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Western States Caucus Before White House Conference

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services is over, and only time will tell how significant its impact will be on libraries and library services in the Western States. Recognizing the need for some kind of regional involvement, the MPLA executive board established a committee in December of 1978 to study how MPLA could best serve as a catalyst to bring together the various Western states, whose library needs and concerns differ materially from those of the more populous eastern states. Joe Anderson, the committee chairman, working through the Western Council of State Libraries sponsored a Western States Caucus August 24-29, 1979, at Boise, Idaho. Seventeen states were represented. Each state expressed its concerns and priorities on conference issues and eight discussion groups focused on the various Western State concerns relating to the eight program objectives of the proposed national program.

The Western State Caucus was formally established for the Washington conference to provide a communication network among the delegates, alternates, and delegations of the seventeen Western states; to provide for a forum for issues that may be of common interest to the delegates west of the Mississippi; to serve as liaison with other delegations and the WHCOLIS headquarters staff; to gather and disseminate information and arrange other logistical matters; and to create a mechanism to achieve maximum effectiveness in organization, strategy, and action at the conference.

The MPLA committee prepared and distributed to the seventeen state representatives to the Caucus "An Analysis of Western States' Pre-White House Conference Resolutions." The analysis revealed similar concerns among many of the states.

One thread common to all the state reports appeared to be the need for concentrated effort on national, regional, state, and local levels to coordinate

public relations on behalf of libraries and information services both in general and in particular. Other common concerns generally noted were that cooperation among and between all types of libraries is essential to the quality of service and to the best use of available resources; that library and information services need to be considered in public policy formulation; and that providing and supporting library services is a function of government at all levels and that the responsibilities among the various levels need to be clearly sorted out.

Generally, the federal government was asked to provide direction and funding for a national library program with the Library of Congress as the national library and coordinating agency for the program, to create a national periodicals center, and to apply copyright, intellectual freedom, and access to information laws equally and fairly.

States were asked to support with state funds the state library agencies, to provide state grants in aid funds for statewide library development, and to provide statewide library cards and reciprocal services.

Locally, governments were asked to improve local library budgets, improve public relations, provide training for library staffs to improve services, and eliminate user fees for basic services.

Apparent priorities from the state reports included (1) Strong concern for continuing education programs for librarians and library workers; (2) State aid to public libraries, frequently in terms of guaranteeing a minimum per capita; (3) strong concern for school library services, including establishing standards, providing full-time trained librarians/media specialists, and no mandating of criteria, programs, and standards by any level of government unless they provide funding to achieve them; (4) Emphasis on outreach programs in libraries to the un- or under-served, notably the aged, blind, the non-English

speaking, the handicapped, institutionalized, minorities and pre-school children; (5) Extensive cooperation between multitype libraries; (6) Strong support for the concept that libraries are educational institutions and should be involved in combatting illiteracy; (7) Federal and state funding for statewide communication, networks, and union lists; (8) Demand for full state funding of state library agencies without relying on LSCA funding; (9) Demand for a statewide library card and reciprocity of services between libraries; (10) Encouraging use of new technology and its standardization throughout the state and/or nation.

William Conklin's address to the Montana delegates perhaps best caught the spirit of the Western State concerns:

While you are at your task in Washington, make sure that the White House Conferees understand and appreciate the individualism and independent spirit of the people of the West. Do all you can to insure that any National Program addresses the special needs of the West, with our sparsely populated states and vast distances. Tell the story of our Montana federations of libraries, as a form of organization for sharing resources while fully respecting the needs of local communities for pride in and control over their local libraries.

Whatever the results of the White House Conference, each state Governor's Conference has produced a working document for improving library services; enlisted a group of committed, informed citizens to help implement recommendations; and through the efforts of the Western States Caucus and the MPLA, delegates have shared their ideas, hopes and concerns and laid the groundwork for regional efforts at mutual cooperation and support of improved library services.

MPLA Election Results — 1979

Officers

Vice Pres./Pres. Elect	Sterling Albrecht	81
	Jane Kolbe	158
Secretary	Amy Owen	215

Public Library Section

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect	Dennis Day	56
	Jerry Kaup	55
Secretary	Phyllis Baker	62
	Jerald Merrick	48

Trustee Section

Chairman	Adeline Bailey	26
Chairman-Elect	Claryce Erickson	23
Secretary	Jeanne Daviews	25

Academic Section

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect	Lynnette Anderson	74
	Nathan Smith	37
Secretary	Fran Hoehle	79
	Bill Slater	32

Children's and School Section

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect	Anne Haugaard	13
	Heather McNeal	24
	Marcia Wright	19
Secretary	Virginia Kathrine Johnson	31
	Barbara Dan Wallace	25

Technical Services Section

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect	Vee Friesner	43
	Billie Mae Polson	31
Secretary	Cecilia May	51
	James Swan	24

JMRT Section

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect	Dorothy Liegl	12
	Bill (William) Sowers	17
Secretary	Cyndi Appel	13
	Kay Horton	16

State Agency Section

Chairman	Marla Bouton	16
	Sara Parker	22
Secretary	Kathleen Darcy	23
	Connie Lamb	15



Jane Kolbe
Vice President/President Elect



Amy Owen
Recording Secretary

MPLA JMRT Reports Accomplishments For Year

The MPLA JMRT led by Vee Friesner completed a successful year at the Denver conference. They assisted with registration, put up a job board listing area vacancies and notices from job hunters, and displayed menus from many Denver restaurants in the registration area. Their hospitality suite was scrapped just before the conference when plans for a free room fell through, and the roommate network received little response. But their conference program, a panel discussion "Springboard to Leadership: How to Work In and Through Your Association" co-sponsored with the Colorado JMRT, helped new librarians

learn how to volunteer, how to find ways to help, and how to become more personally involved.

Jan Beck, who has been active in state, regional, and national JMRTs, outlined activities and opportunities available for junior members at the national level. Joe Edelen, MPLA executive secretary, discussed the importance of involvement with such groups as JMRT and with association activities in general. Mike Tacha, former chairman of the Kansas JMRT and immediate past president of KLA, gave a brief history of the Kansas JMRT, its founding, its relationship to the whole association, and its activities that have been aimed at assistance to the whole profession as well as to its own members. He mentioned such activities as hosting hospitality suites, compiling a Directory of Kansas Libraries, serving as

greeters at conferences, and holding involvement meetings at the state's library schools.

Never ones to forget the play, the JMRT also sponsored a disco at Alexander Grahams that drew an enthusiastic crowd, filling the dance floor and keeping the staff working an hour and a half past their intended closing time.

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FROM	Corporate Information Control	OFFICE	
SUBJECT	Recommendation re: SDI Services	DATE	4-25-79

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Spotlight On Kansas

The Kansas Library Association that we know today was organized in 1900, but it was not the first organization to bear the name. Nine years previously a Kansas Library Association had been formed in Topeka when it was learned that a group of prestigious librarians from the East would visit the city on their return from an American Library Association meeting in San Francisco. The newly formed association, which boasted four members, all officers, speedily arranged a reception and tour of the city's libraries. At the end of the day, the party, which included such library bigwigs as William Frederick Poole, R. R. Bowker, and Charles A. Cutter, boarded their special train and the first Kansas Library Association disbanded after a strenuous life of forty-eight hours.

The movement to form a second Kansas Library Association began in the spring of 1900 and culminated in the Association's first meeting on December 27, in the rooms of the State Librarian. The driving force behind the new organization was State Librarian and Traveling Libraries Commission Chairman Mrs. Annie Diggs, who was also a well known Kansas Populist politician and social reformer. The first meeting was attended by twenty-three librarians. Papers were presented, a constitution chosen, and officers elected. Dues were set at fifty cents per year and seven members present at a meeting made up a quorum.

Since then the Association has met annually with two exceptions. The flu epidemic of 1918 forced the postponement of that year's meeting. There was not a meeting in 1943 due to World War II and the restrictions placed on travel. In a short-lived reorganization plan, several district meetings replaced the single annual conference in 1963 and 1965.

While the files were incomplete, it seems that KLA conventions have taken its members out of the state eight, or possibly nine, times. Most of these were during the early life of the Association. One such meeting was in 1904 when KLA met in St. Louis at the same time as the ALA convention there. Kansas librarians travelled to St. Louis on the same train, not unlike later MPLA members going to Lake Tahoe. This was the year of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, and between it and meetings, a grand time was had by all.

Joint conferences have been a part of KLA history. Such conferences have been held several times with the Missouri Library Association. In 1954 KLA entertained MPLA at their annual meeting in Topeka. Another joint conference with MPLA is presently planned for 1983. The 1979 meeting was a highly successful joint conference between KLA, the Kansas Association of School Librarians, and the Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

Featured speakers at conferences have not only included well-known librarians, but also those famous in other fields, such as the poet Langston Hughes, who was on the 1958 program. In 1975, Dr. Karl Menninger of the Menninger Clinic gave one of the major addresses. Political figures have also appeared at KLA conventions, Eleanor Roosevelt in 1958 and Lillian Carter in 1979.

From its infancy, KLA has sponsored proposals which would improve libraries and library service. The need for a free public county library system was first brought to the Association's attention during the 1915 meeting. The needs of the First World War prevented little further action until 1920 when a committee of librarians drafted a county library bill. The bill was passed in 1921.

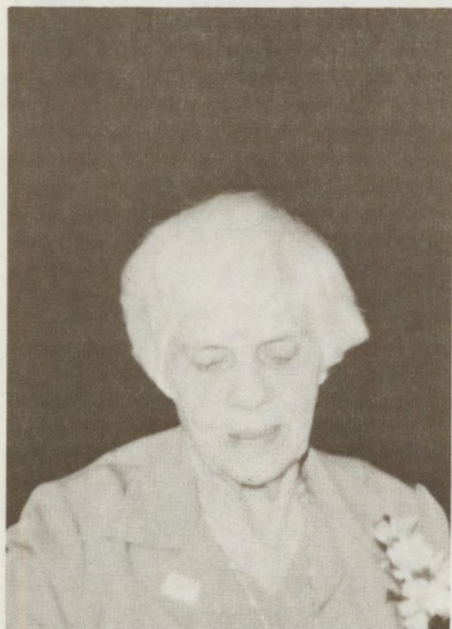
Other early efforts were not so successful. During the 1906 convention it was decided to ask the state legislature to fund a "library organizer." The sum of \$2,000 a year was asked to support the organizer whose duty it would be to "assist in the organization of new libraries and in advancing the standard of those already organized." The measure fell on deaf ears in both the 1907 and 1908 legislatures. Eventually the Association appointed an "organizer," but since it was not state funded, libraries had to pay for his services. Over forty years later a belated success was achieved when the 1951 legislature appropriated money that could send library consultants into the field.

The mid-1950's found KLA members deeply involved in preparing state legislation which would be favorable to the new Federal Library Services Act. The State Library was strengthened, and it was made possible for cities to receive LSCA funds. Legislative matters have continued to concern KLA, among the most recent was the legal re-definition of obscenity. Within the past decade the Association has found it beneficial to employ the services of a lobbyist or legal counsel.

The concerns of KLA have always mirrored those of forward-looking librarians. The 1908 sessions of the Association saw librarians advocating that public library patrons would be better served if the stacks were open and patrons could browse freely among the books. Higher standards of librarianship have also been a concern. Certification of librarians was discussed both in the 'thirties and 'fifties. While no legislation was passed, KLA designed a system of voluntary certification in 1953. Another response to the then shortage of adequately trained librarians was the awarding of an annual scholarship, beginning in 1955, to a deserving library school student.

The issue of intellectual freedom has been of continuing interest since the late 'fifties. One of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom's earliest acts was to propose a resolution in 1958, later ap-

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**Lillian Carter, Speaker
at 1979 KLA Conference**

proved by the membership, which provided that KLA would not hold association meetings in any place where discrimination was made against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin. One of the latest KLA activities dealing with intellectual freedom was the showing of the controversial ALA film "The Speaker."

The years from 1977 through 1979 have seen extensive activity in the planning and participation in two separate endeavors. In 1977 Governor Bennett established a Governor's Task Force on Library Resources to study inter-library cooperation and the role of state and local governments in libraries. The Task Force met in the Fall of 1977 and again in the Spring of 1978; recommendations were forwarded to the Governor later in the year.

The Kansas Conference on Library and Information Services, preparatory to the White House Conference on Library and Information Science, was held in Topeka March 14-16, 1979. The Conference was preceded by seven regional conferences where delegates to the March conference were chosen. Under the able direction of Mr. Mike Tacha, KLA 1978-79 President, the Kansas Conference on Library and Information Services discussed greater interlibrary cooperation and networking, better library funding, and library

education, public access to information, and the development of good library public relations. The achievement of the goals set by the Governor's Task Force and the Kansas Conference on Library and Information Services will require a tremendous amount of work and effort on the part of KLA and Kansas librarians.

Kansas has just started the Kansas Library Network to develop and support an organization of libraries of all types to provide efficient and effective sharing of resources and information for the benefit of the people of Kansas. Membership is open to any library willing to participate in the sharing of human and information resources. Members will receive copies of the state network newsletter, will be included in continuing education activities as desired, and will participate in committees and interest groups designated by the Network Authority Council, the governing body of the network.

The council will consist of twenty-one librarians, three representing each of seven types of libraries (Regents schools, private colleges, community colleges, regional library systems, public school, and special libraries) and executive coordinator. Each type of library is responsible for the method of selecting its council representatives, who will serve one-year terms.

The executive coordinator is appointed

by the state librarian from the State Library staff. This person will administer the network, distribute the newsletter, and perform other functions designated by the council. (Margaret Briggs, KLA Archivist, Kansas State Historical Society.)



**Governor Carlin Addressing
1979 KLA Conference**

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**Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Mountain Plains
Library Association
Fairmont Hotel, Denver
October 13, 1979**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jim Dertien. He asked those present to introduce themselves. Those present were President Dertien; Vice President-President Elect, Joseph Anderson; Secretary, Dorothy Middleton; Trustee, Adaline Bailey; Chair, Professional Development Grants Committee, Doug Hindmarsh; new Utah Representative Mary Petterson; Past President, H. Robert Malinowsky; incoming Secretary, Amy Owen; **Newsletter** editor, Blaine Hall; Chair, Awards Committee, Shirley Flack; Awards Committee Member, Mary Southwell; Utah State Representative, Donald T. Schmidt; Chair, State Library Section, Rod Wagner; Chair, Technical Services Section, John H. Hunter; Kansas State Representative, Donna Jones; Nebraska State Representative, Morel Fry; JMRT, Vee Friesner; North Dakota State Representative, Dennis Page; Public Relations Chair, James Swan; new North Dakota State Representative, Jerry Kaup; Wyoming State Representative, Kelly Patterson; South Dakota State Representative, Jane Kolbe; new Wyoming State Representative, Debbie Iverson; Executive Secretary, Joe Edelen; Finance Committee Chair, Tom Jones.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 13 meeting were approved as printed in the **Newsletter**.

Committee Reports

Awards

Shirley Flack reported that she has sent a list of award recipients to board members. She then announced the names of those to receive awards at this conference. MPLA will pay expenses for the beginning professional award and for the legislator. She recommended changes in the **Manual of Procedure** to clarify what expenses will be paid by MPLA and also that the committee make the hotel reservations for the recipients. Mary Southwell explained the procedure for board involvement in selecting the recipient of the Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award. Rating forms are to be filled out and returned by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday for the Committee to tally. The award plaques will be on display in the MPLA display.

Professional Development Grants

Doug Hindmarsh reported that Lisa Kinney has submitted her report. He suggested revisions in the **Manual of Procedure** and recommended that the 1980 committee increase publicity, make application information available to all states, assure that the 1978 scholarship recipient fulfills the requirements, and review the reports of all 1979 recipients.

Continuing Education

Rod Wagner reported the three One-to-One stipends went to Jane Kolbe, Head Librarian at Sioux Falls College, who visited Auraria Libraries in Denver; Ruth Ralph, Director of the Divide County Library in Crosby, North Dakota, who visited Jefferson County Public Library, Columbine Branch in Littleton, Colorado; and Bill Sowers, Adult Services Librarian in Dodge City Public Library, Kansas, who visited Holdrege Public Library in Nebraska. The committee met in July to discuss future sites. They will be published in the **Newsletter**. They suggested more learning sites, but without a stipend with previous recipients being hosts along with other libraries. This would be called the Experience Exchange Program. The committee will be hosting a Library Marketing Program on Monday, October 29, at 8:30 to 11:30. MPLA has applied for membership in CLENE.

Nominating

Joe Edelen reported that there was a problem with too late a deadline on return of the ballots and that telephone communication with candidates was difficult. He recommended an earlier ballot deadline and mail communication with candidates so winners will know they have won before they come to the conference. He also asked that the candidates be asked to provide their own biography to go on the ballot. He announced the results of the election.

Public Relations

Jim Swan reported that the new brochure is ready and will be at the conference. Joe Edelen will take the display board for mailing to state associations. Jim Dertien explained what is in the brochure and planned inserts. He requested a copy of the state association activities for inserts. He also wants the state representatives to advise the state associations that MPLA will be doing this advertising. Letters from the state representatives to prospective members will also be included.

Constitution and By-Laws

Jim Dertien said the committee was working on inconsistencies in section and association by-laws.

Finance

Tom Jones presented the proposed budget which is attached to the Secretary's official minutes. It will be acted upon at the next board meeting.

White House Conference

Joseph Anderson passed out an Analysis of the Western States' Pre-White House Conference Resolutions. It is attached to the Secretary's official minutes. He thanked Kelly Patterson and Frances Dufraine for special service on the committee and all of the committee for their work. The resolutions are a summary of those sent by the various states. The Western Council paid for preparing the document, and will also host a conference communications room at the White House Conference.

Financial Report

Joe Edelen passed out the printed report which is attached to the Secretary's official minutes. He announced that future reports will not contain expenditures by account as there will be only one checking account. It was moved, seconded, and passed that this would be the future way of reporting expenditures. The financial report was accepted.

Membership Report

Joe Edelen will ask the state representatives for lists of potential members. Jim Dertien reported he will be working on membership this year. He will announce the winners of the Membership Sweepstakes at the banquet.

**State Representative Reports
Kansas**

Donna Jones reported that Vee Friesner is setting up a Kansas Library Network with agreed upon governance structure. Donna announced a rap session with John Berry in the Far East Room at 9:30 p.m., Sunday.

Nebraska	Morel Fry reported that Nebraska will hold its association conference starting October 31 with a program of Plains Voices, Plains Vision.
Nevada	Joe Anderson announced that Nevada was pleased with the award to B.J. Mauseth. Nevada will study library services on a statewide basis with a view toward formulation of a state library policy. They were successful in getting an intellectual freedom law passed.
North Dakota	Dennis Page reported on the state conference. The association will rewrite the state standards.
South Dakota	Jane Kolbe reported that their conference met with the state education association which provided their program emphasis. The association is working against a Proposition 13 type proposal which is on the fall ballot. Bob Carmack reported that the state is working on a tri-conference in 1981 with North Dakota and MPLA.
Utah	Don Schmidt reported that the Davis County Library Board fired a 20-year librarian over a not-completely disclosed cause. The Utah Library Association Executive Board has censured the local board, and the Utah Library Association is working for the librarian.
Wyoming	Kelly Patterson reported that the state library has selected a vendor for a statewide automated library system. Debbie Iverson is the new state representative, and she reported the Wyoming Library Association is discussing the possibility of a joint conference with MPLA in 1984. Jim Dertien recognized Past President Bob Malinowsky. Joe Anderson thanked the Colorado people who have done so much work to make this conference a success.
ALA Chapter Relations	Jim Dertien reported he has been getting communications from ALA asking for nominations to ALA committees. Joe Anderson will need future board action on whether we wish to appoint people to represent MPLA on ALA committees.
Old Business	Andrew Gulliford has not yet advised MPLA of the status of the Country School study. Jim will contact him for further information.
New Business	Kelly Patterson asked when MPLA moves to spring conferences, will there be a six-month or an eighteen-month time lapse between conferences. In 1982 there will be a conference six months after the 1981 conference.
New Officer Orientation	Joe Anderson proposed a year of activity based on what happens after the White House Conference.
Announcements:	Jim Dertien announced there is no MPLA suite so the executive board meeting on October 30 will be in the Florentine Room. He requested Joe Edelen and Joe Anderson to meet with the CLA people about conference business. Jim asked Bob Malinowsky, Joe Edelen, and Joe Anderson to stand with him in the reception line at the opening of the exhibits. Phil McCauley cannot be the parliamentarian and Jim asked for volunteers. None were forthcoming.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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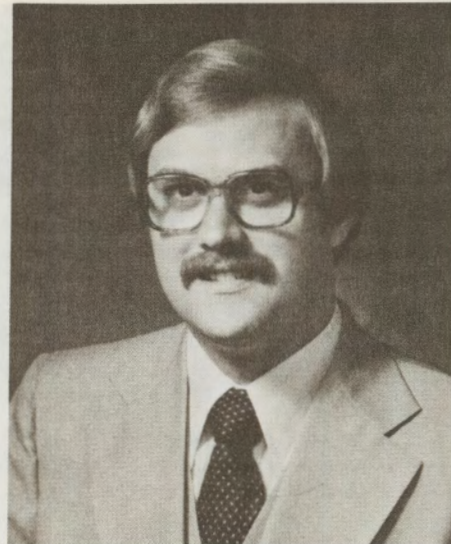
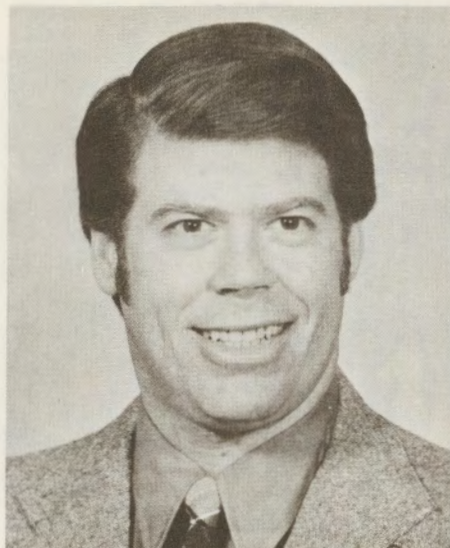


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News Media Support Award

The **Hastings (Nebraska) Daily Tribune**, Donald Seaton, publisher, received the MPLA News Media Support Award for its "continuing support of the Hastings Public Library and the other libraries in central Nebraska and its dedication to continuing education and books." Joyce Ore, who accepted the award, was also recognized for her "creative coverage of library activities." Besides its regular and colorful news coverage emphasizing libraries, the **Tribune** features a weekly column written by library personnel about current books and other materials, programs, and activities.

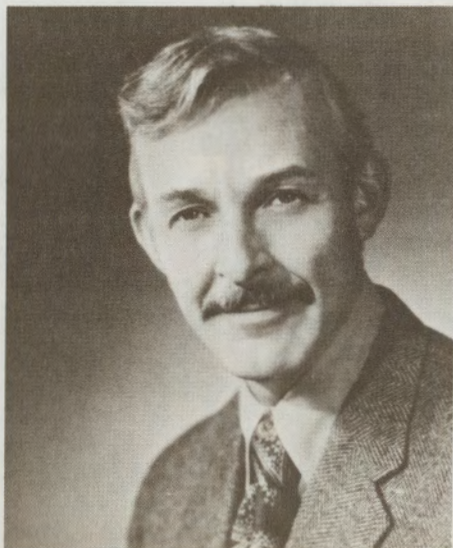


Beginning Professional Award

Lynnda M. Wangsgard, head of the Fine Arts Department and an Assistant Director of the Weber County Library, Ogden, Utah, was honored with the MPLA Beginning Professional Award. Lynnda also supervises the Periodicals and Young Adult Departments and is coordinator for activities of both branches of the system. She is also project director for the library's programs sponsored by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities, has produced several useful booklets and bibliographies, and has been in charge of presenting workshops for the library staff for the past two years. Active in professional and other organizations, Lynnda worked closely with the Utah Governor's Conference on Libraries and the pre-conference Speakouts. Lynnda received her MLS from Brigham Young University in 1976.



MPLA Award Winners 1979



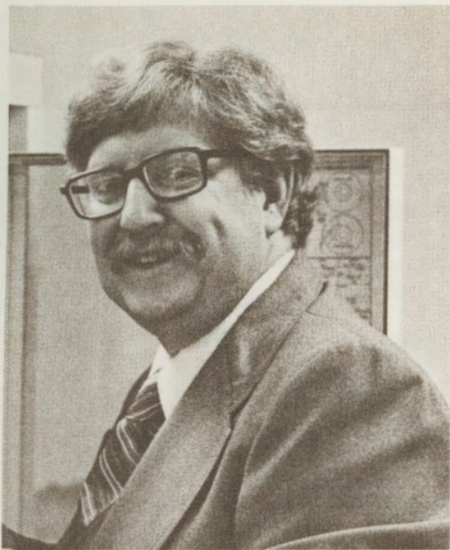
Legislative Leadership Award

State Representative from the 48th District, Jamestown, North Dakota, the Honorable Michael Unhjem was recognized as the primary sponsor of the bill which, for the first time in North Dakota, provides an appropriation of state funds to the State Library for grants to public libraries. With strong grassroots support enlisted by hard working North Dakota librarians, Unhjem helped fight this bill through three House committee and two Senate committee hearings to passage. The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the biennium will be distributed on a formula of \$1.00 per capita and \$5.00 per square mile.

Intellectual Freedom Award

Acknowledging the outstanding support of the librarians of South Dakota, H. Vince Anderson, South Dakota State Librarian and a former president of MPLA, accepted the MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award for his leadership in the defeat of an initiative measure in South Dakota to regulate obscenity. Passage of the bill would have resulted in serious breaches of intellectual freedom and freedom of expression. Vince took much of his own time to travel the state speaking against the measure, to work with organizations and groups opposing the measure, and to serve a leadership role in the political action committee, Citizens for Workable Law. He risked job and personal respect and integrity in his commitment to the cause, and his leadership gave other South Dakota librarians courage as they faced the challenge of alignment with hard core porno pushers. Always a gentleman, his calm, reasoned approach helped achieve the resounding 3 to 1 defeat of the measure at the polls.

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Special Service Award

MPLA's leadership during its relatively short history has been challenged by typical and usually predictable problems associated with organizational growth, the changing climate of libraries, and membership demands. Each of our presidents has responded to these challenges in ways as colorful as their character and as aggressive as circumstances would allow. One past president, Vern West, emerged from his tenure with a record of achievement that is only now being fully appreciated.

Vern's remarkable understanding of association management and keen and analytical sense of direction, plus his ability to secure with ease the confidence of the membership, allowed him to give MPLA a fresh sense of commitment and enthusiasm. His careful financial planning and efforts to assure improved conditions for income development gave the association a sense of current security envied by many organizations. This award is but a small representation of the praise and thanks frequently heard from the members and officers for Vern's service to MPLA.

Distinguished Service Award

Barbara J. Mauseth, who left the Nevada State Library last April to direct the Homer Public Library in Alaska, was honored for nineteen years of dedicated service in all facets of Nevada's library development: continuing education for personnel, support to public libraries and librarians in all phases of enabling legislation for finance, grant writing, and interlibrary cooperation; the extension of library services to areas never before served; and the construction of all new public library buildings in the state. B. J.'s encouragement, practical capability, and strong interest in fostering multistate activities for library cooperation in the MPLA area will be missed.

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1980 MPLA Budget

Income

Membership Dues	\$13,000
Conference Income	4,000
Ads, Subscriptions	5,000
Professional Development Fund	300
Interest	3,000
Miscellaneous	300
Cash Reserve	4,360
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Expenditures

Conference	1,500
Newsletter	8,500
Professional Development Grants	2,000
ALA Dues	85
Executive Board Travel	2,600
Sections, Convention	700
Sections, Operating	200
Postage	1,100
Printing	8,000
Phone	150
Secretarial	700
Committees, general	300
Public Relations	750
Continuing Education	1,375
Executive Secretary	1,300
Miscellaneous	500
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Membership Statistics

As of October 28, 1979, MPLA has reached an all-time high in numbers of members, compared to eleven months ago, the association has 9 percent more personal members and almost 8 percent more institutional members.

	Personal	
	1978	1979
Colorado	151	170
Kansas	112	112
Nebraska	60	76
Nevada	21	20
North Dakota	47	38
South Dakota	63	68
Utah	63	71
Wyoming	48	64
Miscellaneous	16	20
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	Institutional	
	1978	1979
Colorado	21	26
Kansas	20	12
Nebraska	11	10
North Dakota	12	13
South Dakota	16	19
Utah	2	8
Wyoming	9	13
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Date: February 22, 1980

Title: **Statistical Sources for Health Science Librarians**

Sponsor: Colorado Council of Medical Librarians

Location: Denver Medical Society Library, Denver, Colorado

Cost: \$50 MLA members, \$75 for non-members

Description: Introduction to major sources of statistical data in the health sciences, aimed at inexperienced librarians and the librarian practicing in a hospital or community agency setting. The course will cover characteristics of major data compilations for vital statistics, morbidity statistics, and data for health planning, including manpower and medical services and facilities. Definitions of basic statistical concepts and an explanation of the national reporting system for vital and health statistics will be included. Throughout the course, emphasis will be placed on analyzing statistical reference questions in terms of the characteristics of major sources rather than simply describing sources. Ms. Frieda Weise of the National Library of Medicine's reference department will teach the course.

Contact: Marla M. Graber, Librarian, Swedish Medical Center Library, 501 East Hampden Avenue, Englewood, CO 80110 (303-789-6616).

Date: February 28-29, 1980

Title: **Institute on Conversion of Bibliographic Records to Machine-Readable Form**

Sponsor: Bibliographic Center for Research

Location: Park College, Kansas City, Missouri

Description: The institute will include informational sessions on alternative methods for converting records, use of machine-readable tapes for a variety of products, and workshops on the practical aspects of conversion.

Contact: JoAn S. Segal, Resource Sharing Division Director, BCR, 245 Columbine, Suite 212, Denver, Colorado 80206 (303-388-9261) for registration or additional information.

Date: March 3-5, 1980

Title: **The LRC and the Life-Long Learner**

Location: Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois

Description: This is the 15th annual Community College Learning Resources Conference.

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Contact: Ms. Peggy Mills, John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL 62981 for more information and registration.

Date: March 10-12, 1980

Title: **Improving Jail Library Service**

Sponsor: Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), ALA

Location: Texas Criminal Justice Center, Huntsville, Texas

Cost: Training is free, stipends will be provided, and CE units awarded

Description: This is a Higher Education Act, Title II B training institute for 100 librarians, jail personnel, and former inmates to be selected through advance registration. They will assess problems involved in providing jail library service, receive assistance in how to involve library and jail personnel and inmates in the planning and providing of library service, and learn how to train others to expand the library service being offered in local jails and to improve it. The institute is cosponsored by the American Correctional Association, National Jail Association, National Sheriffs' Association, Texas Criminal Justice Center, and the Fortune Society.

Contact: Connie House, Project Director, Improving Jail Library Service Project, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, (312-944-6780) for more information and applications.

Date: March 19-22, 1980

Title: **Elusive Reality: The Young Child's World**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver

Location: University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

Cost: \$100 (\$130 additional for university credit)

Description: Designed for personnel working with children under eight years of age in libraries, schools, and other community agencies, this early childhood institute is limited to 30 participants and will include such topics as a developmental portrait of the young child programs for young children, language arts, the migrant, bilingual, and special education child; using art with the young child; television and the young child; and legal aspects of working with children. Speakers include Frances A. Smardo, Dallas Public Library; Rosanne Ghiazza, early childhood consultant from Colorado; Cynthia Rixey Scott, legal researcher; and Ken Waters, artist-in-

residence of the Colorado Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Contact: Chow Loy Tom, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208, (303-753-2557) for preregistration.

Date: May 2, 1980

Title: **Past Perfect, Future Conditional: Reference Service in Transition**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library Service and the University of Alabama Libraries

Location: The University of Alabama, University, Alabama

Cost: \$25

Description: The conference will focus on information services and resources, reference referral, economics of data bases, collection development of reference materials, public relations for reference librarians, and future research needs. Speakers will include Dr. Kay Murray, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina; Dr. Charles Bunge, Director of the Library School at the University of Wisconsin; and Dr. James Benson, Graduate School of Library Science, The University of Alabama.

Contact: Dean James D. Bramer, Graduate School of Library Service, P.O. Box 6242, University, AL 35486.

Date: May 8-9, 1980

Title: **Conference on Library Orientation/Instruction for Academic Libraries**

Sponsor: LOEX Exchange

Location: Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Description: This tenth annual conference will feature speakers, discussions and working sessions focused on the topic of library user education during the past decade.

Contact: Carolyn Kirkendall, Director, LOEX Exchange, Center of Educational Resources, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, for brochure.

Date: May 19-20, 1980

Title: **Automated Acquisitions Systems — Or Does Your Library Acquire Materials Bit by Bit?**

Sponsor: ALA, Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)

Location: Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.

Cost: \$75 for LITA personal members, \$90
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Contact: Donald P. Hammer, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago IL 60611 (312-944-6780).

About You

Phil McCauley has been named curator and archivist of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, where he has been director of the Devereaux Library for the past eleven years. The energy development of the Powder River Basin will become the special area for collection of documents and information under his direction.

Joan Chambers, Government publications librarian at the University of Nevada, Reno, has resigned to take over the position of assistant university librarian for public services at the University of California Library in San Diego. During 1978-79, Joan was on a CLR administrative internship at Duke University.

Barbara Conroy, Colorado-based library consultant, was recently elected as vice-president /chairperson elect of the Personnel Administration Section, Library Administration and Management Association of ALA.

Catherine Fine has resigned as director of the Colorado locator file project at the Denver Public Library to accept a full-time position with the California Library Authority for System and Services (CLASS) in San Jose.

Susan Loss, consultant for institutionalized youth at the Colorado State Library, has won third place in Round V of the writing competition sponsored by **American Libraries**. Her article, "Children Raised in Sorrow: How Libraries Can Join the Fight Against Child Abuse," will be published in **American Libraries** at some future date. Susan will also receive a \$250 cash award.

Delores DeJonge has recently been appointed executive secretary for the Nebraska Library Association. She replaces long-time secretary **Louise Shelledy**. Delores is currently a real estate agent and has served as a librarian/media specialist in public schools in Lincoln.

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Kelly Patterson, head of interlibrary loan services at the University of Wyoming Libraries, has been named to the newly created position of public information officer for the libraries. She will plan and direct the libraries' public information program and coordinate events such as receptions, poetry readings, and film showings held under library sponsorship. Kelly is a former journalist and has been on the Wyoming faculty since 1969.

Melody Kuehn has been appointed assistant director of the Minot Public Library in North Dakota. She is a graduate of the University of Denver Library School and has been with the Minot Public Library since 1970 as reference librarian, director of the information and Referral Center, regional planner, and information services librarian. She is a member of MPLA, ALA, NDLA, and civic organizations.

Linda Keiter, acting head of the University of Wyoming Science and Technology Library since September 1978, has been appointed permanent head. A native of New Orleans, Keiter received her MSLS from the University of Southern California.

Roberta Rand and **James Hensinger** are newly appointed technical systems specialists in the Computerized Services Division of BCR. They will work with the OCLC cataloging system in implementing system contracts, profiling, training, and technical assistance. Rand received her MLS from Rutgers, where she also worked in the Recatalog Section. Hensinger received his MLS from the University of Arizona and comes from a position as assistant catalog librarian at the University of Southern Colorado Library.

Jeanne Goodrich, former administrator of the nine-county Eastern Idaho Regional Library System, has recently been appointed as the director of the Library Development Division of the Nevada State Library. Jeanne brings varied experience in administration and in working with local and state officials, library boards, and legislators and has spearheaded cooperative endeavors among various types of libraries.

Theda Kellner, who has held several positions in library services to the institutionalized and the blind at the Colorado State Library, retired on Sep-

tember 1. She prepared the first plan for consolidating delivery of equipment and materials to blind readers from the Colorado State Library that has evolved into the Colorado Library for the Blind and Handicapped and was instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Library for the Blind, the first such group in the country. She has also been involved in developing libraries in prisons and other institutions.

Tom Humphrey is the new Central Wyoming Community College librarian at Riverton. He received his MLS from George Peabody and came to Wyoming from Owensboro, Kentucky, where he had held several positions at the Kentucky Wesleyan College Library.

Evelyn Connor, formerly head of Library Services at the North Dakota State Library, has moved with her family to Denver. She has been replaced by **Darrell McNamara**, who has been at the state library as a cataloger/reference librarian since 1977.

Connie Lamb, formerly reference librarian and coordinator of the Utah Governor's Conference at the Utah State Library, became the LINC Coordinator at the BYU Library on December 1. She will head the library's on-line bibliographic search system that averages over 1,000 searches per year.

Daphne Drewello is the new director at the Alfred Dickey Public Library in Jamestown, North Dakota. She graduated from Emporia State University with her MLS in 1978 and has been children's librarian at Mandan Public Library.

Edward D. Garten, formerly assistant to the director of Library/Instructional Resources and coordinator, Instructional Development at Moorhead State University in Minnesota, is the new library director at Northern State College, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Garten received his MLS from Kent State and his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Toledo.

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Resource Sharing & Library Networks, Legal Reference Service Quarterly, Science & Technology libraries are three new journals to begin publication in Fall 1980. These will join the already impressive lineup of journals published for the library profession by Haworth Press. Subscription rates are \$25, \$20, and \$30 per year respectively. Subscribe to The Haworth Press, Inc., 149 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

Canyon Country Prehistoric Indians by Fran Barnes and Michaelene Pendleton describes the rise and decline of pre-historic civilizations, contains a list of prehistoric sites and museums with significant archeological exhibits, and includes over 280 black and white photographs. Available from Wasatch Publishers, Inc., 4687 Idlewild Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117. Price \$5.95 (paperbound).

Winning the Money Game: A Guide to Community-Based Library Fundraising for school, public and academic libraries is the first book specifically designed as a resource for grass roots library fundraisers. The book serves as both an idea bank and a practical guide to help trustees, concerned citizens, friends groups, and librarians learn through successful case studies how to pass bond issues, how to hold a book fair, sports benefits, musical revues, barbecues, and theater galas, etc. Available for \$3.50 from The Baker and Taylor Co.

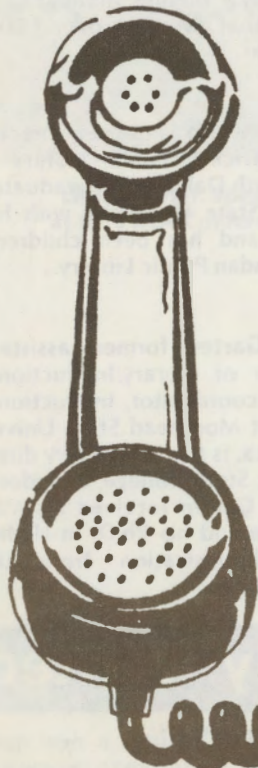
Colorado Bibliography, edited by Bohdan S. Wynar and Roberts J. Depp, is the result of a seventeen year attempt to describe books, pamphlets, unpublished theses and dissertations on the economic, social, cultural life, and history of Colorado. Excluded are belles-lettres, periodicals and serials, routine government and non-government publications. The bibliography contains over 9,000 titles judged to be of permanent and scholarly value selected from working files of some 20,000 items. Available from Libraries Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 263, Littleton, CO 60160. Price \$47.50.

Computer Assisted Instruction in the Education of Reference Librarians is a recently published monograph by

Professor Thomas P. Slavens of the School of Library Science of the University of Michigan and Associate Professor Carl F. Orgren of the School of Library Science of the University of Iowa. The research on which the report is based was supported by grants from the Office of Education and the Special Libraries Association. Available from Science Associates/International, Inc., 1841 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

Designing and Space Planning for Libraries: A Behavioral Guide by Aaron and Elaine Cohen recognizes human behavior as an equal factor with aesthetics and function in the setting up of a library regardless of size and type. It includes space planning guidelines, planning and arranging space, furniture and equipment, lighting, color and signage, acoustics, and practical helps on moving. It is illustrated throughout with pictures, charts, diagrams, and plans. Available from Bowker, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036. Price \$24.95.

Reference Books for Small and Medium-sized Libraries, 3rd ed., with 36 percent (1,048 entries) more items included than in the 1973 edition. Developed by an ad hoc committee of RASD, the book is available from the Order Department, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 for \$9.

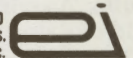


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