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## Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

Country Schools were the center for all social activity on the frontier. On quiet Christmas nights the mood would have been solemn and religious. Other evenings, square dancers rocked the walls and danced the Virginia reel, turkey trot, Oh Johnny Oh, and the old country folk dances like the schottish, the polka, and the butterfly.

Men would have stepped out for a smoke, a fast swig, and the women catching their breath after that last, fast dance, would have checked on the babies in the hallway.

Kids caught catnaps in the corner, and lazy flies traced X's on the window panes by day in those quiet, drowsy schools. But at night the issues of the times were hotly debated and fierce speakers defended prohibition, the coinage of free silver, and presidential candidates. In the evenings, the humble schoolhouse became a podium for ringing rhetoric. Farmer fathers, quiet behind the plow during the day, boomed out their support for William Jennings Bryan at night.

In hopes of documenting and sharing the country school experience, the MPLA Executive Board voted at its July 13th meeting to sponsor a grant titled "Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier." The grant proposal will be submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Public Programs and the Library Program. The grant will involve active research and public involvement in each of the states served by the Mountain Plains Library Association.

Andrew Gulliford, a fourth-grade teacher and college instructor in history and photography, will direct the project from Colorado. As a freelance photographer and oral historian, he has documented many aspects of Colorado rural life. He has gathered history for the

Andrew Gulliford, Project Director,  
Country School Legacy: Humanities on  
the Frontier.



Penrose Public Library in Colorado Springs, the Plains and Peaks Library System, the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission, and the Colorado Humanities Program. His major documentaries include "As Far as the Eye Can See: A High Plains Documentary" and "The Years Ahead: Life for the Aging in Northwest Colorado."

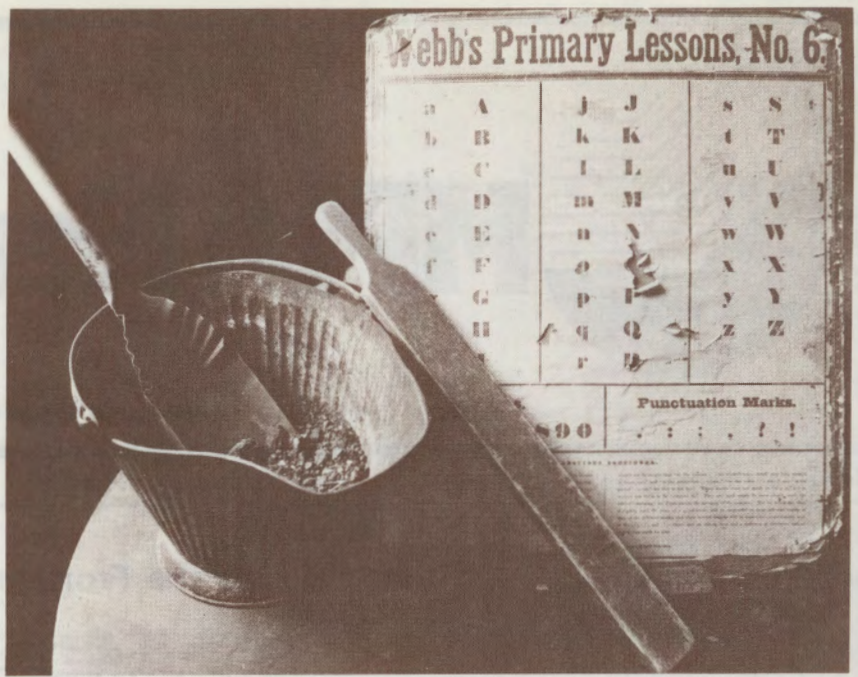
The purpose of the "Country School Legacy" grant is to research country schools and their importance as educational and community institutions on the frontier. This research will then be utilized in numerous presentations in rural and urban libraries in the MPLA states. The primary goal of the grant is to stimulate public involvement with libraries and their facilities and collections.

The mountain/plains states comprised the major portion of the American frontier during the latter half of the nineteenth century, and most humanities and social life on the vast plains and rugged mountains took place at country schools. At the turn of the century there were 200,000 one-room schools — now only 1,111 still survive.

The country school experience cuts to the heart of the frontier tradition in the MPLA states. Generations of residents attended country schools or taught in one-room structures.

In the words of Olive Salladay who taught in South Park, Colorado in 1927, "After one look at the building, I was sure I had lost my mind. It was built of rough boards with double-boarded walls with tarpaper between the boards. We had a small box heater to heat the building which it didn't do in cold weather. When it was really cold we moved the desks up as close as we could to the stove."

The South Park School, as crude as it was, seems ultra-modern compared to earlier Colorado schools in the beginning



days of ranching. Nellie Carnahan Robinson taught in the Disappointment Creek Valley in Southwest Colorado in 1897. She wrote in her diary:

I am sure there was not another school house in the whole country as primitive as this one. There couldn't have been. It was made of logs and had been built in a day by the men in the settlement. The dimensions were about fourteen by sixteen feet. The logs were chinked and daubed with adobe mud. In many places the mud had fallen out. If a child wanted to look at anyone passing, he would peek between the logs.

The roof was made by first placing a layer of poles across which was the ceiling. The poles were then covered with straw and over the straw was a thick coating of adobe mud. From the ridge pole on each side were unfinished boards. There was very little slant to the roof, but it kept out the rain.

On some days we had occasional showers of dirt when a wood rat would be prowling around up there. The floor was of unfinished boards, and if a child dropped a pencil he learned to be quick to retrieve or it rolled through the cracks under the floor. At times we would have a general upheaval at the noon hour when the boys would take up the floorboards and reclaim the erasers, pencils, chalk, and various other articles the wood rat had hidden under there.

Such reminiscences will make up only a

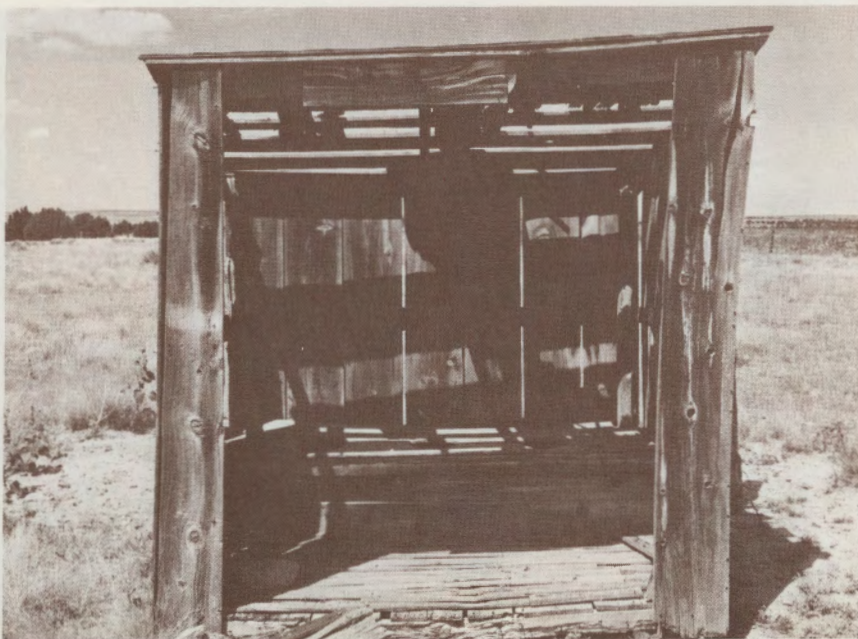
small part of the historical material to be researched. Old photographs will be cataloged and identified; school sites will be located and existing structures noted and photographed; oral histories will gather new data; genealogical records based on school attendance will be compiled; and specific school/community/humanities themes will be studied.

Following the research phase will be the production phase in which the materials will be incorporated into a videotape, slide-tape program, discussion guidelines, and a traveling exhibit.

The most important phase, the presentation phase, will utilize the research in rural and urban libraries in the MPLA states. Extensive publicity will culminate in local programs where libraries will sponsor seminars. The traveling exhibit will serve as a focal point for library discussions based on: country schools as historic sites; country schools as centers of the community; genealogy and local history from rural education records; female teachers, their roles, rules, and restrictions; the function of country schools in the Americanization of ethnic groups; the humanities and the great era of debating clubs and literary societies; reading, writings, arithmetic, and recitation; and contemporary uses for one-room schools.

These mini-seminars will be scheduled over a month's time and will be conducted by library personnel at the rate of two a week. The seminars will be informal and presented somewhat like old-fashioned Chautauqua's. The project will be a marvelous opportunity to introduce new patrons to local history collections, library-held genealogical resources, ongoing oral history programs, and to each other.

Senior citizens will enjoy swapping  
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stories about those "good old school days" and younger patrons will find out from the past more about their own education and its value. Teachers in the MPLA states will eagerly attend the sessions, and they'll be surprised at how far education has come.

Olive Salladay, who taught also in Peach Valley between Silt and New Castle, remembers, "My first few weeks were pretty hectic. I was greatly relieved any morning I didn't open my desk and find a mouse, snake, or frog. They were all dead, of course. By the time the kids found out that didn't frighten me, we settled down."

If a teacher's lot in the early years of country schools was not made easier by rowdy children, neither did school district regulations and finances make the job any more appealing. Districts paid teachers in warrants which the teachers

then took to local banks to cash.

Banks always checked the status of the district account before redeeming the warrant, and during the Great Depression and minimal tax collection, often those warrants weren't worth the paper they were written on. Teachers then had the gloomy option of not getting paid and letting the warrant collect interest at the bank until the district could redeem it. Or teachers could cash their warrants at a 20% loss in pay and let the bank profit by the difference and the interest. All this financial hoopla for a mere \$75 a month.

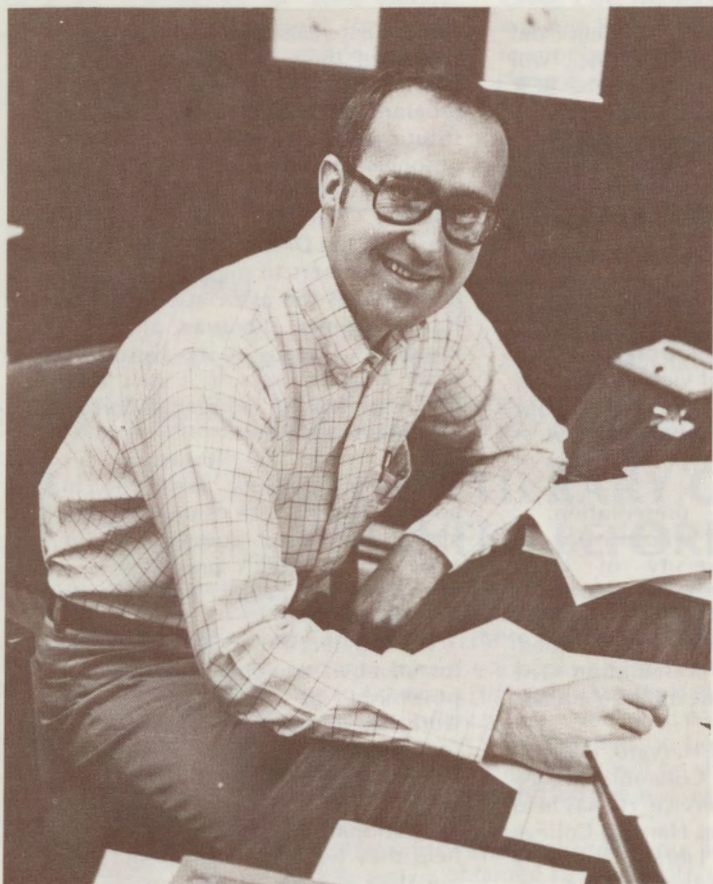
"Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier" will be an exciting community-oriented grant for MPLA libraries and librarians. Two librarians from each state will be selected to direct research in their respective states. A stipend of \$2,000 to cover work done outside of normal working hours will be provided along with

\$500 for travel.

Smaller stipends will be paid to librarians interested in working on the evening seminars as discussion leaders. Individuals interested in the grant should immediately contact Andrew Gulliford, Project Director. Libraries and library systems desiring to be host institutions should also contact Mr. Gulliford. He can be reached at:

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If your library has specific materials relevant to the grant topic, please notify the project director. "Country School Legacy" will be an innovative opportunity to focus modern library science on a unique aspect of our American heritage.



## From Your President. . .

It is quite likely that my previous columns have given you the impression that I am 100% behind an effort to "sell" MPLA. Well, I am, and I am continuing my efforts with full backing of your executive board. Our dedication in services and programs to member needs is a factor that cannot be promoted too strongly.

The past couple of days I have been hard at work selling another organization, the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, battling zero with a shoe store and an electronics dealer, but easily selling memberships to a restaurant and to a lounge. Selling a Chamber of Commerce is not easy, as it is often difficult to point to tangible results which members can visibly stand to gain.

However, selling MPLA is a completely different story. The tangibles are all there.

Shortly, you will see the results of Executive Board foresight and the hard work of our Public Relations Committee in the form of a new membership brochure.

The Brochure will cover all that MPLA has to offer in depth, and its intent is dual: to sell MPLA to new members and to sell current members on programs available to them. The latter is emphasized because we are finding that the membership is not always aware of all they can find and use.

In our catalog of member services to be provided in this new member brochure will be a listing for our latest venture, "MPLA Experience Exchange." "Experience Exchange" is the title of a program which carries the current One-to-One Program an additional step, by providing additional opportunities for members to visit libraries with unique or special programs and learn new ideas. No financial assistance comes with this program. MPLA's role will be to locate, identify and list for members the many learning opportunities in our region.

"Experience Exchange" could be an important skills sharing opportunity. Libraries are invited to open their doors to others for a day or two to share with visitors the interesting and successful services they perform. We need volunteer host institutions, as the success of the program will depend on the variety of opportunities we can offer.

This is my final column as your President. I leave office more impressed with MPLA than ever before, mostly because of the hard work contributed by the Executive Board and my Committee Chairpersons. And as Joe Edelen informs me, we are also serving our largest membership ever. So it has been a good year, and I want to thank you all.

**Jim Dertien**

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Extends an invitation to all people attending the Mountain Plains Library convention to be our guests at the Carl Gaumer Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, October 28. So we can make the necessary arrangements, please RSVP by October 15 (or as soon as possible) either by (1) Marking the "I shall attend" blank on the conference pre-registration form published in the August **MPLA Newsletter**, or (2) clipping and mailing this form to Carl Gaumer, 5175 W. Yale Avenue, Denver, CO 80219.

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## BCR Announces Program for Denver

BCR will participate in the joint meeting of the Mountain Plains Library Association and the Colorado Library Association October 28-31 at the new Fairmont Hotel in downtown Denver.

At 1:00 Sunday afternoon, October 28, in the Florentine Room, BCR will present a program featuring Frederick G. Kilgour, President and Executive Director of OCLC, Inc. Mr. Kilgour will make a presentation on network governance, and a panel of librarians from academic, state, and school libraries will respond.

BCR Executive Director Donald B. Simpson will be a panelist at the session "Cooperation, Conflict and Compromise Among and Between Academic, College, and State Library Agencies," on Sunday afternoon, October 28, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Also at MPLA/CLA, Dr. Segal, Resource Sharing Division Director, will participate in the "Marketing Library Service" program on Monday, October 29, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Directors' Room.

An organizational meeting of the OCLC/ILL User Group and a luncheon of State Library Networking Personnel, at which regional protocols will be discussed are scheduled for Wednesday. BCR will also meet informally during the conference with representatives of area library schools and with school library/media personnel to discuss possible services and programs.

BCR will have a booth in the exhibit area and a hospitality suite where demonstrations can be arranged. BCR Update Forums are scheduled to be held in the BCR suite at 10:00 a.m. October 28, 2:00 p.m. October 29, and 10:00 a.m. October 30.

## Kilgour to Keynote BCR Program at Denver

Frederick G. Kilgour, President and Executive Director of OCLC, Inc., will deliver the primary address of the BCR program of the Mountain Plains Library Association — Colorado Library Association joint conference. The BCR program will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28 in the Florentine Room at the Fairmont Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Kilgour will compare the strengths and weaknesses of various structures and governance formats in networking as perceived from his point of view as the chief executive of OCLC, Inc., a large bibliographic network supplying services and products to many types and sizes of networks.

Following Kilgour's presentation, a three member panel — consisting of Roger Hanson, University of Utah, representing a large research library, a state librarian, and a school library representative (both yet to be confirmed) — will react to the presentation. The remaining time will be devoted to audience participation.

Mr. Kilgour attended Harvard, Harvard Graduate School, and Columbia University School of Library Service. He has held professional positions at Harvard College Library, Yale Medical Library, and Yale University Library. Following the co-authorship of the consulting report recommending the development of the Ohio College Library Center in 1967, Kilgour has led a distinguished career as its only executive director.

Among his many distinctions, Kilgour has earned significant professional recognition for his outstanding leadership. Three of his more recent awards include the Melvil Dewey Medal, 1978; the Library and Information Technology Award, 1979; and the Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award co-recipient for the current year.

## New Directions Needed for MPLA?

In recent years librarians have begun to recognize their responsibilities to serve special classes of patrons. Outreach programs to reach the homebound and institutionalized elderly, ethnic minorities, prisoners, the illiterate — to name only a few — have been developed in numerous libraries. But in response to MPLA President Jim Dertien's June invitation for MPLA members to suggest new programs and services the association might offer, L. Fay Domek, librarian at the Adult Resident's Library at the North Dakota State Hospital asks if it isn't time for MPLA to look at its organization and its offerings to members.

Her work as librarian serving psychiatric patients in a psychiatric hospital library, with its unique goals and needs, has raised questions about the adequacy of MPLA programs to serve librarians in such special library situations.

Fay wonders if this isn't "a feasible time for members to ponder and envision the possibility of launching a seminar-workshop-information exchange through our organization. Perhaps in our membership there are many who are searching for better ways to utilize audio-visuals for institutionalized residents. Perhaps it is help they need developing and carrying out their programs. There are vast numbers of special aspects in libraries serving psychiatric patients."

Is anyone else out there interested? Fay will be at Denver to brainstorm with similarly situated librarians. But beyond Denver, what should MPLA be doing to help special librarians and, for that matter, any librarians with special needs? Take up Jim's invitation for new ideas and "be imaginative, be bold, and add a touch of practicality. And then hurriedly get your ideas in the mail."

## Western States to Explore Cooperative Conservation Strategies

The Western Council of State Libraries, Inc., Herschel V. Anderson of South Dakota, Chairman, has received a \$49,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which the Western Council has matched with \$25,000, for a twelve month "Western States Materials Conservation Project." The project staff will organize a Planning Conference in each of the seventeen Western Council States bringing together librarians, archivists, conservators and historical society personnel to assess library and archival materials conservation problems and alternatives for resolving them.

Howard P. Lowell of Salem, Oregon, Project Director, and Karen Day of Denver, Colorado, Assistant Project Director, will conduct these state meetings during the Fall of 1979 and Winter of 1980. In June, 1980, representatives from each of the state meetings will convene to evaluate cooperative solutions for the problems uncovered during the state survey process. The objective of this meeting will be to develop a coordinated plan of conservation actions, thus providing a framework for improved materials conservation in the Western United States in the 1980's.

Regular monitoring of project activities will occur under the supervision of an Advisory Committee composed of Richard King, University of California; Robert Patterson, University of Wyoming; William Knott, Jefferson County Library, Colorado; and John Kinney, Alaska State Archives; and the Conservation Committee of the Western Council, whose members are Gerald Newton, California State Library; Joseph Anderson, Nevada State Library; and Barry Porter, State Library Commission of Iowa.

Wyoming held their planning conference at the State Library in Cheyenne August 21.

## Three Libraries in MPLA Region to Share in Humanities Grant

Eleven libraries have been awarded grants to participate in the American Library Association's project to develop creative and innovative programs in the humanities which will serve as models for libraries across the country. ALA received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support demonstration programs in public libraries using Courses by Newspaper topics and materials.

Clark County Library District (Las Vegas, Nevada), Salt Lake City Public Library (Utah) and Wichita Public Library (Kansas) were three of the eleven libraries chosen for the unique components they will bring to the national demonstration model. Other libraries selected were Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery; Broward County Library System, Tamarac, FL; Chicago Public Library; Cumberland County Public Library, Fayetteville, NC; East St. Louis (Illinois) Public Library; Forsyth County Public Library, Winston-Salem, NC; Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, NY; Westmoreland County Library Board, Greensburg, PA.

The ALA/NEH/Courses by Newspaper project will reach a variety of audiences through a wide range of programs in several types of communities and the final results should provide a number of formats for developing humanities programs in public libraries.

## BCR Reports Online Access Survey Results

During the Winter and Spring of 1979, BCR surveyed its participants to find out who had access to online technical and reference retrieval services. Of 187 questionnaires sent, 163, or 87%, were returned. The following is a summary of the responses:

One hundred twenty-eight libraries reported having in-house access to OCLC, and thirteen others said the system was available to them through another method. Twenty-six libraries have RLIN in-house and eight have other access to RLIN. One library reported its own in-house system and nine reported having access to MINI-MARC, automated circulation systems, and other technical service systems.

Seventy-six libraries have access to DIALOG in-house, seventy have SDC, thirty-two BRS, and thirty NYTIB. Twenty-nine libraries have other databases available in house. Access to the databases is available to some libraries other than at their home institution. Fifty-one libraries reported having such access to DIALOG, forty-eight to SDC, forty-three to BRS, sixty-four to NYTIB, and twelve to other databases. A large proportion of the respondents (53%) has no access to BRS; 42% have no access to NYTIB. However, only 23% have no access to DIALOG and only 27% have no SDC access.

BCR offers all these services to the Mountain Plains Region under the direction of James Tilton, Director, Computerized Services Division. (Source: *Action for Libraries*, September 1979, p. 13.)

## Volunteers Needed for OCLC Shakedown Cruise

OCLC has issued a call for applications from member libraries that would like to participate in an on-line shakedown cruise of the Acquisitions Subsystem in the first half of 1980.

From the applications OCLC will select 20 institutions to participate in the shakedown. To participate institutions must be committed to use the OCLC Acquisitions Subsystem for all their unit title orders. Acquisitions staff will need access to an OCLC terminal. Volunteer libraries will also need innovative and efficient plans for the transition to on-line acquisitions processing.

The volunteer libraries will be chosen to represent the wide variety of OCLC members and also the following areas of acquisitions and automation: centralized acquisitions; cooperative acquisitions; distributed acquisitions; experience with automated acquisitions and manual acquisitions.

The shakedown will accustom users and OCLC to the first version of the Acquisitions Subsystem. General release of the subsystem is scheduled for the summer of 1980.

Libraries may obtain a copy of the application (which contains a questionnaire) from their network office, or if appropriate, from the Resource Management Department, User Services Division, OCLC, Inc., 1125 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212. (Source: *OCLC Newsletter*, 13 August 1979, p. 4.)

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## Library Service Enters Home Via Interactive, Cable Television Program in Columbus

Home delivery of library services took a historic step on July 18 when the "Home Book Club" premiered on QUBE, a two-way cable television system in Columbus, Ohio. The program enables viewers at home and the studio audience to participate in discussions on current best-sellers. The program is a joint production of the Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County (PLCFC), OCLC, Inc. and QUBE.

Viewers at home and the studio audience spent an hour discussing John Irving's **The World According to Garp**. Viewers at home could phone in their opinions and comments, and also, using the interactive capabilities of QUBE, respond and interact via their consoles whenever the show's moderator, Scott Nunley, called for a poll of viewers. Near the end of the program, Nunley asked the viewers to select one book from five candidates for discussion on next month's show. Viewers selected Ken Follett's **The Eye of the Needle**, and 56 viewers indicated via their QUBE consoles that they wanted PLCFC to send them copies of the book through the library's Books-by-Mail program. By early August, fifty additional requests for **The Eye of the Needle** had arrived at PLCFC.

Moreover, PLCFC also received about 70 requests for **The World According to Garp** after the program was cablecast.

"It looks like the program will boost our circulation," says Terri Deibel, Books-by-Mail Librarian at PLCFC. "We might be able to get some regular users from the program."

Ms. Deibel mails a Books-by-Mail Catalog and an application for a PLCFC borrower's card along with **The Eye of the Needle** to those viewers who had requested the book via their QUBE console. "The program also gives us an opportunity to promote the Main Library and its branches," says Ms. Deibel.

The Home Book Club will be cablecast each month for six months as part of an effort that may eventually lead to cable distribution of library home information services.

The idea for the Home Book Club originated at OCLC, and it is believed to be the world's first interactive, participatory television book club. Tom Harnish, Program Manager for Home Delivery of Library Services in OCLC's Research Department, is coordinator for the project.

G. Scott Nunley, a noted local writer and former radio show host, acts as host of the program to initiate discussion on the book being highlighted on the program and to guide discussion ac-

ording to the wishes of the home audience, who make their opinions known by touching certain buttons on their QUBE consoles. (Source: *OCLC Newsletter*, 13 August 1979, p. 1.)

## SLA Reaffirms its Support of National Periodicals Center

At the 70th Annual SLA Conference in Honolulu (June 9-14) the Board of Directors of the Special Libraries Association considered the draft legislative proposal of April 26, 1979, prepared by a subcommittee of the NCLIS Advisory Committee on a National Periodicals System (NPC).

The SLA Board took actions in Honolulu that reaffirm the Association's support of efforts to establish an NPC. The Board's actions included (1) an endorsement of the concepts set forth in the draft legislative proposal, and (2) an appeal to Congress urging the eventual establishment of a national lending library to include all publication formats.

In a related action the SLA Board expressed the Association's intention to be designated as a joint sponsor of draft legislation for the NPC.

## Library Friends Get Together

An organization dedicated to encourage and assist the formation and development of Friends of Library groups across the United States was created at the 98th annual conference of the American Library Association. The organization — Friends of Libraries USA — was approved by unanimous ballot at a meeting of the Library Administration and Management Association, Public Relations Section, Friends of Libraries Committee.

It has been estimated that there are already more than 2,000 Friends of Library groups, with roughly half a million members.

Sandy Dolnick, chairperson of the Friends of Libraries Committee and a past-president of the Milwaukee Friends of the Library group, has been appointed interim president of the organization.

## Jail Library Services to be Improved

A one-year project designed to improve jail library service was launched in June 1979 by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of ALA.

The project is funded by the U.S. Office of Education under the Higher Education Act, Title II-B, and will include a three-day institute, scheduled for March 10-12, 1980, Texas Criminal Justice Center, Huntsville, Texas; programs and booths at the 1979 national conferences of the American Correctional Association, National Sheriffs' Association, and the National Jail Association, reaching an estimated 500 persons at each conference; a resource file of persons and groups — librarians, corrections staff, ex-offenders — who could serve as subject specialists and speakers; a curriculum guide for developing jail library service programs; and a trainer's guide that will assist other groups in replicating the national institute on state and regional levels.

The project aims to make staff in librarianship, corrections, and related fields more aware of the joint responsibility of both public libraries and local jails in meeting the library and information needs of inmates and jail personnel, to increase the number of inmates receiving library services, and to expand and improve library services currently being offered in local jails.

## Editor Wants Input from Librarians/Media Specialists

If you have developed or adapted successful techniques of discipline and / or behavior management in library media centers, you can have them included in a new book, **Discipline and Behavior Management in Library Media Centers**. The book will include numerous examples of successful discipline and behavior management for individuals, small groups and large groups when using a library media center. Over thirty-five library media specialists have already volunteered ideas to be included.

The book will include reprints of articles and chapters from other sources, when appropriate, followed by annotated citations to supplementary multimedia sources. These concepts will be arranged by broad grade level groupings and then by activities adaptable for individuals and groups.

Send a description of your program, including (1) type of activity, (2) size of group, (3) description of situation, and (4) results, to Dr. Thomas L. Hart, School of Library Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

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## Spotlight on North Dakota



**Ora Marie Stewart  
NDLA President**

North Dakota had an exciting year in 1978.

The Governor's Conference, in preparation for the White House Conference, held a series of three meetings in six regions and culminated in a State Conference that produced the following resolutions:

That each library community in North Dakota lacking a Friends Group be encouraged to establish one; that such organizations be created as tax exempt non-profit foundations for receipt and expenditure of local development funds.

Encourage the 1979 Legislative Assembly to appropriate sufficient state funds for the operation of the State Library thereby freeing whatever federal funds become available for improving local public library service.

That the State Library Commission and/or the North Dakota Library Association be strongly encouraged to take the initiative in developing and implementing a comprehensive, multiyear program of continuing education for professional and voluntary public library staff and public library trustees, and

That such continuing education emphasize training in areas such as effectively measuring community needs, innovative delivery of services techniques, how to deal with special needs, effective use of public relations to broaden citizen awareness of library services.

Encourage North Dakota institutions of higher learning, the Department of Public Instruction, and the State Library in their pursuit of channels for increased continuing educational opportunities.

That the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction strongly encourage each elementary and secondary school district in the state to establish libraries and staff them at or above specific minimum accreditation standards.

That mandated rules be implemented with funds from the federal or state level depending on the origin of the mandate.

Strongly support passage of the 1979 Community Library Services Act by the 1979 Legislative Assembly.

Strongly urge the State Library Commission that a standardized professional survey be designed, be coordinated on a statewide basis, and be administered locally in order to determine the library needs of our communities.

The establishment of permanent area task forces on information needs in North Dakota in coordination with the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries.

Voluntary cooperation, coordination and communication among libraries be developed, particularly at community, county, and multi-county levels.

That an attempt be made by the State Library Commission to investigate the various areas where voluntary group purchasing can be considered.

That communities or areas not served by a library should avail themselves of existing library facilities in order to have services brought to them, and further that they foster a cooperative atmosphere in which resources can be coordinated in order that all communities can be served.

Encourage North Dakota school boards, school administrations, and teachers (and parents) to provide free and open public access to public school libraries beyond normal school hours and at reasonable hours during summer months for the benefit of all members of the public.

Go on record as commending Mrs. Dina Butcher, the North Dakota Library Association and the entire staff of the conference for their fine work in conducting a very effective conference for the benefit of library services in North Dakota, and

That the entire staff be given a standing ovation by the delegates to the Conference to express their thanks to the Staff.

Urge the State Library Commission, in cooperation with the North Dakota Library Association, to compile and periodically revise a catalog, with abstracts, of library services and information networks presently functioning within the state, and

That such a catalog be provided to all legally established libraries within the state to facilitate planning and to avoid duplication.

No additional user fees should be imposed on the citizens of the supporting jurisdiction for traditional library services.

Endorse the move by the State Library as approved by the 1977 Legislative Assembly in the Liberty Memorial Building on the Capitol Grounds when the State Historical Society transfers to the North Dakota Heritage Center.

Support increased emphasis on children's services in all libraries under the direction of adequately trained personnel.

The State Association meeting held immediately following the Governors' Conference was well attended, with Dr. Charles Bunge and Lloyd Omdahl as the main speakers.

The North Dakota Library Association and its sections had a productive year. The Association sponsored the Governors' Conference and a Chautauqua series with a North Dakota Committee for a Humanities and Public Issues Grant, and endorsed a state aid formula for public libraries to be presented to the legislature.

The Academic Section sponsored a Copyright Conference in April. Main speakers were J. Sharon Butler (Attorney, U.S. Copyright Office), Mary Jo Lynch (Associate Secretary, A.L.A.) and James LeMay (Executive, Coronet Instructional Media).

The section also sponsored miniworkshops on bibliographic instruction, rising costs and evaluation of periodical collections, A.V. material, and



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collection development and evaluation and were concerned about faculty status for academic librarians and Minitex funding.

The 1979 officers are Betty Gard, UND-Grand Forks, President; Ron Rudser, Minot State College, Vice-President; Karen Pedersen-Vogel, NDSU, Fargo, Secretary.

The Children's Round Table, coordinating public and school libraries, ran a very successful program to determine the most popular children's book in the State—**Star Wars**.

The 1979 officers are JoAnn Rye, Grand Forks Public Library, President; Darrel Hildebrant, Bismarck Public Library, Secretary.

The Health Science Section sponsored a pre-conference workshop on the reference interview by Dr. Charles Bunge.

The 1979 officers are Susan Murray, St. Joseph's Hospital, Minot, President; Connie Strand, Harley French Library — UND, Grand Forks, Vice-President; Judith Schumacker, Harley French — UND, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Public Libraries Section presented programs on insurance and small library reference and designed a state aid bill for public libraries which was approved by the association.

The 1979 officers are Jerry Kaup, Minot Public Library, President; Marlene Ripplinger, Harvey Public Library, Secretary-Treasurer.

The School Libraries Section worked to disseminate copyright information with a series of regional workshops and successfully resisted efforts to reduce stan-

dards for professional media staff. They also discussed the lack of continuing education units for professional media personnel.

The 1979 officers are Hazel Yliniemi, South High, Fargo, President; Alvina Skogen, Harvey, President Elect; Nancy Mindigo, Hebron, Secretary.

The Trustee Section focused their efforts on public relations, legislative activity and the Governors' Conference and

libraries. Dina Butcher, Minot Public Library board, received the Trustee of the Year Award from NDLA.

The 1979 officers are Jerry Schneider, Dickinson, President, Thelma Klingensmith, Mandan, Vice-President; Jay Monicken, Minot, Secretary. (Source: Dennis Page, MPLA North Dakota Representative. Photographs by Michael M. Miller, North Dakota State University Library, Fargo).



**NDLA Exhibit of Children's Roundtable Prize Winner — Star Wars**



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**Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
Mountain Plains  
Library Association  
Roadway Inn, Denver, July 13, 1979**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Jim Dertien. Present were: Jim Dertien, President; Joe Anderson, Vice President; Robert Malinowsky, Past President; Dorothy Middleton, Acting Secretary; Blaine Hall, Newsletter editor; Robert Roehr, Colorado Library Association Vice President; James Swan, Chairman Public Relations Committee; Jane Kolbe, South Dakota Representative; Vee Friesner, Chairman JMRT; Kelly Patterson, Wyoming Representative; Paul Cors, Chairman Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Jan Gilligan, Local Arrangements; Morel Fry, Nebraska Representative; Rod Wagner, Chairman State Library Section; John Hunter, Chairman Technical Services Section; Donna Jones, Kansas Representative and Chairman Public Library Section; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Doug Hindmarsh, Chairman Professional Development Grants Committee; Margaret Goggin, Colorado Representative; Pam Nissler, Colorado Library Association.

**Minutes  
Committee Reports  
Awards**

The minutes of the March 23 meeting were approved as printed in the **MPLA Newsletter**.

Prior to the meeting, Shirley Flack had sent a notice to all Board members that nominations for all awards are still open. It was moved by Robert Malinowsky and seconded by Kelly Patterson that MPLA pay one night's lodging, air fare, and appropriate meals for the recipients of awards. These payments will be negotiated by the Awards Committee with those recipients who are members of MPLA. The money for these payments is to come from MPLA, not from conference expenses. Motion passed.

**Continuing Education**

Rod Wagner reported that the Committee will meet July 14. Only two applications have been received, so they will consider these. They will also work on details of implementing the expanded one-to-one program and how to publicize it. They will also consider a conference workshop on marketing library services. It was moved by James Swan and seconded by Morel Fry to extend the deadline for applications and awards for One-to-One programs to September 1. Motion passed. Jim Dertien suggested printing a full description of various outstanding library programs from One-to-One libraries. The Committee will consider this and other suggestions at their meeting.

**Professional  
Development  
Grants**

Doug Hindmarsh reported that 1978 recipient Charlene Hurt has returned her final report and Joe Edelen has issued the check. Two news releases have been sent to all member states concerning the 1979 grants. The Committee's part of the **Manual of Procedure** has been accepted by the Constitution Committee. Six applications for 1979 grants have been received. Grants have been awarded to Blaine Hall for a Clinic on Library Applications of Data Processing for \$500; Leslie Rock for an Institute on Consulting Skills for State Library Personnel for \$368; and Tom Peischl for a Management Skills Institute for \$500. All recipients have been notified. Two more applications are being considered from the June 30 deadline. Doug recommended that it was helpful for the Committee to have at least one member from the area of schools of library science and one member who is also on the Continuing Education Committee.

**Nominating**

Jim Dertien reported the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for next year as:  
Vice President-President Elect: Sterling Albrecht; Jane Kolbe  
Secretary: Amy Owen; Alice Joyce  
Blaine Hall has biographical data on the candidates.

**Public Relations**

James Swan reported they had held a meeting, and he distributed printed minutes which are attached to the Secretary's official minutes. He said it costs about \$10 to mail the display kit to the State Representatives for use at state conferences. Joe Edelen reported there is money budgeted for this. Jim Dertien discussed a possible membership promotional brochure prepared by an advertising agency. This brochure would consist of a folder cover of general information and contain inserts of current, changing information. It was moved by Kelly Patterson and seconded by James Swan to go ahead with the brochure and try to have it ready by the 1979 Conference. Motion passed.

**1979 Conference**

Robert Roehr distributed a packet of information. Seventy-five exhibitors are needed and only about 30 have signed up. Jim Dertien appointed John Hunter as MPLA Exhibits Chairman to work with the Colorado Exhibits Chairman. The packet of information distributed by Joe Anderson and that distributed by Robert Roehr are attached to the Secretary's official minutes.

**Constitution**

Paul Cors reported the College and University Section has changed its name to the Academic Section. The name will be changed where appropriate in the **Manual of Procedure**.

**Finance**

Joe Edelen distributed new expense reimbursement forms which will be required for use with all Association business.

**Pre-White House  
Conference**

Joe Anderson reported on information received from the various state conferences. The Committee is working on a report that will reflect the western states concerns and priorities and present any unique ideas. Jim Dertien requested the committee work on a means of distributing their report either through the **Newsletter** or some other means.

**Financial Report**

Joe Edelen passed out the financial report and the new MPLA stationery. The report is attached to the Secretary's official minutes.

**State Representative Reports  
Nebraska**

Morel Fry reported the Nebraska Association is working on a joint conference with MPLA in 1980. Jim Dertien volunteered to be the local arrangements chairman from MPLA to begin work with Nebraska on the joint conference. Nebraska has requested copies of the bylaws of other state associations to help with a bylaws revision.

**Kansas**

Donna Jones reported she put a report on MPLA in each packet at the state conference. She used the joint conference stationery for this to give publicity to the upcoming Denver Conference. Lillian Carter and Daniel Shore were their conference speakers.

**Utah**

Doug Hindmarsh reported the Utah Association is working on intellectual freedom problems.

**Colorado**

Margaret Goggin reported their Association had worked with the state legislature to pass a bill revising their library law and a bill that set up a three-year program for an on-line catalog for all state libraries. The friends and trustees are issuing library handbooks.

**South Dakota**

Jane Kolbe reported their fall conference will be held jointly with the state education association. The program will have much for school librarians. The librarians helped defeat a censorship bill and are prepared to work against a tax proposition bill if it should come to a ballot. SDLA is interested in a joint conference with MPLA and the North Dakota Association in 1981. Bob Malinowsky moved and Joe Anderson seconded that MPLA work with North and South Dakotas on a joint 1981 Conference. Motion passed.

**Wyoming**

Kelly Patterson reported the Wyoming Association is favorable to a joint conference in 1984, but there are no definite plans yet.

**Nevada**

Joe Anderson reported the state conference will be at Elko. The state association helped in getting passed a bill for \$75,000 improvement of the rural bookmobile system. The legislature joined the archives and library boards, and there will be a statewide study of library services with a report to the 1981 legislature.

**Section Reports**  
**State Library**

Rod Wagner reported their section program at the 1979 Conference will deal with the relationship between state and academic libraries.

**Public Library**

Donna Jones reported they have turned their slate of officers in to Joe Edelen.

**Children's And School**

Dorothy Middleton reported there will be two programs at the 1979 Conference; one on intellectual freedom for students and one on public relations for school libraries.

**JMRT**

Vee Friesner reported they will sponsor a roommate network to help people find less expensive accommodations for the 1979 Conference. They will also sponsor a job board.

**Trustees**

There was discussion on how to generate interest in the section. Jim Dertien will work with the section to get a slate of officers and with the Public Library Section to encourage the Trustees.

**Newsletter**

Blaine Hall attended a pre-conference workshop at ALA for newsletter editors.

**Unfinished Business**

The Membership Sweepstakes showed initial good interest, but is flagging now.

**New Business**  
**National Endowment**  
**for Humanities**  
**Grant Proposal**

Andrew Gulliford presented his request for MPLA sponsorship of a Public Library Program Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a study of one room schoolhouses in the mountain plains states. He is asking for no direct money from MPLA. He requests that MPLA be the facilitating agent for the project and that MPLA assist in identifying two librarians and one humanist in each member state to work on the project. Margaret Goggin moved and Donna Jones seconded that MPLA sponsor this project and appoint a three member committee from the Executive Board to work with Mr. Gulliford on writing the proposal. Motion passed. The committee will be Donna Jones, Joe Edelen, and Bob Malinowsky. Joe Anderson moved and Bob Malinowsky seconded that should this project be successful with the National Endowment for the Humanities, MPLA will serve as the fiscal agent. Motion passed. It is the consensus of the Executive Board that Joe Edelen may undertake the duties of fiscal agent for this project at the direction of MPLA.

**CLENE**

Jim Dertien reported CLENE is interested in new sites for programs. There was discussion on the advantages of MPLA's being a member of CLENE so programs might be situated at western locations. Bob Malinowsky moved and Kelly Patterson seconded that MPLA join CLENE. Motion passed.

**Appointments**

Jim Dertien announced he has appointed Phil McCauley as Parliamentarian for the 1979 Conference.

**Center for Rural Librarianship**

There is a Center at Clarion, PA. As they are interested in a western connection, Jim Dertien reported he will continue to check on it and inform the Board.

**Newsletter**

Joe Edelen has worked out with Blaine Hall new subscription rates for the MPLA NEWSLETTER. They are:  
 \$11.00 for a one year subscription  
 \$20.00 for a two year subscription  
 \$28.00 for a three year subscription  
 A 5 percent commission is to be allowed to periodical agents. Kelly Patterson moved and Jane Kolby seconded to adopt these rates. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Sunday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the 1979 Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Dorothy Middleton, Acting Secretary

# Around the Region

## Colorado

### Great Green Turkey Monster Wins Children's Book Award

The **Great Green Turkey Monster** has been selected by the children of Colorado as the best children's book and the winner of the Colorado Children's Book Award for 1979. Written and illustrated by James Flora and published by Atheneum, the book received the most votes out of 35,000 ballots cast.

Placing second in the voting was **Miss Nelson is Missing**, a Houghton Mifflin book by Harry Allard and James Marshall. Third in the voting was **Big Bad Bruce**, which was written by Bill Peet and published by Houghton Mifflin.

The **Great Green Turkey Monster** is a story about a Great Green Hooligan Vine that brings terror to the hearts of Turkey Creek residents. Only when it's discovered that the monster is afraid of music is total chaos averted and the town saved. (Source: Colorado State Library Newsletter, July 1979, p. 3.)

receives additional support from private foundations, corporations, and individuals.

The Centennial Exhibit is a portrait of Albert Einstein's character, friends, work and commitments. Numerous quotations, factual reports, photographs, diagrams and interpretive texts combine to tell the story of Albert Einstein's special distinctions. He is examined and applauded in this exhibit, just as in the many programs and events being held during the Centennial Celebration Year.

Each public library in Kansas will have the opportunity to apply for this exhibit and display it for one week in their local library. A public forum will also be held in conjunction with the exhibit. A limited number of libraries will be selected from those applying to show the exhibit and host the forum.

This represents an excellent chance for public libraries to increase community awareness and support through the use of prepared programs at no cost to the participating library.

The Project Director is Mrs. JoAnne Sunderman at Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby, Kansas 67701.

of an effective mail-a-book program in Nebraska:

1) Mail-a-book appears to be an acceptable means for extending library service to rural people who cannot easily reach a town library or a bookmobile. Such programs are currently provided in more than 23 states.

2) The costs of sustaining bookmobile service are escalating with the price of fuel. Revenues to meet those price increases are becoming more difficult to obtain. Consequently, some alternative "delivery system" must be found.

3) There are growing numbers of elderly and home-bound individuals in Nebraska whose reading needs are not always met by libraries geared to "walk in" patronage.

The Nebraska Mail-A-Book Service will be headquartered at the Hastings Public Library. Jeanie Hofacket, formerly the Mari Sandoz Network Itinerant Librarian, will direct the daily operations, assisted by Darlene Howard. (Source: *NLC Overtones*, September 1, 1979, p. 3.)

## Kansas



### Einstein: Image and Impact

A Centennial Exhibit on Albert Einstein's life and times will be made available free of charge to participating public libraries in Kansas through a grant funded by the Kansas Committee for the Humanities. The committee awards grants on a matching basis to support programs which increase public understanding and awareness of the humanities and which promote thoughtful discussion of topics of general concern and of public policy. While KCH is funded primarily by the national Endowment for the Humanities, it also

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## Nebraska

### Mail-A-Book Service Planned for

The recent arrival of 13,250 paperback books at the Nebraska Mail-A-Book Service headquarters heralds the expansion of the books-by-mail service to some 113,000 central Nebraskans.

In response to a recommendation from the delegates of the Nebraska Pre-White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services to develop a books-by-mail system in the state, the Nebraska Library Commission, at its July 10 meeting, voted to support the development of a pilot project for mail-a-book service to Central and Mari Sandoz Library Network residents who do not have local public library service.

The Mail-A-Book Service will soon be sending to rural residents in 33 counties a catalog of 800 current and popular paperback books which are available for check-out by mail. The catalog will be mailed to approximately 44,000 rural boxes beginning September 17 and continuing through January 1980. Residents of communities which have a network public library will not receive the catalog.

John Kopischke, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission, explained the reasons for pursuing the development

## North Dakota

### State Library "Commission" Ended

HB-1085, developed from the Legislative Council Interim Committee on state and federal government, deleted the word "commission" from Chapter 40-38 and Chapter 54-24 of the North Dakota Century Code. Effective July 1, 1979, the agency will be officially known as the North Dakota State Library. The Bill also transferred the duties of the "commission" to the State Librarian. The Director of Institutions will continue to appoint the State Librarian. There were no changes in the powers and duties of the State Library. (Source: *Flickertale Newsletter*, August 1, 1979, p. 2.)

### Legislature Passes Funding Bill for State Library

Six years of planning, 2 years of political organization and 4 months of intensive lobbying paid off for North Dakota libraries. HB-1588, sponsored by Representatives Unhjem, Berg, Gackle, Wentz, and Winkjer and promoted by the Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Library Association, became law July 1, 1979. This Bill, for the first time in North Dakota, provides an appropriation

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of state funds to the State Library to provide grants to public libraries on a formula basis.

The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the biennium will be distributed on a formula of \$1.00 per capita to city and county libraries and an additional \$5.00 per square mile for county libraries. The amount of the state grant could increase or decrease depending upon the effort of local governing bodies in the appropriation of funds for the operation of the library. There is also a maintenance of local effort requirement and a percentage limitation on the amount of state funds that could be granted to a library.

A detailed presentation of HB-1588 was made at the "Spring Frolic" on May 17 and 18 in Bismarck. In June each public library was mailed detailed instructions on how to apply for the State Library grants. A "Letter of Intent" from the public library is the first step in the application process. (Source: *Flickertale Newsletter*, August 1, 1979, p. 2.)

## Utah

### State Library Re-Christened

The passage of House Bill 383 in the 1979 session of the legislature established

the State Library as a Division of the Utah Department of Community and Economic Development. The ten members of the Library Commission now become the State Library Board. Although the name change reflects the State Library's legislated relationship to its new department, the State Library will be continuing its present programs and services at the same location. Reed Searle, the new Department Head for Community and Economic Development, was appointed by Governor Scott Matheson, approved by the Senate, and assumed his duties July 1st.

Members of the State Library Board are appointed for six-year terms with three members up for appointment or re-appointment every two years. The newly appointed members are Arthur T. Challis, Cedar City; Maurice P. Marchant, Provo; and Ann Hatch, Logan. Allene Jensen was re-appointed to a new six-year term. (Source: *Horsefeathers*, June-July 1979, p. 1.)

## About You

**Lamar Veatch** will be the new director of the High Plains Regional Library System in Greeley, Colorado. He was formerly employed by the U.S. Geological Survey in Tallahassee, Florida, and recently

completed his dissertation at Florida State University.

**Don Simpson** of BCR was recently elected to a three-year term on the OCLC Users Council and is chairing a task force to study use of OCLC MARC subscription tapes. He is also chairing a CCLN committee that is to prepare a draft paper on the COSLA Legislative Draft and has been asked to serve on a design group for the Western Council to investigate solutions to problems of interlibrary loan protocols for the West. Other regional delegates elected to the Users Council were Leslie Manning, William A. Stoppel, James Ranz and Roger Hanson.

**Lynn Magrath** has been named Assistant Director for Public Services and **Brenda Hawley**, Assistant Director for Non-Public Services at Penrose Library in Colorado Springs. Ms. Magrath has been with the library since 1971 serving as reference librarian, acquisition librarian and head of extension and bookmobile services. Ms. Hawley has been with Penrose since 1969 as a reference librarian, Head of the Local History Department, and personnel officer.

**Evelyn Conner**, Head of Library Services at the North Dakota State Library, has moved with her husband and family to Denver.

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**Catherine J. Reynolds**, Government Documents Librarian for the University of Colorado at Boulder, was honored at the recent ALA conference by the Government Documents Roundtable. She received the James Bennett Childs Award for distinguished contributions to documents librarianship. She received a Council on Library Resources Fellowship in 1976-77 and is the author of **Planning Space for Government Documents Collection in Research Libraries** (ERIC Doc. 152310).

## Continuing Education

Date: November 13, 1979

Registration Deadline: November 1, 1979

Title: **Foundation Fund Workshop.**

Sponsor: The Foundation Center.

Location: Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Cost: \$6.

Description: Limited to 150, the workshop will be conducted by Carolyn McGilvray, Western Field Representative of The Foundation Center, and will include sources of funding, writing proposals, government grants, a sample funding search, etc.

Contact: Joy Riske, Reference Librarian, Laramie County Community College Library, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82001. Phone: 307-634-5853.

Date: December 6-7, 1979. Title: **Automated Acquisitions Systems**

Sponsor: ALA, Library and Information Technology Association.

Location: Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.

Description: The institute will consider design, functions, costs, performance requirements, outputs, ordering processes, and benefits and shortcomings at networks along with examination of vendor systems in the exhibits. The institute will be repeated at Vancouver, B.C. on May 19-20, 1980.

Contact: LITA Headquarters Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Phone 312-944-6780.

Date: October 27, 1979.

Title: **Eleventh Annual Festival of Children's Books.**

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library Science.

Location: Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City.

Description: "Creating Adventures, Sharing Tales" is the theme of the festival which will feature two award-

winning authors, Hilma Wolitzer and Jamake Highwater. Louane L. Newsome will give oral interpretations of children's books at luncheon, and Nancy Renfro, author of **A Puppet Corner in Every Library**, will conduct a storytelling workshop, featuring ideas on creating and using puppets and will demonstrate storytelling with children. Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242, for a program brochure and registration form.

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**"A Conservation Policy Statement for Research Libraries,"** written by Carolyn Clark Morrow, is Occasional Paper No. 139 of the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Illinois. The paper provides a general overview of the purpose, principles, and priorities of conservation, along with specific guidelines necessary for a comprehensive maintenance program. A mock policy statement, adaptable to libraries of all types, lists preservation procedures to be followed in all aspects of handling materials, including their shelving, shifting, cleaning, copying, loaning, returning and exhibiting. Individual copies are \$2 from Graduate School of Library Science Publications Office, 249 Armory Building, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 61820.

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**Library School Review**, the September issue, will be a special festschrift in honor of Sarah Rebecca Reed. Essays by Lester Asheim, Rose Vainstein, Floren-

ce DeHart, K. M. Snow, Kenneth Ferstle, and Blanche Woolls will be featured. For a copy of this special issue, send a check for \$2 made out to the "School of Library Science" to Marylouise D. Meder, Editor, School of Library Science, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas 66801.

**Union List of Serials**, 1980 edition, updates the serials holdings list of thirty Colorado health sciences libraries. It is scheduled for publication February 1, 1980, and costs \$30. Send checks payable to "Treasurer, CCML" to Ruth Gilbert, Treasurer, Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, Medical Library, Veterans Administration Hospital, 1055 Clermont St., Denver CO 80220.

## Sincere Apologies

Inadvertantly, Alice C. Joyce, candidate for MPLA Recording Secretary, was called Joyce Johnson in the announcements of MPLA officer candidates in the August **MPLA Newsletter**. The editor sincerely apologizes for the error and particularly regrets that it led to her withdrawing from the race.

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