staff*, A. Mythology of Management Compensation; B. The Role of Pay; C. Pay as an Incentive; D. The Jackass Effect in Practice; E. Some Parables to Ponder; (3) *Mid-Career Employees: Management's Responses*, A. Career Counseling; B. Career Enrichment; C. Personal and Professional Development of the Mid-Career Employee; D. Changes in Employment Status — Some Guidelines. (4) *Participatory Management: Some Second Thoughts and a Reassessment*, A. The Halcyon Days of the 60's — Participative Management, The Organization Elixir of Life; B. Participation — Prerequisites, Constraints, and Assumptions; C. Participation — The Ropes to Skip and the Ropes to Know; D. Participation Quo Vadis.

The USD Management Seminar will be taught by the dynamic duo of Dale Clement and Chuck Kaufman, veterans of past MPLA conference workshops and similar activity in other state conferences.

Cost of this pre-conference workshop will be \$25. While registration materials will be available in August, interested persons are encouraged to preregister early. Send fee to Joe Edelen, MPLA, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.

1:00-4:00 p.m.

MPLA Technical Services Section Special Program

The Promise of Library Technology

A special slide presentation on what technology can offer libraries. The slide presentation will be followed by an audience/panel discussion on the considerations a library must make to accept new technology, the problems and experiences of those who have made the shift, and recommendations for entering the marketplace. There is no charge for this program.

4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

NLA School and Media Sections Special Workshop

Media Magic: Motivating Library Users

This is the first five hours of a 15-hour workshop on introducing creative and innovative methods of programming using multimedia storytelling, new ways to sell books and poetry using all types of media, and reading games using easy to make crafts which are both practical and inexpensive. Caroline Bauer, a professor of librarianship at the University of Oregon will be the instructor. Registration information will be available in August. (See remainder of program for additional 10 hours.)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Presidents' (MPLA/NLA) Cocktail Party and Opening of Exhibits

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

MPLA/JMRT Program and Breakfast

Care and Feeding of the Library Patron

MPLA Technical Services Section Breakfast and Program

MPLA/NLA Children's Sections Joint Program

Renaissance Fair and Workshop

MPLA State Section Program and Breakfast

State Library Services to Functions of State Government

10:00 - 12:00 noon

First General Session

Joint session of both associations with keynote address

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

NLA/SOUP Luncheon and Program

Speaker — Kurt Cylkie for LC's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

MPLA/NLA Academic Sections Joint Luncheon and Program

Evaluating the Performance of Academic/Post-Secondary Libraries

Speaker — Michael Buckland

MPLA/NLA Children's Sections Joint Luncheon and Program

The Freedom to Read

Speaker — Marilyn Sachs

1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

MPLA Vice-President's Program

National Endowment for the Humanities Grants Idea Bag and Grants Proposal Workshop

Speaker — Nancy Doyle Bolt, recently appointed library program director

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MPLA State Section Business Meeting

MPLA Continuing Education Committee "OLE" program

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3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NLA Public Library Section Business Meeting

Continuation of *Media Magic Workshop*, 3:00 - 5:00 and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. -

M.S. Dixie Scholarship Cruise

A riverboat tour of beautiful Lake Tahoe with dinner and dancing. Limited to 250 conferees with \$1.00 of each ticket price going to MPLA scholarship fund.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

MPLA/NLA Trustee Sections Joint Program and Breakfast

Speaker—Maxine Scoville, past-president of ALA's ALTA

NLA Personnel Development Committee Program

Continuation of *Media Magic Workshop*, 8:00 - 12:00 noon

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

NLA Academic Section Business Meeting

11:00 - 12:00 noon

MPLA Public Library Section Business Meeting

MPLA Academic Section Business Meeting

MPLA/JMRT Section Business Meeting

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

MPLA/NLA Awards Luncheon

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MPLA Children's Section Business Meeting

NLA School Section Business Meeting

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MPLA/NLA Public Library Sections Joint Program

Speaker—Robert Alvarez, editor of *The Administrator's Digest*

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NLA Children's Section Business Meeting

NLA Media Section Business Meeting

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

MPLA General Session

NLA General Session

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

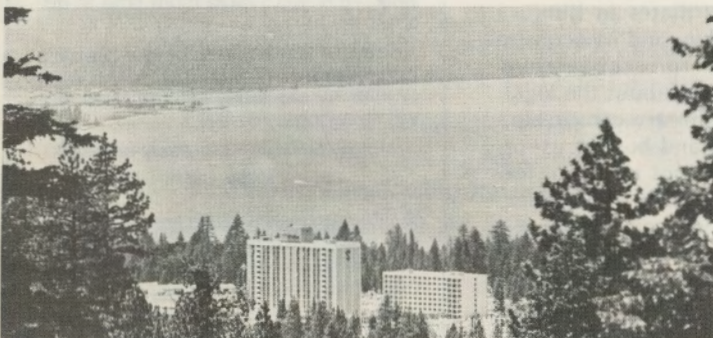
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William Allen White Children's Book Award Announced

The Great Christmas Kidnaping Caper, written by Jean Van Leeuwen (pronounced Van Loo-en), has been named the winner of the 1978 William Allen White Children's Book Award according to Dr. George V. Hodowanec, director of Emporia State University's White Library and executive director of the White Award program.

This is the 26th annual William Allen White Children's Book Award, directed and presented by Emporia State University. More than 57,000 children in Kansas schools grades 4-8 participated in the voting for this year's award. The children voted for their favorite book from a master list chosen by the White Award book selection committee, whose members represent educational and professional organizations in Kansas.

The award was founded by Ruth G. Gagliardo, a specialist in children's literature, to honor the memory of one of the state's most distinguished citizens by encouraging the boys and girls of Kansas to read and enjoy good books. The White Award was the first statewide reader's choice award.

The Great Christmas Kidnaping Caper, published in 1975 by The Dial Press of New York City, is the story of Marvin the Magnificent and his gang of mice, Fats and Raymond. The three take up residence in a doll house in Macy's toy department one winter. They are befriended by Macy's Santa Claus. When Santa mysteriously disappears, they set out to solve "The Great Christmas Kidnaping Caper."

Van Leeuwen was born Dec. 26, 1937, in Glen Ridge, N.J. She was graduated in 1959 from Syracuse University with a B.A. degree. She was an associate editor of juvenile books at Random House, Inc. and Viking Press as well as senior editor of juvenile books at the Dial Press. Van Leeuwen is currently a full-time writer. Her other books for young people include *A Time of Growing*, *Too Hot for Ice Cream*, *Timothy's Flower*, *One day in Summer*, *I was a 98-Pound Duckling*, and *The Great Cheese Conspiracy*, which chronicles earlier adventures of the same characters as *The Great Christmas Kidnaping Caper*.

Van Leeuwen resides in New York City with her husband Bruce David Gavril, a digital computer systems designer. The pair has a son and daughter, David Andrew and Elizabeth Eva. Van Leeuwen's hobbies include music, reading, photography, and travel.

Jean Van Leeuwen has commented regarding her books: "Trying to find some common denominator in my writing, I guess I would say that more and more I am trying to do two things—to use humor to put across something serious that I want to say and to recreate certain

remembered turning points in my own life in terms that will be meaningful to readers of today . . . My interest is in books for children and I expect to keep writing them for all ages, as long as I have something to say. When I don't, I hope I'll stop. My only comment about my way of working is that it's slow—achingly, frustratingly, agonizingly slow." (SOURCE: **Newsrelease**, Paul Kincaid, Emporia State University.)

AFG Formed to Fight Censorship

The current "swing to the right" in American politics has spilled over into education: schools and libraries have come under increasing pressure from groups far better organized and funded, more sophisticated and persistent than previous book censors. They are now scrutinizing teaching methods as well as materials, series as well as individual books, and ideology as well as content.

In the face of these growing pressures, representatives from eight national education organizations met in November to plan strategies for meeting censorship challenges. The resulting coalition, temporarily called itself the Academic Freedom Group (AFG), includes the following organizations: the American Association of School Administrators, the American Federation of Teachers, the American Library Association, the National Council for the Social Studies, the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Education Association, the International Reading Association, and the Speech Communication Association.

The AFG representatives believe that a detailed and specific action program is required. By working together, the AFG hopes to:

- raise the awareness of its members to efforts at thought control and intimidation in educational settings;

- understand the strategies used by individuals and groups to restrict availability of materials;

- work together to develop preventative measures that can be used in the preservation of academic freedom.

As a first step, a prototype regional workshop was held March 17-19 in Indianapolis. Participants from the member organizations' state affiliates in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin established channels for cooperative local action after hearing about the legal aspects of school and library censorship, the legislative process and how to use it effectively, public relations as a tool for academic freedom, and the importance of selection criteria in any school or library system.

The uniformly favorable responses of the participants, as well as their willingness to initiate cooperative activities proposed at the close of the

workshop, indicated the extent of the weekend's success.

A second workshop is planned for early fall in the New England area. (SOURCE: News release, Peggy Barber, Director, Public Information Office, American Library Association.)

Magazine Index Now Online

Lockheed's DIALOG now has **Magazine Index**, the index to over 350 popular American magazines—including all those covered in **Readers' Guide** plus many new special interest periodicals—online. Initially, the data base includes all 1977 plus monthly additions of new 1978 material and back files for 1976. By the end of 1978 the data base will cover three years. The data base has been created primarily for general reference librarians, but will be of special interest to libraries serving patrons in market research, public relations, government relations, journalism, food and nutrition, and the social sciences.

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Your Aching Feet

The average person walks 65,000 miles in a lifetime, and the average person's feet are well equipped to travel that far. Unfortunately, however, foot problems afflict more than 90 percent of the population over 21, usually due to self-inflicted abuse. Here are some hints for pampering your aching feet:

Buy shoes late in the afternoon when your feet are slightly larger.

Heels should not be more than an inch-and-a-half high, and there should be at least a half-inch clearance between the tip of the shoe and your big toe.

A brisk daily walk strengthens foot muscles and stimulates circulation.

Elevate your feet when you are resting, and try warm foot baths, rough toweling and foot powder for extra comfort. (SOURCE: **The Official Grapevine From Blue Cross-Blue Shield**, May 1978.)

\$500.000 MPLA Continuing Education Grants \$500.00

The Mountain Plains Library Association would like to grant four Continuing Education Grants of \$500.00 each to be used during 1978.

These Grants are open to any MPLA member to attend conferences, workshops, formal university classes, or any form of study that will benefit librarians and the library community.

Because the publicity on these grants did not reach some people before the deadline for applications, the MPLA Scholarship Committee is extending the deadline for applying to July 15, 1978.

Applications may be obtained from Joseph Edelen, University of South Dakota Library, Vermillion, S.D. 57069. Please write for your application and return it to Mr. Edelen before July 15.

Some general guidelines for applying for the Continuing Education Grants are: applicant must be a member of MPLA, applicant must give a budget of anticipated expenses and the goal of the program, and the applicant must give MPLA a report after the workshop or conference.

National Endowment for the Humanities Grants Available to Public Libraries

Public Libraries may be interested to know that the Public Programs Division of the National Endowment for the Humanities is interested in increasing

grant support for innovative public library programs or services that use library resources to build understanding of the humanities. Information is available from Nancy Doyle Bolt at NEH, Division of Public Programs, 806 15th Street, N.W., Mail Stop 401, Washington, D.C. 20506 or (202) 724-0398. (SOURCE: **The Loaner**, Vol. 4, No. 9, p. 1.)

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libraries have been positive about the value of the One-to-One program. Accordingly, the Continuing Education Committee announces the 1978 program.

Program Procedures

The participant should plan to spend one week at the learning site. It is the participant's responsibility, if selected, to

communicate with the director of the learning site library to develop a set of objectives **before** the visit. The participant will also arrange with the learning site a mutually convenient week for the visit. The learning site will assist in any reasonable way to facilitate this process. Housing will be the participant's responsibility.

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Each participant selected will receive a stipend of \$200 upon receipt of a short report of the learning experience. The report should summarize the activity, state whether or not the learner's objectives were met, and include suggestions for improvements or changes in the program. It should be emphasized that participants may have to, and should be prepared to, incur some personal ex-

pense in conjunction with their visits. It is hoped that those receiving grants will be given time off with pay from their home libraries to participate.

Five grants will be awarded — one for each learning site.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Personal member of MPLA
2. 3 years of library experience
3. Preference will be given to appli-

cants not residing in state in which program applied for exists.

Schedule

July 15, 1978 Applications due
July 29, 1978 Participants chosen and notified
August 1-October 1, 1978 Visits to be completed
October 5, 1978 Reports due from participants.

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Deadline: July 15, 1978

CONTINUING EDUCATION: ONE-TO-ONE APPLICATION

Name _____

Present position _____

Address _____

Name of library _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Learning site desired _____

Library and dates _____

Please attach a short statement of how continuing education experience will relate to your job or professional growth.

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MINUTES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Rodeway Inn, Denver, Colorado

April 22, 1978 ; 9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, H. Robert Malinowsky. Introductions followed and roll call was taken from a signed roll. Present were: H. Robert Malinowsky, President; Jim Dertien, Vice-President; Shirley Flack, Recording Secretary; Vern West, Past President; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Larry Webber, Colorado State Representative; Donna Jones, Kansas State Representative; Morel Fry, Nebraska State Representative; Jane Kolbe, South Dakota State Representative; Donald T. Schmidt, Utah State Representative; Jean E. Diggins, Chairman, Children's and School Section; Dean A. Waddell, Chairman, College and University Section; Elizabeth Morrissett, Chairman, Technical Services Section; Blaine Hall, Editor, *M.P.L.A. Newsletter*.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

Committee Reports

Awards

The President reported that Vern West has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Awards Committee. Vern reported that the committee has received six nominations to date with nominations from all states but Nebraska and North Dakota. There have been no nominations as yet for the literary award. Publicity concerning the awards has been sent to all State newsletters and the Committee will meet in late July to make the final selections.

Scholarship

Dorothy Middleton asked Vern West to report that there are several candidates for the last undergraduate scholarship available. The Committee hopes to select a recipient soon and will report at the next Board meeting.

Public Relations

The publicity on the Continuing Education Scholarships has been slow so the deadline has been extended for this year.

Larry Webber reported that letters have been sent to all State Library agencies seeking newsletter information in order to develop a mailing list. The Public Relations Committee will be starting soon to develop a Conference brochure.

After a lengthy discussion of public relations needs for membership recruitment, the President appointed a committee of Donna Jones, Blaine Hall, and Larry Webber to (1) develop a brochure to use for membership recruitment, (2) come up with ideas for a packet of information and PR for State Representatives to use at state conventions, and, (3) pursue some type of traveling display to promote MPLA membership and the annual conference at state conventions.

It was the consensus of the Board that Blaine Hall work up copy for the next *Newsletter* to promote an open design competition for an MPLA logo for the membership recruitment brochure. A prize of \$100 will go to the winning entry. September 15, 1978, was set as the deadline date for entries. Designs are to be sent to Larry and the committee composed of Donna Jones, Blaine Hall, and Larry Webber will serve as judges.

Continuing Education

Charles Bolles sent a report for the Continuing Education Committee (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association).

Management Seminar: Charles requested that the Board consider setting specific guidelines regarding expenditures for MPLA sponsored seminars. The Board agreed that it would be nice to break even, but there is money in the budget to cover additional costs.

The President read several letters of appreciation he received from participants in the Management Seminar. Joe Edelen recommended that all letters of thanks be included as a collage in the *Newsletter* along with pictures from the seminar.

One-to-One Program: It was agreed that a deadline date for applications for the 1978 One-to-One Program needs to be established and publicized. The learning sites for 1978 are: Whitmore Library, Salt Lake County Library System; Nevada State Library; University of Colorado, Interlibrary Loan Network; Dodge City Community College; and Sioux Falls College.

It was also agreed that the current Continuing Education Committee select sites for the 1979 One-to-One Program so that they can be publicized at the Tahoe convention. Guidelines for the Continuing Education Committee should be rewritten to include responsibility for site selections for the following year.

Constitution and By-Laws

Joe Edelen distributed copies of the revised By-Laws of the Association (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association).

Regional White House Conference

Vern West reported that the committee is pursuing the possibility of holding a regional Pre-White House Conference in July or August, 1979, to do some analysis of the results of state Pre-White House Conferences and to devise some approaches.

Elizabeth Morrissett moved that the MPLA Regional White House Conference Committee be allocated \$500 for seed money to use for reports and some committee travel. Morel Fry seconded, motion carried.

Financial Report

Joe Edelen distributed the financial statement for January 1, 1978 - March 31, 1978 (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association).

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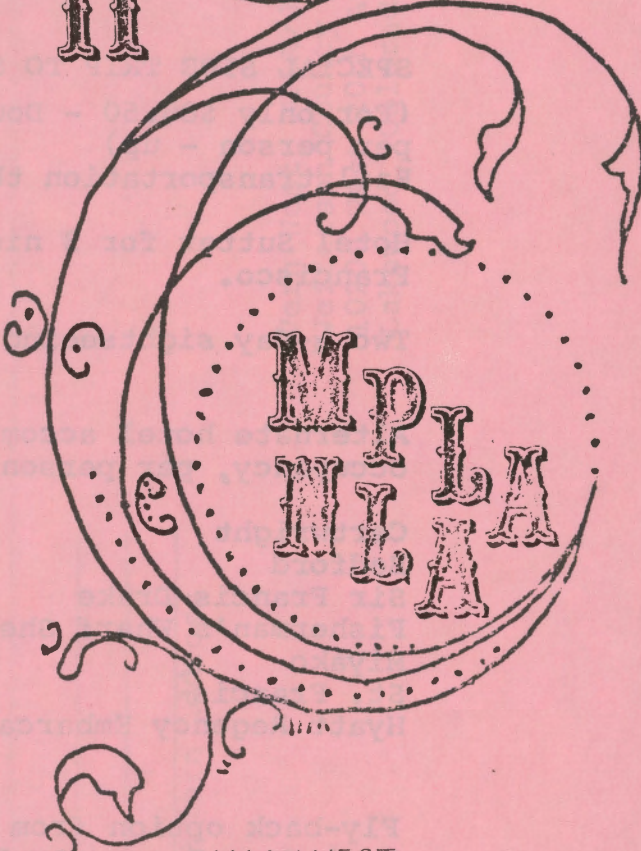
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Unfinished Business

1978 Conference

Jim Dertien distributed copies of the current program plans for the joint MPLA-Nevada Library Association Conference. He reported that final program plans will be made soon, there will be some additional schedule juggling to eliminate any time conflicts, and PR releases will be ready in the near future.

Jim also reported that section business meetings have been scheduled to allow for additional program time, if desired. Room rates at Tahoe will begin at \$36-\$38. The Conference Committee has planned to have curtained sections in the exhibits area where committee meetings can be held.

It was suggested that conference publicity in the June issue of the *Newsletter* include pre-conference fees. The August issue will be the Conference issue so it was suggested that a separate Conference mailing be sent to the membership about two weeks in advance of this issue. Section Chairmen were reminded to send copies of Conference correspondence, plans, and biographical information to Jim Dertien, Blaine Hall, and Larry Webber for publicity.

1979 Conference

Bob Malinowsky reported that Vern West has been appointed MPLA Local Arrangements Chairman for the 1979 joint conference with the Colorado Library Association.

Vern reported that the 1979 joint conference is scheduled for October 28-31, at the new Fairmont Hotel in Denver. Program ideas to date are based on the humanities - books and people.

1980 Conference

Efforts to coordinate a joint conference with the Pacific Northwest Library Association in 1980 have been unsuccessful so far. The Board agreed to pursue the possibility of a joint conference with the Nebraska Library Association in 1980.

The Board discussed the possibility of a triple conference in Utah for 1982 with MPLA, the Utah Library Association, and PNLA, and joint spring conferences in 1983 with Kansas and in 1984 with Wyoming.

MPLA Archives

Donald Schmidt reported on investigations regarding MPLA archival materials and recommended that MPLA materials be placed in an established archives. The President asked Donald to write to the University of Colorado and the University of Utah to see if they are interested and to report results at the next Board meeting.

Manual of Procedure

The President asked for comments on the draft of the *Manual of Procedure* which was sent to Board members in February. It was noted that major changes are still needed in the draft for the Scholarship Committee. It was also noted that MPLA Committees are not standing committees but are created annually with annual appointments. It was suggested that the Auditing Committee be removed from the *Manual*.

Section Nominations

Section Chairmen were reminded that June 30, 1978, is the deadline for turning in nominations for Section officers. Vern West moved that Section Chairmen be sent the reminder issued last year about nominations and the deadline. Jim Dertien seconded, motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 7, 1978, Rodeway Inn-Airport, Denver, 9:30 A.M. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

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Colorado

Pikes Peak Regional Library District Appointments

Kathleen Hamm has recently been appointed Public Information Officer for the Pikes Peak Regional Library District with headquarters at Penrose Public Library. In her new post, Ms. Hamm will be responsible for implementing the public information program and will coordinate all media contacts with the library. Additional duties will include assisting the Friends of the Library and providing support for their programs.

Ms. Hamm studied business at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh, as well as majored in journalism at the University of Arizona. She was formerly an assistant editor of the People Section of *The Colorado Springs Sun*.

She has worked as media coordinator for DeSales Advertising, Inc., in Pittsburgh, has been a news reporter and staff writer for the *Bryan Daily Eagle*, Bryan, Texas; has been production manager and media buyer for Wallace & Associates in Tucson, Arizona; and was a volunteer editor for a monthly paper at Lajes Field, a military base in the Azores.

Violet Wagner has been recently named as the Children's Librarian. She will direct and supervise the programs and personnel for Children's Services, and will develop children's materials collection.

She has 32 years of library experience, seven years of which involved working with youth. She holds a fifth year degree in Library Science, a Master's degree in Library Media and completed course work for a Doctorate in Library Media.

Most recently, Wagner was head of the Boulder Public Library Media Center. Other work experience includes positions at the New York Public Library, National Association of Manufacturers, The University of Colorado, and assistant director of the Educational Resources Information Center.

Mrs. Wagner has participated in continuing education for Data Processing Management, Interpersonal Communication, Information Retrieval and Systems Management, Media Leadership, and Knowledge Utilization and Change. She has been chairman of the Colorado Council for Library Development and is active in Colorado Educational Media Association. (SOURCE: News release from Pikes Peak Regional Library District).

Colorado Studying Library Systems

Colorado libraries and systems are being quizzed on how librarians perceive their relationships with library service systems and how systems perceive themselves in relation to the libraries in their geographical area.

The seven Colorado systems have agreed to cooperate in the study to be conducted by Charles Townley, doctoral student at the University of Michigan's School of Library Science. Townley selected Colorado because of its strong leadership position in multi-type library cooperation.

The system directors have asked Townley to include a parallel questionnaire which will measure similar perceptions by libraries and systems of the Colorado State Library.

Results of the study will be distributed to all those who participate. The results should benefit us directly by pinpointing patterns of relationships where systems and area libraries can work jointly to improve system performance and satisfaction.

Results of the study will also be of use to other states and regions in their efforts to improve network planning and system development (SOURCE: *Nexus*, Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 4.)

Kansas

Howard Memorial Fund Established at Emporia State

The Elsie Howard Pine Memorial Fund has been established by Emporia State University graduate Loeda Kincheloe Francis. The Emporia School of Library Science has voted to use the present income from the fund to initiate an annual lecture to be known as the Elsie Howard Pine Lectures. Francis established the fund "as a living tribute to a woman who, for many years, was a great and beloved teacher in the School of Library Science and a distinguished librarian." "It is hoped that other former students of Mrs. Pine will add to this gift so that additional activities can be undertaken," said Sarah Reed, school director. "Mrs. Francis has suggested student loans, scholarships, and funding for workshops and seminars as other possible activities." Pine worked at Emporia State from 1922 and was instrumental in strengthening the library science program. In 1949 Governor Frank Carlson appointed her to a nine-member library survey commission which helped set standards for Kansas library service. In 1951 KLA recognized her contribution by presenting her an honorary life membership in the association. (SOURCE: *KLA Newsletter*, Vol. 7, No. 1, p. 6.)

KLA Invites MPLA For Joint Conference in 1983

The Kansas Library Association met in Wichita April 23, 24, and 25, with about 450 librarians attending. Charles Bolles, President of KLA, presided. The association voted to invite MPLA to Kansas for a joint convention in the spring of 1983.

Governor Appoints Task Force on Library Resources

On November 3, 1977, Governor Bennett established the Governor's Task Force on Library Resources. He charged eight committee members with answering five questions and making recommendations to the Governor on library service for the state. The Public Hearings for the Governor's Task Force were held in Salina, May 7, 8, 9, 1978. Statements were given by each type of library and

discussed. These ideas will be compiled to include the Task Force recommendations to the Governor and be transmitted to him by Fall, 1978.

KLA Convention, 1979

The Kansas Library Association Convention will be April 18-21, 1979, in Topeka. This will be the first time KLA joins the Kansas Association of School Librarians and the Kansas Association of Educational Communications and Technology for a joint convention.

Nebraska

Copyright Release Granted For Nebraska Statutes

Copyright release for reproduction of the *Revised Statutes of Nebraska* was granted recently to the Nebraska Library Commission by Larry Donelson, Clerk of the State Supreme Court. Notice of the release permits the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse to film the statutes and distribute them in microfiche to state documents depository libraries.

Since November, 1977, state documents have been distributed in microfiche format to the nine state depositories at Bellevue Public Library, Holdrege Public Library, Columbus Public Library, Omaha Public Library, Lincoln City Libraries, Scottsbluff Public Library, UNO-University Libraries, UNL-Libraries, and the State Historical Society. Over 800 titles have been sent to date. (SOURCE: *NLC Overtones*, Vol. 5, No. 8, p. 1.)

Nevada

Oral History Index, 1965-1975 Published

The Oral History Project of the University of Nevada, Reno, Library is pleased to announce the publication of its Master Index, jointly by the University Libraries at Reno and Las Vegas. The Index, compiled and edited by Alice A. Terry, contains entries to the oral history volumes produced over the Project's first ten years.

The Oral History Project was established in the Western Studies Center (now the Human Systems Center) of the Desert Research Institute in 1965, becoming a department of the UNR Library in 1969. The major aim of the Project has been to collect information useful for scholars working to place Nevada and its adjacent areas in perspective in Western American history. In the ten years from 1965 to 1975, about sixty life history interviews with Nevadans in many walks of life were tape recorded, transcribed, indexed, and bound for deposit in the University Libraries. The oral histories thus produced represent unique sources for research in twentieth century Nevada life. The Index to these volumes is composed of nearly 1,000 pages of entries, an explanatory

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preface, a list of the oral histories, and a brief biographical sketch of the volunteer editor and compiler, Alice Terry.

Publication of the Index will make the materials of the Oral History Project more easily accessible.

The "Oral History Project Master Index" may be ordered for eight dollars (\$8) from the Oral History Project, UNR Library, Reno, Nevada 89557. (SOURCE: **Highroller: Southern District Style**, No. 28, April 1978, p. 3)

Obscenity/Pornography Legislation Discussed

State Senator Jim Gibson of Henderson was the featured speaker at the March meeting of the Southern District, Nevada Library Association. Senator Gibson spoke on the pending legislation concerning obscenity/pornography. His committee has been looking at the various laws concerning obscenity that have been passed in other states. An important consideration is the definition of a community-wide standard. Currently the U.S. Supreme Court requires that the community should define what is obscene. The immediate question, then, is how large is the community? As Senator Gibson pointed out "community" in Las Vegas would be difficult to define. Our city has the local residents, the Strip/Downtown businesses and the tourists. Senator Gibson noted that the law would define community in terms of each locality in civil jury cases. The NLA has tried to have community defined as the state and therefore have a state-wide standard.

Senator Gibson pointed out that the libraries would be exempt and may not be subject to a stringent obscenity/pornography law. (SOURCE: **Highroller: Southern District Style**, No. 28, April 1978, p. 2.)

Black Experience in Southern Nevada

It is an appropriate postscript to Black History Month to announce that Dickinson Library has received a grant of \$2,320 from the Nevada State Library through Nevada Library Development Funds.

This grant will allow transcription and editing of Special Collections tapes on the black experience in southern Nevada. Additionally, the project will seek to develop a pictorial history and to provide a depository for the preservation of original sources. Copies of the edited transcripts and selected photographs and manuscripts will be placed in the West Las Vegas Library. Access to the collection will be aided with a bibliography which will be distributed statewide.

Rita O'Brien, a folklorist trained at the University of Texas, Austin, and who has extensive field collecting and transcription experience, will serve as editor-indexer. Barbara Stevenson, secretary to the University Senate, is the transcriber-typist. Project director is Harold Erickson; assistant director, Anna Dean Kepper. (SOURCE: **James R. Dickinson Library Newsletter**, Vol. 4, No. 3, p. 1)

South Dakota

South Dakota to Join MINITEX for Interlibrary Loans

On March 14, 1978, Vince Anderson, State Librarian, signed contracts with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board to access, for all libraries of the state, the MINITEX delivery system service, which is provided through the University of Minnesota Libraries. This system currently delivers materials to libraries, upon request, throughout the states of Minnesota and North Dakota. South Dakota is the latest state to join MINITEX, which is the only system that actually delivers requested materials rather than gives locations. The INTERLOAN program of the Bibliographical Center for Research, which South Dakota currently uses, can only supply locations.

Access for libraries to MINITEX will be handled in one of two ways. (1) All school, public, and small college libraries will contact the State Library either by In-WATS telephone or mail, as they have always done, and the State Library will, after first clearing the resource libraries of the state, use MINITEX if it cannot find the materials or information in South Dakota. (2) Twelve libraries in the state that receive teletype grants from the State Library will access MINITEX directly. Each of these will also have to clear the Union Catalog at the State Library and the *South Dakota Union List of Serials*, and utilize materials located in-state before sending requests to MINITEX. Actually, nothing has changed from current procedures since they require following the same pattern. BCR's INTERLOAN will still be provided, but use of it is discouraged except when MINITEX can not provide the service. MINITEX will be an enhancement of the old procedures. Instead of receiving a location for requested materials and then sending a second message to the location, it will provide delivery of the actual material requested. MINITEX will save considerable time in the interlibrary loan departments of most libraries and will cut the number of procedures they must follow.

The agreement with MINITEX is a reciprocal agreement. Libraries in South Dakota which receive requests from MINITEX for those materials that are unique to South Dakota must either lend those materials or photocopy them for MINITEX at no charge. MINITEX also will make its deliveries to South Dakota libraries free. There is, in fact, a charge, but it will be assumed by the State Library in its Inter-Library Cooperation Program. The estimated cost in the first year is \$25,000. (SOURCE: **Book Marks**, Vol. 29, No. 2, p. 1.)

Utah

Children's Literature Association Formed

Teachers, parents, librarians or others who are interested in children are invited to join the Children's Literature Association of Utah. The group has been in the process of getting

organized for the last several months. Its purpose is to bring together people professionally interested in promoting children's literature. Members of the council who have been brainstorming thus far include university and college children's literature professors, librarians giving children's services in public and academic libraries and other defenders and promoters of good children's books. Officers are: Professor Jim Jacobs, BYU Department of Elementary Education, President; Helen Eastmond, Children's Librarian, Provo Public Library, Vice-President; Carol Oaks, Consultant Children's Services, Utah State Library Commission, Secretary. (SOURCE: **Main Entry**, Vol. VI, No. 8, p. 3)

Library and Media Consortium Formed

On Friday, January 6, 1978, students and faculty in the department of library and media science at Brigham Young University, Utah State University, and the University of Utah met in the Marriott Library on the University of Utah campus to discuss ways of developing closer working relationships between institutions.

A committee was formed, consisting of one member from each program, to consider alternatives for an organizational structure under which the three institutions could function to promote joint endeavors and to identify goals for an inter-institutional organization. The proposed organization would provide a planned environment wherein:

1. dialogue on mutual concerns (research, program development, etc.) could occur;
2. visiting faculty, guest lecturers and resource people could be shared;
3. student interaction could be encouraged;
4. on-site visits could be made;
5. colleagues could share, critique, and complement each other's endeavors.

The committee unanimously recommended that:

1. the faculties in library and media science programs form a higher education consortium unaffiliated with any existing professional association or organization;
2. the programs of the consortium be coordinated by a 3-member board composed of one representative each from BYU, USU, and the U of U;
3. the consortium convene at least once per academic quarter and that the program be officially hosted by each of the universities on a rotating basis;
4. minimum dues be agreed upon and used primarily for the purpose of communication.

The committee will reconvene during spring quarter to finalize plans for the formal establishment of the Library and Media Sciences Higher Education Consortium. (SOURCE: **Communique**, Vol. 2, No. 1 p. 4.)

Arlene Grover Honored

Recipient of ULA's first overall Distinguished Service Award is Arlene Grover of the Utah State Library Commission, who was recognized at this year's convention awards banquet for

her outstanding contributions to Utah librarianship. She is cited for her creativity, pioneering efforts, and broad knowledge of her field. She has served as ULA Second Vice President, First Vice President, President and has held civic positions as Vice President of Utah Congress of Women Voters and as a member of the Executive Board of the League of Women Voters. In 1977, she was elected as the outstanding state woman employee of the year. Her current duties include processing materials and maintaining records for 19 bookmobiles, helping to direct the cataloging and processing of books for the large commission-operated centralized processing center which serves over 400 libraries and media centers, and the preparation of original cataloging input for the national OCLC data bank. (SOURCE: *ULA Newsletter*, No. 13, April 1978, p. 4.)

BYU Alumni Society Organized

About 60 BYU Library School alumni and other interested librarians met on March 15 to discuss organization of an alumni association. A proposed constitution and bylaws was approved and a dues schedule ranging from \$3-\$5 per year. The association's official name will be the BYU Library School Society. The organizing committee will be sending out a report of the meeting soon to all potential members and interested librarians asking them to join. From the list of those joining, a nominating committee and slate of candidates for office will be selected. A person does not have to be a BYU Library School graduate to join. Further information can be obtained by contacting Connie Lamb, organizing committee chairperson, Utah State Library Commission, 2150 S. 300 W., Salt Lake City, 84115 or telephone 533-5875. (SOURCE: *ULA Newsletter*, No. 13, April 1978, p. 3.)

ULA/ALA Attitudinal Survey Discussed

At the March ULA convention membership meeting, Dorothy Shields of the faculty at the BYU Graduate Library School reported some of the attitudes of ULA members toward ALA emerging from a survey conducted earlier this year. The most often cited reasons why some belong to ALA are:

1. It is a good source of current information on vital trends and issues;
2. It provides a source of contact with other librarians across the country;
3. It is a forum for exchange of ideas;
4. It interprets library-related legislation;
5. It provides standards;
6. It fosters inservice development;
7. It supports necessary lobbying;
8. It keeps track of and publishes employment announcements;
9. It provides leadership opportunities. ULA ALA members felt ALA is doing a better job than ULA in all of the above categories except number 9.

Some non-members of ALA were opposed to joining ALA because:

1. ALA dues are too high for direct services and benefits received;
2. There is disagreement with perceived ALA policies on ERA, gay rights, and political and social issues;

3. Individual needs are met better by other associations.

Preliminary results of the survey seem to indicate two problem areas for ALA. First, Utah librarians who are non-members need to be convinced that ALA does provide services and opportunities worth the cost. Second, more information is needed to determine whether disagreement on the issues of ERA, gay rights, and political stance is a major deterring factor. (SOURCE: *ULA Newsletter*, No. 13, April 1978, pp. 2-3.)

BYU Friends of the Library Honors Student Book Collectors

Four BYU students received \$100 prizes for their book collections. In the graduate category Gary L. Pomeroy, a history major, had gathered an impressive collection on "Late Medieval and Renaissance Florence: Her History, Her Culture, and Her Children"; and Clifford T. G. Sorenson, a law student, entered an excellent collection of "Classical Greek Authors." The Undergraduate winners were Ann Woodbury, an English major, for a collection on "Ballet Dancers, Dances, Dancing"; and G. Leon Archibald, a senior in Music Education, for a collection on "Art and Imagination in American Children's Book Illustration."

Six students received \$25 honorable mention awards for collections on "Historiography," "Modern Heroic Fantasy," "Renaissance Thought and Criticism," "Masterpieces of Russian Literature," "Abraham to Bar Kakhaba: The History and Culture of Ancient Israel," and "Afro-American History."

The contest drew eighty entries and the Friends of the Library plan to make this an annual event.

Wyoming

Government Documents on Microfiche

The Wyoming State Library, a depository for federal publications, is now receiving government documents on microfiche as part of a new program instituted by the U.S. Government Printing Office. The microfiche includes such material as technical energy reports from ERDA and General Accounting Office reports which were not distributed before.

"We are excited because it's just the beginning of a major breakthrough in document storage and accessibility," said Jerry Frobom, head of the Government Publications section of the library. "Right now we have about 400 fiche and receive another 150-200 monthly. All the fiche are indexed in the *Monthly Catalog*, making them easily accessible. Another important feature of the microfiche is longevity," he said.

The State Library is also planning to substitute the microfiche format for periodicals it now receives. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. X, No. 3, pp. 1-2.)

Wayne Johnson Acting State Librarian

Wayne H. Johnson has been named Acting State Librarian by the Wyoming State Library, Archives and Historical Board. Johnson assumes the duties of William H. Williams, who recently retired, until a permanent director is named.

Johnson came to the Wyoming State Library in January, 1973 as chief of administrative services for the State Library, Archives and Historical Department. Board action last fall split the departments and Johnson had been serving as chief of library services since then.

Williams had directed both the State Library and the Archives and Historical Department until the split. Ruth Aubuchon, public information officer for the two agencies, and *The Outrider* editor, is currently acting director for the Archives and Historical Department. Both will serve until new directors are appointed.

Johnson has a bachelors of science degree in history and political science and a master of library science from University of Oklahoma and a masters degree in public administration from the University of Colorado. Before joining the State Library, Johnson was consultant for Oklahoma Management and Engineering Consultants, Inc. He has also worked as library assistant in the humanities division of the University of Oklahoma libraries; administrative assistant librarian and circulation librarian at Merrill Library, Utah State University. He also was a graduate intern with Region VIII, U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

He served with the United States Coast Guard from 1960-64. Currently, he is president of the Wyoming Library Association and is also a member of the American Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association. He is chairman of the American Library Association State Library Fiscal Management group. He is married and has one daughter. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. X, No. 3, pp. 1-2.)

Henry Yaple heads UW Acquisition Department

Henry Yaple has been hired as new Head of Acquisitions.

Before joining the Wyoming faculty, Yaple was humanities bibliographer at Michigan State University. A graduate of Kalamazoo College, he holds an MA degree in English from the University of Idaho and an MLS from Western Michigan University. He is one of the founders and publishers of *Title Varies*, a periodical for serials librarians and is married with two children. (SOURCE: *Newsletter Of The University of Wyoming Libraries*, Vol. 2, No. 3, p. 4.)

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Library: University of Wyoming

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Qualifications: MLS from ALA-accredited library school; 3-5 years reference experience, with 1 year of demonstrated successful management at department head or assistant department head level in a research library; second masters degree (business preferred) viewed as an asset. Appointment anticipated at assistant professor rank.

Send resume and names of three references to Miss Jean S. Johnson, Coordinator of Public Services, Coe Library, Box 3334, University Station, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Subject to legislative approval.

Deadline: July 1, 1978

Position: **Librarian—Social Science Reference**

Library: University of Nebraska at Omaha

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Qualifications: MLS from ALA-accredited library school; undergraduate or graduate degree in social science with history emphasis.

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Qualifications: Masters degree in library science from an ALA-accredited library school; 2-5 years cataloging experience at professional level in a medium to large research library; OCLC experience desired; Competence in use of AACR, rev., standard bibliographic tools and LC classification; cataloger's competence in foreign languages; physical mobility.

Send resume and names of three references to Carol J. White, Chairperson of Search Committee, University of Wyoming Libraries, Box 3334, University Station, Laramie, WY 82071. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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Contact: Anne Over, University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 (408) 429-4534.

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Contact: The Admissions Office, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208. Applications must be received by July 1, 1978.

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Contact: Mrs. Jody Phelan, CE Coordinator, School of Library Science, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX 76204.

Date: July 26 - August 8, 1978

Title: **Multi-type Networking — National and State Trends**

Sponsor: Texas Woman's University

Location: Denton, Texas

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