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NEW MPLA LOGO

MPLA has a new logo! Dave Shelton of Huron, Colorado, won the \$100 award out of sixteen entries for his symbolic circle, suggesting the unity of purpose of MPLA. The design includes an inclined plane representing the mountains and a horizontal plain representing the plains. The eight lines echoing these two planes represent the eight member states, and, as Shelton pointed out, serendipitously also look like the open pages of a book.

The Logo and the Gill Extra Bold Condensed typeface used for accompanying lettering create a striking letterhead for the stationery and envelopes and a strong masthead for the **Newsletter**. The logo will add distinctiveness and identity to promotional brochures and the MPLA portable display unit recently purchased.

The winning designer worked his way through high school and college as a page at the Englewood (Colorado) Public Library. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Colorado at Denver with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. His great love has always been graphic art and typography, and he plans to attend the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena in September. Shelton currently does freelance art work and works as the Overdue Librarian at Arapahoe Regional Library, Walnut Hills, Colorado.

THE LIBRARY AND THE FUTURE

The research library of the future may consist of rows and rows of computer terminals instead of shelves and shelves of books. F. Wilfrid Lancaster, a University of Illinois authority on library information services, envisions a future in which the research library as we know it today may simply wither away. But, he hastens to

add, books will not disappear and public and school libraries will continue to exist.

Lancaster, professor of library science at UIUC, has a one-year, \$50,540 research grant from the National Science Foundation to prepare a forecast of what will happen to the research library by the year 2000.

With the help of two research associates, Laura Drasgow and Ellen Marks, Lancaster will survey research librarians, publishers, technologists and futurists to arrive at an informed consensus of predictions.

"We will study what libraries of the future will look like and what services they can provide in a society in which print on paper may very largely be replaced by electronic communication," Lancaster said. He predicts that in a very few years many kinds of printed publications — such as scientific journals, dictionaries and other reference materials — may no longer be printed, but contained in the memory of a computer.

"There'll be a terminal in every office," he said. "No longer will you go to the library to consult a reference book; it will be accessible through a terminal. There'll be no reason to print an unabridged dictionary; it's terribly expensive and takes up a lot of space on library shelves."

Lancaster expects other types of books to be around for a long time, however. "I suspect that books and magazines that are read for pleasure, inspiration or enlightenment will not disappear. It's hard to read a 450-page novel on a computer screen. Few people want to curl up on a sofa with a good computer terminal," he said. "But articles and scientific papers need not be distributed through printed books and journals if you can just punch a button and read the one you want on your screen. You won't have to wait for the U.S. mail to get your copy. You won't even have to subscribe.

"In the long run, the economic argument will prevail. It already is cheaper right now to do many things elec-

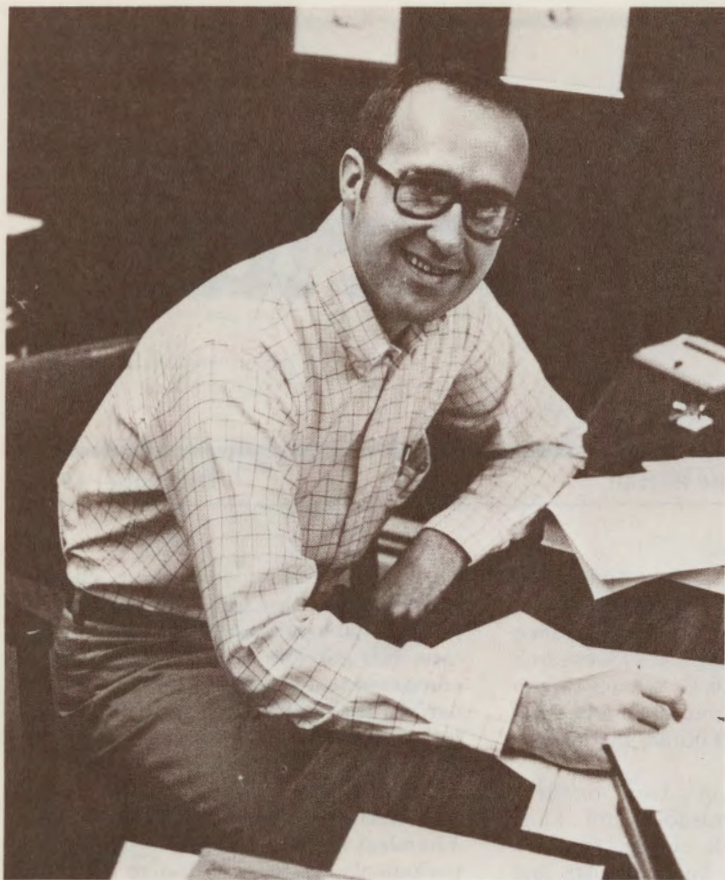
tronically and every year it gets cheaper and cheaper," he said. Some scientific journals have increased their subscription rates 800 percent in 10 years or less, as compared to a general inflation rate of 60 percent for the past 10 years. There is no future for a service whose cost is increasing greater than the general rate of inflation in the economy," he said.

Lancaster cited the example of **Chemical Abstracts**, a standard reference periodical. "A subscription to **Chemical Abstracts** now costs \$4,000 a year just for the privilege of having it sit on your shelves. Only a very few research libraries can afford to buy such a costly item — plus there's the cost of storage. If only one person per year uses it, it costs \$4,000 per use. With computers, you don't have to subscribe to the journal. You pay as you go."

The revolution in information services is already well under way, Lancaster said. "Right now we are in a transitional phase in evolution from a print-on-paper society to an electronic society. In this phase we are using the computer to print material but still distributing the paper. The need to distribute such material will disappear when everyone has a terminal in the office.

"The change will come first in the sciences because they are technologically oriented, have more money and a greater need to get information rapidly. But changes will follow in the social sciences and later in the humanities.

"Unfortunately," he said, "research libraries generally are unaware that the millennium is nearly at hand. The great majority of them choose to ignore the facts, in the hope they'll go away. The record of the past that exists now as print on paper will continue to exist; no one is going to go back and convert it all electronically. There is a place for libraries as repositories of the works of the past, but not for most works of the future." (SOURCE: News release, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 31, 1978.)



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT . . .

Finding the right words to fill a message to the membership of this association is not a difficult task. I owe so many of you words of thanks for your interest and enthusiasm in the program planning for the convention, convention participation, willingness to volunteer for committee work, and the ideas you have communicated to me.

During the years that I have worked on various membership recruiting committees I preached but rarely saw work, the principle of membership "that membership is participating — you get what you put into it." It is now, in this association, that I am beginning to see this principle actually at work. My call for volunteers to serve on committees netted nine responses — and they have all received appointments. My requests to others who have never held committee appointments also brought new persons into active participation. And those that have always done their share, when asked to continue to offer their expertise, they, too, have, accepted the work willingly.

Responsiveness to member concerns shall be the main thrust of my year as your President. Whether you serve as an officer or on a committee or just as a member I want you to feel that you are vital to the effectiveness of this organization. In our planning for conference programs, for special seminars, for our continuing education One-on-One Program, for our Professional Development Grants program, and for the newsletter we are trying to give you positive return for your membership fees and willingness to support a regional association. We can perfect and improve your active participation. So we need your ideas, your problems and your questions.

I want this regular message from me to appear in every issue of the newsletter during the coming year. However, I want to use it as a vehicle for responding to your concerns. So hit me with your complaints, suggestions, grand schemes or whatever. And I will respond.

Jim Dertien

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Wallace Stegner Literary Contribution Award

Wallace Stegner, a major contemporary writer, has been selected for the MPLA Literary Contribution Award. His growing up years in the Mountain Plains region provided the foundation on which his literary work builds. Characters and themes reflect the meaning and spirit of this regional identity which Stegner has utilized in his numerous novels, short fiction, articles and essays. Certainly his forty years of professional endeavor have contributed to an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region for his readers.



MPLA AWARD WINNERS 1978

Don Trottier Intellectual Freedom Award

Don Trottier, Director of the Weber County Library, Ogden, Utah, has been selected for the MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award because of his long-standing concern with intellectual freedom in Utah. His efforts through the Utah Library Association to educate librarians to the dangers of censorship and the professional manner in which he responded to local problems are noteworthy.



Evelyn Brewster Distinguished Service Award

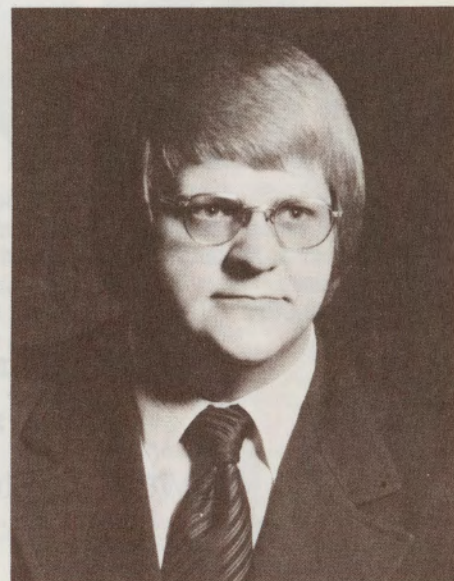
Evelyn Brewster, recipient of the MPLA Distinguished Service Award, is presently the Public Library Consultant at the Colorado State Library. She is being recognized for her widespread influence throughout the Mountain Plains region. The Mountain Plains Library Association and uncounted libraries and individual librarians, not limited to those in the states of South Dakota and Colorado where her long and distinguished career has centered, owe something of what they are today to Evie Brewster. Her wisdom, good counsel, and gracious manner are the marks of true leadership in our profession.

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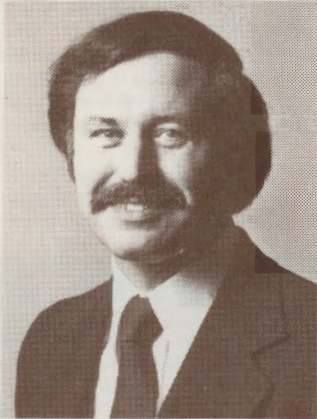
The MPLA News Media Support Award is presented to the **Eagle-Advertiser**, Murray, Utah, for the paper's consistent support of the Salt Lake County Library System. The "Green Sheet" provides positive reporting and promotion of the various libraries and their activities on a steady basis throughout the entire year.



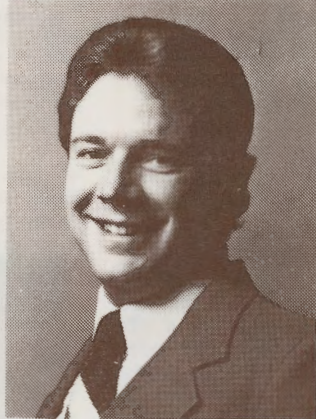
John Olsgaard Beginning Professional Award

The MPLA Beginning Professional Award goes to John Olsgaard of the University of South Dakota Library. Since receiving his MALS at the University of Iowa in 1977, he has been USD's documents librarian and archivist and has developed a computerized keyword indexing system for South Dakota state documents. His indexes have been adopted by the state library and are distributed to state document depositories. He is described as sharp, energetic, and effective.

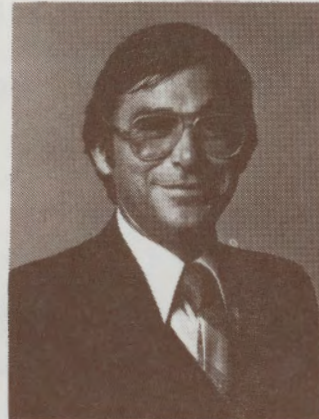
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1979 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

The MPLA Scholarship Committee awarded its final entry-level scholarship in June, 1978, and has replaced that scholarship award with professional development grants. As a reflection of its new role, the Scholarship Committee has been renamed the Professional Development Grants Committee.

This new grants program, currently entering its second year, is aimed primarily at helping individuals already working in the library profession to expand and continue their education and expertise.

MPLA will be offering up to four grants each year of up to \$500 each. Individuals may apply for grants which do not require the full \$500, but that is the maximum amount for each grant. These grants may be used for formal classwork at a university, or they may be used to attend workshops, conferences, seminars, or to pursue independent study or any other activity that will benefit librarians and the library community. Applications for the professional development grants may be obtained by writing to Joseph R. Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, University of South Dakota Library, Vermillion, SD 57069.

The following guidelines are offered to those considering applying for the grants. An applicant must be a current member of MPLA and also must have been a member for the past two consecutive years. To allow trustees, students, and unemployed members to be eligible, it is not necessary that applicants be currently employed in a library. The application should be accompanied by a narrative statement addressing what personal growth and future goals are expected to result from the planned educational experience. It should also include an estimated budget, a description of the program, a schedule of activities, and similar information. Whenever possible, include printed materials which describe the activity or program. No more than one grant per 18 months will be awarded to any single applicant. A final evaluative report, which will be printed in the **MPLA Newsletter**, will be required of all participants in the program.

Applications may be submitted between January 1 and June 31, 1979 for these \$500 grants. Applications should be returned to Joseph R. Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary. The first awards will be announced in May, 1979.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SURVEY

A survey of the seventy or so librarians attending the MPLA/NLA Children's Sec-
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tions program, "Free Access for Kids: Myth or Reality," at Lake Tahoe showed that a majority felt that children should be treated like any other patrons, but a significant minority showed some restrictive tendencies. Not all respondents answered every question, so the totals are not always the same.

Statement	Yes	No	?
1. Age restriction should be placed upon a child's library card.	12	55	
2. Children should not be given library cards until they can print their names.	23	41	5
3. A limit should be placed on the number of books checked out by young people.	19	45	3
4. Children should be charged fines for overdue books.	38	25	5
5. Elementary age children should have access to inter-library loan.	50	10	
6. Children should be allowed access to the total library collection.	57	10	
7. Young adults should have a separate section in the public library.	47	17	1
8. School libraries should be opened longer hours to accommodate children.	45	16	6
9. Some materials can legitimately be labeled and kept on restricted shelves.	35	26	5

10. Librarians have the right to inspect student chosen materials to be sure the materials are suitable.	14	53	2
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STATE LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The Association of Special and Cooperative Library Agencies, Discussion Group on Information Needs of State Government has created a notebook of public relations materials of state library agencies. Included are brochures, bibliographies, and releases explaining the services offered by state libraries to state government.

Sets are available on inter-library loan from:

States Information Center
Council of State Government
P.O. Box 11910
Lexington, Kentucky 40578
Attn: John Dinsmore

TASK FORCE PROMOTING ALA MEMBERSHIP

The ALA Membership Task Force is currently promoting ALA membership. Contact your state representative on the task force for information.

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MOUNTAIN PLAINS
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Sahara Tahoe, Stateline, Nevada
October 12, 1978 , 3:15 - 4:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the President, H. Robert Malinowsky, 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; Hailie Gunn, Nevada State Representative; Dennis Page, North Dakota State Representative and Chariman, Public Library Section; Kelly Patterson, Wyoming State Representative; Dean Waddel, Chairman, College and University Section; Vee Friesner, Chairman, J.M.R.T. Section; Joseph Anderson, Chairman, State Library Section; Elizabeth Morrissett, Chairman, Technical Services Section; Peg Woods, Chairman, Trustees Section; Blaine H. Hall, Editor, *MPLA Newsletter*; Phil McCauley, Parliamentarian; Paul Cors, Chairman, Constituion and By-Laws Committee; Dorothy Middleton, Chairman, Professional Development Grants Committee; John H. Hunter, Chairman-Elect, Technical Services Section; Henry Yaple.

**MINUTES
MPLA ARCHIVES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed.

Dan Seager, past Executive Secretary, reported that he began collecting MPLA materials in 1959 and that at least sixteen file boxes plus tapes, programs and miscellaneous items have now been turned over to the archives at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Any MPLA materials of an archival nature should now be sent to Dr. John Brennan who is in charge of the archives at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Vern West reported that no MPLA Legislative Support Award will be given this year. Other awards and recipients are:

MPLA News Media Support Award
Murray Eagle-News, Murray, Utah

MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award
Don Trottier

MPLA Literary Contribution Award
Wallace Stegner

MPLA Beginning Professional Award
John N. Olsgaard

MPLA Outstanding Service Award
Evelyn Brewster

**Professional
Development
Grants**

Dorothy Middleton submitted a written report (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association) and also reported that the Scholarship Committee has dispursed the final undergraduate scholarship of \$700 to Shirley Krotz who is attending McGill University. Dorothy also reported that Professional Development Grants were awarded this year to:

Virginia Boucher, \$500, for an institute, "Library Management Skills"

Charlene Hurt, \$500, for course work in "Public Administration"

Bobbie Hepworth, \$225, for a workshop on "Community Analysis Research."

Nominating

The President announced the following election results:

MPLA Officers:

Joe Anderson, Vice President, President-Elect
John Peters, Recording Secretary

College and University Section:

Jean Johnson, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect
Patricia Schommer, Secretary

Public Library Section:

Janice Beck, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect
Dorothy Liegl, Secretary
Heather McNeil, Recording Secretary

Trustee Section:

Carl Jacobson, Chairperson
Barbara Flatau, Secretary

Childrens & School Section:

Dorothy Middleton, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect

Junior Members Round Table Section:

Susan Kling, Vice Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect
Lisa Kinney-Lang, Secretary

Technical Services Section:

Alice Marris, Chairperson-Elect
Rebecca Bell, Secretary

State Library Section:
Rod Wagner, Chairperson
Sheila Merrill, Recording Secretary.

Public Relations

Larry Webber submitted a written report (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association) and emphasized the three major areas of concern for the Committee this past year, redesigning the MPLA brochure, the mobile display unit to promote MPLA membership and programs at state conferences, and an MPLA logo contest. The logo contest has sixteen entries and the winning entry is to be selected by the Board and the Committee during the Conference.

Regional White House Conference

Vern West reported that NCLIS is recognizing regional White House Conferences and funding will be available. It was reported that Anne Marie Falsone, Chairman of the Western States Council, discouraged an eight state regional conference. Joe Anderson reported that many on the Council have spoken of the need to investigate critical issues of commonality in the Western states. Donna Jones reported that the Kansas Library Association has gone on record encouraging regional summations for the White House Conference.

It was the consensus of the Board that the MPLA Regional White House Conference Committee be continued with a strong Chairperson appointed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Joe Edelen distributed the financial statement for July 1, 1978 - September 30, 1978 (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association). Joe reported total gross assets of \$28,130.20.

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

The President reported that full copies of pertinent sections of *Manual of Procedure* have been sent to all Board members. Bob requested that each member of the Board review the deadlines listed in the *Manual* and send suggestions for deadline changes or other *Manual* changes to him or to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Each Board member was reminded to pass on the *Manual* to his or her successor.

SARAH REED MEMORIAL

Several ideas for an appropriate memorial for Sarah Reed were discussed. It was the consensus of the Board that Vern West prepare and present a resolution in memory of Sarah Rebecca Reed at the general business meeting of the Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Patterson objected to having the MPLA name and/or bulk mailing permit used to promote a profit-making group. Discussion followed indicating that the permit had not been so used in the past; no definite action was taken.

NEXT MEETING

Jim Dertien announced that the next Board meeting has been changed to Saturday, October 14, at 5:00 p.m. immediately following the general business meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Flack, Secretary

MINUTES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Sahara Tahoe, Stateline, Nevada
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SECTION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The President called for reports from the various Sections and Committees and reminded Chairpersons that written reports are to be submitted as soon as possible to Joe Edelen and Blaine Hall.

FINANCE

Joe Edelen presented the Finance Committee's recommended budget for calendar year 1979 on behalf of Jerry Kaup, Chairman, (copy attached to the official minutes kept by the Secretary of the Association) and moved that the budget be adopted as submitted. Bob Malinowsky seconded, motion carried.

A.L.A. CHAPTER REPRESENTATION

Paul Cors raised the question of MPLA Chapter representation on the A.L.A. Council and reported that the New England Library Association was recently granted Chapter representation by a precedent setting vote of the Council. The President said he would take this under advisement, investigate and report to the Board at the next meeting.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Jim Dertien reported that a total of 405 persons attended the joint conference with 168 from the Nevada Library Association and 152 from MPLA.

1979 CONFERENCE

The President reported that he will be making appointments to the 1979 Conference Committee within the next month. Joe Anderson asked for recommendations relating to the theme for the 1979 joint conference with Colorado.

1982 CONFERENCE

Joe Edelen reported for Donald Schmidt, Utah State Representative, that Utah is interested in hosting a joint conference in the Spring of 1982. Bob Malinowsky moved that MPLA accept the invitation. Sterling Albrecht seconded, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Joe Anderson moved that Joe Edelen be reappointed as MPLA Executive Secretary. Blaine Hall seconded, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting was scheduled for December 8, 1978, Denver, with definite location to be announced. The meeting was then adjourned.

Shirley Flack, Acting Secretary

WHAT DIRECTION MPLA?

MPLA exists to bring together many interest groups within the profession — public librarians, children's librarians, bookmobile librarians, and on and on. And it is important that these people get to the meetings to exchange information. MPLA has been particularly good at this in the past. Since many of the libraries were not large, over-organized hierarchies with layers and layers of personnel ranks, many library directors brought their people with them. This year there were too many directors in attendance with no staff. (Maybe a wife or so.) This is a serious trend, even allowing for Proposition 13.

Directors cannot very often speak with authority about the details of their shop operations. They don't know why the computer broke down on March 11. They can't tell you how they file numbers. They

can't tell about the stops on the bookmobile route or the reference questions asked during the last month. They are nice and jolly, and they can talk about personnel and cost overruns, and they do need to talk to each other.

But MPLA needs to set a policy to encourage directors to bring their staffs, whatever that entails. Let the library drift for awhile. Let the staff members take turns. If they are willing to use vacation days to attend, surely that can be allowed. (I heard of one director who would not allow a staffer to take vacation time. Shocking!) It would even be good to encourage directors to share their travel money. Since the gap in salaries between entry positions and directors has widened noticeably in the past ten years, it would seem reasonable to subsidize the bottom not the top.

If the trend continues, MPLA may end

up being a director's club. Anonymous, but Concerned.

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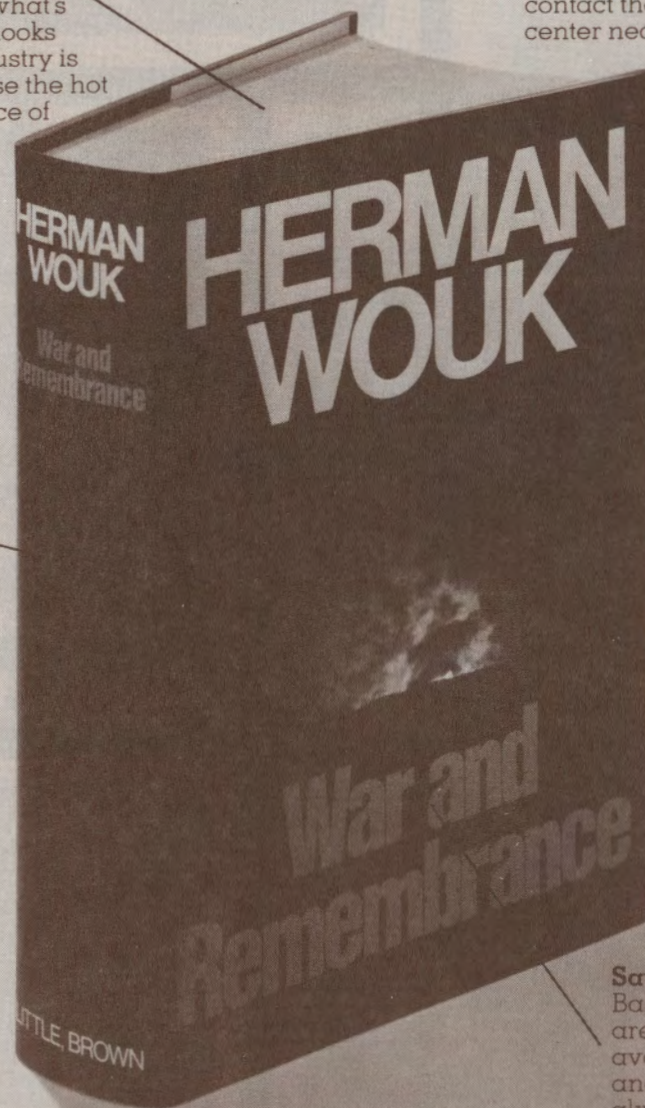
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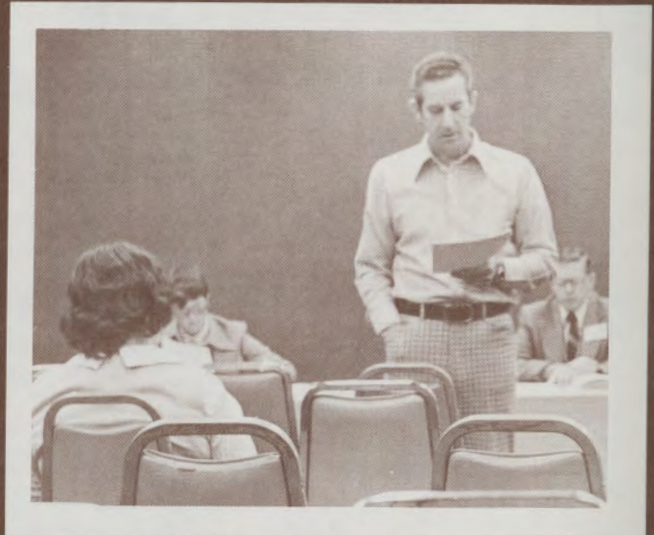
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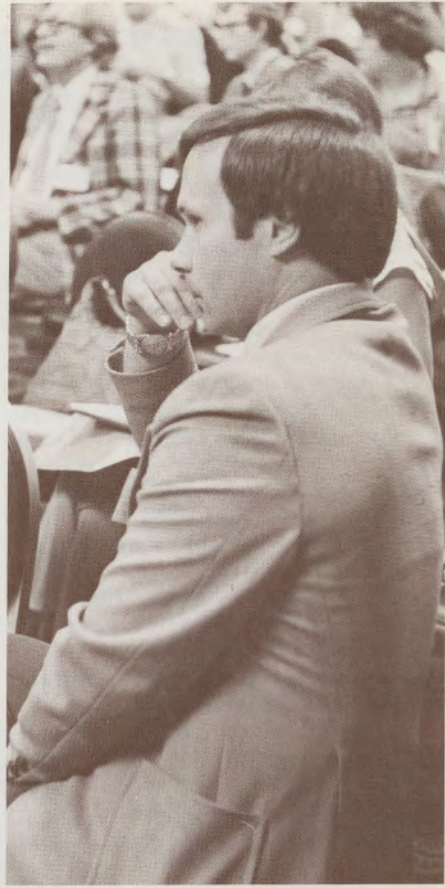
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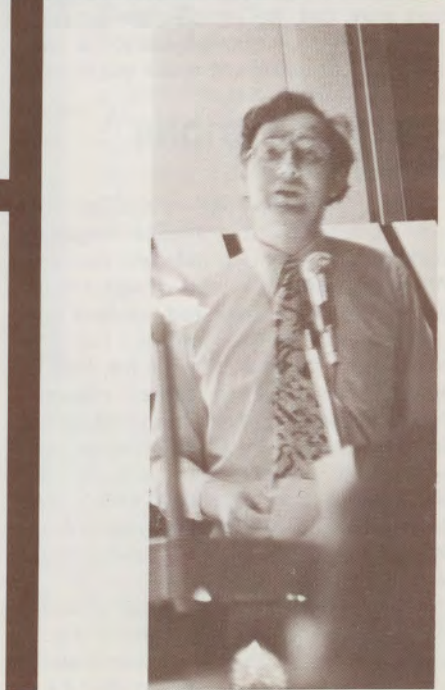


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MPLA REPORTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Dorothy Middleton, disbursed its final entry level scholarship of \$700 to Shirley Krotz to attend McGill University.

The name of the committee has been formally changed to the Professional Development Grants Committee. The aim now is to grant up to four continuing education grants to people already in the library field who want specialized or additional training. The grants may be for as much as \$500.

This year the grants were awarded to:

Joseph Edelen \$500 for a course on "Automation and the Library"

Virginia Boucher \$500 for an institute on "Library Management Skills"

Charlene Hurt \$500 for course work in "Public Administration"

Bobbee Hepworth \$225 for a workshop on "Community Analysis Research"

Next year's committee needs to work on several areas of concern: (1) a new application form must be developed immediately. Suggestions have already been given to the new chairman, Douglas Hindmarsh of the Utah State Library. (2) The grant program needs to be advertised heavily in the *Newsletter*, starting with the post-conference issue and continuing through the June issue. (3) Workable deadlines for submitting applications must be worked out. The deadline must be late enough to allow people to see what education opportunities are offered that year, but the recipients must be informed enough in advance of their proposed programs to make plans to attend.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

During 1978, the Public Relations Committee chaired by Larry Webber began the work on a promotional brochure for MPLA; sponsored a logo design contest that elicited 16 entries and resulted in an imaginative new symbol for the association; purchased with the help of Donna Jones, MPLA Kansas representative, a mailable portable display unit for promoting MPLA at state and association library conferences; and developed a mailing list of MPLA state publications so MPLA information could be communicated to all potential members and others.

The committee recommends that the Executive Board develop and define a specific charge to the committee to clarify its purposes and responsibilities.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The budget categories and figures listed below are the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year 1979 of the Mountain Plains Library Association. Figures from past budget expenditures and recommendations from MPLA officers were considered when drawing up the recommendations.

	1978 Budget	1979 Budget
Income		
Membership	11,500	\$12,000
Dues		
Conference	2,500	5,000
Ads, Pd.	7,000	7,000
Newsletter Subscr., etc.		
Scholarship.	200	250
Interest	750	1,200
Misc. income	400	300
Total Income . . .	\$22,350	\$25,750
Expenditures		
Conference	1,000	1,500
Newsletter	9,250	10,000
Scholarship.	750	2,000
ALA Chapter.	50	50
dues		
Executive.	2,300	2,300
Board travel		
Sections.	1,200	1,200
(convention)		
Section	350	400
(operating)		
Operating Expenses:		
Postage.	500	600
Printing	1,100	1,200
Phone	300	350
Secretarial	400	500
Committees	250	300
(general)		
Continuing.	3,500	3,600
Education Committee		
Public	1,000	1,200
Relations		
Miscellaneous	400	550
Total	\$22,350	\$25,750
Expenditures		

In future years, the committee recommends that committee chairpersons submit their budget recommendations to the finance committee with sufficient lead time to permit review and consolidation by the committee.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION

Under the direction of Chairman Dennis Page, the Public Library Section heard Tom Jones of the Veterans Memorial Library, Bismark, North Dakota, discuss "Getting Votes for Funding Increases." He stressed the importance of planning for raising funds and discussed the implementation of the plan and carrying out

the fund raising campaign, using the example of Veterans Memorial Library.

New officers for the coming year are Donna Jones, chairperson; Janice Beck, vice-chairperson/chairperson elect; and Dorothy Liegl, secretary.

JMRT

President Vee Friesner conducted the business meeting at which they discussed the \$100 award offered by Quality Books to a JMRT chapter that needs revitalization. Some possible projects for qualifying for the grant were considered: booth sitting for conference exhibitors during breaks, purchasing permanent equipment for the MPLA/JMRT Job Board, creating a roommate network for matching up conference participants without roommates with other participants, and creating a network to coordinate transportation and rides to MPLA conferences. They also discussed ways of increasing membership and encouraging librarians under 35, in the state for less than five years, or in the profession less than five years to join JMRT to meet people and to get oriented into the profession.

At the MPLA/JMRT breakfast meeting, Marilyn Hinshaw, Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia, Mo., spoke on "The Care and Feeding of the Library Patron: The Human Zoo." Marilyn first discussed some of the extra services a library can provide the community through interaction with local organizations. At a Texas library where she was employed, one-third to one-half of the events scheduled by community clubs were held in the library.

Marilyn discussed various ways of dealing effectively with problem patrons and provided tips on avoiding possible problem situations. She emphasized that two staff members should be sent to handle all problem situations to enforce discipline problems, and to patrol library areas at closing time.

Security devices that businesses commonly use, such as dish mirrors, can be put to effective use in libraries. Burglar alarms and police patrols are two other ways to protect against after-hours damage.

An important part of handling problems is the staff's knowledge of what to do in difficult situations. Staff members should learn proper procedures for problem or emergency situations. Regular training sessions, including first-aid techniques, will teach new staff members and reinforce the learning of others.

STATE LIBRARY SECTION

The business meeting of the State Library Section discussed the desirability of having a regional or MPLA position or viewpoint at the White House Conference. It was decided that an *ad hoc* *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

committee from the section be appointed to collect final reports from the several MPLA states governors' conferences and to analyze those reports and submit finds of similar issues and stances to the MPLA Executive Board and to the Western Council of State Libraries, Inc.

Joseph J. Anderson, chairman of the section, announced that Rod Wagner, Nebraska State Library Commission, has been elected as incoming chairman of the section and that Sheila Merrill was elected recording secretary. But Sheila Merrill had requested that her name be removed from the slate, so Rod Wagner will take appropriate action.

At the breakfast meeting, Art Palmer, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau of Nevada, discussed the reference and research needs of legislators and their staffs and gave many insights into the role and service patterns of state libraries in serving legislative branches of state government. Problems libraries face in providing this service include the varying information and research needs among the different states, fragmented continuity, biennial sessions, minority and majority staffs for two legislative houses in many states, and having to work through intermediaries rather than with the legislators themselves.

State libraries need to know and understand the objectives of the operations of their legislative counsel bureaus and their fragmented elements. Confidentiality and the ability to work within partisan politics are essential. To ac-

complish the most effective reference services under these conditions, the work load of the library staff must be tailored to fit the political necessities.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SECTION

The College and University Library Section chaired by Dean Waddel approved the by-laws developed by a committee chaired by Jack Nixon, Brigham Young University, and voted to change the name of the section to the Academic Library Section, providing this does not conflict with MPLA by-laws.

The recommendation of President Bob Malinowsky that the section appoint a delegate to the Council of State and Regional Groups of ALA was sent back to the Executive Board for further study, since this ALA Council involves more than just academic libraries.

Dean Waddel turned the gavel over to the incoming chairman, Sterling J. Albrecht, Brigham Young University. Jean Johnson was elected vice-chairperson, chairperson-elect, and Patricia Schomer was elected secretary-treasurer.

The section also approved a motion by Dr. Clyde Walton that "Sterling Albrecht be directed to make the BCR board aware of the strong sense of urgency felt by the membership of the Academic Section of MPLA and that the BCR board should be reconstituted to include more academic librarians."

Other business included the suggestion that a committee be appointed to compile a list of unique library resources of each MPLA state, and suggestions for next year's conference program - closing the card catalog in a combined meeting with the Technical Services Section and conservation of library materials. Other suggestions are welcomed from section members.

JMRT OFFERING ALA CONFERENCE GRANT

The Junior Members Round Table is again offering the Shirley Olofson Memorial Award Novias for persons interested in attending their second annual ALA conference. The award, established in 1972 by JMRT Executive Board, honors Ms. Olofson who died in November 1971. She would have been the 1971-72 President of JMRT.

The award covers the cost of pre-registration. Persons interested in applying for the award must be a member of ALA and a member or potential member of JMRT. Applications must be post-marked by February 15, 1979. Forms are available by writing to Ann Vidor, Atlanta Public Library, 10 Pryor St., S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. (SOURCE: News release from Junior Members Round Table.)

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Colorado

BCR APPOINTMENTS

The BCR has appointed James J. Tilton as Program Manager of the METRO Reference Retrieval Network and Jo An Smyth Segal as Resource Sharing Program Manager. Mr. Tilton and Dr. Segal joined BCR on October 2, 1978.

Mr. Tilton is an MLS graduate of the School of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland. Mr. Tilton comes to the BCR from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development where he was head of reference services.

The BCR Resource Sharing Program under the direction of Dr. Jo An Segal will conduct a needs assessment survey, seek funding for microfilming or determining an alternative disposition for the regional union catalog and explore brokerage services. Dr. Segal holds an M.S. degree in library science from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in communications from the University of Colorado. She was at the WICHE library from 1970-76. (SOURCE: *Colorado State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 9/10, September/October, 1978, p. 4.)

LOCATOR FILE UNDERWAY

The Colorado Library Network Advisory Committee met on September 15, 1978, and took action regarding the Colorado Title Locator File Project and several other programs.

In July, the committee recommended a delay in implementation of the Title Locator File Project, under contract to the Denver Public Library, until it could be determined if the participation of several public and academic libraries could be assured. Since that time, two basic issues have been resolved, and the Colorado State Library has assured the committee of the participation of libraries in question.

Academic Librarians through the Formula Financing Subcommittee of the Association of Public College and University Presidents (APCUP), advocated that the Colorado Title Locator File contain the full Library of Congress MARC data. It was clearly established after extensive discussions that the Title Locator File Project did include such a data base.

The second issue was the uncertainty of continued funding for this multi-year project. The Network Advisory Committee unanimously recommended to CCLD that it regard the Title Locator File Project as the highest priority networking program and that it take steps to assure continued LSCA funding until state funding could be made available. Ms. Anne Marie Falzone, Assistant Commissioner and Deputy State Librarian, went on record as supporting the Title Locator File Project and suggested ways that, within the limits of fiscal-funding patterns of government agencies, the project might find continued funding.

Mr. Henry Shearouse, director of the Title Locator File Project, pointed out that several technical decisions regarding the development of the project remain unresolved and will be brought before the Networking Committee for its consideration and advice.

The Network Advisory Committee passed several motions regarding the study of

automated inventory-control systems, support for Academic Resource Center and Colorado Resource Center funding, support for the development of a Colorado Union List of Serials, and an offer to assist the CCLD in reviewing LSCA proposals in the networking area. (SOURCE: *Colorado State Library Newsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 11, November, 1978, p. 2.)

Nebraska

NEBRASKA LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Charles Stelling, formerly Director of the U.S. Conn Library at Wayne State College, has contracted with the Nebraska Library Commission to undertake a Nebraska Library Development Study. The study is being conducted as requested by the Nebraska Library Commission and with the recommendation of the State Advisory Council on Libraries. Stelling will prepare the study in conjunction with his work as Conference Coordinator for the 1979 Nebraska Pre-White House Conference on Library Services. Stelling will be assisted by a Committee appointed by Ray Means Chairman of the State Advisory Council on Libraries. Stelling will address the recommendation of the Council that a study be made to "produce recommendations for providing quality library service to all Nebraskans and include recommendations on Public Library Standards." The study committee includes: Loree Bykerk, Marge Curtiss, Oline Marvel, Ray Means, and Fern Heim.

The "Library Development Study" will attempt to focus on library service issues in Nebraska and identify strategies for library development activities. During the course of the study, Stelling intends to draw upon previous studies completed concerning Nebraska library development as well as studies undertaken in neighboring states. The 1976 Governor's Conference on Library Services will also be a departure point in the study. The study is expected to be completed in time for use at the Pre-White House Conference on Library Services in March, 1979. (SOURCE: *Nebraska Library Association Quarterly*, Vol. 9, No. 3, Fall 1978, p. 34.)

NLA/NEMA JOINT CONFERENCE HELD

The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association members met at North Platte October 25 -27 for "Doing It Together." The librarians and media specialists focused on such topics as "Setting Up a Media Production Center," "Budgeting in Hard Times," "Library Skills in Smaller Systems," "Tips to Title IV," "Creative Ways of Presenting Literature," "Volunteers and Paraprofessionals in the Library," along with business meetings, section meetings, food, fun, entertainment, and 8 mm film festival, and a sound/slide and videotape showcase.

The Trustee Citation award was presented to the Norfolk Library Board, which lead the city in passing a bond issue for a new library entirely with local funding; a Meritorious Service Award went to Charles E. Dalrymple, recently retired

director of the Lincoln Public Library System from 1949 to 1978; and The Mari Sandoz Award for significant contributions to the Nebraska book world went to Everett Dick, who has written eleven books about Nebraska.

Newly elected officers of NLA are President Elect, Shirley Flack, director of the Scottsbluff Public Library and former MPLA Recording Secretary; Secretary, Nancy Dodd, reference librarian, Dana College, Blair; MPLA Representative, Morel Fry, Planning, Evaluation and Research Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln. (SOURCE: Morel Fry, MPLA Nebraska Representative.)

COMMISSION APPROVES BUDGET

At its regular meeting on September 15, the Library Commission approved a budget proposal of \$2,295,683 for the state's fiscal year 1980. The budget amount includes an anticipated amount of \$631,349 from LSCA and LEAA funds, \$308,698 in cash funds, and \$1,355,636 in State General Funds.

In presenting the proposal to the Commission, Rod Wagner described it as "a conservative budget." Governor Exon, in his budget message to all state agencies had emphasized "the need for great restraint" in preparing budget requests for this year, and further noted that "no state agency should make the mistake of considering its current level of funding guaranteed in the future nor neglect its responsibility to seek more efficient means to deliver better and more effective services to Nebraska citizens."

The budget request included a proposal for a 25 percent increase in the state aid appropriation to provide incentive grants and staffing to improve reference service and programs for older citizens. Funds to continue the development of the Union Catalog/COM project are also being requested. (SOURCE: *NLC Overtones*, Vol. 5, No. 15, p. 1.)

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS PUBLISHED

"Making the MOST of Volunteers and Friends in Libraries," guidelines for working with volunteers was recently published by the Library Commission and distributed to public and institutional libraries. Frances Warnsholz, NLC Consultant for Volunteer and Outreach Programs, prepared the publication which includes sections on fund-raising, library promotion and political activities, recruitment, training, supervision and recognition of volunteers, and a six-page annotated bibliography of additional materials related to volunteer work. (SOURCE: *NLC Overtones*, Vol. 5, No. 15, p. 2.)

COM CATALOG PROJECT NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations are continuing with Baker and Taylor Company for the production of the Nebraska COM Union Catalog. Commission staff members met with representatives of Baker and Taylor on September 13 to arrange conclusion of the Community College COM Catalog project and to finalize arrangements

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for an expanded COM record.

The COM Union Catalog will be an author, title, and subject file of most recent Union Catalog entries. The Baker and Taylor representatives have assured the Commission that the first edition of the COM Union Catalog can be produced by December 1. (SOURCE: **NLC Overtones**, Vol. 5, No. 15, p. 4.)



NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Ms. Carol J. Connor was appointed Director of Libraries of the Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, Nebraska, by the Lincoln Library Board on July 28, 1978. She has been with the Lincoln Library system since 1972 when she was hired as a special assistant in the Technical Processes Division; in 1973 she advanced to Coordinator of that division and was named Assistant Director in March, 1976.

Ms. Connor received a Masters of Arts degree in Latin American History from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1970 and a Master of Science in Library Science from Drexel University, Philadelphia, Penn., in 1972. She also holds a degree in history from Molloy College in New York.

In addition to the Bennett Martin Public library (the headquarters unit for the library system in Lincoln-Lancaster County), there are four major branches and four extension units plus a bookmobile in operation in the system. The library staff totals 105 employees (SOURCE: News release, Lincoln City Libraries.)

Nevada

STATE LIBRARY BUDGET STRESSES NEW STAFF

No new programs are proposed or requested in the 1980-1981 biennial budget. Emphasis is on new staff to select and assist in maintaining the resources of the State Library and improve the quality of the services. Current and projected workloads show a change in character. Reference and research requests are requiring broader scope and much greater depth to meet the needs of state agencies and functions. One-time requests are made to enable State Library to establish its link to the statewide automated access system and to utilize the central data processing capability of the State. Approval of these requests is essential to our mandate to coordinate statewide development as *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

well as to maintain the development of this agency.

In order to meet the goals, objectives and standards recommended by the Nevada State Advisory Council on Libraries under the current State Plan, significant increase in state funds for statewide library development are requested consistent with state policy (NRS 380A.011) to continue strengthening and maintaining cooperative programs which are **supra-local** in nature and provide services from resource centers to rural areas (e.g. books by mail, mobile services, collection development, interlibrary loan). Local libraries will also be assisted to meet standards of resources and services, extending services to reach geographically and culturally isolated persons and the underserved. (SOURCE: **Dateline**, July-September, 1978, p. 4.)

NLA WORKSHOP

On September 22nd and 23rd at the Getchell Library, the Nevada Library Association/Northwest District held a workshop entitled, "Implementing Meaningful Change." The workshop was led by Gordon Zimmerman, Chairman of the UNR Department of Speech and Theater.

The first day of the workshop covered an introduction to the communication process and the organizational process. The group then discussed reasons for making changes or accepting the status quo. If change was the objective, we next learned how creative decisions for change come about. On the second day the group focused on change both in the individual and the organization. The workshop closed with groups working on actual action plans for change in their organization. (SOURCE: MEMO, Vol. XVI, No. 4, October, 1978, p. 6.)

WAML MEETING AT UNR

About 50 map librarians and others interested in maps attended the fall meeting of the Western Association of Map Libraries at College Inn in Reno. Attendees were from Nevada and adjacent states as well as Alberta, British Columbia, Colorado and Washington. Papers were presented on KWOC indexing, early Nevada cartography, the atlas of Michigan, Nevada landscape patterns, activities of the National Cartographic Center, computergraphics, Nevada environmental mapping, land use suitability mapping, remote sensing, Nevada fire insurance mapping, the research value of superseded topographic maps, and Mines Library before and after the move. (SOURCE: MEMO, Vol. XVI, No. 5, November, 1978, p. 6.)

North Dakota

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE PASSES RESOLUTIONS

The September 30, 1978 North Dakota Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services passed some twenty resolutions that could have far reaching effects on library ser-

vice in North Dakota if implemented. The resolutions included:

1. Each library organize a Friends Group.
2. Use state funds for State Library and federal funds for improving public library services.
3. Develop continuing education programs for public library professionals, volunteers and trustees in measuring, delivering, and meeting and promoting public library services, the state institutions of higher learning, the Department of Public Instruction, and the state library taking the initiative to provide these educational opportunities throughout the state.
4. Establish and staff libraries at or above minimum standards in all school districts of the state.
5. Implement mandated rules or programs with funds provided by the level of government mandating the rules.
6. Pass the 1979 Community Library Services Act in the 1979 Legislative Assembly.
7. Design and administer a standardized professional survey to determine library needs of communities in the state.
8. Provide access to computerized data bases to all citizens of the state.
9. Establish a permanent task force on information needs in the state.
10. Develop voluntary cooperation, coordination and communication among community, county, and multi-county libraries.
11. Investigate the areas where voluntary group purchasing by libraries can save money.
12. Provide free and open public access to public school libraries beyond school hours and during summer vacations.
13. Commend Mrs. Dina Butcher, the North Dakota Library Association, and the conference staff for their work in a successful conference.
14. Compile and periodically revise a catalog of library services and information networks functioning within the state.
15. Impose no additional user fees for traditional library services.
16. Move the State Library into the Liberty Memorial Building on the Capitol Grounds.
17. Support increased emphasis on children's services under the direction of adequately trained personnel. (SOURCE: Summarized from **Flickertale Newsletter**, Vol. 10, No. 10, Nov. 1, 1978.)

MINOT LIBRARY BOARD RETAINS ACCESS POLICY

The Minot Public Library Board voted unanimously Wednesday to continue to let young adults (ages 13 to 18) free access to the adult book collection. The board reasoned that it is parents' responsibility to monitor their children's reading.

The issue was first raised at an April meeting when board members voted 3 to 2 to leave Harold Robbins' "Dreams Die First" on the shelves. An adult woman had complained, calling the book "smut" and "porno." As a result, board members questioned the validity of allowing young adults access to books, which by some standards might be called immoral or pornographic.

Library rules permit children to obtain an adult library card at the age of 13.

Library Director Jermain Kaup said it was not the library's responsibility to assume the paren-

tal role. Instead, he said, the library's responsibility is to make a variety of information and reading material available to the general public.

"Contemporary society is reflected within the library collection," he said. "Today, information is virtually unrestricted. To say the library should not be open to young adults is to set the library off as an isolated island away from the mainland. The library can't be restrictive in a society that is very open. Such action would be superficial and would ignore the real world young adults are living in."

Kaup added that refusing a young adult access to materials on issues such as homosexuality, drugs, abortion and sexual behavior would be ignoring the fact that students were doing research in those areas. Also, he said, the library provides public access to materials, but there is no requirement that the patron read them.

Putting objectionable books in a special section would not be feasible, board member Duane Dokken said, because the Library Bill of Rights opposes denying certain materials on the basis of age. Also, Dokken asked who would determine which books are "objectionable?"

Kaup contended that restricting certain books from library shelves could get "out of hand." Recently, he said, a person objected to a book which carried the term "wild Indians" and asked that it be taken off the shelves.

Dokken said another example is a current best seller, "The Thorn Birds." Because there is reference to a priest having sexual intercourse, some Catholics are offended. Dokken asked if the book should be removed for that reason.

"If kids have the interest in a subject, they already have some information," board member Jacqueline Mundy said. "They already know something — they're just seeking more information. There are parents who want to keep their children in a vacuum as long as they can. What is our duty to these young people whose parents may have strong ideas on what their children read?"

"People have to be informed that the library isn't responsible for what their kids read," said Helen Utke.

"Young people do have rights, and they have to be protected," Mundy said. As an example, she said a 14-year-old girl who becomes pregnant because her parents refused to inform her about birth control is suffering. She said she should have the right to locate material and read it.

"We must respect parents' decisions even if you regard them as wrong," said board member Herbert Meschke. "But our role is not as a substitute for the parent. We do have to have a wide range of material available. We may violently disagree with the parents, but unless it is dangerous to that child, our society has long given the parents the rights."

"Before the laws were as liberal as they are," said board member Jay Monicken, "we read that stuff. It was passed around under the desks or something, but we read it. Kids can buy it at any bookstore downtown."

When Dokken suggested that more people than just the library director take responsibility for selecting books, Kaup replied, "I will take the responsibility of selecting the materials. That's the reason I was hired."

"The decision concerning what children read

should start at home," he said. "The library should not be put in the position of making a decision for the child." (SOURCE: from *Minot News*, August 31, 1978 in *Flickertale Newsletter*, Vol. 10, No. 11, November 15, 1978.)

South Dakota

PORNOGRAPHY REFERENDUM FAILS

South Dakota voters defeated the Parrish pornography referendum by a three to one margin in the November election. This culminated a strong effort by the State Library Commission, the South Dakota Library Association, and numerous other organizations in the state to inform the citizens of the weaknesses of the Parrish law. The provisions of the referendum had been opposed by both candidates for governor, and had been strongly criticized for its unconstitutional provisions.

MINITEX PAYING OFF

South Dakota libraries have benefited indirectly from their MINITEX contract to the tune of \$50,000 from Bush Foundation grants for start up costs of installing OCLC service at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, the State Library, and the University Library at Vermillion. Additional OCLC support grants for other libraries is also a possibility. These funds are also providing funds to input South Dakota Union List of Serials into the Minnesota Union List of Serials thereby automatically having unique South Dakota items added to the CONSER data base. (SOURCE: Vince Anderson, state librarian.)

SIDNEY WANG APPOINTED AT RAPID CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sidney Wang will become the Assistant Library Director, of Rapid City Public Library, January 1, 1979.

Mr. Wang has been Head of the Technical Processing Division since March 1976. He worked in academic libraries before coming to Rapid City. In addition to an MLS and Advanced Certificate from the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, he has completed 36 hours of doctoral studies at the same school. (SOURCE: News release, Rapid City Public Library.)

HELEN HOYT LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Helen Hoyt, chosen "South Dakota Librarian of the Year" for 1978, has been head librarian of the Rapid City Public Library since 1957. Her most challenging accomplishment has been the promotion and planning of a new Rapid City Public Library building which was dedicated in 1972.

Since she has headed the library, the bookmobile program has grown to include visits to the schools, hospitals, and rest homes; the story hour for children with puppet shows, a sing-along, and pet shows have been very successful; and a Friends of the Library has been

organized. Under her direction, First Thursday programs were initiated at the library.

Helen has served as secretary, vice-president and president of SDLA, and has been secretary of MPLA twice.

During the past year she has served as chairperson of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of SDLA and has put long hours into the signal efforts of the Committee to inform librarians and the public of the dangers of the obscenity referendum. She also aided the Federation of Active Citizens For Truth (FACT), organized to inform the public concerning the proposed antiobscenity law. (SOURCE: Phil Brown, SDSU Library.)

MARY AT THE LIBRARY

"Mary at the Library and the Library Board" is the way the weekly article about the library is signed in the local paper. The article invariably is a beautiful essay about either something that has happened at the library or a new book or series of books. These articles always speak to the needs and happenings of the community served by the library and tend to bring the community together culturally.

We hear a lot about evaluation of public services these days. Libraries usually evaluate through use of usage statistics: circulation, reference questions asked, etc. Real evaluation, unfortunately, doesn't occur until the library runs afoul of the budget process. At that time the community either lets the library go backward or die, or it comes to the rescue if the library really means something to it.

In Custer County, there is the Custer County Library. It is operated by Mary Coffin, Librarian. It serves a county that is one of the poorest in the state but also one of the most demanding of quality public services. During this year's budget cycle, the County Commission decided that the library was a superfluous item that really didn't need much attention. They cut its budget 10 percent from its 1978 Fiscal Year level. This meant a 45 percent cut in the book budget. The budget cut and its impact were not stated at the Commissioner's meeting and were generally hidden in the regular published report of the Commission, i.e. nobody in the community was really aware of the problem. Mary Coffin and the Board of Trustees, always alert to such potential problems, immediately began to do their homework. They clearly stated what the impact would do to the community's library and published their statements, forthrightly, in the *Custer Chronicle*. The next Commission meeting must have been somewhat rowdy.

"We need a library as much as we need a school." "I feel if we let the book budget slide one year, every year it will go downhill." "If you're going to put your money anywhere to meet the needs of future generations, put it into a good library." "You're judging the library on the same basis as roads, jails, and police officers . . . a library brings a different quality to life. Unless the library is adequate, it won't be used." "The Commission has to provide the public with the best return on the dollar. I would have gone for a bigger budget than they did." Thus, the citizens evaluated their library to the Custer County Commission.

Budget cuts were restored. Congratulations Mary at the Library and the Library Board!! (SOURCE: *South Dakota State Library Newsletter*, Vol. V, No. 5, October, 1978, pp. 9-10.)

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Utah

ULA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION FALL WORKSHOP

On November 9, 1978, the Utah Library Association College and University Section held its annual fall workshop at the new learning resource center at the Utah Technical College campus in Orem. The keynote address was presented by Dr. Nicholas Eastmond of Utah State University who spoke on the "Dimensions of Library Program Evaluation." Following this presentation four workshops were given on various aspects of Measurement and Evaluation in libraries. These workshops were repeated in the afternoon.

Marvin Wiggins and Anthony Ferguson both of Brigham Young University discussed the implementation of measurement and evaluation in public service both from the standpoint of the patron and the librarian.

Kenneth Luker of the University of Utah and John Taylor of Brigham Young University succeeded in explaining the intricacies of measuring and evaluating automated systems to an audience composed largely of non-automation oriented librarians.

Paul Jordan and Blaine Hall, both of Brigham Young University, discussed the problems of measuring and evaluating the collection and the collection development process, with special emphasis on the ARL Collection Analysis Project in which Brigham Young University is currently participating. Their discussion was held in an informal manner which enhanced the give and take questioning process.

Richard Jensen of Brigham Young University had a responsive audience for his discussion of Information Retrieval Systems, their measurement and evaluation.

Over 60 people attended this workshop with representatives from nine of the eleven colleges and universities in the state. (SOURCE: Susan Fales, ULA College and University Section chairperson.)

ULA/UEMA

During the business meeting of UEMA on October 5, in conjunction with UEA, the question of the relationship and possible competition between ULA and UEMA was again raised. ULA President Amy Owen and School Section Chairperson, Geniel Loveless, were both present and participated in the discussion. The activities of the former ULA/UEMA Committee which prepared a proposal for a joint ULA/UEMA/UASCD Conference were also noted. President-Elect Gardner Snow of UEMA made a motion to establish a new joint committee composed of three members each of ULA and UEMA to conduct a needs assessment of school media coordinators, curriculum leaders, graduate faculties teaching in professional programs, the memberships of both associations and any other interested groups identified. After the needs assessment study is completed, the new joint committee is to prepare recommendations to be submitted to both associations. (SOURCE: ULA Newsletter, No. 16, November, 1978, p. 3.)

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NEW LIBRARY DEDICATED AT UTAH TECH

The Utah Technical College at Orem dedicated its distinctive new Learning Resource Center and Library on November 8, 1978. The 57,000 square foot building is built in four tiers to take advantage of its location on a sidehill. It is also connected to all levels and all the other buildings on campus. The ceilings are left open with the heating ducts painted in bright green, yellow, red and blue. The building is furnished with specially designed shelving and furniture to compliment the technology displayed in the architecture.

The building can seat 713 students, has room for 60 faculty and employees and provides 14 square feet per student enrolled in the college. The library building is one of several new buildings being built on the college's attractive new campus just off Interstate 15 in Orem, and will eventually replace the old Provo campus, which was badly cramped for space and had no growing room.

NATIONAL RESTAURANT MONTH AT SALT LAKE COUNTY

October was celebrated as National Restaurant Month throughout the Salt Lake County Library System. As part of the activities, exhibits of menus from Salt Lake restaurants were featured in each of the ten libraries. Patrons were able to browse through the menus, previewing selections and price ranges before dining at local establishments.

The response from restaurant managers was enthusiastic. Among the restaurants participating were The Old Salt Lake City Jail, The Warehouse-Paprika, Fleur de Lys, Seaman James Bartley, Hare Hollow, 47 Samurai, Fisherman's Wharf, Rustler Lodge, Towne and Country Inn, Victoria Station, Godfather, Della Fontana, La Caille at Quail Run, Steak Company, Spaghetti Factory, Alta Lodge, Two Guys from Italy and English Ivy Inn. (SOURCE: Main Entry, Vol. VII, No. 2, October, 1978, p. 4.)

BYU CONDUCTING CAP STUDY

Under the direction of Jeffrey J. Gardner, associate director of the Office of Management Studies of the Association of Research Libraries, the Brigham Young University Library has initiated a Collection Analysis Project (CAP). A seven-member study team, which will conduct the study, completed three days of intensive training in mid-October. It is now engaged in gathering data on the historical development of the library's collections. Following the analysis and summarizing of this material, the study team will develop similar background material on the external environment which affects the library's collection and on the objectives (written and unwritten) which guide library operations. This review will constitute the first phase of the CAP program and should be completed in early March.

In February, five task forces will be charged with the responsibility of indepth studies into the areas of allocation of funds, collection assessment, operating policies, resource sharing, and preservation. When the task force

phase is completed in May, there will follow a final report complete with specific recommendations and goals for future implementation. (SOURCE: HBLL News, Vol. 2, No. 2, November, 1978, p. 3.)

Wyoming



WLA ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIANS MEET

The Academic and Special Libraries Section of the Wyoming Library Association met September 15th in Sheridan for its second annual traveling seminar.

The seminars were initiated last year in response to a felt need for more between-convention continuing education, combined with a desire to familiarize all members with each other's facilities and unique problems and strengths. The section meets at a different college or institution each year.

This year's program on Bibliographic Instruction and Education of the Library Patron was presented by Casper College librarian Nora Van Burgh to a crowd of 23 from all over Wyoming. Following the morning session at Sheridan College, which included a swap 'n' shop exchange of user instruction materials, the group was treated to a tour of the Wyoming Girls' School, hosted by Girls' School librarian and section chairperson Eve Sawyer.

Following the section meeting, the Wyoming Community College Library Consortium met to discuss common concerns and problems. This interest group meets as an informal sub-section of the Academic and Special Libraries Section. Current projects include a survey of faculty status and teaching responsibilities of the state's community college librarians. Once tabulated, results will be available from Debbie Iverson, Sheridan College librarian. (SOURCE: Kelly Patterson, MPLA Wyoming Representative.)

CLENE TEAM APPOINTED

Kathy Darcy, development officer for the State Library, Helen Higby, Lander Public Librarian, and Barbara Underwood, head of circulation at the University of Wyoming Coe library, represented the state as the Continuing Library Education Network Exchange (CLENE) team for a five-day workshop in Albany, New York, October 30 to November 3.

They will be responsible for producing a statewide long-range continuing education plan. The meeting in Albany was one portion of

a year-long institute to guide the team.

The program for the week long workshop included such items as Self-Assessment Learning Contract; Program Evaluation and Analysis; Recognition Systems and Non-Traditional Education. (SOURCE: *The Outrider*, Vol. X, No. 11, November, 1978, p. 4.)

UW ON OCLC

After months of eager anticipation, the University of Wyoming Libraries are finally going up on OCLC. CRT screen terminals and a printer for the nationwide shared cataloging network were installed in Coe Library in mid-October, and training by BCR's Gretchen Redfield was held on November 1. UW is now into full cataloging and card production by computer.

The system's searching function became immediately operational upon installation, much to the joy of the Interlibrary Loan Department, which has discovered that two hours of fruitless searching for ILL verification can now be replaced by a couple of minutes of button pushing.

An added bonus will be the availability of record tapes and the presence of UW holdings records in the data base. As Carol White, head of monographic cataloging says, "We view OCLC not merely as a chance to automate for quicker, more efficient cataloging, but as an opportunity to extend cataloging and bibliographic access to the University collection to other libraries in the state and nation." Library director Bob Patterson points out that a \$250,000 windfall addition to the UW Libraries' biennial acquisitions budget should help to make the UW collection a real asset in regional resource sharing, now more accessible through OCLC.

Then with a twinkle in her eye White adds, "We are delighted to finally have a new toy with blinking green lights which we hope will provide much flexibility in current staffing and routines." (SOURCE: Kelly Patterson, MPLA Wyoming Representative.)

Joblist

Position: Assistant Director of Public Libraries

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Position: Reference Librarian/Department Head. Position readvertised, available July 1, 1979.

Responsibilities: Responsible for management of centralized reference department, including general information service, interlibrary loans, computerized bibliographic searching, vertical files, and reference collection development. Reference staff includes three professionals.

Qualifications: Requires an ALA-accredited MLS plus a minimum of three years professional experience in reference service in an academic or research library, with some administrative experience. Preference will be given to candidates with an academic background in the natural sciences and an additional subject master's degree. Library instruction and on-line searching experience are highly desirable. Faculty rank, 12-month appointment, usual fringe benefits. Minimum salary: \$15,000.00.

Apply to: Resume and academic credentials with three letters of recommendation (one from current or last employer) should be postmarked by March 15, and sent to:

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Continuing Education

Date: February 19-21, 1979

Title: Space Planning & Practical Design for Libraries

Sponsor: American Association of Law Librarians & Library Planning & Management Group, South California Chapter

Location: Newport Beach Marriott Hotel, 900 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Cost: \$200

Description: Designed for top and mid-level library management with sufficient authority to implement the strategies developed in the course. The course will cover interior design and space planning especially pertinent to libraries with an emphasis on do-it-yourself techniques. It will also include methods of presentation of library needs to higher management. Enrollment limited to first 35 applicants. Taught by Aaron and Elaine Cohen
Contact: Mr. Aaron Cohen, Teatown Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520.

Date: March 26-28, 1979

Title: 14th Annual Community College Learning Resources Conference

Sponsor: North Carolina Learning Resources Association

Location: Sheraton Center Inn, Charlotte, NC

Cost: Preregistration before March 16, \$15; registration at conference, \$20.

Description: The conference theme is "Realities for Learning Resources: Societal, Economic, Political." Open to all who staff community and two-year college learning resources centers across the United States.

Contact: Ernie Tompkins, 203 Groveland Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27607 (919-737-3396.)

Date: April 22-25, 1979.

Title: 1979 Annual Clinic on Library Applications of Data Processing

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

Location: Illini Union, University of Illinois Urbana

Cost: About \$110, not including room or meals

Description: The theme of the clinic will be "The Role of the Library in an Electronic Society." The objective of the meeting is to try to identify the functions that libraries may perform in a society in which print on paper may largely be replaced by electronic communication.

Contact: Edward C. Kalb, Office of Continuing Education, 116 Illini Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801 (217-333-2881). Professor F.W. Lancaster is chairman of planning committee and information and application forms will be available January 1979.

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Date: April 20-21, 1979.

Title: **Adolescent Sexuality: The Rights of Passage**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver

Location: Denver, Colorado

Description: The third annual Young Adult Institute with guest speakers, Mary Kay Chelton, Eric Johnson, Lois Ruby, and others. Brochures and application forms will be available after January 15, 1979.

Contact: Jim Nichols, Director, Young Adult Institute, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208 for further information.

Date: April 26-28, 1979

Title: **Symposium on Research on the Child in Historical Children's Literature**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois

Location: University Inn, Champaign

Cost: to be announced.

Date: April 30 - May 4, 1979, Pittsburgh; May 14 - 18, 1979, Denton, Texas

Title: **Institute in Consulting Skills for State Library Personnel**

Sponsor: U.S. Office of Education's Office of Libraries and Learning Resources and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

Location: University of Pittsburgh and Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

Description: Offered by the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, the institute will train participants in the skills of the consulting process. State agencies are encouraged to send a two-member team to the institute to promote the greatest potential for impact on the state systems served by the participants.

Contact: Dr. Sara Fine, Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 (412-624-5234)

Date: July 9 - August 3, 1979

Title: **The Conservation of Research Library Materials**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois

Location: Newberry Library, Chicago

Cost: \$104 tuition.

Description: A 4-week course offering one unit of graduate credit taught by Paul N. Banks, Conservator of the Newberry Library since 1964. Designed for those responsible for the physical care of research library collections, including but not limited to rare books and manuscripts, it is not a workshop on book repair. Most profitable to library school graduates working in research and rare book libraries and historical societies.

Contact: Mr. Richard F. Casper, University of Illinois Office of Continuing Education, 300 W. Golf Road, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 (312-255-3320) for application for admission and information on housing.

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ALA funded by Baker & Taylor, is now available from American Library Association, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. \$15 for members and \$25 for nonmembers (prepaid only).

PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO PRISONERS: A TOOL FOR CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS is a 52-

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PROGRESS IN EDUCATING THE LIBRARY USER, an updated collection of

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has recently been released by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science as Number 134 in its **Occasional Papers**. Written by Stuart Wayne Miller, the paper briefly describes the development of library use instruction and discusses programs designed for undergraduates in 13 American colleges. Available from University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science, Publications Office, 249 Armory Building, Champaign, IL 61820. \$2 for single papers or \$7 for annual subscription to series.

THE COLORADO COUNCIL OF MEDICAL LIBRARIANS UNION LIST OF SERIALS is out in the 1979 edition and

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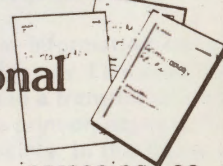
LIST OF LIBRARY INSTRUCTION CLEARINGHOUSES, DIRECTORIES AND NEWSLETTERS prepared by the

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"STATE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES" is the subject of the Fall 1978

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