

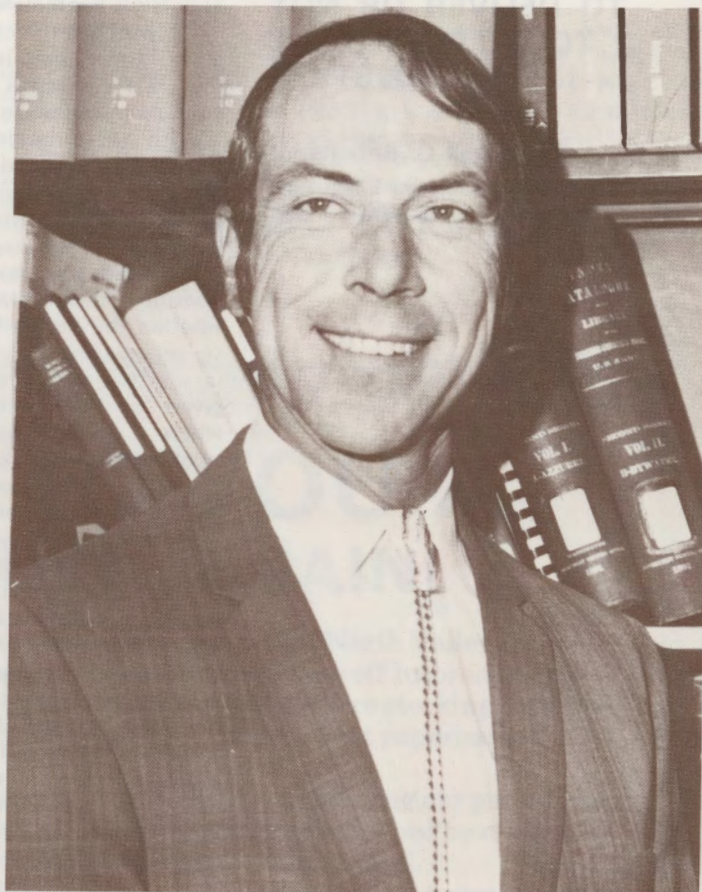
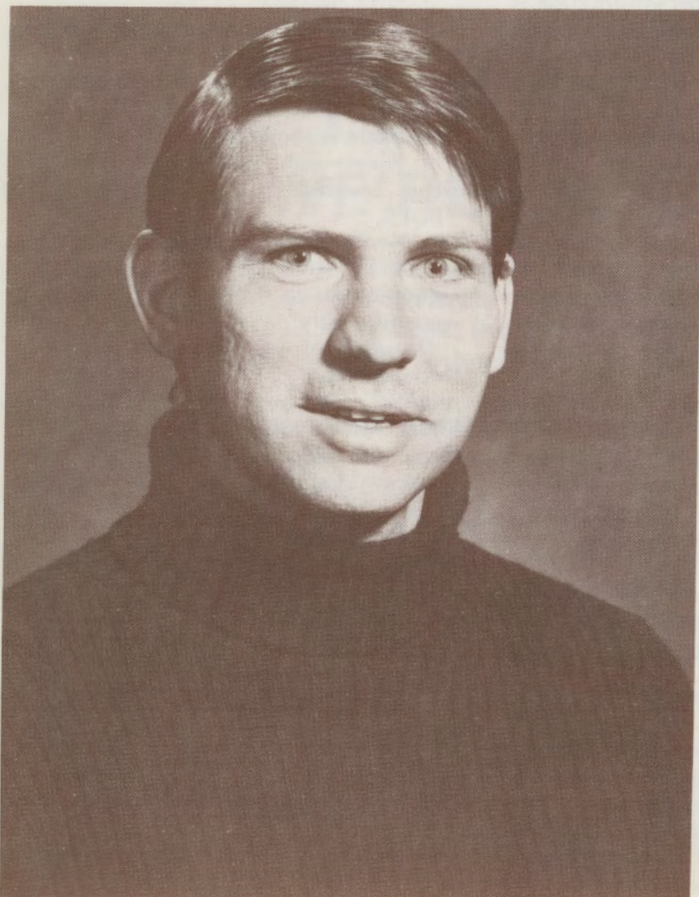
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TO DELIVER OR NOT TO DELIVER—THAT IS THE QUESTION

By Russell C. Robertson,
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How effective is a university book delivery system? Do the benefits of delivering books from the central library to the faculty offices on campus justify the costs of such a service? A recent four-year study at Brigham Young University has shown the benefits to outweigh the costs.

In January, 1974, the administrators of the Lee Library (the central library at B.Y.U.) became interested in learning whether such a service would be of value to the faculty. A committee was appointed to investigate the myriad of problems involved in establishing such a service.¹ From the beginning, the Faculty Book Delivery and Pickup Service (FBDPS) committee agreed that the success of the proposed service would depend upon the observance of the following three guidelines:

1. Keeping the FBDPS as simplified and flexible as possible.

2. Integrating the FBDPS with the already existing library routines as closely as possible (working within the system).

3. Obtaining the complete cooperation of the library administration in supporting the FBDPS in terms of money, material, equipment and personnel.

With these guidelines in mind, the system was designed to work as follows:² A faculty member phones from his office to the catalog information desk in the Lee Library requesting a book or books. The attendant at the catalog information desk consults the catalog to determine whether the library has the book, and if so, records the bibliographic information on a circulation card. This information is given to the Circulation Department, where a student assistant retrieves the book from the bookstacks and checks it out to the requestor. A special form is used to notify the person when a book is not immediately available; and follow-up procedures are used to insure delivery at the earliest possible date. The actual deliveries are made by a student from the library mail room (which already has campus mail delivery responsibility).

To return a book, the faculty member has his secretary phone the catalog information desk attendant and report that a book is to be picked up at that delivery point. The attendant is on duty from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and in addition to receiving requests for books, has responsibility for helping patrons with catalog-related questions. Actually, only a small part of the attendant's time is spent in FBDPS duties. The goal of the FBDPS is to deliver the books to the faculty member within a 24 hour period.

An extensive advertising campaign was mounted to make sure the faculty were aware of this new service. Every faculty member received a flyer explaining the FBDPS and inviting him or her to participate.³ With the beginning of summer term (June, 1974) the FBDPS became operational, delivering books to all

buildings on campus which housed faculty (30 buildings with 95 departments) The service has continued to operate successfully since that date. During this period (June, 1974 - April, 1978) statistics have been collected, data have been analyzed, questionnaires to faculty users have been studied, and perhaps more important, sufficient time has elapsed to make an objective evaluation of its value.

On March 1, 1976, a total of 100 questionnaires were sent to a random sample of the faculty. Of these 100 questionnaires, 80 were returned, or 80% of the total. Oppenheim (1966) has stated that a 40% -60% response to a mail questionnaire is typical.⁴ The respondents were encouraged to add any comments they felt were appropriate. Of the 80 respondents, 46 (58%) of them added comments. A sample is shown below:

"With my arthritis and a pregnant secretary I couldn't function very well without it."

"I have found this service extremely useful and very time saving. Faculty time is an important resource and this saves the university money."

"I'm pleased that the service has been established — it is now possible to scan books that I would not otherwise do."

"Don't stop this valuable service."

"I have been most appreciative of this service. My situation does not permit me the time to go to the library very often."

The survey elicited the following facts:

1. The FBDPS has been used by 85% of the respondents. Many were repeat users.

2. With regard to its speed, the FBDPS was rated as "adequate for my needs" by 93% of the respondents.

3. The FBDPS was rated either excellent or good in its overall performance by 95% of the respondents.

4. Ninety-eight percent of the respondents favored the continuance of the FBDPS.

5. Nearly one-third of the respondents would be willing to use their departmental funds to support the FBDPS if it were necessary.

During this four-year period, June, 1974 through April, 1978, of 7265 book requests, 5994 were delivered within 24 hours, for an 83% success. Many of the remaining 1271 were delivered within a few days. During this same period, 5802 books were picked up from departmental offices and returned to the library.

To answer the question raised in the beginning of this study: Does the value of the service justify its cost? At the request of the Lee Library administrators the circulation librarian computed the average cost per book (both deliveries and pickups) for the period June, 1974 - April, 1978. The average cost per book amounted to 60c, and was based upon personnel salaries and supplies. Since the average cost per book handled is only 60c and the user satisfaction is 98%, the Lee Library administrators believe the service does

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justify the cost of operation and plan to continue the service.

The FBDPS has proved to be popular with those faculty members who have used it; 98% want to see it continued. The efficiency of the service and the goodwill engendered by it suggest the wisdom of retaining its operation. While many of the faculty still prefer to visit the library, browse, and check out books in person, there are others who use the FBDPS on a regular basis and are very appreciative of the service. When one considers the time saved for high-salaried faculty personnel by their use of the FBDPS, it is certainly cost effective.

¹Russell C. Robertson, "Faculty Book Delivery and Pick-Up Service (FBDPS) Committee Meeting." Minutes. Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, January 30, 1974.

²Russell C. Robertson, "Faculty Book Delivery and Pick-Up Service (FBDPS) Committee Meeting." Minutes. Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, April 9, 1974.

³Douglas P. Bush, "Memorandum to Members of the Brigham Young University Faculty." Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, May 1, 1974.

⁴A.N. Oppenheim, *Questionnaire Design and Attitude Measurement*, (New York: Basic Books, 1966).

TALINET PROJECT UNDERWAY IN MPLA REGION

Intensive exploration and development of energy resources throughout the West have converted once-sleepy towns into bustling urban areas with the associated problems of lowered environmental quality and rapid social change. Public libraries in these communities have found themselves ill-prepared to meet the demands for rapid access to specialized information to handle energy resource development and its attendant problems.

Help is now being offered to five such communities by the Telefax Library Information Network (TALINET) Project, funded by the Secretary's Office of HEW and conducted by the Graduate School of Librarianship at the University of Denver. The five participating libraries are Durango Public Library (Colorado), Dodge City Public Library (Kansas), Parnly Billings Library (Billings, Montana), Rapid City Public Library (South Dakota), and Natrona County Public Library (Casper, Wyoming). These libraries were selected because their communities are representative of the West and each has identifiable environmental and energy information needs.

TALINET Co-Directors are Dr. William E. Rapp, a private consultant specializing in telecommunications and educational program development, and Clinton Desonia, formerly a public library director in Montana. Five professional librarians — James Boyce, Pete Daniels, *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

Eric Halverson, Cynthia Kraybill, and Joyce Sethre — comprise the staff. Each is assigned as Community Information Specialist to assist one of the five public libraries during the project.

Fourteen libraries composing the Federal Library Network Prototype Project (FLNPP) will provide a broad base of specialized and technical information to be accessed. FLNPP Chairman and staff of the NOAA Library in Boulder, Colorado, are providing the Information Specialists with special training to access these resources. Each TALINET Library is currently applying community analysis techniques in its community to identify potential consumers of the available information. Specially designed marketing tools will be employed to involve these potential consumers in the project.

The experimental phase of the TALINET Project will employ three types of telecommunications equipment to bring resources and consumers together. Slow-scan television permits remote previewing of documents held by any of the nineteen TALINET and FLNPP libraries, while two types of telefax provide rapid document delivery. Qwuiq transmits an 8½ x 11" page in 4 or 6 minutes; Rapifax transmits in 35 to 90 seconds. All equipment employs standard voice grade telephone lines.

If successful, it is anticipated that the TALINET Project can provide a blueprint for future national information networking. (SOURCE: News release.)

BAKER & TAYLOR STILL CELEBRATING

Following up on its gala party at the Chicago Art Institute at ALA, at which 10,000 glasses of wine were consumed and 400 glasses were broken, Baker & Taylor has announced several more enduring memorials to their 150-year success — three continuing awards programs. The Allie Beth Martin award to the administered through the Public Library Association will honor a public librarian who demonstrates outstanding efforts in service to the public. The ACRL award will be presented for the first time at the ACRL conference in November in Boston to a librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the academic library field or to the training of young professionals. The President's Award, previously awarded for 1978 to Dr. Jean Lowrie, director of the School of Librarianship at Western Michigan University, will be awarded annually through the American Association of School Librarians to a librarian who has contributed to the development of professionalism in the school media specialty. Each of these awards carries a \$2,000 stipend. (SOURCE: News releases, Baker & Taylor.)

IT WAS SOME PARTY!

For those who attended the Baker & Taylor gala at ALA in June here are some intriguing statistics. 6,100 passed through the gates. It cost \$3,000 to rent the Art Institute for the evening. 3,500 roses were purchased at 50c each. 10,000 glasses of wine were consumed. 400 glasses were broken at 17c each. And it took the cleanup crew until 4 a.m. to clean it all up. (SOURCE: *The Loaner*, Vol. 5, No. 1, August 1, 1978.)

YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THEM ALL YET

Mary Jane Bailey of the Bloomfield Public Library reports "New Excuse No. 1,001." A man with an overdue notice was surprised that the book had not been returned: "I was hitch-hiking and had the book with me. I don't even remember where it was or even what the driver looked like. Didn't he return the book for me?" (SOURCE: *Nexus*, Vol. 5, No. 6, August 1978, p. 2.)

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VIDEOTAPES ON PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

Planning a library workshop? You may want to use one of the ACCESS videotapes for your program. These ¾" color U-matic cassettes produced by the University of Denver in 1975 cover sixteen topics in public library service. The Western Council of State Libraries owns a set of the ACCESS video-cassettes and makes them available to libraries of its 17 member states via interlibrary loan. Libraries outside the Western Council states may also borrow but are charged a \$10 fee per tape. The Colorado State Library handles distribution and lending of the ACCESS video-cassettes for the Western Council. For further information contact: ACCESS Tapes Supervisor, Colorado State Library, 1362 Lincoln, Denver, CO 80203. Telephone: 303-839-3695. (SOURCE: News release, Colorado State Library.)

PLACEMENT SERVICE

The American Association of Community and Junior Colleges maintains a Career Staffing Center for its member institutions and those individuals who would like to be considered for staff positions at more than 900 member colleges. Write for details to AACJC Career Staffing Center, P.O. Box 298-C, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. (SOURCE: Memo from the AACJC Career Staffing Center, September 14, 1978.)

ORDERS BOOKS BAKED

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 16-(Special)- The secretary of the City Board of Health, Dr. William Gilbert, today ordered the city library to bake all books before allowing them to be taken out. He says disease is often contracted through books. (SOURCE: **Main Entry**, Vol. VII, No. 1, September 1978, p. 4.)

MPLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AWARDED

The Professional Development Grants Committee (formerly the Scholarship Committee) is pleased to announce this year's winners of the \$500.00 Continuing Education Grants.

Joseph Edelen received \$500.00 for a course on "Automation and the Library," Virginia Boucher \$500.00 for an institute on "Library Management Skills," Charlene Hurt \$500.00 for course work in "Public Administration," and Bobbee Hepworth \$225.00 for a workshop on "Community Analysis Research."

These Grants are for work which will be completed in 1978. Four new Grants of up to \$500.00 each will be awarded for work to be done in 1979. For information on applying for these Grants, watch for releases in the **MPLA Newsletter** or contact Joseph Edelen, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.

Grants are awarded on the basis of the proposed project's value to the participating librarian and to the library community as a whole. Recipients must be members of Mountain Plains Library Association and must make a report to MPLA at the conclusion of the project.

KRUG RECEIVES 1978 DOWNS AWARD

The faculty of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science have chosen Judith F. Krug as the recipient of the 1978 Robert B. Downs award for outstanding contribution to the cause of intellectual freedom in libraries.

Krug has been director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom since 1967 and Executive Director of the Freedom to Read Foundation since 1969. She has succeeded in getting national visibility and stature for the intellectual freedom program and concerns of the ALA specifically and of the library profession generally. She has given dynamic leadership to the cause of intellectual freedom in libraries by her numerous talks and articles, by her efforts in membership promotion and fund raising, and by her continuing emphasis on the right of the individual to choose what to read or see or hear.

The Robert B. Downs Award consists of a citation and of a check for \$500. Robert B. Downs is Dean (Emeritus) of Library Administration of the University of Illinois, where he served from 1943 to 1971. One of his major professional interests has been the cause of intellectual freedom in libraries, and this award was set up in his honor by the faculty of the University of Illinois library school. (SOURCE: News release, University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science.)

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TENNESSEE'S OBSCENITY LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The suit brought in Tennessee against the Parrish obscenity law by six publishing industry and library groups, including the Tennessee Library Association, was successful in Chancery Court (a county level court in Tennessee). On July 7 Judge Robert S. Brandt ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in **American Books Sellers Association, Inc. et al, vs. Brooks McLemore, et al** and declared most parts of the Tennessee Obscenity Act of 1978 unconstitutional.

Five parts of the definition of obscenity are determined to be unconstitutional. The impact of that part of the decision alone is to render most of the act unconstitutional. The unconstitutional definitions affect the parts of the act prohibiting dissemination of sexually-explicit materials to minors, so that part of the act also became unconstitutional.

The lack of definition of nontaxable entities and problems of its meaning lead to a finding that the equal protection of the law clause of the Fourteenth Amendment is violated. The punishment procedures are declared to violate the Fifth Amendment protections against self-incrimination. The contraband provisions also are found unconstitutional under the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

The Court also ruled that some of the procedural requirements that required speed and priority over other legal actions are impossible to achieve.

When the court completed its decision very little of the 1978 Tennessee Obscenity Act was left in force. The judge did not reactivate the legislation that was repealed in the process of enacting this law.

Larry Parrish immediately announced that the decision would be appealed to the Tennessee Supreme Court and expressed confidence in ultimate vindication. (SOURCE: **Book Marks**, Vol. 29, No. 4, July-August 1978, p. 5.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESTRUCTURES BCR

The significant efforts of the Board of Trustees to reshape the structure of BCR governance to meet the challenges of its new service programs resulted in a major revision to the corporate Bylaws. The new Bylaws changed membership from a large uncoordinated group of individual librarians in several states to the states becoming the actual voting members of BCR. The governance became a representative structure in that each member state has a state agency trustee, usually the chief officer of the state library agency, who represents all libraries, regardless

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of size or type in that state. An at-large trustee position was created for each of the other four types of libraries participating in BCR: academic, public, school, and special. Each of these trustees represents all libraries of its type across the region. Thus, the governance of BCR touches on all libraries in the region.

The new structure has emphasized the need for statewide coordination of library programs. The BCR Board of Trustees has become the focal point for a multi-state approach to networking and resource-sharing. Projects and programs are shared across state boundaries. Long-range planning involves libraries of more than one state.

Another significant activity of the Board of Trustees was the creation and appointment of an Advisory Council to assist the Board of Trustees in planning and evaluating the needs of the region's libraries and BCR's role in fulfilling those needs. The Advisory Council has re-established the grass roots input so necessary to BCR's future that was partially lost by the restructuring to a state rather than an individual library basis. The function of the Advisory Council began with an assessment of the Regional Union Catalog as part of a look to the future for interlibrary loan processing for the region. (SOURCE: BCR Annual Report, 1977.)

ALA POLICY ON CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY RECORDS EXTENDED TO INCLUDE AV EQUIPMENT LOANS

At the Annual Conference of the American Library Association, the Intellectual Freedom Committee authorized action to remind librarians that the ALA policy on confidentiality of records applies to all library records on patrons, including records of audio-visual equipment on loan.

Consideration of the policy was triggered by a question involving a newspaper investigation of fiscal responsibility which included requests for records of audio-visual equipment loans from a library in Washington.

The ALA Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records includes a strong recommendation that responsible officers of each library:

(1) adopt a formal policy recognizing that circulation and other records identifying names of library users are confidential;

(2) advise all personnel that such records will be made available to a government agency only when proper due process of the law is followed;

(3) release records only when good cause is shown.

Anyone wishing a copy of the policy may request one from the Library Commission. (SOURCE: **NLC Overtones**, Vol. 5, No. 13, August 21, 1978, p. 4.)

FOUNDATIONS OFFER ALTERNATIVE SOURCE FOR FUNDING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Libraries interested in locating extra funding should consider foundations as an alternative source. A number of foundations throughout the United States provide gifts and grants in small and large amounts to libraries for assistance in establishing new programs, projects, and services that could not be accomplished through local funding.

The Foundation Center, an independent non-profit organization established by foundations to provide information for the grant-seeking public, provides a source for information about 25,000 U.S. foundations. The Foundation Center provides published materials as well as staff to assist in locating foundation funding sources.

Two national libraries and a number of regional cooperating collections provide information services on foundations. The national libraries are located at 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019; and 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Foundation Center libraries contain the Center's standard reference works, recent books and reports on foundations, foundation annual reports on microfiche and returns filed by foundations with the Internal Revenue Service: (SOURCE: **NLC Overtones**, Vol. 5, No. 12, July 31, 1978.)

FOR INVETERATE CONTEST ENTERERS

We are continually impressed, amazed and amused at the bumper stickers we see. Some professions and causes do very well, as for instance "Teachers are in a class by themselves". Librarians have their share, such as

Some Librarians are Novel Lovers
Take a Book to Bed Instead
Save Gas-Stay Home and Read A Book
I'm a Happy Booker

We think librarians could come up with a better one. We tried and generated "Librarians Do It Periodically". That's not good enough so we encourage you to enter our bumper sticker contest. We'll announce the winner in a subsequent issue of **The Loaner** and share a sampling of the runners-up. The winner will receive 25 of our Book Sitters.

Send your bumper sticker entry(ies) to: Marjorie Sellers, Bumper Sticker for Libraries, Park College Library, Parkville, MO 64152. (SOURCE: **The Loaner**, Vol. 5, No. 3, October 1, 1978.)

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MOUNTAIN PLAINS
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Rodeway Inn; Denver, Colorado;
July 7, 1978; 9:30 A.M. — 1:50 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the President, H. Robert Malinowsky. Introductions followed and roll call was taken from a signed list. 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; Dean Waddel, Chairman, College and University Section; Hal Brown, Chairman, Junior Members Round Table Section; Peg Woods, Chairman, Trustees Section; Blaine Hall, Editor, *M.P.L.A. Newsletter*; Dorothy Middleton, Chairman, Scholarship Committee; Doug Hindmarsh, Scholarship Committee; Dorothy Rice, Program Chairman, Nevada Library Association; Bob Anderl, President, Nevada Library Association; and Don Riggs representing Claude Johns, President, Colorado Library Association.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President reported that the tornado that struck June 17 in Ottawa, Kansas, overturning the showboat on Lake Pomona took the lives of Sarah R. Reed, Dean of the Library School at Kansas State College, Emporia, and two visiting faculty members. Donna Jones was asked to put together a tribute for Sarah Reed for the *Newsletter*. It was the consensus of the Board that the Association do something appropriate if a memorial is established.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Vern West reported that the Awards Committee has received nominations for all but the beginning professional award. The deadline for nominations is July 15, and the committee will meet after that to make selections and to compile biographical information for the August issue of the *Newsletter* and photographs for the October issue.

**Regional White
House Conference**

Vern West presented a brief explanation of the rationale for holding Regional White House Conferences. He reported that regional conferences have no official status at this time but funds would be available from NCLIS to defray costs, and persons could be sent to the White House Conference to testify. The following alternatives were listed: 1) hold our own Regional White House Conference next summer, 2) hold a joint conference with the Western States Council, 3) contribute financially to the Western States Council's regional conference. The Western States Council will meet in September and it was the consensus of the Board to defer decision until the October MPLA Board meeting.

Scholarship

Dorothy Middleton reported that the Scholarship Committee has selected the recipient of the remaining \$750 undergraduate scholarship. The recipient is Shirley Krotz from Rushville, Nebraska, who will study at McGill University in Montreal.

Dorothy also reported that the committee members are revising the continuing education application form and that the application deadline for continuing education grants has been extended to July 15.

Several ideas and suggestions were discussed including the possibility of an open application period from January to June so that people can apply throughout that extended period of time, the need to have information about continuing education scholarships in the post-conference-*Newsletter*, and the possibility of having the Scholarship Committee appointed by the incoming President by convention time so that information can be passed on.

It was decided that a name change was in order for the Scholarship Committee to eliminate confusion and it was the consensus of the Board to change it to the Professional Development Grants Committee as suggested by Blaine Hall.

Nominating

The President reported that nominations would be firmed up soon. It was suggested that next year's deadline for nominations be reconsidered so that it coincides with the *Newsletter* deadline.

Section Nominations: Joe Edelen reported that he has received section slates from the Children's and School, Technical Services, and Trustees Sections. He will be mailing ballots by September 1 and must have the slates from the other sections by August 12.

Public Relations

Larry Webber reported that the Public Relations Committee met July 6 to discuss priority needs and to develop a membership recruitment brochure. Larry presented the committee's suggested design for a folded membership recruitment brochure with the MPLA logo on the front and loose inserts describing the purpose of MPLA, sections, professional development grants, the One-to-One Program, dues schedule, convention information, officers, and so forth.

The Board approved the concept of the design for the membership recruitment brochure with permanent information printed on the folder and changing information printed on the inserts. It was decided to work with the existing printer for the finished product. Larry was asked to contact section and committee chairmen for copy for the inserts. A rough draft and cost estimates are to be ready for the next Board meeting and the brochure ready in time for the membership renewal and membership drive in November or December.

MPLA Logo: Larry reported that the committee would prefer to have the logo contest judged by professionals from one of the academic libraries in the region.

Portable Display Unit: Donna Jones showed a Downing Table Top Display unit which can be knocked down and shipped from state to state by air freight or United Parcel Service. The display unit can be designed to the size needed with shelving, different colors of plastic and velcro, multiple display panels, and personalized headers.

Peg Woods moved that up to \$800 be allowed to purchase the portable display unit. Donna Jones seconded, motion carried. It was the consensus of the Board that the present committee of Larry Webber, Blaine Hall and Donna Jones handle the purchase of the display unit and mailer and begin planning the wording for the permanent sign.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Joe Edelen distributed the financial statement for April 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978 (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association). Joe reported that about 250 previous members of MPLA have not renewed their membership to this date but there are more new memberships this year than in the past few years.

NEWSLETTER

Blaine Hall reported that he would like full descriptions of every meeting at the upcoming conference plus photographs for the *Newsletter*. He commented that there is a crisis with every issue because material is not available at deadline time and that the printer causes some delays. Blaine also reported that he is receiving no *Newsletter* information from North Dakota.

J.M.R.T.

Hal Brown reported that J.M.R.T. has been asked to develop a Beginner's Guide to MPLA booklet. After much discussion, Jim Dertien moved that the Board authorize up to \$450 for printing of the booklet to be ready in time for the upcoming conference. Morel Fry seconded, motion carried. It was agreed that Hal be responsible for preparing the copy, the initial printing, and securing the camera ready copy from the printer so that the Executive Secretary can do a later printing to be sent out to the membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1978 CONFERENCE

Jim Dertien and Dorothy Rice distributed copies of the joint MPLA-Nevada Library Association Conference program (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association) and reviewed the program in detail. Titles and program descriptions for many of the sessions are still needed and should be sent to Blaine Hall as quickly as possible. Vern West reported further details for the Train to Tahoe and the options available.

1979 CONFERENCE

Vern West introduced Denise Hall, Executive Secretary of the Colorado Library Association, and Don Riggs, Chairman of the CLA planning committee for the 1979 conference. They reported that the joint MPLA-CLA Conference will be held at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Denver, October 28-31, 1979.

1980 CONFERENCE

Morel Fry reported that the Nebraska Library Association would like to have a joint conference with MPLA in October 1980 at the Omaha Hilton Hotel. Don Schmidt moved that MPLA accept the invitation and let Nebraska establish the date. Morel Fry seconded, motion carried.

1983 CONFERENCE

Donna Jones reported that the Kansas Library Association voted to invite MPLA to hold a joint conference with KLA in Kansas in the spring of 1983. Jim Dertien moved that we accept the invitation. Dean Waddel seconded, motion carried.

MPLA ARCHIVES

Donald Schmidt reported that both the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Utah will accept the MPLA archives.

Jim Dertien moved that we locate the MPLA archives at the University of Colorado at Boulder because of its central location in the MPLA region. Peg Woods seconded, motion carried.

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

Bob Malinowsky reported that the final copy for the *Manual of Procedure* has been sent to the Executive Secretary to be printed and sent out to Board members. The *Manual* will be in loose-leaf format with a binder. In the future, any major changes should be sent to the current President in order to keep the *Manual* updated.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 1979, Lake Tahoe, 2:00 P.M. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Shirley Flack, Secretary

SOUTH DAKOTA OBSCENITY REFERENDUM UPDATE

Activity on both sides of the obscenity referendum issue has been at a rather low level through the summer. The State Library Commission's unequivocal stand against the proposed "model obscenity law" received wide coverage in the press in June. At the same time a number of library boards went on record in opposition to the bill. Boards making public their opposition include those of the Yankton Community Library, Tyndall Public Library, Lawrence County, Rapid City Public Library, and Freeman Library.

Following the early lead of the SDLA Executive Board and the South Dakota State Library Commission, several major South Dakota organizations have passed resolutions of opposition to the passage of the obscenity referendum. Among these organizations are the State Bar of South Dakota, The South Dakota Broadcasters Association, The South Dakota Fine Arts Council, the South Dakota Teachers of English, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and the Executive Board of the South Dakota Education Association. While the library community was out in front in raising its voice against the referendum and thereby received considerable attention from the press and the referendum's proponents, it has now been joined by many other segments of the community on record against an inappropriate law.

Significantly, the state church council has not committed itself to support of the referendum, much to the disappointment of the leadership of the South Dakota Citizens for Decency.

The formation of a coalition against the obscenity referendum seemed to be slow in achieving any real organization and direction. In Pierre on August 15, a definite course of action and a name were finally settled upon. Adopting the name Citizens for Sensible Law, the coalition has decided to hire a fulltime director through the election. It will have a five-person policy board which will include Vince Anderson from the library community. Most of the organizations presently on record against the referendum are expected to provide financial and other support.

A sizeable sum of money will be raised to pay for a television and newspaper advertising campaign. Printed literature also will be produced for distribution. If South Dakota is to be a national test case for popular support of Draconian antiobscenity legislation, the proponents of the free exchange of ideas have determined through setting up the Citizens for Sensible Law coalition to make sure the public hears the reasons for voting down the "Parrish Law."

On August 10, South Dakota Attorney General and Republican candidate for Governor William Janklow broke his silence on the referendum with a hard-hitting statement of opposition. In concurring with his Democratic opponent, Roger McKellips, who announced his opposition during the primary campaign, Janklow made public an opinion already known to many in the political and library realms. Not one to pull punches, Janklow held back until he had prepared the statement that explains the referendum on the ballot and then issued a typically blunt and quotable opinion.

Janklow called the proposed law "just plain nonsense," which he will not vote for in November. He said the bill is unenforceable because it is vague and fails to tell what is obscene. He labelled the proposal unconstitutional, violating the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.

It now appears that the Citizens for Decency will fail to force statements of support from many politicians. The party leaderships are squarely against the referendum, and there is reason to believe that legislative candidates are not finding a groundswell for the "model obscenity law" they might be tempted to ride into office. It is also becoming clearer that if Citizens for Decency does mount a sizeable campaign, it will have to be with funds from outside South Dakota. (SOURCE: *Book Marks*, Vol. 29, No. 4, pp. 2-4.)

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Colorado

DENVER PUBLIC PROMOTING FREE LIBRARY CARDS

The Denver Public Library is promoting free library card registrations through its "Have a Good Year!" campaign.

The promotion, which began August 1, is targeted to reach all students returning to school in the fall. All media are being used: television public service announcements, drop-in ads for area "back to school" print advertisements, posters, and flyers.

Posters, with registration forms, will be distributed only within the City and County of Denver. However, should non-Denver residents seek a card at DPL, they will be encouraged to go to their local library.

Hopefully, the campaign will have positive ramifications for all library systems in Colorado. (SOURCE: *Nexus*, Vol. 5, No. 6, August 1978, p. 4.)

DEPOSIT LAW FOR STATE DOCUMENTS

Anna Marie Falsone recently appointed a committee to draft recommendations for a depository law for Colorado state publications. Committee members represent academic and public libraries and have professional responsibilities ranging from interlibrary loan to administration.

The committee met in May, June, and July. It has made rapid progress on the draft legislation and will present it to the Deputy State Librarian late in July.

Highlights of the recommendations are:

- Establish a State Publications Depository and Distribution Center in the Colorado State Library.

- Require all state agencies to deposit their publications in sufficient quantities.

- Authority to enter into depository agreements with any state agency, municipal library, regional library district, county library, libraries in institutions of higher education, out-of-state research libraries and other state libraries.

- Require the Center to publish and distribute an index to state publications.

Informational copies of the legislation were sent to librarians in the field in early August. The committee desires input from librarians for the final version to be available for legislative drafting and sponsorship arrangements in November and December of 1978. (SOURCE: *Colorado State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 8, August 1978, p. 4.)

A TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS

Reciprocal borrowing — whereby the holder of a card from one public library in the Central Colorado Library System may use that card to check out materials from any other public library in the System — continues to increase in popularity.

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From July 1977 through June 1978 there were 385,466 reciprocal transactions among public libraries in the System, compared with 339,520 transactions during the previous 12-month period. This is an increase of 45,946 transactions, or 14 percent.

Costs of the reciprocal borrowing program are shared by the system (state funds) and the participating libraries. In fiscal year 1979, the total cost of the program will be \$117,028, based on the transaction period described above.

The popular service is free to the library user. (SOURCE: *Nexus*, Vol. 5, No. 6, August 1978, p. 2.)

COLORADAN NOMINATED TO NCLIS

Robert W. Burns, Jr., Assistant Director for Research Services at Colorado State University, has been nominated by President Carter to fill one of five vacancies on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science pending confirmation of the U.S. Senate. Mr. Burns, an active member of ALA, ASIS, and CLA, has studied, lectured, and written extensively on library automation. He is also a trustee of the Ft. Collins Public Library. When queried about his most significant achievement Burns replied, "Two lovely children and completing climbs of the 14'ers." He added, "I look at this as an opportunity to let people know we are out here and the level of development in the West."

The other nominees are Joan H. Gross, Clara S. Jones, formerly Director of Detroit Public Library, Frances H. Fantalin, President of the Minneapolis Library Board, and Dr. Horace E. Tate, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Association of Educators.

Confirmation by the Senate is expected shortly and the new commissioners are expected to be installed at the September meeting. The five commissioners whose terms have expired are Andrew Aines, Catherine D. Scott, Martin Goland, Louis A. Lerner, and Ralph A. Renick.

(SOURCE: *Colorado State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 8, August 1978, p. 2.)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TESTING TALKING BOOK SPOTS

For several months, local radio and TV stations will be airing imaginative spots describing talking book library service. The spots were produced by the Public Advertising Council under contract with the Library of Congress. Colorado is one of a few sites nationwide where they will be tested for effectiveness.

Included in each spot will be a toll-free number to call for more information. Callers will be referred to the State Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to request application forms. The State Library will also be informed of the caller's name and address for additional follow-up. (SOURCE: *Nexus*, Vol. 5, No. 6, August 1978, p. 4.)

COLORADANS ELECTED AT ALA

At the June conference, ALA announced the results of elections for various posts in the association and divisions.

Claude J. Johns, Jr., Director of UNC Libraries, was elected to a four-year term on ALA Council. Le-Moyne W. Anderson, Director of CSU Libraries, is vice-president/president-elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Jeanne Davies, a trustee of the Arapahoe Regional Library District, is 2nd vice-president of the Association of Library Trustees. Ruth Katz, Denver Research Institute, was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Association of State Library Agencies. (SOURCE: *Colorado State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 8, August 1978, p. 2.)

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS JUNIOR HIGH WINS GRAND PRIZE!

The Steamboat Springs Junior High Library/Media Center won the Grand Prize of 100 paperbacks of their choice during the second annual "Great Paperback Contest" sponsored by Scholastic Magazines. Mary Balden, librarian, and Joyce Catton, library assistant, sealed about 50 paperback books in paperbags and stapled them to a bulletin board. Each bag had an interesting clue on the outside of the bag to the book inside. Many students were curious enough to take out many of the "bags" in order to see what the book inside was about. (SOURCE: *Channel*, Vol. 10, No. 6, p. 5.)

Kansas

EMPORIA INITIATES PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Professional schools must rely to some extent upon support from alumni and other constituencies. Emporia State University School of Library Science is even more dependent upon outside help than are its counterparts with double the faculty and triple the budget.

The School of Library Science Alumni Association Committee on Practicum and Internship has studied the School's needs and seeks to publicize its practicum and internship programs. The library practicum, offered as LS 870 for one to three hours of graduate credit, is supervised work experience in a school, public, academic, or special library approved by the School. It is an opportunity for the student to put course work into practice and acquire insight into practicing librarianship. The student works in the host library 45 hours for each credit hour received. Grading is on a pass/no credit basis.

Each practicum is tailored to the student's educational objectives insofar as they are consistent with the situation in the host library. The

student keeps a log outlining major assignments and writes a report discussing strengths and weaknesses of the practicum. The host supervisor completes a rating sheet, indicating the level of the student's performance. Results have been applauded by students and host librarians alike. By the end of this summer about 50 persons will have completed practicums in libraries from Dodge City to Kansas City and from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Internship arrangements have also been undertaken by the School for graduates for whom that first crucial job is elusive. Usually this involves a one-year terminal appointment at a salary in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range. Even though there are problems in these arrangements, the School desperately needs assistance for this type of learning opportunity.

The Alumni Committee asks interested libraries to forward the following: library name, address, phone number, contact person, and type of sponsorship: practicum (no financial obligation involved) and/or internship (for an internship indicate whether financial assistance can be provided or a salary can be negotiated). Send information to: School of Library Science, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801. (SOURCE: *KLA Newsletter*, Vol. 7, No. 2, August 1978, p. 4.)

EMPORIA SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

The newly organized Alumni Association for the Emporia Library School is open for membership. Annual dues of \$2.00 for the year beginning July 1, may be made to the "School of Library Science Alumni Association" and mailed to secretary - treasurer Cecilia Jecha May, 1900 West 31st, No. J5, Lawrence, KS 66044. Please send her your preferred mailing address, Library, and position. (SOURCE: Donna Jones, MPLA Representative)

Nebraska

UNO APPOINTS NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Robert S. Runyon, associate director of University of Utah libraries, has been appointed new director of the University Library at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, effective Nov. 1.

He will take over duties for John Farr, who has been acting library director. Farr will resume duties as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Runyon has a B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and an M.L.S. from Rutgers University. He was previously a technical services librarian at the John Hopkins University library in Baltimore, Md. and has been active in ULA and ALA, most recently serving as Utah Chapter Councilor. (SOURCE: News release, University of Nebraska, September 22, 1978.)

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COMMISSION DISCUSSES STATE AID PROGRAM

At the regular meeting of the Library Commission on July 21, Commissioners "reaffirmed" the principle that State Aids to Public Libraries are not a substitute for local funding. Despite growing pressure to reduce local tax levels, the Commission will not revise its requirement that libraries must sustain levels of local financial support in order to qualify for state aids.

In discussing the State Aids proposal which will go to the next session of the Unicameral, Commissioner Robert Harris noted that "State Aid is not a handout, but an incentive program to encourage improvement of local library service." (SOURCE: *NLC Overtones*, Vol. 5, No. 12, July 31, 1978, p. 1.)

UNIT III ADDITION TO LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED TO PUBLIC

A 10,800 square foot addition to the Bennett Martin Public Library, the headquarters library of the Lincoln public library system, was opened to the public in brief ceremonies held on June 27, 1978. Mayor Helen Boosalis, other city and county officials, members of the Library Board, trustees of the Lincoln City Library Foundation, library staff members, the architect and building contractor, and the public participated in the ceremonies. The entire facilities of the library were opened to the public for inspection following the ceremonies. Construction of the Unit III addition began April 11, 1977 and was completed in March, 1978.

The addition was funded through a grant of \$711,595 from the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976.

The Unit III addition to the Bennett Martin Public Library and the related renovation and remodeling which occurred throughout the existing building makes it possible to extend public service areas and to provide adequate space for an Auditorium and conference rooms for library and public use. Additional space is available for the housing of the Heritage Room containing Nebraska, Lincoln and rare book materials. New developments in audio and visual and fine arts facilities and services have been included, and the building project provided additional work and office areas, as well as more adequate storage and shelving space for all book, print and nonprint resources.

The Unit III addition to the Bennett Martin Public Library is the culmination of a building project started in 1960 with the gift of funds to construct Unit I of the building; the Unit II addition was completed in 1968 utilizing gift as well as local and federal monies. (SOURCE: News release, Lincoln City Libraries.)

Nevada

HISTORIC MEETING ON STATEWIDE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

The UNR Library recently hosted an unprecedented meeting in the Alan Bible Conference Room, on July 10 and 11 of virtually all of the directors of the public and academic libraries in Nevada, plus representatives from the school systems, the State Department of Education, the State Library, special libraries, and computer services of various agencies. Never has such a meeting been held in all of Nevada's recorded history, or at least not in the memory of our most ancient librarians.

The meeting was called by State Librarian Joe Anderson to discuss and develop recommendations for statewide systems and services for library service in Nevada.

The Nevada State Advisory Council on Libraries had recommended such a meeting as a follow-up to the work of the Task Force on Statewide Systems and Services. Alice Lohse, chairman of the Council, chaired this meeting also.

The state librarians are making valiant efforts to coordinate the various automation and systems efforts of the various library jurisdictions in the State. These activities have a disconcerting tendency to head off in all directions without regard to what the other guy is doing, and people become advocates of their own projects, making a sensible coordinated statewide development difficult.

One promising outcome of this meeting is an agreement that a coordinating committee be formed, composed of the library directors of each of the three Regional Resources Centers, UNR, UNLV, one from the Community Colleges, one from a school district, one from the State Department of Education, one special library, two small public libraries, and the Nevada State Library. These 12 people will be in a position to really coordinate Nevada's library systems and automation efforts, since they include those with the authority to make policy decisions, to decide on priorities, and to commit their support to agreed-upon projects and goals. All of these directors will need the advice and support of their respective staffs, to enable them to promote soundly-based, well-conceived systems developments that will not compete with each other, but which will support each other toward achievement of our common goals for better library service in Nevada. (SOURCE: *Memo to the Staff of the University of Nevada, Reno, Library*, Vol. XVI, No. 1, July 1978, p. 1.)

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT DURHAM

Joan Chambers will be in residence at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, for a year as a Council on Library Resources intern. Friday, July 14, was her last day here at UNR for a while. She will work as an administrative assistant to the Director of Libraries at Duke,

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Connie Dunlap, for ten months. After that time she will have one month to complete a report to the Council, one month vacation, and then she will return to UNR. (SOURCE: **Memo to the Staff of the University of Nevada, Reno, Library**, Vol. XVI, No. 1, July 1978, p. 3.)

NEVADA GAMBLING HISTORY PROJECT PRODUCES FIRST ORAL HISTORY

The first of five autobiographies of pioneers in Nevada's gambling history was issued in July by the Oral History Project of the University of Nevada-Reno Library.

Warren Nelson tells in "Gaming From the Old Days to Computers" of coming to Reno in 1936 and commercializing the game of Chinese Lottery — now called Keno — for the Palace Club casino. He became one of the most influential persons in Reno's gaming industry and served for five years as president of the Nevada Gaming Industry Association after the trade organization was formed.

The history has been edited little from his original, recorded comments. It is open for research in the Special Collections departments of the university libraries at Reno and Las Vegas. (SOURCE: News release, UNR, July 24, 1978.)

MEDICAL LIBRARY OPENS AT UNR

With the help of many volunteers and the staffs of Life and Health Sciences and Medical Libraries, over 10,000 volumes were moved (in three days) to the new Medical Library in the Phase III building of the School of Medical Sciences. The library officially opened for business Monday, July 10th, minus such essentials as a Xerox machine and the remaining half of the circulation desk. Now, most of the equipment has been delivered and installed, plants have been placed or hung in many spots, pictures have been hung, a core reference collection is being developed, and reserves of print and non-print materials were readied for the opening day of medical school on August 21st.

All responsibilities for Interlibrary Loan and reference service to health professionals throughout the state will now be handled by the Medical Library. The TWX was moved on July 10 but the number was left the same. Life and Health Sciences Library will continue to support our ILL function with journals and books from their collection. (SOURCE: **Memo to the staff of the University of Nevada, Reno, Library**, Vol. XVI, No. 2, p. 4.)

MORE MENUS FOR UNLV

The Special Collections Department is currently receiving the award winning menus from the National Restaurant Association's 1978 menu idea exchange. This year the NRA in *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

roduced a new category, the bronze award, which now brings the awards to three: gold, silver and bronze. During the month of July, with the assistance of Coleen Reed and Barbara Stevenson, 109 letters of request were sent to those food service institutions identified as receiving gold, silver, or bronze recognition. To date the department has received 61 menus in response. In addition, two letters indicated the department would have to buy the menu, \$30.00 in one instance. Included in the menus received is the menu from the World Trade Centre Club (Hong-Kong) which included a delicate music box placed in the padded cover, the melody — A Maiden's Prayer.

Many of the letters received have complimented our efforts to build an extensive research collection. Apparently our institution is the only one regularly corresponding with the NRA award recipients to build a quality menu collection. A number of the letters have requested additional information regarding the collection and our bibliographic control.

This year the menus are now being placed on a computer data base which allows us to generate a list of the menus with complete description. It is felt this system will greatly enhance the value and use of the menu collection. (SOURCE: **James R. Dickinson Library Newsletter**, Vol. 4, No. 7, August 1978, p. 2.)

North Dakota

FACULTY STATUS FOR LIBRARIANS

Academic librarians in North Dakota have been fighting a seemingly losing battle in their struggle to recapture faculty status for professionals. On Wednesday, May 31, K.L. Janecek met with the Council of College Presidents, and reviewed with them again the rationale for faculty status. Obviously to no avail, as the vote following a lively discussion was again negative.

The College of Humanities and Social Science at NDSU has initiated an effort on behalf of the academic librarians to have faculty status restored. A manifestation of that effort is the following resolution which was passed unanimously by that college following a presentation to them by members of the NDSU library staff:

"Whereas, the faculty of the College of Humanities and Social Science foresees a serious eroding of the quality of library services on the campus of NDSU due to the recent loss of faculty status for professional librarians with attendant staffing, morale and recruitment problems, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of NDSU be asked by this body to express its concern on this matter to the president, the Academic Vice-President, and to the Board of Higher Education; and be it further

"Resolved, That they request of these officials the reinstatement of faculty status for professional librarians in North Dakota."

Copies of Mr. Janecek's text reviewing the rationale of faculty status for academic librarians with Council of College Presidents is available from: K. L. Janecek, The Library,

NDSU, Fargo, ND 58102. (SOURCE: **The Good Stuff!**, Vol. 8, No. 2, July 1978, p. 3.)

FUNDING PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE TO REQUIRE CHANGE IN LOCAL PRIORITIES

The federal government has provided funds for the establishment and improvement of public library service since 1957. Many local governmental units have benefited from these funds administered by the State Library Commission. There has been a general slow-down in the improvement of local public library service in recent years. Less federal money has been available for this purpose, and there has been some reluctance on the part of the counties and cities to make their first commitment for establishing a public library, or for making substantial improvements, in existing public libraries.

The costs of operating a public library have grown substantially over the years as have other governmental services. Minimum wage laws, rising cost of books, increased utility costs, and the desire for more services have brought public libraries to the brink of despair. Since the income from a local tax base grows slower or not at all compared to service cost growth, libraries are finding themselves faced with reductions in services, not improvements as they would like.

To operate a public library by modest North Dakota standards on a 15 hour per week basis would cost \$10,000 annually. Only 12 of our city libraries and 12 of our county libraries have a budget exceeding this amount. Indeed, very few of our cities and counties have the capacity (even if they have the desire) to support a library. Even our largest city libraries are in difficult financial straights. Meeting national standards would require a local investment of at least \$10 per capita. Most of our larger libraries have less than half of this available.

Textbook solutions are rather obvious, but not necessarily political or economic realities. One approach is to enlarge the tax base from a city library to a city-county or multi-county tax base. Another is to have the State Legislature appropriate general funds for local public library services. Still another is to require state revenue sharing funds to include public libraries in the distribution formula. Combining school and public libraries at the city level is another possibility. Improved management practices at the library itself could be an important management tool to stretch the limited funds available. Raising local mill levies by a vote of the people is another route used by some public libraries.

Overall, however, it appears doubtful that increased funds will be forthcoming to sustain — let alone improve — local public library service, unless libraries are moved up to a higher priority in the political system of values.

The amount of federal or state funds available or to be made available will not be sufficient to make up for lack of local interest or funding. This suggested re-ordering of local priorities can only come through local initiative, not state or federal mandate. (SOURCE: Excerpted from an article in **Flickertale Newsletter**, Vol. 10, No. 7, July 20, 1978.)

IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

The Minot Air Force Base Library's scrapbook entry in the 33rd John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards Contest won a Special Award in the Service Libraries Category. Mrs. Geraldine Y. Brosman, Base Librarian, was present at the ALA Conference to receive the award.

The Scrapbook entry also received recognition at the 27th Annual Air Force Library Publicity Contest for 1977. Minot Air Force Base Library has been a consistent winner of publicity/public relations awards in the past. (SOURCE: **The Good Stuff!**, Vol. 8, No. 2, July 1978, p. 5.)

IMD TAKES POSITION ON LIBRARY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Instructional Media Department of the North Dakota Education Association is very concerned about the federally funded program at UND Entitled "Institute for the Library Training of Media Aides and Support Personnel." Recently a group of Minot librarians wrote a position paper regarding the Institute for which eighty-five signatures of support were obtained.

The position paper lists their concerns:

1. Credit hours - students in this program earn thirty-five hours, more than a UND major in library science. Most of their work is done off-campus.
2. The instructor has a Masters in Education with a major in reading; cognate minor in library science (minor earned at UND with undergraduate coursework since they have no graduate courses). Other than student teaching she has no experience in a school library.
3. Many of the courses offered infringe on the responsibilities of professional librarians.
4. The training program should be under the direction of the Library Science Department, not the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Library media specialists are sincere in their desire to maintain high standards in librarianship and library services in North Dakota. Professional ethics will not allow us to remain silent while technicians begin to staff our school libraries. Most of the technicians are not under the direct supervision of a professional library media specialist as stated in the UND proposal and recommended by the American Library Association. This is opening the door for all school libraries to be staffed by people without a four year degree or a teacher's certificate. This is already being reflected in the "Proposed Revision in the Media Standard of the Policies and Standards for Elementary Libraries" as suggested by the elementary accreditation committee. (SOURCE: **The Good Stuff!**, Vol. 8, No. 2, July 1978, p. 3.)

South Dakota

NEW BELLE FOURCHE PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENS

Challenging superstition, the Belle Fourche Public Library opened for service in its new building for the first time on March 13. The new building is a major piece of progress for Belle Fourche in that it is the first time the town has had a library in a building designed specifically to be a library.

Built for \$291,000, the new building provides 6,000 square feet, shelving for 30,000 volumes, a community meeting room, a children's room, and an audio-visual department. Concurrently with the opening, hours were extended from 32 to 46 hours per week with the first evening hours ever on Thursday nights. Several additional newspaper subscriptions have also been added.

A standing room only crowd showed Belle Fourche's enthusiasm for progress at the dedication ceremony on Sunday, April 2. New librarian Pat Collins is determined to build the library's program to keep up the momentum. Drawing on her experience as children's librarian in Pierre, she plans especially to build the children's program. (SOURCE: **Book Marks**, Vol. 29, No. 3, May-June 1978, p. 1.)

Utah

LIBRARIANS APPOINTED

Carol Oaks, Children's Services Consultant at the Utah State Library and longtime editor of **Horsefeathers**, is the new children's librarian at Orem City Library. Carol's efforts at promoting libraries and librarianship in Utah have not gone unrecognized. She has earned a national reputation for her work in children's literature, most recently being instrumental in the formation of the Children's Literature Association of Utah in which she currently serves as secretary/treasurer. She also established the Selection Center at the State Library Commission, providing a collection of basic children's materials and newly published titles for review by children's librarians. Carol also conducted workshops for school and public librarians to help them determine the quality of books being published in the children and young adult areas, she has been replaced as editor of **Horsefeathers** by Doug Hindmarsh an active member of MPLA.

Other new appointments in the state include Russell W. Dean, new library director and Mary Fairbanks assistant librarian at Snow College. They replace Ruth Olson, who died recently, and Enola Mangelson, who retired last spring. Beth Pritchard, who moved to Salt Lake City from Natchez, Mississippi, has joined the Whitmore Library, Salt Lake County Library System as young adult librarian. Russell Shirts, formerly with the State Bookmobile in Cedar City, is head of the newly organized Shipping, Receiving, and Accounting Department of the State Library Commission. (SOURCE: **Horsefeathers**, Vol. 13, No. 8, September 1978.)

HUMMIN' AND STRUMMIN' IN VERNAL

Doris Burton, Librarian at Uintah County Library in Vernal, is demonstrating with many activities that the Library can be a delightful center for fun, learning, cultural development and social interaction for both children and adults. One of these activities just grew like Topsy out of the Burtons' own special interests. As Doris put it to a friend: "I play the autoharp, banjo and a little guitar. My husband plays the mouth harp and mandolin. We started playing with a few friends once a week. Then we were asked to play at some Christmas parties, then we were asked to play everywhere and everyone wanted to play with us. So, we set two evenings a month aside at the Library and invite anyone in Vernal to join in. We now have around thirty each time and there are many who come one time or the other in the month, so we have about fifty people who play. We call it 'Hummin' and Strummin' at the Library.'" (SOURCE: **Horsefeathers**, Vol. 13, No. 7, August 1978, p. 6.)

BEST AND WORST

A survey of child patrons to determine favorite and least favorite books was conducted throughout the Salt Lake County Library System during the spring, 1978, by Children's Coordinator Marsha LeClair.

Star Wars, strangely enough, came in first, reflecting one of the major trends of the survey — the influence of mass media on juvenile reading habits. Continuing this trend, **Close Encounters of the Third Kind** came in eighth. **The Hobbit** ranked sixth, **Jaws** was seventh, **Nancy Drew** came in fifth, and the **Hardy Boys** ranked ninth.

Other top placers included comic books second, **Where the Red Fern Grows** came in third and **Charlotte's Web** came in tenth. The absence of a fourth place title is because that place went to "no title."

Another interesting aspect of the survey was the lack of specific titles in the worst book section. Children often made comments such as "I never read a bad book," "I like all the books I read" or "don't have one." Coordinator LeClair attributes this to three possible factors: (1) the children do not finish uninteresting books, (2) they do not judge the books they read, or (3) only interesting books are remembered.

Another phenomenon revealed in the survey was that several of the "best" books also rated as "worst" books. These dual-role titles include comic books, **Jaws**, **Hardy Boys**, **Nancy Drew** and **Star Wars**. (SOURCE: **Main Entry**, Vol. VII, No. 1, September 1978, p. 1.)

ROBERT WOOLEY APPOINTED TO ALA COMMITTEE

Robert Wooley of the Utah State University Merrill Library has been appointed to the ALA/GODORT Documents Advisory Com-

mittee to the Library of Congress. An initial site visit at the Library of Congress was completed by the Committee June 12th-17th and a preliminary report has been prepared. Mr. Wooley was also recently elected as coordinator of the State and Local Documents Task Force of the American Library Association. (SOURCE: *Horsefeathers*, Vol. 13, No. 7, August 1978, p. 5.)

NEW PERSPECTIVES ROUND TABLE STILL ALIVE IN ULA

The continued existence of the ULA New Perspectives Round Table was in doubt at the time of the Round Table's March 15th business meeting. However, the motion was passed at that meeting that NPRT remain intact. Concerns and goals for NPRT during 1978 were discussed, the main ones being: (1) concern for ULA's financial condition, (2) concern for making NPRT more visible, (3) sponsorship of at least one fall workshop (probably in Ogden), and (4) concern for libraries in the political and legislative climate in Utah. This year's officers are pushing to build membership. Anyone wishing to join or gain further information should contact chairperson, Doug Hindmarsh, Utah State Library Commission, 2150 South 300 West, Salt Lake City, 84115. Dues are \$2.00 per year (SOURCE: *ULA Newsletter*, No. 14, July 1978.)

Wyoming

WAYNE JOHNSON NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

Wayne H. Johnson, acting Wyoming State Librarian, has been named state librarian by the Wyoming State Library, Archives and Historical Board. The selection was made after a national search from a field of 21 applicants and three final candidates at a special Board meeting on Wednesday, September 20.

Johnson, 36, came to the Wyoming State Library in January 1973 as chief of administrative services, and was later named chief of business services for the State Library, Archives and Historical Department. He has a BS in history and political science, an MLS from the 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 and 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 is immediate past president of the Wyoming Library Association and a member of ALA and MPLA. He is chairman of the American Library Association State Library Fiscal Management group. (SOURCE: News release, Wyoming State Library, September 21, 1978.)

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GAYLEEN ADAMS ATTENDS SUMMER INSTITUTE

Gayleen Adams, Special Services Librarian at Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, has been selected to participate in a summer institute in Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education, the Institute will be offered by the Department of Library Science at Edinboro State College at Edinboro, PA. Title of the Institute is "Challenge Library Services to the Aged."

Adams is one of only 30 participants selected from across the country. She will receive a room and board stipend and a dependency allowance for the Institute which is scheduled July 17-28.

She has been with the Sheridan library for nine years. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. X, No. 6 & 7, p. 3.)

BESSLER HEADS REFERENCE DEPARTMENT AT UW

Joanne Bessler has accepted the newly-created position of head of the Reference Department at the University of Wyoming's Coe Library. She will assume her duties in late October.

Bessler comes to Wyoming from Purdue University where she was Supervisor of General Library Reference Staff and formerly head of social science reference. She completed her MLS degree at the University of Kentucky and holds a bachelor's degree in history and literature from the University of Cincinnati. (SOURCE: Kelly Patterson, MPLA Representative.)

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED AT LCCC LIBRARY

Sandra Donovan has been named director of the Laramie County Community College library replacing Helen Williams. Donovan, who has been teaching library science and communications classes at LCCC since 1973, has also worked in Albuquerque Public Library and the East Chicago (IN) Public Library. Her husband, Bob, is a former chief consultant for Wyoming State Library.

Mrs. Williams is currently employed by the Wyoming Taxpayers Association as a researcher. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. X, No. 6 & 7, p. 3.)

INVENTORY REVEALS LOW LOSSES

Book losses at the Wyoming State Library were less than one-half of one percent it was revealed after a survey conducted by Bibliographic Services. This loss is well below the national average which is 6 to 8 percent each five years, and 4 to 6 for state libraries.

According to Elizabeth Coffman, head of Bibliographic Services, the inventory took nearly two years to complete and was the first done in 16 years. "At the close of inventory we found 743 volumes missing and of these, 90 were large print books. We are well below the national average in both cases," Mrs. Coffman said.

Mrs. Coffman plans to continue to survey periodically. "We hope to do it every five years. Now that we have a clean slate so much the better," she said. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. X, No. 8, August 1978, p. 3.)

KEITER ACTING HEAD OF UW SCIENCE LIBRARY

Linda Keiter has been named acting head of the University of Wyoming Science Library, effective September 25, 1978. She replaces Pat Molholt, who left the University to accept the position of Associate Director of Libraries at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

Keiter received her MLS degree at the University of Southern California in January 1978, and was employed as librarian in the Litigation Support Department of O'Melveny & Myers, a Los Angeles legal firm, before joining the Science Library faculty in August. (SOURCE: News release, September 29, 1978.)

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Joblist

Deadline: November 20, 1978
Position: **Chairperson, Reference Department**

Library: The University of Nebraska at Omaha.
Salary: \$16,000 plus depending on qualifications, 24 days vacation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, TIAA/CREF.

Responsibilities: Coordinates reference desk service, faculty liaison, and other activities of department of 9 FTE, including 6 other professional librarians.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS, 3-5 years of experience in academic or special library reference, experience in library instruction, 1 year administrative experience. Second masters and familiarity with business, law, education, and government documents sources preferred.

Apply to: Robert S. Runyon, Director, University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, minority, female, and handicapped applicants are invited to identify themselves. Interviews at ACRL in Boston.

Deadline: November 20, 1978
Position: **Chairperson, Cataloging Department**

Library: The University of Nebraska at Omaha.
Salary: \$16,000 plus depending on qualifications, 24 days vacation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, TIAA/CREF.

Responsibilities: Supervises department of 13 persons, including 3 other professionals, in cataloging and classification, binding and government documents service.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS, experience in academic library cataloging with LC classification and automated cataloging system, administrative/managerial experience.

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Continuing Education

Date: November 27-December 15, 1978
Title: **Continuing Education Short Courses**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver.

Cost: \$99 per quarter hour
Location: Denver, Colorado

Description: (1) **Bibliotherapy.** 2 qtr. hrs. Participants will become acquainted with the processes of bibliotherapy and its many uses in public, school, and institutional libraries with emphasis on the latter. Daily 9:00-12:00 noon, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1978. Instructor: Arleen Hynes, Circulating Library, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C.

(2) **Microforms for Libraries.** 2 qtr. hrs. How to evaluate, select, and use microform equipment and maintain bibliographic control and conserve microforms. Use of microforms in conjunction with computers and data bases is emphasized. Daily 9:00-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Dec. 4-6, 1978. Instructor: Herbert C. Cohen, editorial director of the Library and Education Division of Information Handling Services, Denver.

(3) **Library Services for the Handicapped.** 2 qtr. hrs. Topics of discussion: the psychological and behavioral manifestations of various disabilities, and overview of current library services to the handicapped, technologies which assist the handicapped, and the federal and state agencies that could assist in the development of library service programs. Daily 9:00-12:00 noon, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Dec. 11-15, 1978. Instructor: Phyllis Dalton, former California State Librarian will coordinate presentations by the Center on Deafness, the Denver Mayor's Commission on the Disabled and the Helen Keller National Center for the Deaf-Blind Youth/Adults.

(4) **The Publishing World: An Overview.** An overview of American Publishing practices. Daily 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., Dec. 11-15, 1978. Instructor: Frederick Praeger, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Librarianship and president and editor of Westview Press, Ltd., Boulder, Colorado.

Contact: The Admissions Office, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208. Phone: (303) 753-2557.

Date: November 28-30, 1978; February 14-16, 1979

Title: **Closing (Freezing, Opening) the Catalog**

Sponsor: ALA/Library and Information Technology Association.

Location: New Orleans (Nov. 28-30, 1978); San Francisco (Feb. 14-16, 1979).

Cost: \$85 for LITA personal members, \$100 for ALA non-LITA members, \$110 for non-ALA members, and \$15 for fulltime library school students on space-available basis only.

Description: The institute will devote some of the three days to alternative forms of the catalog, but its main emphasis will be on the process of closing catalogs, the philosophical and practical aspects of the impact of these events on libraries and their users, and the practical methods of maintaining the continuity of viable service.

Contact: Donald P. Hammer, Library and Information Technology Association, ALA. 50 East Huron Chicago, IL 60611. Registration is limited to 300 and registration must be received in Chicago before Nov. 13 for the New Orleans institute and February 1, 1979 for San Francisco.

Date: November 11, 1978
Title: **Tenth Annual Festival of Children's Books**

Sponsor: School of Library Science, University of Iowa.

Location: University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Description: Sharing fiction with children is the theme with the principal morning speaker Betsy Byars, winner of the 1971 Newbery Medal for **Summer of the Swans**. The afternoon session will be presented by Brian Way, international authority on creative dramatics for children.

Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

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