



# MPLA Newsletter

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## Joe Anderson Evaluates White House Conference

For the Western States' delegations caucuses before and during the recent White House Conference on Library and Information Services, the MPLA Committee on the White House Conference had prepared an analysis of all the resolutions of the state conferences held West of the Mississippi. There were congruent themes and concerns common to all. It would appear also that the WHC didn't change the Western point of view reported in the MPLA December Newsletter.

In order to track events and reports subsequent to the WHC, MPLA President Joe Anderson has constituted an ad hoc Committee under the chairmanship of Paul Knoblich. This Post-WHC Committee will report to the Omaha conference.

In several parts of the country, organizations, groups and associations are studying the resolutions passed at the WHC and are beginning to take positions on various elements, but first, a report on the White House Conference itself.

The conference got under way Thursday evening with a banquet and formal opening, with Charles Benton, chairman of the National Commission, serving as the presiding officer of the conference. The delegates were sworn in and the greetings of the various dignitaries were presented, as well as a number of awards. Richard M. Neustadt, assistant director, White House Domestic Policy Staff; United States Representative William D. Ford (Michigan), and U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits (New York) offered remarks. Following these activities the first general session of the conference convened after a short break and moved the adoption of

the conference rules.

While there was strong anticipation that there would be lengthy debate and motion for change of the proposed conference rules, this did not really materialize, with the exception of a change proposal put forward from the Western States Caucus. The delegations of North Dakota and Wyoming were operative here. The one substantive change that was adopted provided for the allowance of 34 resolutions to be developed by the working groups rather than 25.

Friday, Nov. 20, began with a Presidential address by Jimmy Carter who spoke very well in an extemporaneous manner. He made pleasant references to his experiences with libraries and some of daughter Amy's reading habits and found an opportunity to suggest that a trustee spot on the Sumter County Library Board be kept open for him after the next five years. The five conference themes were then introduced by a round of speakers, and the rest of the day and following days were taken up with luncheons, dinners, working sessions, delegation caucuses by states and regions, and hearings of the National Commission on Library and Information Science, culminating in the theme sessions from which emerged the conference resolutions to be dealt with in the final general session. Throughout these days the delegates worked most diligently and the general sessions went quite smoothly as a result of the consummate parliamentary skills of U.S. Judge Abner J. Mikva and Edmund M. Reggie, executive counsel to the Governor of Louisiana.

As an official observer, I had the opportunity to move around among different events and made the following general observations:

1. According to delegate choice, the largest number of work-group sessions were needed for library and information

services for personal needs; the smallest number of work-groups were needed for the theme area on international understanding and cooperation.

2. Voting on resolutions was very hard for observers to follow because of a lack of sufficient copies of draft or final resolution documents. First amendment concerns were reflected by resolutions calling for the provision to all citizens of full information on issues through their libraries and urging improved public relation policy discussion centered primarily around the idea of access to information for all citizens, taking care to maintain privacy wherever appropriate. An interesting amendment called for the deletion of the word "free," meaning free access for all, from the resolution on this matter.

3. The matters of literacy, access for the physically handicapped, and special constituencies, were predictably dealt with. The concept of life-long learning was considered too broad an issue to be handled in the resolution format. While coordination of school and library services was felt to be important, any mandating in this area was left to the states.

4. Resolutions concerning the development of standards for machine-readable data and other applications of technology, as well as resolutions calling for improved coordination of international information programs, together with reduction of government duplication and waste, passed easily.

5. Resolutions supporting approaches to networking and planning at all levels, as well as the necessary controls at state and regional levels, were passed, calling for coordination by the Department of Education and state agencies. There was a call for federal funds to pay for these activities, including a national periodical center, as well as a national lending library for print and non-print materials. I was very surprised to note that a

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Joe Anderson, MPLA president and chair of the Western Council of State Libraries, played a major role in establishing the Western States Caucus and was an official observer at the White House Conference.

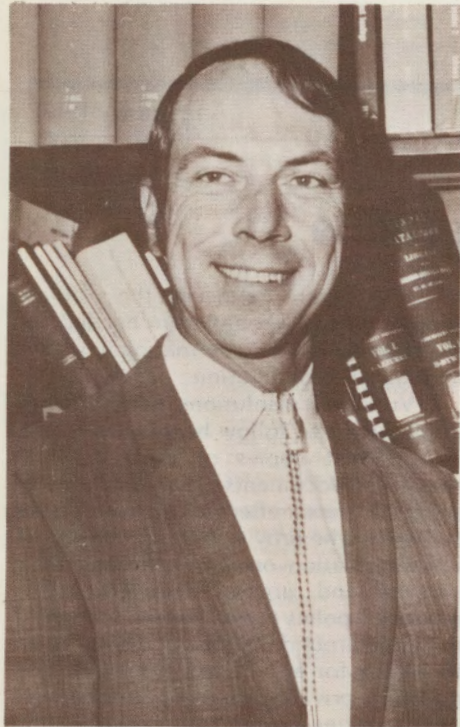
resolution calling for the Library of Congress to have a primary role in the national planning and to be designated as the "National Library" was defeated.

In my opinion, it was too bad that the joint congressional hearing on the last morning was going on while the delegates were still voting on the resolutions.

**Post Script:** As an observer of the con-

ference I feel, in general, that it was conducted as well as any event of this kind could be. The principal value of this conference was the raising of the cause of library and information services to all the people of the United States and in obtaining a high level of visibility through the involvement of the President and Congress. Subsequent reports show that

opinions formed by individuals as delegates, as state delegations, and as regional caucuses were not changed. Debate will continue. As an individual, I continue to wonder about many of these issues, including the thought that perhaps the best federal policy on information might be no policy at all.



### From Your President . . .

First, congratulations to Jane Kolbe, our Vice President/President-Elect, and all

other elected officers. We look forward to an interesting year leading up to our annual conference, this year jointly with the Nebraska Library Association at the Omaha Hilton, 30 October - 2 November 1980.

Recalling the theme of the recent Denver Conference, MPLA is finding that there is life (and a lot of it) after the White House Conference. MPLA took successful leadership in assisting in the preparation of western state delegations to the WHC. A major concern exists for follow up information and for monitoring the unfolding results as the WHC final report reaches the White House and the Congress. I am instituting an MPLA "follow up" committee so that our membership can continue to be informed as well as have an opportunity to participate in the unfolding events.

Let's all give Past President Jim Dertien a continuing helping hand with the campaign for new members. Let's pitch in, too, to make sure that Blaine Hall, our Editor, has the interesting news about the librarians and libraries serving the people in the communities of our vast region. Communication is so very important these days and is a special responsibility of each of us, not just our various state representatives.

**Joe Anderson**

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## FREEDOM TO VIEW STATEMENT ADOPTED

The Educational Film Library Association board of directors adopted a Freedom to View statement in February 1979 that libraries and educational institutions are encouraged to adopt and to display in their libraries or catalogs.

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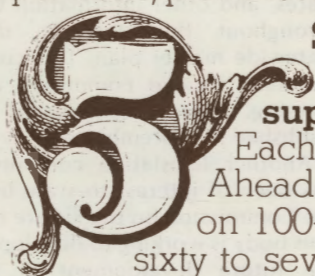
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## Spotlight On Nevada

Nevada is a state with a rich past, a colorful present, and what promises to be a booming future. Its libraries have striven mightily to keep up with the demands made by the state's diverse population. The demands of the future are changing daily as the facts about the proposed MX missile installation reveal themselves to us all. The state is challenging demographically. The estimated 1979 population of about 770,000 live in the two urban areas surrounding the cities of Reno and Las Vegas, accounting for the state's being considered 85% urban. The remaining 15% of the population live on huge tracts of land in the rest of the 110,000 square miles of the state.

Library services are provided to Nevadans through twenty-five public libraries, seven academic libraries, two hundred and fifty school libraries, and thirty-one special libraries. Most of the public libraries are organized on a county-wide basis. Through these systems and contractual agreements, all seventeen of Nevada's counties are served.

Historically there has been a strong cooperative effort among the state's libraries. Today the public libraries are organized into three geographic regions, with the largest library in each serving as the regional resource center. These centers provide interlibrary loan backup for materials and professional reference assistance, maintain film circuits of 16 mm films, offer workshops and other in-service training aides, and provide highly trained professional librarians to consult with member libraries. Bookmobile routes in the three regions provide library materials and services to residents of remote, rural areas.

The state's academic libraries have always been willing to share their holdings with the users of other libraries throughout the state. Because of the relatively late start of library development in Nevada, new technology has always been eagerly seized upon to provide the answers to the problems of sharing limited resources. In 1974 the Clark County Library district (Las Vegas) became one of the first libraries in the nation to automate its circulation procedures when it purchased a CLSI circulation system. Terminals were soon added at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, so that those two libraries' collections could be entered, searched and utilized bilaterally. The independent library of North Las Vegas now has a terminal and negotiations are underway to place terminals in the libraries in Henderson and Boulder City. The Clark County library has also converted to a COM catalog, thus making its holdings available on microfiche to all other libraries in its region and to additional selected libraries throughout the state. The Title Locator Index, developed by the Network Design Team, now contains

nearly 80,000 titles and provides the means whereby libraries throughout the state can query fiche to determine which library owns a particular book they need. To minimize the demand placed on the larger collections, the nearest, smallest library owning the book is asked to loan it. In 1979 the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Washoe County Library (Reno) joined to cooperatively use and maintain a CLSI circulation system. The northern and southern systems and the Nevada State Library were subsequently linked, allowing each of the components to query the data bases of the others.

One of the most beneficial products of the highly successful 1979 Governor's Conference was the creation of an interim study committee of the state legislature to study the state's library and information needs. This committee, composed of legislators, librarians, and library users, has met several times during the last six months to hear testimony and to gather data on the state's libraries, statewide funding experiences of other states, and other information to be used throughout the state to develop a statewide master plan. This concept was endorsed by the committee at its last meeting. The final report will be published in September.

Another legislative committee which has been of interest to state librarians is the Commission on the Future of Nevada. This body is working to develop a plan for the future development of the state. Librarians have given testimony before the group in which they pointed out the importance of information both to the planning process and to the individual success of each citizen of the state. Commission members were told of the burgeoning information needs of state agencies, state government, users of public, academic, school and special libraries and of the rapid acceleration of both the production of information and of the technology to organize, handle and process it.

Of grave interest to us all is the proposed siting of MX missile tracks and stations in a section of southern Nevada. Hearings are being held around the state to provide information to citizens and to answer questions about the potential impact of the project, hailed as the largest construction project ever undertaken. Estimates of the workforce necessary for the project change daily, but the most recent figures are in the 90,000 to 125,000 range. It is difficult for any of us to judge the impact this many people would have on the three rural counties affected, which currently have a combined population of 18,500.

Growth is probably the number one challenge facing the libraries of the state. The past growth has been rapid and the libraries serving these growing areas have found themselves severely stretched to provide adequate services and sufficient

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materials to meet the needs of the ever increasing numbers of people making demands upon them. A small population and a large countryside have resulted in cooperation and reliance upon all new advances that allow us to know what each other has and to share items with each other. With the growth pattern accelerating, the twin benefactors, cooperation and technology, will be even more important to us. (Jeanne Goodrich, Library Development Division, Nevada State Library.)

## CLENE Institute Attracted Five MPLA States

Five MPLA states participated in the 1979/80 CLENE Institute: "Statewide Systems of Continuing Education: New Directions," a USOE funded project.

Colorado was represented by Phyllis Baker, Continuing Education Consultant, Colorado State Library; Lamar Veatch, Director, High Plains Regional Library Service System (Greeley); Rick Thomas, Media Specialist, Chamberlin School (Colorado Springs).

Kansas representatives were Vee Friesner, Director of Library Development, State Library of Kansas; Charles Bolles, Director, Graduate School of Library Science, Emporia State University; Jane Hatch, Director, Dodge City Public Library.

From Nebraska, Verne Haselwood, Professor of Library Science, College of

Education, University of Nebraska-Omaha; Jack Middendorf, Director, U.S. Conn Library, Wayne State College; Fern V. Heim, Supervisor, Library Development, Nebraska Library Commission.

Nevada, Jeanne Goodrich, Nevada State Library; Dick Stegman, Clark County Library District, Regional Services Librarian.

And South Dakota, Dorothy M. Liegl, Public Library Extension Services Coordinator, South Dakota State Library; Steve Ooton, Librarian, Huron Public Library; Jane Kolbe, Director, Norman B. Mears Library, Sioux Falls College.

The focus of the principle workshop of the Institute held November 8-13 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, was on planning a statewide, or territory-wide, continuing education process. The projected result of the Institute is that participating teams will develop a workable plan of action for coordinating continuing education in their states.

## Library of Congress Completes Draft of New MARC Format

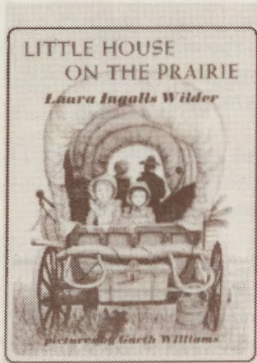
The Library of Congress Network Development Office has completed the first draft of a new MARC format for machine-readable data files. Interested persons are invited to review this draft and provide comments or suggestions. Copies of this document will be available on request from the Network Develop-

ment Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540 after January 2, 1980. Deadline for submitting comments is March 31.

This format is the latest in a series of formats for machine-readable bibliographic records that have been published by the Library of Congress. The format structure follows the American National Standard for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape (ANSI Z39.2-1979), issued by the American National Standards Institute. (Source: BCR, *Action for Libraries*, Jan. 1980.)

## Lockheed/DIALOG Announces DIALORDER

DIALORDER is the new online document ordering service initiated by DIALOG on December 1, 1979. This new service allows direct online ordering of primary documents by transferring the request to a supplier of the user's choice. The user may request a copy of the full document of any item cited in a DIALOG bibliographic database. In addition, bibliographic items not found in DIALOG files may also be requested. DIALORDER is easy to use, and orders may be reviewed online at any time. At this writing, 17 different suppliers have signed with DIALOG to provide document delivery, and it is expected that several more will join the service shortly. For further information, see the November 1979 *Chronolog*. (Source: *Action for Libraries*, Jan. 1980.)



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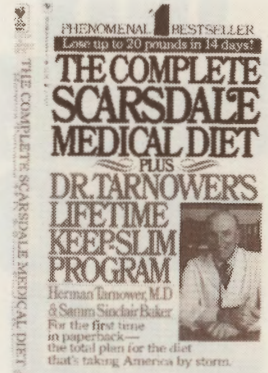
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**MINUTES**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Royal Room, Fairmont Hotel**  
**Denver, Colorado**  
**October 30, 1979**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Joe Anderson. He thanked those present for their interest and participation in MPLA activities.

The minutes of the October 28, 1979, Executive Board meeting were distributed. Joe Edelen moved the minutes be approved. During discussion, the following amendments were noted:

1.) p. 4, Wyoming paragraph: The first sentence should read: "Kelly Patterson reported the State Library has **selected a vendor** for a state-wide automated library system."

2.) p. 3, North Dakota paragraph: The second sentence should read: "The Association **will be rewriting** the state standards."

3.) p. 2, Professional Development Grants Committee paragraph: The second sentence should read: "He suggested the following items: 1.) revising the **Manual of Procedure**; 2.) increasing publicity; 3.) making applications available on a state level; 4.) assuring that the 1978 Scholarship recipient fulfills the requirements; 5.) reviewing the 1979 recipients.

President Anderson also affirmed that no report was received from Colorado during the October 28th meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved with the incorporation of the corrections noted.

**Board Procedures**

President Anderson requested that whenever possible for future Board meeting motions of substance and committee and section reports be submitted in writing to facilitate the recording process.

**Section Reports**

The Children and School Section reported on new projects discussed at their October 28, 1979, business meeting. Dorothy Middleton was elected chairman for the coming year.

Jean Johnson, incoming chairman, reported for the Academic Section that approximately 30 persons attended the section business meeting. New officers were announced and the section discussed program ideas for next year's conference.

Junior Members Roundtable had not yet conducted their business meeting. The idea of preparing a "Cognotes" for MPLA meetings was under consideration. President Anderson indicated the Local Arrangements Committee might be willing to aid in supporting such an activity.

Jan Beck reported on the Public Library Section's program and luncheon with John Berry. Section plans include a possible pre-conference program in Nebraska.

Sarah Parker, incoming chairman, reported that the State Library Section was considering several program alternatives for next year, such as the aftermath of the White House Conference, a pre-conference on telecommunications, and library services to Indians. Vince Anderson commented on White House Conference activities.

The Technical Services Section reported Alice Marris was elected chairperson. During their business meeting, new officers were announced and the topic of automation and the management of library automation was considered for next year's program.

No report was received from the Trustee Section. President Anderson commented that next year's program should schedule trustee activities on Saturday or Sunday when they are more likely to be able to attend. Jim Dertien indicated the new chairman would like to revitalize the section; ideas and suggestions should be forwarded to Adeline Bailey or Jim Dertien.

**1980 Budget**

Tom Jones presented the proposed budget for 1980 and asked for discussion. Blaine Hall stated that item 4 on Income should be listed as Professional Development Fund instead of Scholarship. Under item 14 of Expenditures, Joe Edelen called the Board's attention to the change in amount on Continuing Education; the reduction was made to bring the budget more in line with actual expenditures. A discussion then ensued concerning the need for funds to cover meeting expenses for the Professional Development Grants Committee similar to the request included in the Continuing Education budget. Jerry Kaup moved that \$300.00 be taken from item 14 (Continuing Education) and added to item 12 (Committees, general) to allow additional funding to be made available to cover committee meeting expenses. The motion passed unanimously. With the above amendments noted, Jim Dertien moved the adoption of the budget; motion passed unanimously.

**1979 Conference**

Jim Dertien raised the question of who should assume responsibility for sending letters of thanks to those who handled convention responsibilities locally. President Anderson agreed to handle this in cooperation with Pam Nissler. Jane Kolbe asked who would

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prepare news releases for the states on the award winners. Joe Anderson responded that he would take care of this with Shirley Flack.

## 1980 Conference

Jim Dertien reported that the Omaha Hilton has been selected as the site for the 1980 conference and that the Nebraska Library Association has completed their committee assignments and will send a list to Jane Kolbe shortly. He urged all committees and sections to respond with program plans as quickly as possible to aid her in the planning process.

President Anderson expressed appreciation for the response he had received during the past year. He requested all board members to come to the next Executive Board meeting with a planning calendar of dates of interest to each group or section in order to compile a master calendar to be issued to the membership. The theme is still under consideration.

Blaine Hall reminded all that planning should be advanced enough to allow the June **Newsletter** to give a conference preview. The fall conference issue in August has a July 1, 1980 deadline. Pictures and write ups will be needed by then.

Ruth Palmquist will be Exhibits Chairman for the coming year. Jim Dertien indicated that he thought the Omaha Public Library would be available for pre-conference activities. This year's conference received more exhibit requests than space available. Next year's conference staff will try to avoid this problem.

## 1981 Conference

Jim Dertien and Joe Edelen have met with the North Dakota people. There is a possibility South Dakota may join in for a tri-conference; further discussion will occur at their December meeting. The 1981 conference will be targeted for an early October date. A budget formula similar to past joint conference budgets will be used. As the date will be set soon, input is needed from State Representatives to avoid conflicts with state meetings.

## MPLA Jobline

Jim Dertien discussed an MPLA jobline. The concept was originally raised by Phyllis Baker in a letter addressed to Jim last year. The Colorado jobline is getting overloaded and unworkable. Phyllis was interested in exploring the concept of a regional jobline in all MPLA states. Jim asked for information from those who have had experience with such projects. Initial planning is for a telephone line which would allow the caller to leave his name and address on tape and receive in the mail a list of job openings. One individual in each state would have to assume responsibility for reporting openings. Since additional information on costs was expected to be available later, Jim Dertien moved that action on the proposal be postponed. Motion passed.

## Newsletter

Editor Blaine Hall noted that the success of the **Newsletter** is dependent upon MPLA members. He announced the establishment of a new column "About You" and urged members and especially state representatives to let him know of any activity or person they would like to spotlight. He also requested copies of reports from committees and sections. Jim Dertien asked that a deadline list for **Newsletter** issues be mailed to new officers. Joe Anderson asked Blaine to forward the list to him to be included in Joe's correspondence to new officers.

## Mileage Rate

Joe Edelen raised the issue of mileage reimbursement rates for Executive Board members. Jane Kolbe moved the Board adopt the current IRS tax deductible mileage rate for business travel. Motion passed. The original Board policy that travel reimbursement remain the lesser of mileage or airfare remains unchanged.

## Appointments

Blaine Hall noted that in the past some duplication among officers and persons named to committee appointments has occurred. He urged that with an organization as large as MPLA we make an active effort to involve as many different people as possible.

## Manual of Procedure

Jim Dertien suggested incoming officers and chairmen obtain the **Manual of Procedure** from their predecessor. If a manual is not available, contact Joe Edelen.

## Next Meeting

The Board discussed preferred meeting dates and tentatively agreed on Fridays. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 8th at Denver (the Airport Rodeway if possible). Members were to plan on an all day working session beginning at 9:30 a.m. Joe Edelen suggested that if possible someone from Nebraska with the authority to make decisions concerning budgeting and finance attend so that convention arrangements could be set.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Amy Owen**  
Secretary



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## Professional Development Grant Reports

Thanks to MPLA's professional Development Grants program, four members were helped to achieve their career and professional objectives by attending continuing education workshops, seminars and institutes in 1979.



**Lisa Kinney**, director, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, Wyoming, attended a three-day seminar on Space Planning and Practical Design for Librarians in Dallas, Texas, presented by Aaron and Elaine Cohen of New York.

Lisa reported that the institute helped verify the research she had done previously and filled in the gaps on how to achieve the desired criteria of her own building program in Laramie to create a well-planned atmosphere. The meetings dealt with the types and psychological effects of lighting; acoustics and how to anticipate and solve potential problems; the state of the art in furnishings and shelving; organizing furniture in the best possible psychological and space efficient way; colors and fabric selection of carpets, walls, furniture and how they affect patrons and staff, and more. Of special value was a discussion and critique of the preliminary drawings of Lisa's own proposed building, which resulted in several excellent suggestions.

**Leslie Rock**, network coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, attended an Institute on Consulting Skills for State Library Personnel, where he learned strategies for dealing with conflicts on a

one-to-one and a group basis, utilizing psychological principles. Through role playing and viewing other role playing situations on video-tapes, the participants also learned how to analyze problems, conduct interviews, and make appropriate recommendations for solving problems. Also included was the counseling aspect of consulting, so the consultants could help librarians with professional and even personal concerns that may be affecting their work.

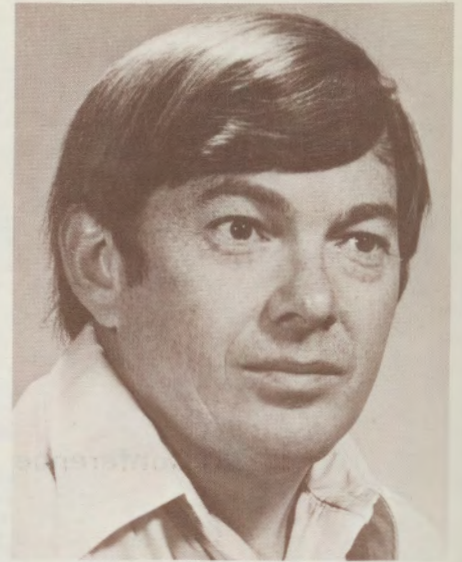


**Blaine Hall**, Humanities Librarian at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, attended the annual Clinic on Library Applications for Data Processing at the University of Illinois. The Clinic in 1979 focused on "The Role of the Library in An Electronic Society."

Blaine reports that the clinic speakers predicted drastic changes in libraries over the next twenty years. In some areas, paper documents will be largely replaced by the electronic storage, dissemination and manipulation of information; online catalogs will replace card catalogs, and the new catalogs will not be merely catalogs to documents physically present in that library, but to those available through networks. Also, patrons will not need to come to the library to access the data bases but will do it from their offices or homes; the concept of "main entry" in cataloging will be replaced by numerous access points; acquisitions will decline significantly because of the availability of information in electronic storage, and binding will be done only for older materials of historical interest. Librarians will become essentially information consultants.

He also noted that the conference was filled with fascinating information about technological developments and the state of the electronic revolution today. By the end of the three-day conference, there were few skeptics about the impact electronics will have on libraries. The evidence was just too convincing and the implications for libraries too compelling. Blaine also cautions that all librarians

need to become knowledgeable about computer technology and its application to libraries. We can no longer rely on systems analysts and technical services people to deal with computers. They affect all of us.



**Tom Peischl**, formerly administrative librarian at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and now director of libraries, SUNY College at Potsdam, New York, attended the Association of Research Libraries, Office of Management Skills Institute. The program focused on "people management" in an intense three and one-half day seminar where participants learned not only by the traditional didactic method but also by the experiential as well. Planned experiences led to observation and reflection, which led to assimilation, which led to testing those experiences, and the whole became circular. The institute covered organization diagnosis, managerial assumptions, values, interpersonal relations, group decision making, group cooperation, managerial leadership styles, organizational communications, and a problem-oriented experience entitled "The Mini University." Tom found the institute an excellent review of what he had studied in his doctoral program. And it turned out to be all the more significant since he has just changed jobs and become a library director. Any librarian, he points out, who desires to gain a quick survey of management theory should attend. The take home materials, including bibliographies, are excellent for continued individual study.

The 1980 Profession Development Grants program will be announced in the April **Newsletter**, so begin now to think of some continuing education experience you would like MPLA to support and apply. Write to Joe Edelen, I. D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069 for an application blank.

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# Around the Region

## Kansas



### Rawls Receives William Allen White Children's Book Award

Wilson Rawls, well-known author of *Where the Red Fern Grows*, was presented with the 1979 William Allen White Children's Book Award Medal for his novel, *Summer of the Monkeys*, at the William Allen White Children's Book

Award Banquet held at the Emporia State University Memorial Union on November 3. The banquet was hosted by the Kansas Association of School Librarians in connection with their fall membership meeting.

Miss Sarah Brewer, an eighth grade student at Santa Fe Junior High School in Olathe, represented the school children of Kansas who participated in the William Allen White Children's Book Award Program as she presented the White Award Medal to Mr. Rawls.

"From the time I was a small boy in those hills, I didn't want anything out of life but to be a writer. I wanted to write for young people. Why, I don't know. I can't answer that. Maybe I was supposed to," Mr. Rawls said as he accepted the award. Mr. Rawls called the award "the biggest thing that's ever happened to me in my writing career. Wherever I go, I don't care where it is, when I stand up before a microphone, I'm going to hold this up and show it to them."

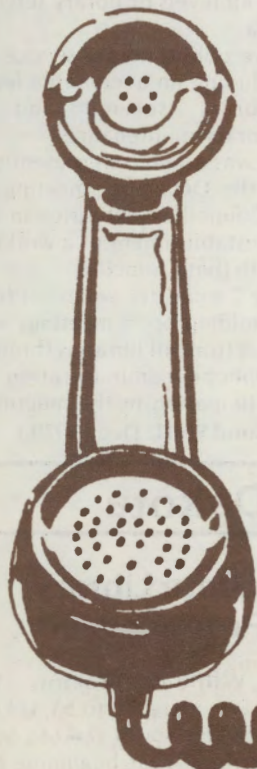
The 415 people at the banquet were treated to a dramatic reading from *Where the Red Fern Grows* by the Sack and Act Players, a group of junior high school students from Wichita under the direction of Barbara Fischer, Co-ordinator of Children's Services for the Wichita Public Library, and Charles Fischer, Teaching Specialist of the Wichita Public Schools. Excerpts from the award winning book,

*Summer of the Monkeys*, were acted by students from the Emporia State University Educational Theatre Company.

*Summer of the Monkeys*, the heart-warming story of a young farm boy in Oklahoma trying to trap escaped circus monkeys for a reward, is the 27th winner of the William Allen White Children's Book Award. More than 55,000 children participated in the voting for the winner of the 1979 White Award.

Each year, the school children of Kansas from the fourth through eighth grades vote for their favorite book from a master list chosen by the William Allen White Book Selection Committee. The votes are tabulated by the staff of the Special Collections Division of the William Allen White Library and the winner is announced in April. Since the founding of the award in 1952, more than 1.5 million votes have been cast by the school children of Kansas to select the annual winner of the White Award. Ruth Gagliardo, a specialist in Children's Literature, founded the White Award, which is directed by Emporia State University, to honor the memory of one of the state's most distinguished citizens by encouraging the boys and girls of Kansas to read and enjoy good books.

## Nebraska

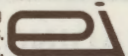


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## Mail-a-Book Receives Fan Mail

After only two and a half months in operation members of 27,500 households in 24 counties in the central part of the state are active — and apparently eager — readers of the Nebraska Mail-a-Book Service.

Jeannie Hofacket, director of the project, reports that, on an average, 160 orders are received daily at the Mail-a-Book headquarters at Hastings Public Library and 500 books are mailed to readers each day.

The volume of business keeps Jeannie and her assistant Darlene Howard busy enough to have forgotten what a lull is! Ricky Yocom has joined the crew on a temporary basis to help keep the service running smoothly. Network coordinators Marla Bouton and Les Rock pinch-hit when the regular lineup needs help.

Popularity of the program can be measured in part by responses from current Mail-a-Book readers:

I just want to write a note to you, and tell you how thrilled several of us here at Rockville are about the Mail-a-Book program. It is really great to be able to "check" these books out without having to drive 10 or 15 miles to the closest library. We find it hard to believe, it is such a good thing!

from Rockville

I would like to say that I think your Nebraska Mail-a-Book service is one of the best ideas I ever heard of. Thank you for including Holt County in your program! I am looking forward to a winter full of reading material!

from O'Neill

(Source: *NLC Overtones*, Dec. 7, 1979.)

## Nevada

### READING ACTIVITIES IN NEVADA

The Nevada Department of Education's Right to Read Program and the Nevada Parent Teachers Association co-sponsored promotion of the values and importance of families reading together during the month of November. Two projects were developed for this Family Reading Month, the "Family Reading Day" promotions at malls, shopping centers and other appropriate places and the "Family Reading Calendar" to be

distributed to every student and child through schools, libraries and day care centers. The calendar had special reading related activities for each day of the month as well as a booklist. "Family Reading Day," scheduled for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend and coordinated through the Nevada Parent Teachers Association and the "Family Reading Calendar" were made possible by grant funds awarded to the Nevada Parent Teachers Association through the Nevada State Library.

In addition, February 10-16, 1980, is the second Nevada Reading Week, having met with enthusiastic success at its inception in 1979. A majority of the schools reporting activities asked for the week to be an annual affair. As now planned, the week will feature five special days: "Community Read-In Day," "Readers Theatre Day," "I Love to Read Day," "Share-a-Book Day," and "Writer in the Community Day." For this last special day efforts are being made to involve Nevada's local authors by inviting them to visit and share their experiences with students in the schools.

Last, a working group has been meeting regularly to bring together ideas for a new project proposal, "From Idea to Book." Emily Bell is the director for this project effort which has the co-sponsorship of the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada State Library. (Source: *Dateline*, Nevada State Library, July-Sept. 1979.)

## Public Library Planning Committee Organized

As directed by the Public Library Section of NDLA at the 1979 convention, a Public Library Planning Committee was organized at an open meeting in Minot, November 30. Selected by those present to serve on the committee were:

NDLA President—Tom Jones  
Public Library Section President—Cynthia Schaff  
Advisory Council Representative—Doris Greenleaf  
Trustees—Thelma Klingensmith and Ingrid Bailey  
Academic Library Representative—to be appointed  
School Library Representative—Alvina Skogen  
Category I Libraries—Dennis Page  
Category II Libraries—Diane Caley  
Category III Libraries—Ruth Ralph  
Category IV Libraries—Lillian Wilson  
Member-at-large—Jerry Kaup

The committee will elect its officers at its next meeting.

The organizational meeting directed the Committee to request funds and professional assistance, to review needs, identify the problems of providing public library service in the state, document those problems, establish priorities and goals, suggest alternatives for the improvement and continuing development of our state-wide public library system, and communicate its findings to the library community and citizens of North Dakota.

Initial goals established by the meeting participants were:

1. To determine needs for continuing education relating to librarians and trustees and to suggest alternatives for addressing those needs.

2. To address the need for improved interaction between the State Library, librarians of all types, libraries, and trustees.

3. To develop alternatives for total library service to children and young adults of North Dakota, defining the respective roles of the local library, State Library, and the Department of Public Instruction.

4. To develop alternatives for total library service to adults, defining the respective roles of the local library, State Library, academic libraries, and special libraries.

5. To establish a mechanism for anticipating the impact of advanced technology for all levels of library service in North Dakota.

6. To improve public library service to rural areas including an acceptable level of local library service and a methodology for its maintenance.

Dennis Page was asked to represent the committee at the December meeting of the Advisory Council on Libraries in order to request establishment of a working relationship with that Council.

The Planning Committee will meet four times yearly, holding open meetings and requesting input from all libraries through mail and telephone communication as well as by participation in the meetings. (Source: *The Good Stuff*, Dec., 1979.)

## South Dakota

### Austere State Library Budget Proposed

Governor William Janklow has proposed a \$1,000 increase to \$1,324,000 in the budget of the South Dakota State Library for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980. In a year of disappointing growth

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in state tax revenues, little else could be expected as the governor sought to keep his promise of an \$8,000,000 increase in state aid to public schools and to complete funding of the state replacement of the repealed personal-property tax without proposing an increase in taxes.

Vince Anderson, State Librarian, indicates that even this total is uncertain as it includes increases of \$25,888 from the federal government and \$6,152 from North Dakota (for services to the visually handicapped) that are not assured. In addition, the State Library's budget is assessed an added \$14,700 for space maintenance. In all, Anderson calculates that the budget provides \$66,000 less than in the current year to operate the library.

Against that \$66,000 decline in funding for services, Anderson estimates that the State Library will face a ten percent increase in demand for services based on recent trends, and it must also contend with an inflation rate of ten percent or more. Perhaps \$326,000 would be needed above the governor's recommendation just to be able to meet the demand for the present array of services next year.

Obviously, this budget means a considerable cut in State Library Services in the offering. Hardest hit is the audio-visual services area where two staff positions have been cut by the governor. But the State Library will also quickly run out of money for bibliographic database searching (a service most heavily used by professional personnel in state government), postage and the like. Anderson indicates that he places high priority on maintaining the MINITEX contract, the OCLC contracts, and the TWX network, although some stations may be consolidated or eliminated from TWX.

Anderson noted that a deficit in funding of this magnitude, when no service or group of services is cut off, can only be accomplished by deep cuts in the book and film acquisition budget. That last will be felt for years to come.

Last summer when Governor Janklow asked state agencies to submit budgets at 90% of current funding, Anderson recommended ending audio-visual services totally in order to maintain the health of other State Library services. Although audiovisual services were cut the most severely, the overall effect is to destroy by gradual debilitation all programs. Anderson summarizes the impact thusly: "The governor's budget makes it so the library goes back generally, not just in one area."

(Source: **Bookmarks**, Nov.-Dec., 1979.)

## Rapid City Librarians Join AFL-CIO

Rapid City Public Library staff has  
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voted to join the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. The staff voted thirteen in favor and one opposed. Rose Richmond, Conant Sowers and Bruce Mehlhaff have been selected to represent the staff in the negotiation process which should begin soon.

Paul Goldberg, Area Director of the AFL-CIO, will be meeting with the staff to answer questions and help organize the local chapter.

## Utah

### INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM THREATENED IN DAVIS COUNTY

In its report to the ULA Executive Board on September 14, the Intellectual Freedom Committee indicated that it met in emergency session on August 21, immediately after Davis County Library Board member, Morris Swapp, called for the resignation of Davis County Librarian, Jeanne Layton, allegedly over her refusal to withdraw the book **Americana** from the library shelves. The Intellectual Freedom Committee indicated at that time that it planned to attend the September 18 meeting of the Davis County Board at which time Mr. Swapp said he fully intended to fire Ms. Layton if she had not submitted her resignation by that time. The committee reported to the ULA Executive Board that if Ms. Layton was indeed fired on September 18, and if formal charges were brought against her by the board, and if these charges appeared to be a violation of intellectual freedom and a clear case of censorship appeared to exist in Davis County in the eyes of the committee, then the committee said it would request two things from the ULA Executive Board: 1) authorization to issue an official statement of ULA's position and 2) monies from the general fund to be earmarked to effectively pursue the matter.

Committee members, as observers, did attend the September 18, Davis County Library Board meeting wherein Ms. Layton was indeed fired. Since that time, the committee has embarked on a thorough investigation of the case with all sides of the issue being considered and studied. An invitation has been sent by the committee to all five members of the Davis County Board to meet with two members of the ULA Intellectual Freedom Committee to discuss the matter. As of this writing, there has been no response to the invitation. It is the opinion of the com-

mittee that there appears to be a clear violation of intellectual freedom in Davis County based on the results of their investigation. The ULA Executive Board has voted to censure the Davis County Library Board. (Source: **ULA Newsletter**, Oct., 1979).

## Wyoming

### Cincinnati Electronics is Successful Vendor for Proposed Statewide Automated System

Cincinnati Electronics is the successful bidder pending legislative funding, for a statewide circulation/interlibrary loan system for Wyoming's libraries. The Cincinnati Electronics system was chosen October 26 by the State Library, Archives, Museums, and Historical Board at a special meeting in Cheyenne. One of five vendors who submitted bids, CE was chosen after a month long evaluation. These companies are the major providers of these systems in the United States and Canada.

Wayne H. Johnson, state librarian, said the 1980 Legislature will now be asked to

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fund this special project, which is the result of many months of study by librarians throughout Wyoming, the State Library Advisory Council, and the selection committee, assisted by persons from the state's data services division and an automation consultant from California. The Board had approved initial plans for the project in its April, 1979 meeting.

Johnson says total funding for the project will amount to some \$750,000, of which \$248,875 will be for the system itself, with the remainder to be for telephone hook-ups, conversion of existing information about library holdings into computer acceptable form, and for maintenance. The \$248,875 for the actual system will be a one-time expense.

Johnson said if the funds are approved by the Legislature, the system could then be in operation within a few months. He plans to divide the process into four phases, with libraries in phase one to consist of those who request immediate inclusion into the system. Others will be based on the size of their collections and circulation. "This evolutionary process will cause less confusion and stress and not penalize any of our libraries," he said. Johnson said irregardless of which libraries are on at the beginning of the system's establishment, all Wyoming libraries will have access to it for interlibrary loan through computer on microfilm printouts at each library. (Source: *Outrider*, Nov. 1979.)

## UW Acquires Unique Dictionary Collection

The University of Wyoming Libraries have recently acquired a unique collection of nearly 800 bilingual foreign language dictionaries and grammars collected by Clarence Seibold of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The gift from Seibold was negotiated by Anne Slater, UW professor of anthropology, who calls the collection a rich and invaluable research tool for students of language and culture. She points out that the bulk of the collection is devoted to dictionaries of non-Indo-European languages and dialects, many of which have only rarely or recently been recorded. In addition, many of the dictionaries document non-standard dialects of European languages.

Seibold, a retired mail carrier from Chicago, developed an interest in languages early in life when he noticed that many of his school classmates came from different linguistic backgrounds. His dictionary collection developed over the years in conjunction with his lifelong in-

terest in attempting to isolate and identify the world's various languages and dialects.

In addition to the standard English/French sort of dictionary, Seibold's collection includes quantities of more exotic and esoteric language combinations such as Lapp/Norwegian, Sardinian/Italian, Basque/French, Russian/Buryat-Mongol, and a number of specialized trilingual dictionaries, including one in Syriac, French and English, and an English/Azerbaijan/Russian dictionary on the oil field industry. A number of monolingual dictionaries and grammars of minor Indian, Asian, African, Slavic and North American languages and dialects are also included.

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## About You

**Sue Lemmon**, who recently resigned as Chairman of the Colorado Council for Library Development, passed away on October 19, 1979, at St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction.

Sue was Library Media Supervisor for the Mesa County Valley School District in Grand Junction. She also was active in many state-wide library and media activities including the Colorado Educational Media Association and the former ESEA II State Advisory Committee.

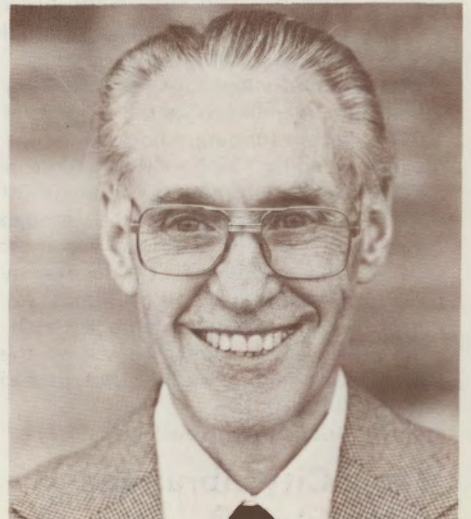
**Dr. Bernard Franckowiak** has been appointed by the University of Denver Board of Trustees as Dean of the Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management. Dr. Franckowiak is currently on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Librarianship. He will assume his duties at DU by the beginning of Winter quarter.

Brigham Young University Academic Vice President Robert K. Thomas has announced the appointment of Sterling J. Albrecht as director of the Harold B. Lee Library and Donald K. Nelson as the first Harold B. Lee Fellow at the Library. Both men have distinguished careers and are well known and respected in library circles in the United States.



**Sterling Albrecht**

Albrecht has been serving as acting director since September 1 when Nelson was hospitalized for major surgery. Nelson had been director of libraries since September 1, 1966.



**Donald K. Nelson**

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As the first Harold B. Lee Fellow, Nelson will serve as a consultant to help the University upgrade its library and information services. His appointment will continue until August 31, 1980, when he retires from the University. At that time, another Harold B. Lee Fellow or a Harold B. Lee Scholar-in-Residence will be appointed for the 1980-81 academic year.

There are currently more than 1.5 million volumes in the library, which is noted, among other things, for its rich collection of Victorian literature, its collection on the history of printing, and its holdings on Mormon history.

Albrecht is Utah state representative for the American Library Association Council, a member of the board of governors of the Research Libraries Group, and past chairman for the academic section of the Mountain Plains Library Association.

The Colorado State Board of Education confirmed the appointment of **William T. Cound** of Denver as the Network Project Director for the State Library. He will be responsible for promoting the development of networking activities within the State. Mr. Cound has had extensive experience in management and long-range planning as well as in the design of automated information and communications systems. Mr. Cound received his MLA from the University of Denver and his Bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy.

**Joan Welch**, a BCR staff member since January, 1976, resigned effective December 31, 1979. Joan served as Head, Administrative Services with responsibilities for personnel and financial management. Recently completing a B.S. degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting from the University of Colorado at Denver, Joan is leaving to pursue a career in Accounting.

## Continuing Education

Date: March 15, 1980

Title: **Colorado Library Association Technical Services Roundtable Spring Meeting**

Location: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Boulder, CO.

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Cost: \$7.50, including lunch; \$4.50 without lunch.

Description: Business meeting with discussion of proposed bylaws and featuring ALA AACR2 miniworkshop, new filing rules, OCLC acquisition subsystem, etc. Ward Shaw will be speaking on the CARL on-line catalog.

Contact: Sue Sterner, Denver Public Library, 3840 York St., Denver, CO 80205.

March 18, 1980

Title: **Conference on Business Information Sources and Services**

Sponsor: School of Library Science, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Cost: \$20, including luncheon and coffee breaks.

Description: The conference is designed to expand the ability of all types of libraries to respond to the need for corporate information, financial ratios, and relevant statistics. Individual sessions will also deal with basic business reference sources, loose-leaf commercial services, and related data bases.

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

Date: April 11-12, 1980

Title: **4th Annual Young Adult Institute.**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management, University of Denver.

Location: University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Description: This year's institute will focus on "Communication in the 80's," with sessions on creating programs, booktalks, storytelling, films, video, and reader's theater.

Contact: Jim Nichols, Director, Young Adult Institute, Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208.

Date: April 17-19, 1980

Title: **Colloquium Preservation of Library Materials.**

Sponsor: The University of Oklahoma Libraries, and School of Library Science, and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Location: Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Description: Five national experts on the preservation of print and non-print library materials will discuss the importance of disaster planning, setting

up reservation programs, and the paperless information systems of the future. Speakers are George M. Cunah, director emeritus of the New England Document Conservation Center; Pamela W. Darling, head of the Preservation Department at Columbia University; F. Wilfrid Lancaster, Professor of library science at the University of Illinois; Lawrence S. Robinson, preservation officer of microfilming for the Library of Congress; and Sarah A. Buchanan, conservation officer for Stanford University Libraries.

Contact: Ms. Marcia Goodman, chair, Colloquium on Preservation, History of Science Collections, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Norman, OK 73019 (405-325-2741).

Date: April 20-23, 1980

Title: **17th Annual Clinic on Library Applications of Data Processing**

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois

Location: University of Illinois, Urbana, IL

Description: With the theme "Public Access to Library Automation," this year's clinic will include reports of operating systems and discussions of the underlying principles that will shape public access in the coming decade. The true technical revolution for the 1980's will be direct public use of automation sparked by economic realities that makes labor-intensive card catalogs too expensive and that provides other kinds of information cheaper with a computer terminal than with paper tools.

Contact: Mr. Edward Kalb, 116 Illini Hall, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 61820 (217-333-2881) for further information.

Date: May 21-23, 1980

Title: **5th Annual USD Library Management Seminar**

Sponsor: School of Business, University of South Dakota

Location: University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD

Cost: \$185, including room and board and transportation to and from airlines.

Description: The seminar will concentrate on planning, communication, and performance evaluation to assist library administrators in improving their managerial effectiveness. The program emphasis will be on problem solving through lectures, case analysis, and experiential exercises.

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

Application Deadline: March 30, 1980

Date: June 4-7, 1980.

Title: **National Institute for Media, Librarians: Coping with the Rising Cost of Media and Declining Library Budgets.**

Sponsor: The U.S. Office of Education, Division of Library Programs

Location: State University of New York at Buffalo

Description: Limited to fifty participants, the institute will present alternative strategies and solutions media librarians can use to identify funding sources, establish an equitable position in the decision-making process, develop effective patterns of communication with decision makers, and examine qualitative methods of evaluating media services.

Contact: Dr. John Ellison, SILS/Bell Hall, SUNY at Buffalo, Amherst, NY 14226 (716-636-2411).

Date: September 25-28, 1980

Title: **AASL First National Conference.**

Sponsor: American Association of School Librarians

Location: Louisville, KY

Cost: \$25, AASL member; \$30 ALA mem-

ber; \$35, non-member.

Description: With the theme " '80 and Beyond" the conference will examine the issues and trends facing school librarianship during the next decade — legislation and funding, networking and resource sharing, education and accountability, automation and information, public relations and progress, freedom and access, and humanization and success. Library media professionals will discover new techniques, new instructional materials, and alternative ways to improve instruction in the classroom.

Contact: AASL, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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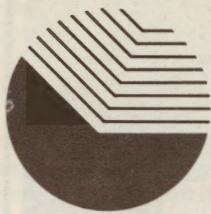
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