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"CLOSING (FREEZING, OPENING) THE CATALOG"

"To close or not to close" — the card catalog — is a decision libraries across the U.S. and Canada (and elsewhere in the United Kingdom) face at this time. To help libraries in this major decision, the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), a division of ALA, sponsored a three-day institute by this unlikely title, at the San Francisco Hyatt Regency Hotel on February 14, 15, and 16.

The Library of Congress (LC) will close its public card catalog on January 2, 1981, and on that day begin to implement the new (2nd) edition of the **Anglo American Cataloging Rules (AACR II)**. Although there is a wide misconception that AACR II is the reason for LC's closing its catalog, LC has chosen the AACR II implementation to coincide with the closing of its catalog for obvious conveniences. The reason for its closing, however, is that LC has declared its catalog **unmanageable**.

As was pointed out by several of the speakers, our present card catalogs represent a hodgepodge of previous cataloging codes: AACR I, 1967; ALA 1949 and 1908. Since the implementation of AACR II will actually affect less than 15 percent of the existing headings, AACR II could be integrated into our existing catalogs just as AACR I was integrated into catalogs previously based on older codes.

The real issue facing today's libraries is that the card catalog is no longer feasible. The catalogs of other large and medium-size libraries across the country are also unmanageable — except that LC's is the largest and, therefore, the worst. The card catalog is labor intensive, and the cost of

its maintenance is out of proportion with the service the user derives from it. Further, it is actually impossible to effect any major change in the card catalog — in the established filing scheme or in the headings.

The question is what to do next. Although the online catalog is clearly the undisputed, ultimate goal, factors of cost and imperfect data bases and networks make it unfeasible for most libraries to shift from their present card catalogs directly to online catalogs. On the other hand, most librarians cannot hold on to their card catalogs until such time as a complete online system becomes available to them.

There are three interim solutions: a new, **interim**, second card catalog (beginning with books cataloged according to the new rules), which would remain relatively small and therefore manageable; a computer-produced book catalog; or a computer-produced COM catalog. The consensus of the speakers seemed to be that the COM catalog — not without its shortcomings — would be the best and least expensive interim solution. UNR can speak from experience about having two card catalogs. User studies show that most patrons will look in only one. The book catalog is too costly to produce and keep updated.

The purpose of the institute was not to offer solutions, but rather to discuss alternatives, their advantages and disadvantages and their costs in order to better equip participants to arrive at good decisions. Case histories of libraries which have already closed their catalogs were illustrative and informative.

The importance of library-wide involvement in decisions surrounding the closing of the card catalog was stressed. Note that the sponsor of the institute was not ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD). In fact, there was mention of a need for the reorganization

of the divisions of ALA as well as within libraries, since the traditional dichotomy between reader services and technical services no longer exists. Also, to secure budgetary support for the impending costs of an online system, academic libraries need to involve their university administrations and faculties from the time of preliminary planning.

Finally, there was an attitudinal benefit. Abandoning the card catalog was presented as freeing ourselves from the burden of a now antiquated system for bibliographic control, a leap toward a better future for the profession and for the user. In short, the closing of the old catalog is the opening of a new one — finally.

OCLC RETAINS MICHAEL GORMAN AS CONSULTANT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AACR2

OCLC, Inc. has retained Michael Gorman, Joint Editor of **Anglo-American Cataloging Rules 2**, as a consultant for implementation of AACR 2. Mr. Gorman will work with Ann Ekstrom, Director of OCLC's Library Systems Division, and the OCLC Task Force on AACR 2 in developing recommendations for OCLC and the Advisory Committee of Cataloging. As consultant Mr. Gorman will help OCLC to answer such questions as which AACR 2 options OCLC should adopt, and how OCLC can harmonize AACR2 rules with LC practices, such as "compatible" or "tolerable" headings. (SOURCE: OCLC Newsletter, No. 121, Feb., 8, 1979, p. 4.)

Yoshi Henricks, Head, Catalog Department, University of Nevada, Reno. A report on the ALA, LITA conference on closing the card catalog, San Francisco, February 14-16, 1979. Originally published in UNR Memo, Feb. 1979.

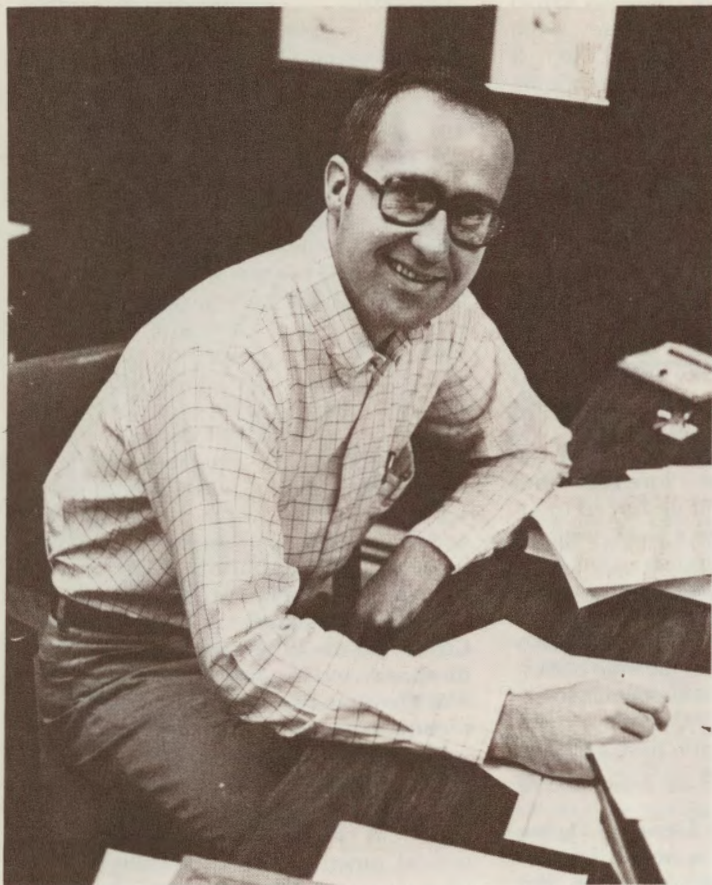
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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT . . .

In my last column I indicated my intention to launch a membership recruitment drive. Well, elsewhere in this issue you will find the results — a large advertisement setting forth the terms of MPLA's first MEMBERSHIP SWEEPSTAKES.

New member recruitment is a major concern of mine simply because it is through membership enlargement and involvement that MPLA can continue to improve its programs and services.

I often feel that most of us are invigorated by the presence of a new member in a conversation or meeting. They are alive and excited about the prospects of their new association with our organization. Likewise I often feel that new members soon become thankful that someone took the time to show an interest in their professional development by introducing them to MPLA.

Now your opportunity has arrived to brag a bit about MPLA and its member services, and use your satisfaction with the Association to encourage non-members to give us a chance. The SWEEPSTAKES took some work, but as you can see the prizes are unique and well worth trying to win. The generous MPLA friends who made the prizes possible are confident that the membership will join actively in SWEEPSTAKES competition.

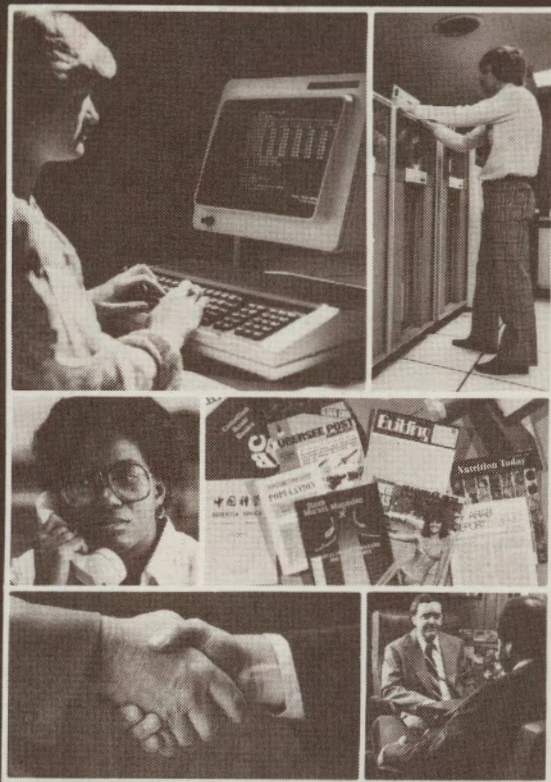
This year is an especially good year to encourage joining, as the annual conference is in Denver, in the center of the region. You can also emphasize our newsletter, our One-to-One program, our professional development grants, our special workshops and preconference programs, and the spirit of cooperation and cohesiveness which prevails regarding regional concerns.

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Spotlight On UTAH

The Utah Library Association (ULA) had its beginning in 1912. Librarians from around the state were invited to the first meeting in Salt Lake City's City and County Building. Forty-six responded to form the association. Dues were set at one dollar.

From the start, strong personalities dominated the association, leading the fight for better library service. In retrospect, some issues seem overstated.

In 1919, ULA focused on Americanization. The annual convention's keynote speaker, Professor R. D. Harriman of the University of Utah, urged each librarian to do missionary work with foreign-born people and noted, "An Americanization bill was passed in the legislature whereby every foreigner from 14 to 45 years of age will be forced to attend school three nights a week until he has learned the English language equivalent to the fifth grade."

The Resolutions Committee reported to the general membership in 1921 that, "We deplore the publication of juvenile books, the physical makeup of which tends to endanger the eyesight of our children and we pledge ourselves to purchase and give shelf room to as little of the reading material as possible."

In 1923, Reverend J. E. Carver of Ogden said the librarian's job is not to impress the public with the need of libraries, but to convince the board of trustees. He said, "They are generally not fully educated to the true value of good books. The undernourished mind provides a bed for the seeds of bolshevism and anarchism."

ULA's activism has also achieved many worthwhile goals over the years. For example, the association fought long and hard for the establishment and financial support of county libraries. ULA also attempted to upgrade the profession by recommending a plan for certification of librarians similar to that for teachers.

Probably the greatest achievement made by ULA for the advancement of Utah libraries was the creation of a state library commission.

In 1948, Utah was the only state without a central library agency. ULA had long felt the need for state-wide direction and had urged the state since the early 1920's to hire a fulltime library organizer.

Efforts spearheaded to have a new library law passed had been entered in the legislature since 1920, but the bills never got past the sifting committee.

Then, in 1946, a major landmark occurred when the Library Services Act, signed by President Eisenhower, allowed the states federal aid for rural library service on a matching fund basis. The bombshell fell when it was realized that Utah could not take advantage of this aid without a state agency. It had been known that one was needed, but now quick action was necessary.

A committee including representatives from ULA was formed to study laws from

other states. As a result, a library services bill was implemented. Much time was spent by association members in lobbying for the bill. After the bill was passed, the legislature didn't want to fund it. Finally, after a "frank discussion" with the governor, \$500,000 was appropriated and Utah finally had a state library commission.

Since 1956, under the direction of Russel Davis, the Utah State Library Commission has implemented bookmobile service throughout the sparsely populated areas of the state; centralized ordering, cataloging and processing of library materials for public, school and college libraries; consulting services; interlibrary loan department; state documents distribution system; equipment exchange cooperative; audio-visual collections to support programs within public libraries; and reference backup service.

Since 1947, the Utah State Library Commission has been designated by the Library of Congress as the Multi-State Center for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, serving fifteen western states. The Division provides talking books on records, cassette tapes and open reel tapes; and braille and large print books.

The Division also broadcasts programs for its patrons over a radio frequency band that can only be received through a special tuned receiver, available free to library patrons. The **Salt Lake Tribune** and **Deseret News** are read daily over the radio. In addition, information from local county newspapers is included in the broadcasts. Old time radio dramas and book readings complete the programming.

The State Library Commission represents Utah's libraries in lobbying each legislative session. Among the bills that passed the 1979 session is one that may very well serve as a model for the rest of the nation. S.B. 187 revised the depository law to include local documents and audio-visual materials. It is thought to be the first documents law to include local publications.

In other legislation, H.B. 383 created a State Department of Community and Economic Development within which the State Library will become a division. The full ramifications of this reorganization will not be known until the Department becomes operational. Another act, establishing limitations on the appropriations authority of the state and taxing authority of local government units, will have an effect on all libraries supported by public funds. However, some lobbyists feel that libraries may be able to use the law to their advantage.

The legislation reflects the changing atmosphere of the community and of Utah's libraries.

Over 500 librarians flocked to Salt Lake City's Hotel Utah on March 15, 16 and 17 to attend the 66th Annual Utah Library Association Convention.

Despite the surface frivolity that is common to such affairs, many con-
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vention-goers carried new crops of tell-tale worry lines. As ULA President Amy Owen said in her welcome message, "Our profession today faces major challenges. These challenges will only be met through a concerted effort by all librarians. A professional organization, such as the Utah Library Association, provides an excellent forum for helping us to discover our mutual goals and for combining efforts to attain those goals. The participation of each member of our Association in this process is vital."

So, what about these challenges? What do Utah Libraries have to look forward to? Several leaders in Utah's libraries responded to the question, "What do you consider the major challenges facing Utah Libraries?"

Blaine Hall, MPLA Newsletter editor, Brigham Young University Lee Library: "One of the major challenges is to make cooperation work, especially among the different types of libraries. We have talked UNET for years, but nothing has been accomplished. I am convinced a funding program is necessary."

Jerry Butters, ULA Executive Secretary: "To be more actively involved in legislation and the community, to educate the legislature and community members about the necessity of libraries; otherwise we will have no money."

Guy Schuurman, ULA's 1979 Distinguished Service Award recipient, Director of Salt Lake County Library System: "Major challenges include finding adequate funding for all types of libraries and implementing a statewide network of libraries. Networking should include interlibrary loan service, computerized circulation control, sharing of little used resources through a cooperative warehouse, information and reference services, statewide public relations and state standards for all public libraries."

Donald Schmidt: MPLA representative, LDS Church Historical Department, "Finances. With the economic situation as it is, libraries throughout the country — not only in Utah — face difficult times, which is another good reason to join organizations like ULA and MPLA."

Russell Davis, Utah State Librarian: "The greatest challenge is for all libraries to serve the public like Whitmore Library does. Libraries should give such good service that people are willing to pay for it."

EAGLE-ADVERTISER SUPPORTS MPLA

The Murray, Utah, **Eagle Advertiser**, winner of the 1978 MPLA News Media Support Award for its consistent support of the Salt Lake County Library System has added its support to MPLA. J.M. Cornwell, publisher, who received the award for the "Green Sheet" at Tahoe contributed the travel money given to award winners to the MPLA Professional Development Grants fund. The gesture is greatly appreciated.

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MPLA NOMINATING COMMITTEE SOLICITS NAMES OF CANDIDATES

The MPLA nominating Committee is soliciting names of candidates for nomination to the offices of Vice-President/President Elect and Recording Secretary.

If you wish to submit the name of an MPLA member for possible nomination, submit the member's name along with a brief resume of the candidate's achievements to a member of the nominating committee.

The deadline for submissions is May 10. Nominations are not limited by geographical considerations, type of library, or type of library activity.

Send nominations to Ronald Swanson, Chair, University Libraries, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588, or to any member of the Nominating Committee listed on page 8 of this issue.

STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Professional Development Grants Committee of MPLA is still accepting applications for four \$500 grants for 1979. These grants are available to current members who have also been members for the past two years. They may be used for formal classwork at a university; to attend workshops, conferences, seminars; for independent study, or any other activity that might benefit libraries in the MPLA region.

Students, trustees, and unemployed members are also eligible. Deadline for the grant application is June 30, 1979. First grants will be announced in May, but in order to accommodate late announcements of continuing education programs and also programs which will appear in late summer and fall, additional grants may be announced in late summer.

How to apply? Request an application form from: Joseph R. Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, University of South Dakota Library, Vermillion, SD 57069. Also included with the application form is information regarding the purpose, requirements for application, conditions of the grant, and the detailed application procedures.

For further information, contact Doug Hindmarsh, Chair
MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee,
Utah State Library Commission,
2150 South 300 West, Suite 16,
Salt Lake City, UT 84115.

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1979 MPLA CONFERENCE PLANS UNDERWAY

While the MPLA state delegates to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science are meeting in Washington, D.C., the rest of us MPLAers will be meeting in Denver in a joint conference with the Colorado Library Association from October 27-31 in the brand new Fairmont Hotel. (You may still be able to smell fresh paint.) Appropriately, the theme of the conference is "After the White House Conference — What Next?"

MPLA program chairman, Joe Anderson, and CLA program chairwoman, Pam Nissler, assisted by Janet Gilligan, local arrangements chairwoman, Warren Taylor, exhibits chairman, and the section chairpersons of the two associations are planning an exciting and profitable preconference and conference program. Nor are they forgetting the fun and relaxation.

Saturday and Sunday have been reserved for preconference workshops. In the talking or planning stages are programs on AACR II with Michael Gorman, joint-editor of the new rules, as speaker, sponsored by MPLA/CLA Technical Services and academic libraries sections; Synectics: Creative Group Decision Making with Barbara Conroy; the University of South Dakota Management Seminar; a Communications workshop with Dr. Roegiers from the University of South Dakota; a hands-on workshop on Materials Conservation with BroDart participating.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday feature the regular conference sessions with the MPLA and CLA sections and committees sponsoring timely and provocative programs on such things as a BCR update, closing and freezing the card catalog, and regional cooperation and resource sharing.

On Sunday evening the exhibits will be opened with a wine and cheese reception. On Monday evening, Gordon's Books will transport conference goers to their plant for a buffet dinner and entertainment by a locally famous theatrical group from Littleton, Colorado. Tuesday evening features the MPLA and CLA awards banquet followed by disco dancing sponsored by the JMRT.

The June issue of the **Newsletter** will give you more details on the conference program, and in the August conference issue you'll get accommodation, registration, and final program information.

So mark your calendars, limber your joints, and plan to be in Denver, October 27-31.

MPLA AWARDS COMMITTEE SEEKING NOMINATIONS

MPLA members and other region librarians are urged to suggest names of persons worthy of consideration for the following MPLA awards:

The **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** to be given to an individual who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.

The **MPLA LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AWARD** to be given to an individual or group (state legislature, city council, board of education, etc.) in recognition of exemplary legislative support for growth and development of a library or libraries in the MPLA area within the last two years.

The **MPLA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AWARD** to be given to a person, or persons, in the MPLA region demonstrating, within the last two years, a notable defense against censorship and commitment to intellectual freedom, including the public's right to choice, right to read, and right to information. Examples might be found in relation to current censorship (obscenity) laws or governmental "sunshine laws" in the region.

The **MPLA NEWS MEDIA SUPPORT AWARD** to recognize the news media organization in the MPLA region making the strongest effort, either in a single presentation or in ongoing coverage, within the past two years, to promote libraries and library activities to the community. Criteria will include amount and effectiveness of coverage, and manifestation of a positive commitment to generate public interest in libraries.

The **MPLA LITERARY CONTRIBUTION AWARD** to be given to an author whose published writings are most successfully furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research, as applicable.

The **MPLA BEGINNING PROFESSIONAL AWARD** to recognize a librarian/media specialist who has made, within the first five years after receiving a library degree, the greatest positive impact on the quality and role of library services. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

ONE-TO-ONE PROGRAM

Applications are invited for the One-to-One continuing education program announced in the February issue. The five

1979 sites are Auraria Higher Education Complex Library, Community College of Denver; the Columbine Branch, Jefferson County Public Library, Littleton Colorado; the Holdredge Public Library, Holdredge, Nebraska; the Mundt Archives, Karl E.

Mundt Library, Dakota State College, Madison, South Dakota; and the Sturgis Public Library, Sturgis, South Dakota.

Send the form below to Rod Wagner, the Continuing Education Committee Chairman before July 15, 1979.

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Please attach a short statement of how the One-to-One experience will relate to your professional growth.

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FRANCES HENNE RECIPIENT OF SECOND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Frances E. Henne, professor emeritus at Columbia University's School of Library Service, has been selected to receive the second annual President's Award, jointly sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and Baker & Taylor.

The award, which carries a \$2,000 stipend, recognizes a member of the library profession "who has made an outstanding national or international contribution to school librarianship and school library development."

Dr. Henne was cited for "her pioneering work in conceptualizing school library work and its multimedia orientation" as well as her contributions to **Standards for School Library Programs and Standards for School Media Programs** which "have had a significant impact on the field."

Her long and distinguished career as a librarian and educator began when she joined the staff of the Springfield (Ill.) Public Library. Other positions, over the years, have included the New York Public Library; New York State Teachers College; librarian at the University High School of the University of Chicago; teacher at the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, and various positions at the School of Library Service at Columbia University. She was also a visiting faculty member at the University of Minnesota Library School and at Rutgers University.

While at the University of Chicago, Dr. Henne founded the Children's Book Center.

Her contributions to local, state and national professional groups include serving on the American Library Association's Textbook Publishers Institute Liaison; New York World's Fair Advisory; the Commission on National Plan for Library Education; the Knapp School Library Development Project Advisory

Board, and the New York Regents Advisory Council on Libraries.

Dr. Henne has served on ALA Council. She was a member of the board of directors and president of AASL. She had a major role in the preparation of **School Libraries for Today and Tomorrow, Functions and Standards**, and served as co-chair of the Standards Revision Committee and the Joint AASL-DAVI Committee (ALA and NEA) that prepared Standards for School Media Programs.

She frequently served as a consultant or in an advisory capacity for the U.S. Office of Education and the New York State Education Department.

Dr. Henne received a Carnegie Fellowship in 1938-39, and was honored with the Lippincott Award from ALA (1963), a special honorary award from the AASL (1968) and a special ALA Centennial Citation during the Centennial Conference in Chicago (1976). (SOURCE: News release, Baker & Taylor, Jan. 26, 1979.)

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DR. IRVING LIEBERMAN RETIRES JUNE 1979

Dr. Irving Lieberman, Professor and former Director of the University of Washington School of Librarianship, has announced his plans to retire in June, 1979. His future plans include travel abroad and lectures on topics related to foundations of librarianship, library audiovisual materials and services, seminars in library education, and international librarianship. He will present a series of lectures for the Graduate School of Library and Archive Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in June, immediately following his retirement.

Because he believed that the concerns of a library educator should extend beyond the university's walls, Dr. Lieberman's 18-year term as Director of the School of Librarianship (1956-1973) was characterized by his intense involvement with library development in the state, the region, and the nation. His working relationship with the Washington State Library was especially close, as he served twelve years on the State Library Commission.

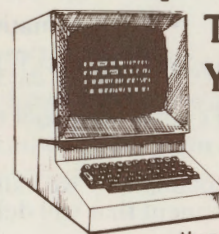
When the World's Fair opened in Seattle in 1962, thousands of Americans viewed the "Library 21" exhibit which gave them a glimpse of new possibilities in the delivery of library service. Dr. Lieberman, with Washington library leaders, had been instrumental in securing the sponsorship of the American Library Association for this project, and was appointed Chairman of the ALA Advisory Committee. A USOE grant of \$100,000 was used for the staffing and training of librarians who demonstrated computerized information retrieval to the public. "Library 21" also featured a children's theater, with story hours and film programs.

According to Dr. Lieberman, his interest in international librarianship grew

out of his experience as a U.S. Army Library Officer for the European Theatre of Operations during World War II. It was his responsibility to decide what kinds of libraries should be set up to serve three million servicemen after hostilities had ended. When peace was declared, he recruited 120 librarians to supervise soldier library assistants in hundreds of army unit libraries.

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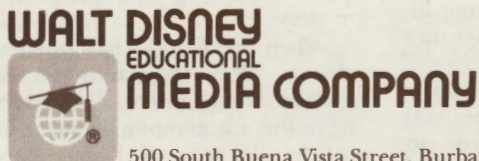
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NATIONAL HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION GRANTS ANNOUNCED.

At its February meeting the National Historical Publications and Records Commission approved grants totaling \$700,146. It recommended \$569,546 in grants for 26 historical records projects in 19 states, and \$130,600 for six continuing publications projects. Grants were recommended for the first time for historical records projects in Mississippi, South Dakota, Montana, and Missouri, bringing to 40 the number of states in which such grant projects have been supported.

New records grants include a project of the United Negro College Fund to process and make available for research the Fund's own archives and to plan programs to preserve and make accessible records of high research value in UNCF member colleges and universities. In recommending the grant to the United Negro College Fund, the Commission was pleased to be able to support the President's recent request that federal funding agencies provide appropriate funding to historically black colleges. The UNCF represents 38 private black colleges and universities. The Commission also recommended a project to locate, accession, and process historical records from the Polish-American community in Milwaukee, and a project to study and recommend solutions to

problems in the documentation of science and technology in the United States.

Among MPLA states, the Utah Historical Society received an \$18,220 partial matching grant for the description, microfilming, and publishing of a register of selected state water-related records and for a survey of private water records in Utah. The South Dakota State Archives Resource Center received \$54,232 to survey, inventory and accession South Dakota state agency records of archival value and to develop a more effective state archival program. And the Nebraska State Historical Society received \$14,566 to develop an in-house paper conservation program and a conservation consultation service.

In other actions the Commission voted to fund no more than half the direct costs proposed in any publication project budget without supplementary support by the sponsoring institution or other sources, and that any additional Commission support would have to be equalled by "direct cost amounts provided by the institution or other sources." This action was deemed necessary as a result of increasing costs of publication and a reduced Commission budget for fiscal year 1980. The new policy goes into effect for publications grants with beginning dates of October 1, 1979 or later (i.e., beginning with the fiscal year) (SOURCE: News release, NHPRC, Feb. 1979.)

SDC TO SERVE JAPAN

System Development Corporation has signed with an operating subsidiary of Dentsu, one of the world's largest advertising agencies, to market SDC Search Service, an international bibliographic retrieval service, throughout Japan.

"Dentsu billed more than \$1.4 billion in 1977," said Thomas Collins, General Manager of SDC Search Service. "More important, the firm serves every major business in Japan, and its subsidiary, Information Services International - Dentsu, Ltd., is organized and staffed for the marketing and customer support of computer services to these businesses."

Information Services International - Dentsu, Ltd., will be providing marketing and customer support through an established network of sales and service personnel in every major city in Japan.

Dentsu has already established an Action Desk in Japan to handle customer inquiries. The firm will conduct training courses in the Japanese language in Japanese cities. The Japanese businesses using SDC Search Service will be billed locally by Dentsu. (SOURCE: News release, System Development Corporation, Mar. 9, 1979.)

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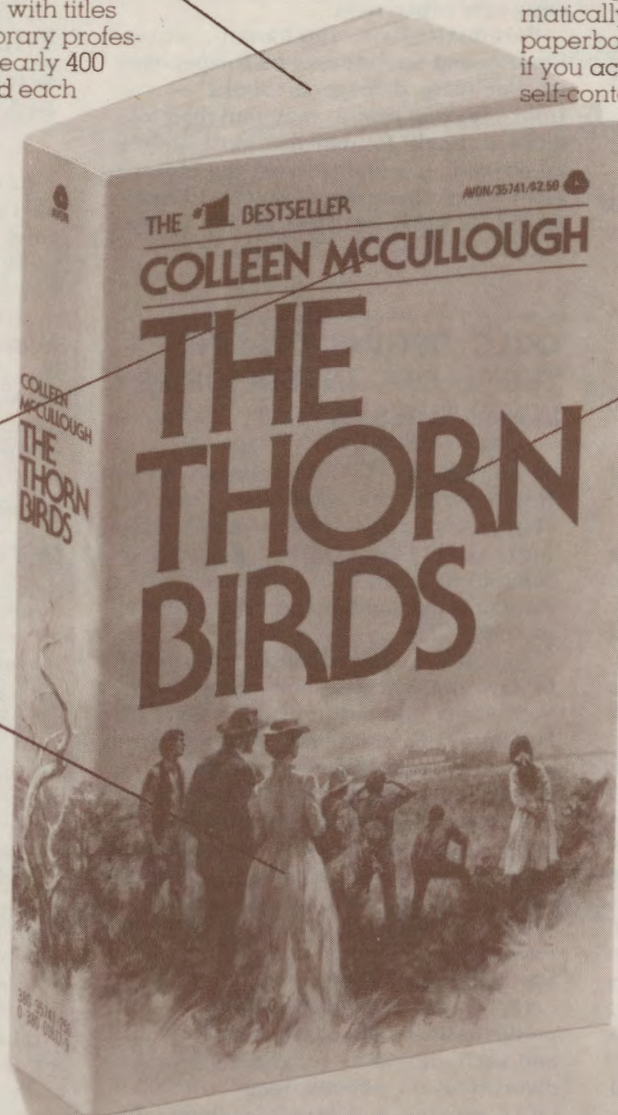
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SPACE-AGE TECHNOLOGY USED TO RESTORE STANFORD BOOKS

Five television crews and other media groups were on hand at LMSC this week to see how Lockheed's space-age technology is being used to help restore 40,000 Stanford books damaged in a disastrous library flood last fall.

As cameras rolled early Monday, the same 18-by-18-by-36-foot vacuum chamber used in testing the famed moon rover machine received the first batch of damaged books slated for restoration.

The books were placed in cardboard boxes following the flood, transported to a cold storage warehouse, and frozen.

The frozen books, now stored at the Modern Ice and Storage Co. in San Jose, will be trucked in weekly batches of 5,000 to the huge stainless steel chamber here at LMSC.

Both firms are contributing their services to the university.

LMSC engineers devised the special procedures, methods, and hardware necessary to adapt the aerospace test facility to this unique task.

When received, the books were quickly placed into specially built racks by a crew of Stanford volunteers and LMSC technicians. The chamber was "pumped down" until the vacuum inside was equivalent to that found at an altitude of over 200,000 feet.

The books were then heated, and as they gradually thawed the moisture was pulled from them because of the vacuum. The moisture collects on a cold panel at the side of the chamber.

The process, similar to that used to produce freeze-dried food, was tested successfully last week on a sample batch of 82 frozen books.

The test was made to determine if there were any significant differences between having the books stacked horizontally or vertically and having them in cardboard boxes or large plastic milk containers.

The trial batch included books with coated stock as well as regular paper. Some were wrapped in freezer paper, others stuck together, and others left loose. This replicated conditions following the Nov. 4 disaster, when librarians rushed to get the books in below-zero storage before mold could form.

After the two and one-half day vacuum freeze drying at LMSC, the books were "about as fragile as potato chips," says Sally Buchanan, book restoration project assistant, "but generally they were in excellent condition."

The volumes restored on Monday will be trucked from LMSC to the former Terman Junior High School site in Palo Alto, where they'll be rehumidified for three or four weeks. Only when they've regained a little moisture from the normal atmosphere can the books be handled and

evaluated safely, one by one.

Three full-time staffers, helped by volunteers and several part-timers, will then begin making literally thousands of decisions on cleaning, repairing, re-binding, reordering, or discarding each book.

Library Director David Weber hopes it will be possible to have most of the books back on the Meyer Library shelves by the start of fall quarter in late September.

The Nov. 4 Meyer basement flooding occurred on the 12th anniversary of the library disaster in Florence, Italy, caused by a flooding river.

Other similar disasters have occurred in recent years at the Temple Law School in Pennsylvania, the Corning Glass Museum and Library in New York, and the Federal Records Center in St. Louis.

Buchanan and her colleagues are turning the restoration into a small scale research project. Peter Waters, a Library of Congress specialist, will help them evaluate results of this week's run. Stanford statistics Prof. Bill Brown helped design the experiment.

Paradoxically, Buchanan notes, libraries and bookstores which experience smaller scale damage to books — say, from a leaking roof — may find their loss more difficult to remedy. Most simply aren't near a suitably sized ice storage facility and space-age vacuum chamber. (SOURCE: *LMSC Star*, Vol. 24, No. 3, Feb. 9, 1979, pp. 1, 4.)

OCLC BEGINS ON-LINE TEST OF INTERLIBRARY LOAN SUBSYSTEM

On January 15 OCLC began on-line testing of the new Interlibrary Loan Subsystem. User and system tests will run approximately 11 weeks. If all goes well, the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Subsystem will be available throughout the OCLC network in April.

Initially 12 Ohio libraries participated in a two-week Operational test of the ILL Subsystem January 15-31. Early in February 36 additional libraries from across the country were to join the test.

Test libraries will follow scenarios and exercises designed to test the ILL subsystem under a variety of circumstances. Test libraries will submit ILL requests calculated to yield certain responses. OCLC will analyze system performance from the user's point of view as well as from an overall system standpoint.

OCLC selected libraries from the test on the basis of network recommendations and such criteria as geographic location, diversity of ILL activity, length of time in OCLC network, and types of collections.

While on-line tests continue, OCLC and participating networks are launching an intensive and massive training program for users of the ILL subsystem. Upwards of 90 percent of OCLC member libraries

have indicated that they intend to participate in the ILL Subsystem. By June ILL staffs at 1,300 libraries will have received training in use of the new subsystem.

The ILL Subsystem will reduce the time expended in ILL transactions by enabling users to send and receive ILL communications via their OCLC terminals. The ILL Librarian will have access to OCLC's on-line union catalog containing more than four million bibliographic records and more than 40 million location listings for these records.

Ideally, an ILL librarian could initiate a loan request in the morning and that afternoon could let a patron know whether or not, and when and from where, the desired item would be sent. (SOURCE: *OCLC Newsletter*, No. 121, Feb., 8, 1979, p. 1.)

THE COPYRIGHT CLEARANCE CENTER FIASCO

In response to the new copyright law, the Copyright Clearance center (Schenectady, New York) was organized as a non-profit corporation to provide a centralized clearinghouse for photocopy royalty payments. The publishers strongly supported the establishment of CCC, for its creation implied that the new copyright law would cause a flood of royalty payments which would require a clearinghouse to effectively process. And from the publishers' viewpoint, the major purpose of revising the photocopying sections of the copyright law was to award publishers those well deserved royalties that systematic operations like interlibrary loan had cheated them out of for so many years.

Well, rocky is the road to publishers' paradise. First, a nationwide survey (the King Report, available in GPD) found that most library copying could be within fair use guidelines. Now the latest development is a financial crisis at CCC itself. The funding shortage is so severe that most of the participating publishers have agreed to take **all** the royalty revenues they receive from CCC and **give that money right back** to CCC to pay their operating expenses. This agreement will probably continue from year to year. Thus the publishers are so determined to maintain a facade of worth for CCC that the very reason for its existence, the transmission of those royalties the publishers felt they so sorely needed, is eliminated in favor of perpetuating the monster! (SOURCE: R. Grefrath, *Memo*, UNR, Vol. 16, No. 8, Feb. 1979, p. 4.)

IFLA CONFERENCE

Lucky enough to be asked to be a delegate to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Conference at Strebske Pleso, Czechoslovakia, a mountain resort in the Tatra Mountains, I robbed the last of my savings account and sent off the first money.

Like a true Westener, I camped en route since the least expensive way was by budget flight to Warsaw. Camps are plentiful in Europe and almost as plentiful in the socialist eastern countries. They have hot water, places to heat soup, fences and guards, and buses to the door. They are subsidized, as are the trains and buses, so travel is cheap. Although in a Communist country, I found my trip unsupervised and took buses and trains as I chose. I must have been observed at times, especially when carrying a pack, but much of the time, I felt quite inconspicuous. People even asked me in Polish or Czech which bus to take!

The meeting was an invitational one, with the theme of UNIVERSAL AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS. The delegates to IFLA are idealists, and having little money or power (which resides in their governments or in UNESCO) they are uncorrupted idealists. It is a delight to hear them. The highlight of the conference was a paper by Donald Urquhart, the organizer of the British Lending Library and a special idol of mine,

especially after visiting the BLL last year and seeing that Sears-Roebuck-warehouse of libraries, that whirling service magician that receives 10,000 requests in every morning's mail and clears 90 to 95 percent of them out in the evening mail — that same day!

His paper, "UAP—What Can We Do About It?" suggests things we **can** do. He is concerned that librarians run to complacency — that we know how nice we are. We tend to consider our systems closed operations and often use the word "can't." I'll be glad to loan my copy of his paper to anyone who would like to read it — it is very thought provoking.

My concern of establishing a group to locate materials on conflict resolution and peace rattled around first in my head, and then on the surface of other people's minds. As one very nice Canadian said, "We have always avoided anything political." But suddenly, the Working Group on Information on Conflict Resolution and Peace was adopted by the Social Sciences Section. The group consists of three Americans with the great chore of locating and enlisting working members from enough other countries to become international. Since IFLA is attended only by people with some reason to be there, no specialists with that same concern were present to talk into joining. But I received many names of people and associations to contact.

My own job will be locating collections

and research materials of all kinds on conflict resolution between groups or on international peace programs, housed in libraries, museums, associations, private collections, data bases, etc. in this country. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Names of people, places, and groups you can send me will be followed up this year. And I hope that some kind of resource list will be available by the end of 1979. It is not a job that is finished in one's lifetime, but the first assembly of fact can be made now.

Elizabeth Morrisett

LAUNCH YOUR OWN FRINGE BENEFIT PROGRAM

"Hidden Dollars: Your Fringe Benefits" was an enormously popular program on evaluation of life insurance, health insurance and fringe benefits, presented at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago last summer.

After recognizing the success of the program, the sponsoring groups put together an information packet so that similar programs can be developed for state or regional library association meetings. The packet includes goals for the program, case studies, pamphlets and brochures pertaining to benefits, a bibliography and program evaluation forms.

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Colorado

MARGARET REID DIES

Funeral services for Margaret G. Reid, longtime librarian of the Penrose Public Library in Colorado Springs, were held Tuesday, January 30. Mrs. Reid died January 27.

She served her community in many ways, and also established the Pikes Peak Regional Library District, the first such library taxing district in Colorado; established one of two Regional Library Service Systems, the first two to be "pioneered" in Colorado; was president of the Colorado Library Association and served in many official capacities including Exhibits Chairman for many years. She was also a member of MPLA and ALA, serving at least 2 terms as a member of the ALA Council and served as a member and Chairman of the Colorado Council for Library Development. (SOURCE: Colorado State Library Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 3, Mar. 1979, p. 3.)

BOARD APPROVES GRANTS

On January 4 the Colorado State Board of Education awarded \$26,500 for County-wide Cooperation Grants to three projects. This money, appropriated by the Colorado General Assembly for one year only, is for an incentive grant program to aid libraries in working toward consolidation of existing services in a county or expansion of library services throughout a county. The grants went to: Las Animas County Library (for Bent County), services to the aging and handicapped, \$10,075; Cortez Public Library (for Montezuma and Delores Counties), two-county community analysis, \$8,825; Morgan County Commissioners, County-wide community analysis for library service, \$7,600.

The Board also approved \$26,857 in Special Project Grants to 6 counties. This is part of the County Equalization Grants program. Recipients are: Southern Peaks Library, Alamosa, microform service, \$5,800; Costilla County Library, San Luis, solar energy project, \$6,980; Custer County Library, Westcliffe, local history project, \$2,500; City of La Junta Newspaper indexing, \$5,507; Saguache County Library, Saguache, reference materials, \$1,800; Silverton Public Library, Silverton, historical reference project, \$4,270. (SOURCE: Colorado State Library Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 2, Feb. 1979, p. 1.)

Kansas

KLA CONFERENCE IN TOPEKA

The Kansas Library Association Annual Convention will be April 18-21, 1979, in Topeka Kansas, at the Downtown Ramada Inn. Lillian Carter will be the Bookman's Luncheon speaker Judy Krug from ALA is on the program.

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One of the best story tellers, Denny Dye, will give a program. Kodak will be demonstrating techniques for making multi-media presentations and for using multi-media in instruction.

Anyone interested in attending may secure registration materials and a detailed program from: Mr. Dave Ensign, Registration Chairperson, Topeka Public Library, 1515 West 10th, Topeka, KS 66604. (SOURCE: Donna R. Jones, Kansas MPLA Representative.)

Nebraska

NORTHERN NETWORK RECEIVES \$18,000 HUMANITIES GRANT

The Nebraska Committee for the Humanities awarded an \$18,000 grant to the Northern Library Network, Inc., for a project titled, "The Small-Town/Rural Library as a Cultural Arts Center."

The Northern Library Network secured the one-year grant with the cooperation of Extension Clubs in Northeast Nebraska. The theme for Extension club activities in 1979 is "The Cultural Arts."

Under the project, five traveling cultural arts exhibits will be displayed in 60 public libraries of the Network for one month. In connection with the displays ten special programs featuring a professional humanist will also be held. Plans call for the first exhibit to be on display March 1.

Project Director is Dick Allen, Northern Network Coordinator. The project committee includes Bonnie Groskurth, House Memorial Library, Pender; Barbara Wittgow, Stanton Public Library; Betty Walters, Extension Home Economist of Madison and Stanton Counties; Maxine Kessinger, Bancroft; Anna Marie Kreifels, Extension Agent, Northeast Station; and Win Jacobsen, Columbus Public Library.

Professional humanists for the programs are: Erika Barton, Doane College; Robin Bowers, UNL; Erick Egertson, Midland Lutheran College; Patrick Keating, Northeast Technical Community College; Reinhold Marxhausen, Concordia College; John Nies, Yankton College; James Phifer, Cornell Runstad and Donald Schultz, Wayne State College; and John Putnam, Platte Technical Community College. (SOURCE: NLC Overtones, Vol. 6, No. 1, Jan. 19, 1979, p. 2.)

UNL REVISES INTER-LIBRARY LOAN FEES

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries have announced a reduction of fees related to interlibrary loans to Nebraska libraries. The revised schedule reduces the copying charges from 10c per page to 5c per page and no longer requires items to be insured.

The policy as issued by the University on February 15 is:

"Nebraska libraries borrowing materials from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries are expected to pay only the cost of return postage. UNL Libraries will pay the postage from UNL to the borrowing library.

In addition, Nebraska libraries borrowing from UNL Libraries are no longer required to insure packages for return to UNL. The borrowing library however is expected to assume liability if items are lost or damaged in return. In the case of especially valuable or rare materials, the UNL Libraries may require the borrowing library to insure items for return."

The above policy is for Nebraska libraries only. For rates applicable to other libraries, write to Interlibrary Loans, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68508. (SOURCE: NLC Overtones, Vol. 6., No. 2, Feb. 23, 1979, p. 1.)

Nevada

NEVADA LIBRARIES FACE CHALLENGES

In 1979, Nevada's libraries face an uncertain future. Our libraries are already hindered by low levels of funding, inadequate book collections, a lack of trained staff and inadequate facilities. In Nevada, the per capita expenditure for libraries is an average of \$5.83, slightly more than half the \$9.67 necessary to provide minimum levels of library service. Nevada's libraries have 1.4 books per person, rather than the minimum standard of three books per person recommended by the American Library Association. The ratio of librarians to population is one for each 17,000 people rather than the recommended one librarian for each 6000 people cited in the National Inventory of Library Needs.

In 1977-78, seventy-one per cent of the revenue available to local libraries was generated from property taxes or general funds. In Clark County, 97 per cent of the library revenue was obtained from property taxes. Last year, Nevada citizens read 3.4 books or 4.4 books per capita. Libraries throughout Nevada are attempting to serve a burgeoning, expanding clientele with ever contracting budgets. If Proposition 6 is allowed to pass again, Nevada's libraries will be crippled, perhaps permanently.

Within the Association, we face a clear, compelling charge. We can no longer afford the luxury of waiting for someone else to rectify this disagreeable reality. We must prepare and present our case. Libraries are a basic, essential service to every Nevadan and a vital state resource in the changing Nevada society.

I've invited you to help me plan the new year ahead. For many of you, the first priority will be to conduct an aggressive membership drive. I ask you now to consider that such a drive should be aimed not only at librarians but also at library supporters, Governor's Conference delegates, friends, neighbors, legislators and citizens throughout Nevada. These supporters can contribute the knowledge and expertise necessary to carry out your second priority, an intensive legislative effort.

With help from our friends, the delegates to the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Needs, the Government Relations Committee of NLA has chosen three priorities: state funding for statewide programs, such as the rural bookmobile program and interlibrary loan; a legislative interim committee to study the needs of libraries, and, finally, responsible local funding for libraries.

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To be effective, our legislative campaign must be widespread. We must involve those same library supporters, friends, neighbors, legislators and Governor's Conference delegates. Please forward the names of your friends and library supporters to Martha Gould who will act as our state coordinator in the legislative network. Further, please write to Governor List and volunteer to serve on the Commission on the Future of Nevada or as a citizen or library representative on any interim study committee which will examine the needs of Nevada's libraries. (SOURCE: Ann Thompson. *NLA President*, **Highroller**, Vol. 16, No. 1, Jan.-Feb., 1979, p. 2.)

PRESENTATIONS BY CHILDREN'S AUTHORS

The Nevada Humanities Committee has funded a speaking tour of 34 presentations by 13 children's authors. They will speak at county libraries in various cities and towns throughout the State about children's literature and about the artistic, ethical, and cultural aspects of their work. Schools in areas where authors will speak will be encouraged to publicize the event, to expose their students to books by the visiting authors, and to invite the authors to speak to their students. The presentations will begin in early February and continue through March. The following authors will be coming to Nevada: Sue Alexander, Byrd Baylor, Beverly Clearly, Julia Cunningham, Monica DeBruyn, Virginia Hamilton, Cheryl Hoople, Myran Cohn Livingston, Berniece Rabe, Ann Scott, Anne Snyder, Barbara Williams, and Phyllis Anderson Wood. (SOURCE: **Dateline**, Oct.-Dec. 1978, p. 4.)

North Dakota

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS TO BE ANALYZED

The State Library has contracted with the Bureau of Governmental Affairs, University of North Dakota, for an independent analysis of the resolutions adopted by the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services on September 30, 1978. The project will be under the direction of Boyd Wright.

The study will address the following issues:

1. Is the resolution feasible? If not, why not?
2. Should it be implemented? If not, why not?
3. Who should implement it?
4. What are the probable costs?
5. Are there not-so-obvious adverse reactions which may arise from implementation or non-implementations?
6. What are the political issues?
7. Is there sufficient information available to make a decision?
8. Do other agencies need to become involved to insure successful implementation?

The State Library will appoint an advisory committee to work with the Bureau of Governmental Affairs during the course of the study.

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A periodic newsletter will be published and distributed to the delegates, the library community, and to other interested persons and organizations. A final report will be distributed in July 1979. (SOURCE: **Flickertale**, Vol. 11, No. 1, Jan. 15, 1979.)

South Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA BUILDS NEW LIBRARIES

New public libraries have been built in Belle Fourche, Milbank (Grant County Library), Gregory, and Vermillion, and new additions have been added to the library in Sturgis and at the Beulah Williams Library at Northern State College in Aberdeen.

These buildings probably represent the last major burst of library construction in South Dakota for some time. Federal jobs or public works funding is becoming more restricted; all the public colleges and universities and some private colleges have upgraded their library facilities in the last dozen years; public building requests in this time of inflation-induced tax rebellion face considerable taxpayer skepticism; and many private colleges are widely predicted to be struggling just to stay open as the demographic depression engulfs higher education.

Library construction will not stop totally. Ellsworth Air Force Base is in fact to receive a \$715,000 new library. A one million dollar addition to the law library at the University of South Dakota is being pushed in the legislature as a minimal response to the American Bar Association's threat to withdraw accreditation of the law school if new facilities are not provided. Other projects of the size of the one in Gregory will occur from time to time. The growth of Sioux Falls may shortly lead to South Dakota's first urban branch library, and the growth of Minnehaha County and present inadequacies may lead to some construction in the near future by the Minnehaha County Library.

The three totally new public libraries reflect something of an architectural consensus for public library buildings for small cities or branches in urban areas. They all use a single floor plan to ease access to all, they all use modular style construction that provides a stark rectangular exterior which the architects try to blur by indentations into the rectangle or protrusion from it about the entrance and perhaps elsewhere, and they eschew for energy conservation the large areas of glass so modish a generation ago (but not completely). They are economical and efficient, but they lack the charm of the Carnegie monuments which many new libraries replace. (SOURCE: **Book Marks**, Vol. 30, No. 1, Jan.-Feb. 1979, p. 5.)

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION VS STATE LIBRARIAN

On Wednesday afternoon, February 7, 1979, at 4:00, the State Librarian, accompanied by

legal counsel and witnesses, appeared before the South Dakota Ethics Commission to answer charges that the State Librarian had broken the rules of the Ethics Commission. The charge was derived from the activities of the State Librarian during the election in his efforts to help defeat the Initiated Referendum on Obscenity. It was perhaps one of the shortest hearings ever attended by librarians. The Chairperson of the Ethics Commission started the proceedings by stating to those present that the Commission had just voted moments before to drop all charges due to a procedural error in the Commission's investigation of the case. The procedural error was not stated. Let us hope that this action is the end of a long year of activity on the part of many within our profession to protect the first amendment rights of those who use our services. (SOURCE: **South Dakota State Library Newsletter**, Vol. 6, No. 1, Feb., 1979, p. 2.)

Utah

OREM LIBRARY OFFERS YEAR-AROUND PROGRAM

New and exciting plans are developing rapidly for Orem Public Library's newest reading program for children, to begin in May 1979. These plans offer some changes in the reading program procedure, aimed to spark the interests of children and to involve the approval of their parents.

The new program, which will be opened and flexible, will be based upon materials and professional guidance offered by the Library, upon the active participation of parents with their children in reading and library use, and upon the interest of children in exploring the world of books.

Beginning in May, any child may join the reading program by signing a contract with his parents (or guardians) to participate in reading of his (or her) choice, on any subject he (or she) chooses, as extensively as they together decide, and for as long a period as they think desirable.

Terms of the contract between them, and the rewards offered to the child upon completion of the reading that has been contracted for, will be decided between the child and his parents. The library's function will be to provide the books and materials and the professional help and encouragement of the Library Staff.

Contracts and reading records, as well as specially-designed certificates of accomplishment signed by the Head Librarian will be furnished by the library for those who finish their contracted reading program.

It has long been the desire of the library staff to build a year-round reading program: one in which children are encouraged and supported more directly than in the usual "summer reading club"; a program to foster a life-long love of reading, in the excitement of using the rich resources of a library to learn on one's own.

This new approach is also prompted by the desire to encourage by library cooperation the family's sharing of library books and materials and the delights they can bring into the home. Many leaders in the educational world tell us that shared reading, and the example set by

parents who like to read, provide the most important and strongest motivation a child can receive for learning to read appreciatively and well.

As the library staff plans for the May beginning of Orem Public Library's new personal contract reading program, they anticipate that it will provide impetus for shared reading and exploring of library resources in a happy context for Orem's youngsters — one that will enrich their lives in years to come. (SOURCE: **City of Orem Happenings**, No. 56, Mar.-Apr. 1979, p. 3.)

ULA APPOINTS FINANCIAL STATUS COMMITTEE

On September 15, the Executive Board approved the long-term recommendations delivered by NPRT officers and concerned ULA members with regard to the financial problems of ULA. Prior to their approval, the Board officially moved that ULA undertake a long-range financial study of the Association. It was decided to have a section of ULA units and membership do the study. President Amy Owen was given Board approval to select the committee, which was done by December. The nine-member committee, chaired by Dr. Dale Cluff, intends to meet twice monthly and make recommendations to the Executive Board and to ULA membership. It was proposed that the committee have a preliminary report ready by this year's convention in March with the final report due at the 1980 convention. (SOURCE: **ULA Newsletter**, No. 18, Feb. 1979, p. 2.)

CIRCULATION CIRCUS

A patron recently phoned Ruth Vine Tyler Branch, complaining that he had received a notice for an overdue book. It seems his ex-wife was still using a library card with his name on it, so her overdue notices were being forwarded to him. After assuring him that they would straighten out the problem, the Tyler staff noticed the title of the overdue book checked out to the ex-wife. It was **What Shall We Name the Baby?** (SOURCE: **Main Entry**, Vol. 7, No. 6, Feb. 1979, p. 4.)

Wyoming

AUBUCHON RESUMES DUTIES AS ARCHIVIST

Ruth Aubuchon has resumed her duties as division chief of the State Library-Archives and Historical Department joint Public Information Office. Board action separated the two Departments but provided for the continuation of the combined Public Information Office. On that same date Vincent P. Foley, former chief of development planning for the Utah State Parks and Recreation Department, became director of the Archives and Historical Department. Ruth Aubuchon had been working as acting director of the Archives and Historical Department for the past nine months while Linn Rounds served as acting public information officer. (SOURCE: **The Outrider**, Vol. 11, No. 1, Jan. 1979, p. 3.)

Continuing Education

Date: May 23-24, 1979

Title: **4th Annual USD Library Management Seminar**

Sponsor: University of South Dakota

Location: Vermillion, South Dakota

Cost: \$175 which includes room and board and transportation to and from airlines.

Description: The seminar will concentrate on marketing the library, administrative interpersonal relationships, and problem subordinates. It is designed to assist library administrators in improving their managerial effectiveness and will be valuable to administrators of all kinds of libraries.

Contact: Dr. C. N. Kaufman, School of Business, Vermillion, SD 57069, (605) 677-5232.

Date: June 11-15, 1979

Title: **8th Annual May Masee Workshop**

Sponsor: School of Library Science, Emporia State University.

Location: Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.

Description: May Masee, an outstanding children's editor of the twentieth century, was editor for both Doubleday and Viking Press. Her memorial collection is housed in the William Allen White Library at Emporia State University.

Contact: Charles Bolles, Acting Director, School of Library Science, Emporia, Kansas 66801.

Date: June 24-26, 1979

Title: **Twelfth Annual Church and Synagogue Library Conference**

Sponsor: Church and Synagogue Library Association.

Location: Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia.

Description: Centered on the theme, "The Library as a Bridge Between Our Heritage and the Future," the conference will feature 28 classes and offer many opportunities to share experiences, exchange ideas, and learn new skills.

Contact: CSLA, P.O. Box 1130, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

Date: June 23-24, 1979

Title: **Sexism: Monitor Awareness - Review Thinking Sessions (SMARTS)**

Sponsor: LAMA/PAS

Location: ALA Dallas

Cost: Free

Description: A workshop designed to heighten awareness of men and women concerning the nature, causes and to increase consciousness and sensitivity regarding ways in which sexism affects libraries and the people who use and work in them. Participants will be limited to 150 and will be expected to commit two full days to the workshop and be willing to share the experience with colleagues at work.

Contact: Mary A. Hall, Prince George's County Memorial Library, 6532 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Joblist

Deadline: May 1, 1979

Position: **Children's Librarian**

Library: Sioux Falls Public Library, Sioux Falls, SD

Salary: \$15,263 plus fringe benefits

Responsibilities: Responsible for all aspects of children's services, including selection and cataloging of materials, programming and work with schools.

Qualifications: An out-going, dynamic person with an ALA accredited MLS and some experience in operating a children's department.

Send resume to: Civil Service Office, City Hall, 224 W. Ninth St., Sioux Falls, SD 57102. An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply.

Deadline: May 15, 1979

Position: **Half-time Assistant Director, half-time Children's Librarian (one position).**

Library: Albany County Public Library, Laramie WY 82070.

Salary: In the \$11,000 Range.

Benefits: 35 hour/week; health insurance; generous vacation; supportive, warm, energetic staff and board; University town; close to mountains; folk dancing.

Responsibilities: With a bond issue approved in September, the opportunity to work on plans for a new library building will be a primary responsibility for the next two years. Additional partial responsibilities include adult and children programming and publicity; staff development including continuing education; children's acquisition and reference; and branch development.

Qualifications: MLS from an ALA-accredited library school. Administrative experience preferred, with experience in children's room of public library also desired. Ability to work with limited budget and unlimited energy and creativity essential.

Send resume with references to: Lisa Kinney, Director, Albany County Public Library, 405 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY 82070 by May 15 for potential hiring date of June or July 1. An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

Opening: June 1, 1979

Position: **Public Library Director**

Library: Alexander Mitchel Public Library, Aberdeen, SD.

Salary: \$15,915-\$16,782

Responsibilities: Administer a city library with contract to serve county; 14 full-time employees; 2 bookmobiles; collection of over 90,000 items; budget for 1979 of \$246,000.

Qualifications: MLS degree required with three years of progressively responsible professional library work, one year of which should have been in a supervisory position.

Send resume and application to: Mrs. Karol Bormes, President, Library Board, Alexander Mitchell Library, 519 S. Kline St., Aberdeen, SD 57401. An equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

Position: **County Library Director**

Library: Pitkin County Library, Aspen, Colorado. Salary: \$16,932 plus 12 days vacation, paid medical.

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Responsibilities: Administer library serving population of 15,000, 1979 budget of \$198,000-25,000 volumes, 8 F.T.E. staff.

Qualifications: ALA accredited MLS and 3 years professional library experience minimum. Administrative experience desirable.

Send Resume to: Phyllis Kenney, Personnel Director, Pitkin County, 506 E. Main St., Aspen, CO 81611. Include current references and a brief statement of professional concerns.

Deadline: June 15, 1979

Position: **Reference Librarian**

Library: Campbell County Library, Gillette, Wyoming

Salary: \$14,000 - \$17,000 commensurate with qualifications and potential for success. Fringe benefits include 20 days paid time off, 12 paid holidays, one-half retirement and health insurance program, merit step increases and merit bonuses. Full time including two evenings and every other weekend.

Responsibilities: Responsible for promoting and providing reference services to the business community as well as to the public in an innovative and rapidly growing public library serving a county of 25,000 in Northeastern Wyoming, developing the adult and juvenile non-fiction collection (\$40,000 book budget), organizing state documents and EIR's, and training and supervising two assistants.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS, at least two years of successful reference experience (preferably in a public library), a strong commitment to the library's role to provide information services in a rural community, and effective communication skills. Particularly desirable qualifications/traits include familiarity with computer applications to reference service, a cooperative personality, and a commitment to excellence.

Send complete resume, references, and a brief statement of your professional concern to: Paul L. Knoblich, Director, Campbell County Library, 412 So. Gillette Ave., Gillette, WY 82716. Equal opportunity employer.

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