



MPLA Newsletter

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Children must read

The recent controversy surrounding the reduction in salary of the children's librarian position at the Elko County Library is one more example of what happens when the Arts collide with fiscal realities. The Arts lose.

And that is a shame, because of all governmental-administrated programs, those funding the arts are potentially the most important.

The children's librarian position may not seem at first glance a vital one to the country — those that seem vital are the ones that give us tangible results, the ones that build roads and bridges, that keep the peace and feed the hungry.

The fact is, a children's librarian — or any librarian—does the same thing, not with bulldozers and cranes but with caring and intelligence. The children's librarian builds roads for children to follow — good roads, hopefully — and bridges to cross — not over rivers, but across the wide gap of ignorance. She keeps the peace, too, by substituting good books to offset the effects of life in an increasingly worsening society. and she feeds the hungry, not in body, but in mind.

And a hunger of the mind is an aching pain.

Were it not for the effects of the books we had read as children, our lives would be substantially different. Books have a tremendous influence. They have the capacity to mold and shape us, to create in us a yearning to go beyond what we are and become what we can and by right ought to be.

I was lucky as a child to have a father and mother who loved books as much as I grew to love them. Many a night my father would read to me from "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," their

Lin Anderson—Reprinted from Elko (Nevada) Independent, February 28, 1980.

life on the Mississippi becoming my life as I slipped off into dreams.

"Alice in Wonderland" and Charlottes Web" and so many other books of my childhood made me wonder and want to explore and to find new books to satisfy what was fast becoming a **craving** to read.

Those books led to "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "A Farewell to Arms" and "The Great Gatsby" and so many, many others. Enriching my life, fulfilling me, rounding me off as a person. New ideas, exciting ideas, new experiences lay beneath the covers of each new book. And through reading I discovered I wanted to write.

But some kids aren't as lucky. Their fathers or mothers don't read to them — or perhaps they do not have fathers or mothers. The children's librarian fills that need, guiding them, allowing them to chart their course in life through the pages of books. God willing, the lessons they learn from books, the hard lessons of living life, will give them the tools they need to avoid the many hardships of youth, will enable them to grow into good people.

You can't put a pricetag on that; whether you are a county commissioner or the President of the United States, you can't put a pricetag on it. Beyond inflation, beyond world crises, one of the most horrible facts of life in our supposedly enlightened nation is that not only do some children not read, they don't know **how** to read. That is a tragedy of immense proportion because not only will they not have the thrill of travelling down the Mississippi with Huck Finn, or sailing the oceans with Captain Ahab, they also will not be able to get a good job when grown, or read voting ballots or do any one of a hundred different things that we all take for granted.

With children becoming more and more enamoured of television pap, books



have become increasingly important. Children must have reading skills, children must go beyond the tube into the pages if they expect to join the adult world at that magic age of 18.

Haggling over the salary of a children's librarian seems so petty to me, in light of the job's immense importance. I don't care how much she receives. If we were able to target our tax dollars, mine would certainly be sent to the library for the support of children in learning to read and learning to enjoy reading. I believe wholeheartedly that books saved my life, as they have saved the lives of so many others.

Perhaps we should rethink our county funding priorities. I for one, would much rather drive over an unpaved road than see one child miss the joys of reading. Roads can eventually be repaired. Children, in many cases, cannot. (Source: **Elko Independent**, Feb. 28, 1980.)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 1979
MEMO NO.

TO: Manager, Corporate Information Control
FROM: Vice President, R&D
SUBJECT: SDI Service

Want to provide SDI service for my staff. Please provide evaluation of available services.

LETTER-GRAM

TO	Vice President, R&D	OFFICE	
FROM	Corporate Information Control	OFFICE	
SUBJECT	Recommendation re: SDI Services	DATE	4-25-79

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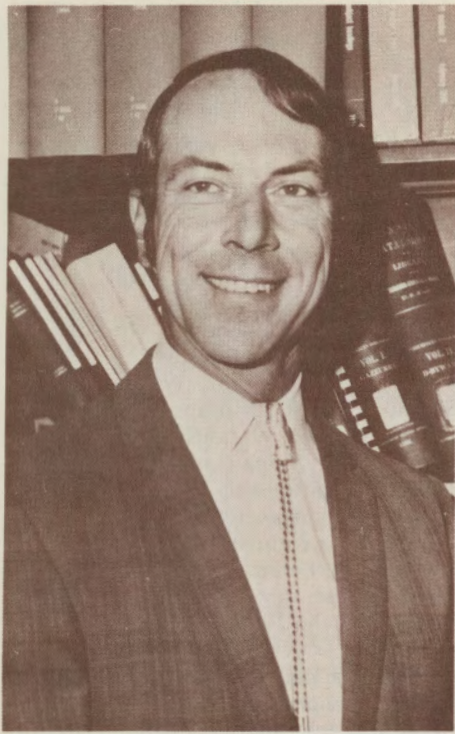
Some good features on other systems but no single system combines all of the advantages offered by SDC.

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ference on Library and Information Services was appreciated beyond the borders of our region. So much so, that in my judgment, it is appropriate to further examine the aftermath of that conference.

There are many issues and questions which will require continuing address in the interest of short and long range futures for libraries and those who would provide information services for the future. To this end I have constituted a presidential committee under the chairmanship of Paul Knoblich, Director, Campbell County Library, Gillette, Wyoming. The work of this committee will be reported to you as it unfolds.

The American Library Association, in anticipation of a great deal of legislative action pertaining to libraries in the near future, is asking each of the 50 state library associations and regional library associations for identification of an individual to serve as a federal relations coordinator. This person's role is to coordinate the promotion of federal legislation within the state, based upon information and directions received from the ALA Washington office.

As President of MPLA, given the character of our operation, I am taking the responsibility of this function upon myself at this time. I will be in contact with our executive board with regard to official positions this association may wish to take on matters or issues which properly fall within the area of federal

relations. I wish to take this opportunity to ask the representatives of our MPLA region to be sure to share with me any positions taken relative to federal legislation (proposed or actual) which is voted by their respective state associations.

I see this activity as a new direction for the association and as an opportunity to provide a different service to our membership. I should further state that it is **not my intention** to serve in any way as a "rubber stamp" for the positions of any other organizations (ALA included).

In my daily responsibility as a state librarian I am required to be constantly aware of the political and economic environment in which libraries carry on their activities and work toward future development. I am also aware of the fact that we must deal with the world as it is and not necessarily as we would like it to be. We have, nevertheless, the responsibility to work for the "best possible" to the best of our ability. It is my intention as your President to work in that direction.

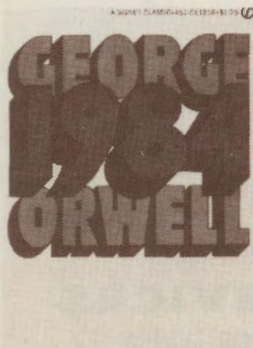
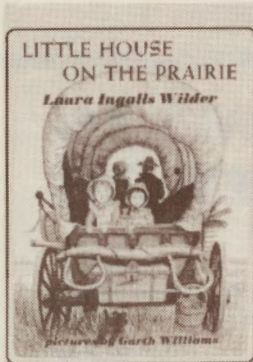
P.S.

Please do not forget about our sponsorship of that very interesting project being reported to you concerning the "Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier."

Joe Anderson

From Your President

MPLA is moving on into the future. At our recent Denver Conference it became clear that MPLA leadership in the matter of preparation for the White House Con-



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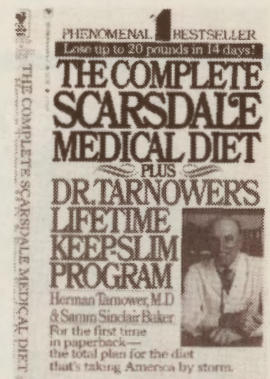
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Projections, Omaha MPLA/NLA 1980

Buffalo grazed on the 1980 convention site 200 years ago. The changes that have occurred since then would stampede the calmest herd. Come to MPLA and be part of a new decade for Omaha, libraries and librarians as we project into the 1980's. Pre-conferences begin October 30 and the conference continues until noon, Sunday, November 2.

Plans include at least three pre-conference workshops:

1. "Projections for Library Careers and Librarianship in the 1980's" is a one-day

pre-conference being planned jointly by the MPLA Junior Members Round Table, the Nebraska Junior Members Round Table, and the MPLA Continuing Education Committee. The program will focus on an individual's personal job and career goals.

2. "What To Do In Case of a Disaster" (of the natural variety) in your library will be another. Bob Patterson, Director at the University of Wyoming Library and regional expert, will be the resource leader. All this complete with a "Name Your Favorite Disaster" contest.

3. The Public Library Association of ALA is preparing a workshop on the "Planning Process for Public Libraries." We expect the workshop to be part of MPLA.

The conference will begin Thursday evening with a wine-and-cheese party to open the exhibits. The party will be co-hosted by NLA President, Shirley Flack and MPLA President, Joe Anderson.

Friday at the opening session Peggy Sullivan, ALA President, will give a keynote address on her projections for libraries as a result of the White House Conference. During the conference we expect to hear from Whitney North Seymour. Public librarians can learn more about public relations from one of library's best, Mona Garvey. Each section is planning interesting, relevant programs you won't want to miss!

Minnesota futurist, Joel Barker, will be speaking at the awards banquet Saturday night on the topic, "Librarians and the Wave of the Future — Information Technologies in the 80's." Barker will also be doing a pair of short workshops on future exploration which will provide librarians (or anyone) with tools for decision-making and determining future trends.

And, of course, a Halloween Party . . . Drive, walk, fly, take the train, ride your horse, come by balloon, but do make your plans now to be in Omaha October 30 - November 2. For more information contact Jane Kolbe, MPLA, Sioux Falls College Library, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or Shirley Flack, NLA, Scottsbluff Public Library, Scottsbluff, NB 69361. A complete program will be announced in the June Newsletter.



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Spotlight on Nebraska

The Nebraska Library Association held its first annual meeting on January 1, 1896. The program was a discussion of a paper prepared by a member entitled "The Relation of Public Libraries to the Public Schools." The original attendees were concerned with the development of all types of libraries; this interest has continued ever since.

At the second annual meeting, the members talked about the possibilities of traveling libraries. A committee was appointed to begin investigation of the concept and its application to Nebraska. The result of their initiation was the legislative drive which established the Nebraska Public Library Commission in 1901.

Throughout the years, the Nebraska Library Association has worked closely with all libraries and the Nebraska Library Commission (the name changed in 1972) to promote library services statewide. The Association was involved in the implementation of the interlibrary loan system, the regional library system, the network program, the public library standards, and the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse, and played an important role in the Nebraska Pre-White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services held in March, 1979. The Association continues to be involved in post-conference activities.

Cooperative services have always been a goal of the state's libraries and media centers. The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association met together in 1978. The directors of public, academic, special and educational service units convene through PELARCON (Postsecondary Educational Library and Resource Centers of Nebraska) to plan cooperative services and resource sharing activities. The major

libraries in the state participate in the Nebraska Library Loan and Information Exchange (NELLIE) to provide interlibrary loan service. The Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center serves as the Midcontinental Regional Medical Library for Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Nebraska's current library activity includes several highlights: The Lincoln Public School System is one of four systems nationwide to be nominated for the 1980 School Library Media Program of the Year Award. Presented by the American Association of School Librarians and Encyclopedia Britannica Company, the Award is for providing exemplary library media programs at the elementary school level.

The Nebraska Union Catalog (NEUCAT) has been produced in COM format and copies distributed to all participating libraries to facilitate and accelerate interlibrary loans. The third and current edition of NEUCAT contains 270,000 titles and 420,000 locations.

Kansas and Nebraska have initiated a demonstration interlibrary loan project. The Kansas State Library and the Nebraska Library Commission have exchanged their COM Union Catalogs. For six months, interlibrary loans between the two states will be encouraged when in-state locations are not sufficient.

Nebraska librarians and media specialists have worked hard to overcome the difficulties of limited funding and resources, few people, and vast distances to make a reality the Pre-White House Conference slogan — "Nebraska Libraries — The Good Life."

Morel Fry, Nebraska MPLA Representative

MPLA Committee Chairpersons 1979-80

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**Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Denver, Colorado
February 8, 1980**

Present: Joe Anderson, Jan Beck, Joe Edelen, Gerald Ehli, Morel Fry, Jean Johnson, Donna Jones, Jerry Kaup, Susan Kling, Jane Kolbe, Amy Owen, Sara Parker, Mary Peterson, Shirley Flack, Blaine Hall, Paul Knoblich, Mary Southwell, Andrew Gulliford.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Joe Anderson and a roll was distributed. Sara Parker moved the approval of the minutes from the October 30, 1979 meeting as distributed; motion passed.

Committee Reports

President Anderson read the list of committee chairmen presently appointed. He indicated his intent to establish an Ad Hoc Follow-up Committee to the White House Conference to pursue ways in which MPLA can support implementation of the conference recommendations. The committee will report at the Omaha Conference. The board discussed nominations for the chair of the nominating committee. Joe Anderson agreed to contact committee chairmen and to compile a roster of each committee's members. Joe Edelen moved the committee appointments be approved as presented; motion carried.

Awards

The Awards Committee report was presented by Mary Southwell. She questioned whether or not the Awards Committee charge should be changed. The board discussed past awards presented: Distinguished Service, Legislative Leadership, Literary Contribution, News Media Support, Beginning Professional, Intellectual Freedom, Special Service, and the Exhibits Awards. Since few nominations were received last year, the board suggested inserts in the membership brochures and contacts with state representatives as methods for obtaining additional nominations. Jane Kolbe moved that the Awards Committee be instructed to follow the precedent set by previous committees in determining awards for the 1980 conference; that the committee develop and submit to the Executive Board for approval alternative wording for paragraph three of page 22 in the **MPLA Manual of Procedure**; and that it be left to the committee's discretion to withhold or add awards as necessary. The motion passed. An additional suggestion was made to re-evaluate the awards in terms of MPLA goals and objectives, and to clarify the reasons for which the awards are granted for the benefit of future Executive Boards and Awards Committees.

**Continuing
Education**

Rod Wagner was unable to attend the meeting. Morel Fry stated that Rod had almost completed the selection of sites for the one-to-one learning program.

**Professional
Development**

Doug Hindmarsh was unable to attend the board meeting. Mary Southwell reported that Doug had hoped to get the number of awards to be given approved. The board agreed the number of awards had already been determined by the budget: a maximum of four awards at no more than \$500 each. The board requested that information concerning the awards be published in the **Newsletter** as soon as possible.

Nominating

The board reviewed the charge of the Nominating Committee in the **MPLA Manual of Procedure** and discussed the effect of changing to a spring conference. The President was directed to ask the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to evaluate this change and make recommendations to the Executive Board as soon as possible for coordinating the duties and elections of officers with the change in conference schedule.

**Public
Relations**

President Anderson called for ideas to be forwarded to the new committee chairman, Brian Lewis. Donna Jones stated that the MPLA Exhibit needs to be updated. It was also noted that last year's committee has compiled a list of suggestions which should be forwarded to the new chairman. Joe Anderson and Jane Kolbe suggested that we publicize next year's conference in both Iowa and Missouri and send courtesy information to their state libraries. Donna Jones moved that the Executive Board approve a maximum of \$200 to be expended as needed from the **Newsletter** budget to develop a full page conference ad to be placed in association newsletters in Iowa and Missouri. The charge was to be directed to the Publicity Committee to handle; motion passed. The committee was urged to publicize MPLA activities in the national library press.

Since the next state conference is the Utah Library Association meeting in March, Joe Edelen agreed to forward the MPLA Exhibit to Brian Lewis for updating. Blaine Hall stated he has proof sheets of pictures from the last two years. State representatives could choose pictures to localize the MPLA Exhibit to their own state. Joe Edelen requested that state representatives contact him for membership brochures, giving him a rough count of the number needed. He also needs advance notice to schedule the MPLA Exhibit for State Conferences. Extra newsletters are available to be given away as promotional items. Any unused supply of newsletters or membership brochures should be returned to him.

Constitution & Bylaws

President Anderson reaffirmed that the two current charges to the Constitution and *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

Bylaws Committee are to coordinate as necessary with the Awards Committee on the proposed change in the **Manual of Procedure** and to review the upcoming six month changeover as MPLA shifts to a spring conference.

White House Conference

President Anderson called the attention of the Board to the recently published report in the December, 1979, **MPLA Newsletter** concerning White House Conference activities. He stated his conviction that MPLA activities had been extremely helpful in developing a western caucus.

Financial Report

Joe Edelen presented a financial report to the Board covering the period from November 1, 1979 to January 31, 1980. He noted that, with Board approval, as a way to help the Association increase its yield on excess funds, he would be willing to borrow the Association's excess cash at the same rate he would qualify for at a local bank and would secure the loan with New York listed stock at 125% of the note's face value. This would allow the Association to more than double its present interest rate of return. Sara Parker moved that the Executive Secretary place his suggestion in writing and that the proposal be referred to a committee of the elected officers and the Finance Committee for consideration; motion passed. Blaine Hall moved that the Finance committee prepare a policy statement setting guidelines for the investment of Association funds in order to achieve maximum interest and security; motion passed.

State Representative Reports

Colorado

Jan Beck, Colorado representative, reported on the establishment of an implementation committee to work on Governor's Conference Follow-Up. She also noted CLA will be re-evaluating its priorities in the coming year. The CLA Convention is scheduled for November 3-5, 1980, at Tamarron in Durango, Colorado.

Kansas

Kansas Representative, Donna Jones, reported the Kansas Library Network is beginning to function. The Network includes different types of libraries and is supervised by Vee Friesner at the Kansas State Library. She also reported that KLA has established a committee to begin planning the 1983 KLA-MPLA Joint Conference. Both Vee and Donna are working on this committee. This year's KLA Conference will be held April 9-12, in Wichita and is a joint conference with Kansas school media people. Joe Anderson also noted that Kansas had joined the Western Council bringing all MPLA States into Western Council membership.

Nebraska

Nebraska Representative, Morel Fry, reported that NLA is in the process of establishing a Junior Members Roundtable. The new roundtable hopes to join MPLA's JMRT and Continuing Education Committee in sponsoring a pre-conference workshop this fall. She also noted that both Nebraska and Kansas now have microform union catalogs and that a six-month trial exchange of catalogs is under way between the two states.

Nevada

President Joe Anderson announced the election of Bob Anderl, Assistant Librarian for Technical Services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as Nevada Representative to the MPLA Executive Board. He noted that Nevada is moving to link the State through the CLSI Circulation System, joining the major academic and public libraries. The NLA planning committee is working with an interim legislative committee to develop a ten year plan for library services. The plan will recommend library funding at the next Legislative session. President Anderson also noted that the State Legislature has transferred State Archives to the State Library and that the State Librarian has now become the State Historical Records Coordinator.

North Dakota

North Dakota Representative Jerry Kaup distributed a report from NDLA covering the establishment of the public library planning Committee in North Dakota. NDLA's Academic Library Section is sponsoring a workshop on measurement of reference services in May, at Mary College; details will appear in the **Newsletter**. He also thanked the Association for giving the Legislative Leadership Award to State Representative Michael Unhjem from North Dakota and announced a major publication for the North Dakota Library Association: **A Man As Big as The West**, by Neilie Snyder Yost. The book is a biography of Ralph "Doc" Hubbard and is available through Pruitt Press.

South Dakota

The South Dakota report was given by Jane Kolbe and Gerald Ehli. South Dakota's Conference site has been changed from the Black Hills to Sioux Falls. A recent Executive order reorganizing the South Dakota State Library Commission was defeated by Senate action. Permissive legislation has been passed allowing the establishment of regional educational centers around the State. An increase in per pupil expenditures for library materials has been reversed by the State Legislative Review Committee. In addition, a "proposition 13" type measure will go before voters next fall; SDLA is joining lobbying efforts against the proposition.

Utah

Utah Representative, Mary Petterson, reported ULA's upcoming Conference on March 5-7, 1980, with Bob Wedgeworth as the keynote speaker. She gave a brief update on the current conflict between Davis County Librarian Jeanne Layton and her board. Citing activities since the last MPLA board meeting, she noted that Ms. Layton has been fired, reported the reasons involved in that firing, gave an update on the Merit Council ruling in Ms. Layton's favor and reported on the court order which mandated her reinstatement. Two law suits are still pending: The Library Board against the Merit Council (appealing the Council ruling) and Ms. Layton against the Library Board (for damages). On a more positive side, she stated that the ULA Executive Board had taken action censoring the Davis County Library Board, that the ULA had established an Intellectual Freedom Fund to aid librarians coming under censorship pressure, that a strong "Friends of the Library" group had been established in Davis County, and that the general experience seemed to be morale building for librarians who saw the amount of popular support generated when a censorship issue arose.

Wyoming

In the absence of Debbie Iverson, the Wyoming report was given by Jean Johnson. She noted the statewide circulation system has now been approved by the Governor and the joint appropriations committee and will go to the floor next week. The current feeling is optimistic. The Wyoming Library Association Conference will be held in Gillette, April 30 through May 3, 1980. The theme is "Discoveries".

Section Reports

Jean Johnson presented a brief oral report for the Academic Section. A written report from that section and a written report from the Technical Services Section and the Children's and School Section are appended to the official minutes.

JMRT

Susan Kling reported that she had met with Nebraska Library Association's new Junior Members Roundtable. They are working jointly on Conference plans, including voluntary help for conference registration, compiling a guide to Omaha, sponsoring a pre-conference session on the topic "Managing Your Career," and working with Shirley Flack on sponsorship for a social event.

Public Library

Jan Beck reported the section is working with its NLA counterpart on conference ideas. They are presently considering a half day session with limited registration using Mona Garvey. They may also sponsor a luncheon speaker.

State Library

Sara Parker reported on the current effort by the American Library Association to support the establishment of an Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services within the Department of Education. Delegates at the White House Conference also passed a resolution in support of the position. Joe Anderson urged State Representatives to have their local associations support this effort. The officers agreed MPLA should take action and Sara was asked to draft a resolution.

Trustee

No report was received from the Trustee Section. Shirley Flack and Jane Kolbe are working toward scheduling trustee activities for the weekend of the conference. It was suggested that White House Delegates and members of "Friends" groups be invited to attend the Conference.

Newsletter

Blaine Hall reminded board members that each Newsletter publication lists deadlines and he urged those submitting meeting announcements to allow enough lead time for the publication to reach members. He noted that July 7th is the final copy deadline for the August Conference issue. Conference planning needs to be fairly complete by June in order to meet this deadline. It is critical that the Conference issue contain as much detail as possible, including pictures and program write-ups.

1979 Conference Report

Joe Edelen estimated the Conference attendance at approximately 700 people. As soon as the receipts are received from the Colorado Library Association, Joe will distribute a report to the Board.

1980 Conference Planning

Shirley Flack passed out a list of the Nebraska Library Association Convention Committee for 1980. A discussion ensued concerning sharing costs on the Conference Newsletter issue. Sara Parker moved that if further negotiation is needed to settle the contract between the Nebraska Library Association and MPLA, the President and Vice-President in consultation with the Executive Secretary be empowered to act for the Board; motion carried. Shirley Flack announced the Conference theme: "Projections". Joe Edelen moved that the local arrangements committee be empowered to set exhibit fees at their discretion at a figure not less than \$200 per booth; motion passed. Joe Edelen moved that we use the same registration fees established last year and extend registration at the membership rate to Iowa Library Association and Missouri Library Association members; motion passed.

In a discussion of financial arrangements, Joe Edelen suggested that nothing be expended by the sections or committees in connection with the program unless approved in writing by Shirley Flack or Jane Kolbe. Joe also requested that he receive a carbon on such letters of approval. The Board discussed guidelines for committee and section program expenditures and honorariums. Joe Edelen moved that the Conference planning committee allocate approximately \$400 but not less than \$300 for each section's Conference program expenses; motion passed. A letter received by Joe Anderson from Shirley Mills, Executive Secretary of the Public Library Association of ALA, requesting MPLA response to a possible pre-conference on the new public library planning process was referred to the Conference Committee.

1981 Pre-Planning

Joe Edelen reported that the contract was signed by NDLA and SDLA for the MPLA/NDLA/SDLA conference to be held in 1981. Pre-Conference sessions will begin on September 26, 1981, and the Conference will run September 27-29, 1981, at the Kirkwood Motor Inn, Bismark, North Dakota.

1982 Conference Planning

Joe Edelen agreed to forward a copy of the MPLA contract to Mary Petterson for presentation to the Utah Library Association Executive Board. It was also noted that Kansas had agreed to host the 1983 Conference.

Country School Legacy

Andrew Gulliford presented to President Joe Anderson a copy of the completed Country School Legacy Project proposal, soon to be sent to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project budget is \$499,070 and, if approved, the project will begin June 15, 1980 and run through December 15, 1981. Mr. Gulliford noted that 193 libraries had indicated a willingness to participate in this project. Jan Beck proposed that should MPLA act as fiscal agent for such grants in the future, we determine what charges should be recovered to reimburse the Association and/or the University of South Dakota for overhead costs incurred. A copy of the complete Country School Legacy Project proposal was left with the Executive Secretary.

ALA Awards

Jan Beck noted that ALA Awards Committee is now offering a \$2500 grant for a Library Staff Development Program. Library associations, state libraries, individual libraries and library systems are all eligible to apply. The next deadline is March 31, 1980. Copies of the grant application form can be obtained from Jan Beck.

Next Meeting

The next MPLA Executive Board Meeting was set for May 9, 1980. Suggested sites were the Colorado State Library and the Denver Art Museum. Joe Anderson, assisted by Sara Parker, will arrange the details.

NCLIS

Joe Anderson reported that he had recently received a TWX message from Bill Asp, Chair of COSLA, stating NCLIS was expected to consider a change in directorship at its next meeting. Joe urged personal members of MPLA and library organizations to express their concern about the process of leadership determination at the national level. He felt that personalities were less important than the process involved in conducting an appropriate search for a person of sufficient stature to fill a leadership position at this level.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Amy Owen, Secretary

MPLA Executive Board Calls for Assistant Secretary of Education

At their February 8, 1980, meeting the MPLA Executive Board unanimously supported a resolution drafted by Sara Parker, MPLA State Library Section Chairperson, calling for the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of Education for Library and Information Services:

Whereas, the White House Conference on Library and Information Services has called for the creation of a
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position of Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services within the Department of Education (and)

Whereas, the American Library Association has endorsed this resolution and adopted it as part of a legislative program based on the right of all citizens to equal opportunity to access all publicly held information (and)

Whereas, the creation of such position is considered essential to the well-being of all types of libraries,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mountain Plains Library Association endorses and supports the creation of

the position of Assistant Secretary for Library and Information Services within the Department of Education.

They also agreed that letters of support for the Assistant Secretary position and the resolution be sent to The President; The Secretary of Education and other appropriate officials within the Department of Education; NCLIS: Eileen Cooke, ALA Washington Office; ALA Legislative Committee; and Congressional delegations from MPLA states. The board also asked that MPLA state representatives present the resolution to their respective state associations and suggest they consider similar resolutions.



MPLA Experience Exchange

Over the past few years the Mountain Plains Library Association has created and expanded new opportunities in continuing education for members. This year the Association takes a further step in providing new learning opportunities. Workshops, seminars and conferences do not always offer the particular experiences which individuals desire to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities. MPLA's One-to-One and Experience Exchange programs offer alternatives. Some of the best learning laboratories are centered in the region's outstanding libraries. In this issue of the **MPLA Newsletter**, twelve MPLA libraries are listed as participating libraries for the new MPLA Experience Exchange Program.

Experience Exchange adds an extra dimension to the successful One-to-One program. Experience Exchange includes several of the former One-to-One Library learning sites. It offers these outstanding libraries as locations for MPLA members to arrange personal visits on their own to view first-hand special operations and activities of these outstanding libraries. Experience Exchange will provide more opportunities for interchange of members with MPLA region libraries. This experience will lead to an exchange of knowledge, ideas, and discussion among librarians in the region.

The Experience Exchange libraries have volunteered to serve as learning sites for the program. The Experience Exchange directory lists the name, location and contact person for arranging an Experience Exchange visit. Any MPLA member may initiate a visit to a participating library. Unless otherwise indicated, visits may be generally arranged at most any time. All arrangements for visits to a learning site are between the individual and the host library.

The directory of participating libraries also lists special features of each library emphasizing special activities which may be of benefit and interest to MPLA members.

Experience Exchange begins with some of the former One-to-One site libraries. It is expected that additional libraries will volunteer special programs that they wish to share. MPLA members may also recommend libraries which have special programs representing outstanding opportunities for the Experience Exchange Program. These libraries will be contacted to determine their interest in serving as an Experience Exchange library.

Unlike the One-to-One Program, Experience Exchange does not provide stipends to allow MPLA members to visit host libraries. Instead, individuals will be responsible for all expenses in visiting an

Experience Exchange library. As a continuing education activity, the individual's employer might be able to assist financially with the visit depending upon the policies and the capabilities of the library.

How to Participate

1. Review the list of participating libraries.
2. Determine the library which most closely offers programs suited to your needs and interests.
3. Contact the library to learn more about the program of interest, discuss a possible visit, your personal objectives for such a visit, and any particular arrangements required by the library.
4. Provide your host with a brief resume of: why you wish to visit; your interests; and level of experience.
5. If the visit is agreeable to both parties arrange a time and agenda. Ask for recommendations for lodging and travel arrangements. Make the necessary travel arrangements.

For more information about Experience Exchange contact Rod Wagner, Chairman, MPLA Continuing Education Committee, Nebraska Library Commission, 1420 P Street, Lincoln, NB 68508, 402-471-2045.

Experience Exchange Directory

Bellevue Public Library
1003 Lincoln Road
Bellevue, NE 68005
Jim Dertien, City Librarian
402-291-8000 ext. 301

Volunteer Program: utilizing paid volunteer coordinator on staff to train, evaluate, schedule, and assign volunteers to a variety of internal and external assignments. Employees special recruiting and training aids and procedures. (Recommend visit of one to two days)

Central Kansas Library System
1409 Williams
Great Bend, Kansas 67530
Jim Swan, Director
316-792-4865
(not during Jan. 1 - March 15)

Multi-County Library systems
OCLC, Centralized book processing, Mail-A-Book, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, ILL

Dodge City Community Learning Resources Center
14th and Bypass 50
Dodge City, Kansas 67801
Bob Lhota, Director
316-225-1231 ext. 249

MBO and performance evaluation, long and short range planning, library services, media services, television including cable programming, radio (KINF), learning lab, career and placement center

Karl E. Mundt Library
Dakota State College
Madison, South Dakota 57042
Jay Paulukonis, Director
605-256-3551 ext. 227
(no weekends)

Senator Mundt's archives covering over 30 years in Congress. More than 1.3 million documents. Microfilming project underway.

Learning Materials Center
Community College of Denver
Red Rocks Campus
12600 West 6th Avenue
Golden, Colorado 80401
Muriel E. Woods
303-988-6160 ext. 281

(not during December-mid January, February 13, 14, March 26, April 7, 8 and after May 1)

Strong media program in addition to book periodical and microform aspects. In addition to producing AV materials in house, many multi-media kits, slides, filmstrips, audio and video tapes are purchased. Of special emphasis is a closed circuit video distribution system of 12 channels and 40 receivers/monitors. The video collection numbers over 1,000 tapes.

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Minot Public Library
516 Second Avenue
Minot, North Dakota 58701
Jerry Kaup, Director
701-852-1045

Information & Referral Center
Children's Library
Adult Programming

Nebraska Library Commission
1420 P. Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
402-471-2045

NEUCAT (State Union Catalog on COM),
ILL service center, Nebraska Film Service,
Library for the Blind and Physically Hand-
capped, Nebraska Publications
Clearinghouse, Federal Regional
Depository (with University of Nebraska-
Lincoln), Library Resource Center.

Salt Lake County Library System Whit-
more and eleven branches
2197 E. 7000 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84121
Yvonne D. Clement, Asst. Director
801-943-7614

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shopping centers.

South Dakota State Library
State Library Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501
Dorothy M. Liegl, Coordinator
(not during state or regional library
meeting dates, holidays, or January-
March legislative session)

Interlibrary loan switching center,
reference (with on-line searching), OCLC,
Film Library, Handicapped Volunteer
Coordinator, Personnel Appraisal and
Review System, Statewide continuing
education program, state documents cen-
ter, handicapped tape reproduction cen-
ter.

University Library
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Omaha, Nebraska 68182

Carroll Varner, Cataloging Department
Chairperson
402-554-3200

University Libraries
University of Colorado at Boulder
Boulder, Colorado 80309
Virginia Boucher, Head, Interlibrary
Cooperation
303-492-6176
(not during holiday periods)

Interlibrary loan and cooperation, govern-
ment publications, library use instruction,
OCLC cataloging, library personnel ad-
ministration, library administration, com-
puter based reference service.

Utah State Library
2150 S. 300 W. Suite 16
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115
Russell Davis, Director
801-533-5875

Bookmobile Service, Multi-state Blind
and Physically Handicapped Services, Or-
dering and Processing Center

Apply Now for 1980 MPLA Professional Development Grants

The Executive Board of the Mountain
Plains Library Association has approved
the awarding of four professional
development grants during 1980. Each of
the grants will be in an amount up to
\$500, the final amount being determined
by the actual expenses of the recipient.
The grants are available to current mem-
bers who have also been members of
MPLA for the past two years. The grants
may be used for formal classwork at a
university, to attend workshops, con-
ferences, seminars, or for independent
study or any other activity which might
benefit libraries in the MPLA region.
Students, trustees, and unemployed mem-
bers are also eligible.

Deadline for submission of grant ap-
plications is June 30, 1980. Some grants
may be announced as early as May, but in
order to accommodate late an-
nouncements of continuing education
programs and programs which appear in
late summer and fall, most grants will be
announced in late summer 1980.

How to apply? Request an application
form from Joseph R. Edelen, MPLA
Executive Secretary, University of South
Dakota Library, Vermillion, SD 57069, or
from your MPLA state representative,
from a member of the Professional
Development Grants Committee, or from
the MPLA Publicity Committee.

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Included with the application form is
information regarding the purpose,
requirements for applications, conditions
of the grant, and the detailed application
procedures. For further information, con-
tact: Doug Hindmarsh, chairperson,
MPLA Professional Development Grants
Committee, Utah State Library, 2150
South 300 West, Suite 16, Salt Lake City,
UT 84115, 801-533-4650.

MPLA Tech Services Section Calls for Speakers

The Technical Services Section of
MPLA is planning a panel discussion on
"Management Options in Technical Ser-
vice Departments with Automation" for
its program at the 1980 convention. Par-
ticipants will be asked to discuss the im-
pact of automation on some part of a
technical service department's operation
— staffing, workflow, or costs, for exam-
ple — with emphasis on the choices that
must be made and the factors that must
be considered in making those choices.

If you are interested in being on the
panel, please send your name, address,
telephone number, and proposed topic to
the Technical Services Section chair-
person as soon as possible:

Alice Marris
Coe Library
University of Wyoming
Laramie, WY 82071

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Women Show Gains in SLA Triennial Salary Survey

Special Libraries Association's 1979 triennial salary survey indicates that salaries for SLA members rose approximately \$3000 since 1976. The Association surveyed approximately 10,000 SLA members, of which approximately 5,500 (55%) responded to the survey questionnaire. The data collected included salary, job titles, geographical location, experience, organization affiliation and supervisory responsibility.

In every category, women still earn less than men, but the percentage increase for women respondents is greater over the three year period than is the percentage increase for men.

Every three years since 1967, SLA conducts a salary survey of the total membership. The 1979 survey added additional information. One of the new features is a comparison of salaries by type of institution within each standard metropolitan statistical area. The report also includes a comparison of salaries and primary responsibility with type of institutions. Salaries compared with years of experience, supervisory responsibility and type of organization are also presented for men and women.

The survey report was published in the December 1979 issue of **Special Libraries**. It offers the most comprehensive analysis available for special librarians and information scientists working in the United States and Canada. Persons wishing to read the entire report may order single copies of December 1979 **Special Libraries** for three (\$3) dollars prepaid from:

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Order Department
235 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10003

Wilson Establishes New ALA Grant for Library Staff Development

The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant is an important new grant established by the ALA Awards Committee, designed to assist library organizations in a current or proposed program to further its stated staff development goals and objectives.

The H. W. Wilson Company is the donor of this annual grant of \$2,500 to be given for the first time in 1980. The grant will be based on merit of application and will consider several criteria including: clearly defined documentation of need in relation to staff development and the realization of the organizational goals and objectives, and the demonstrated

ability to design and implement an organizational program.

No Restrictions on Third-Party Use of OCLC Records

The OCLC, Inc. Board of Trustees has adopted the policy that OCLC won't place restrictions or limitations on third-party use of records from OCLC's database provided that such use is for the benefit of participating libraries, networks, and OCLC.

The policy resulted from recommendations by the OCLC Board of Trustees Committee on Extended Utilization of Machine-Readable Records, which presented its findings to the Board in Columbus on February 11.

Key points in the policy are:

- that there be no restrictions or limitations on the use, sharing or sale of OCLC machine-readable records placed upon OCLC participating library General Members of OCLC, or networks contracting with OCLC, with only one exception, namely, "that sale, transfer, gift or conveyance of OCLC machine-readable records to for-profit commercial entities for resale, or for permanent use or retention, other than for the sole benefit of OCLC, the participating library or network, be coordinated by OCLC management;" and
- that rationale for the policy is that OCLC exists and operates for the benefit of its members and their patrons; and
- that networks contracting OCLC and OCLC General Member libraries "owe each other a reciprocal duty of good faith and loyalty, derived from continuing, mutual and cooperative efforts, by which OCLC came to be, is currently maintained, and will continue to grow in the future."

The committee had held open hearings in five cities to receive testimony on third-party uses of OCLC records. (Source: **Action for Libraries**, BCR, March 1980.)

BCR Studying Its Regional Union Catalog

Beginning in January, 1979, BCR began a study of the Regional Union Catalog (RUC) to give a basis for a decision by the Board of Trustees as to the disposition of the Catalog. The research was designed to answer the questions: how unique is the RUC? and, how valid are the locations found there?

To answer these questions, a statistically sound sample of each of the three parts of the Catalog was drawn at random. Thirty-six percent of that sample

was randomly designated a library subsample, and a still smaller subsample was used to identify uniqueness of locations.

It was found that the catalog has approximately 2.4 million titles, with a total of almost 4 million holdings. English language titles comprise about 75% of all titles in the RUC. The most widely represented foreign language is the composite of German and Dutch, followed by French, and Spanish/Portuguese. The average number of holdings for each title is 2.8 for the entire catalog.

Each title in the sample was searched on OCLC and in the NUC, if not found on OCLC, to determine its uniqueness. About 90% of the RUC titles are also listed in either OCLC and/or the NUC. Slightly less than 60% of the titles in the pre-1956 sample were found on OCLC, whereas more than 70% of the titles in the 1956-1965 sample and more than 80% of the 1966+ sample were found there. The larger the number of holdings in the RUC, the more likely it was that the title would be found on OCLC or in the NUC.

Items not found in other location sources fell into only a few categories: Oriental language titles, English language theses and dissertations, pamphlets, serials, maps, musical scores, and publications of governmental bodies and of associations. However, it is suspected that many of the titles not found were not really unique; rather, they were cataloged differently in the RUC than in the standard tools being searched.

The findings suggest that about 80% of the locations in the RUC are unique; that is, they cannot be found in other location tools. Even though the titles may be found, the specific locations in the region are unique.

The validity of locations given in the RUC was 87.4% for the overall sample. For the oldest part of the Catalog, this rate was about 83%; for the middle part, 88% and for the latest, 90.5%. The "still available" rate was generally higher in larger libraries than in smaller ones, and higher in academic libraries than in public or special libraries.

About 36% of the holding are for Colorado libraries; 17% are for Utah libraries; 10.5% for Arizona libraries; and 6.2% each for Kansas and Wyoming.

The study staff recommended that the decision about the future of the INTERLOAN Program be postponed until information can be collected about the bibliographical tool collection and about the INTERLOAN service itself. The information will be given to the Advisory Council at its May meeting and will be considered, along with the RUC research, at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees. (Source: **Action for Libraries**, BCR, March 1980.)

New Library Bill of Rights Approved at ALA Mid-winter

The proposed revision of the 1948 Library Bill of Rights as amended in 1961 and 1967 was approved by ALA Council. The new statement reads:

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

1. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
2. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
4. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
5. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
6. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

ALA Task Force Discusses Equal Opportunity and Professional Standards

The Minimum Qualifications for Librarians Task Force of ALA's Office for Library Personnel Resources (OLPR) Advisory Committee met to discuss how professional standards could be maintained within the context of equal employment opportunity, November 5-7, 1979, at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA.

The meeting was funded by a \$5,000 grant from the J. Morris H. Jones-World Support MPLA Advertisers!

Book Encyclopedia ALA Goal Award. The grant was made to the Committee to clearly identify, describe and assess the potential impact of the laws, regulations, and guidelines related to equal employment opportunity which are influencing the traditional practices of recruiting, selecting, hiring and promoting librarians.

Consultants at the meeting were: Stephen E. Bemis, Director, Corporate Consulting Group, Information Science, Inc., Washington, D.C.; David Copus, Partner, Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz — Attorneys at Law, Washington, D.C.; John Kraft, Chief of Examination Services Branch, Office of Personnel Management, Washington, D.C.; Amiel Sharon, Office of Personnel Management, Washington, D.C.; Richard Thornton, Program Research Scientists, Educational Testing Services, Princeton, NJ.

The consultants unanimously recommended that carefully developed job-related employee selection systems are essential. A systematic job analysis would be the first step toward validating selection procedures or demonstrating the relation between the procedures and performance on the job.

The Task Force will be making recommendations during 1980 for what ALA should do to assist libraries in employee selection procedures.

Happy Birthday, Nancy Drew

Nancy Drew is observing her 50th anniversary although in the fictional world she is still 18 — and holding. Harriet Adams, who as "Carolyn Keene" has authored 57 Nancy Drew stories since 1930, is an 87 year-old-great grandmother. It was Mrs. Adams' father Edward Stratemeyer, who invented Nancy Drew. On his death, the daughter took over the business, authored some 182 Nancy Drew and Dana Girls books, and farmed out 1200 plots to ghost writers for Stratemeyer Syndicate books. (Source: *Plain Speaking*, Mar. 1980.)

Study Predicts Changing Role for Academic Librarians.

Public service librarians in academic libraries by the year 2000 will be managers, not reference desk attendants, according to an eight-month Delphi survey conducted by Theophil M. Otto at Southern Illinois University. The study also predicted that public service librarians would

- Be required to participate regularly in continuing education activities.

- Be taking courses in methods of bibliographic instruction and educational technology.

- Be required to have a cognate masters degree and one foreign language for admission to a two-year library school.

- Need expanded skills in human psychology and interpersonal communications.

- Become more involved in the research and subject specialist/bibliographic consultant function.

(Source: *HBLL News*, Nov. 1979.)

BCR Prepares Recommendations for OCLC Tape Storage

A Task Force of BCR staff members has been working with the Advisory Council to develop program directions in the area of OCLC tape maintenance. Although several alternatives are still under consideration, the members of the Advisory Council recommend that the following set of suggestions be published at this time. The suggestions have been developed by Task Force members, using information from OCLC, other networks, and data processing publications.

Suggestions for Storage, Maintenance and Security of OCLC Magnetic Tapes

1. Each tape should be inspected and read upon receipt to assure that:

- a. Tape condition is satisfactory.

- b. Tape can be read and format is correct.

- c. Record count is correct.

2. Defective tapes must be returned to OCLC for replacement within 60 days of receipt or 75 days of shipment.

3. Tapes should be duplicated upon receipt and the duplicate copy stored in a different location from the original tape.

4. Tapes should be stored in a temperature-, humidity-, and dust-controlled area that has an adequate fire protection system and is separated from any electromagnetic devices that could alter magnetic tape recordings.

5. Tapes should be stored upright on edge or on hanging racks in closed tape canisters when not in use.

6. Tapes should be stored in a separate rack or section and given unique numbers/markings to assure that tapes will not be "scratched", cleaned, or used in error by other applications or programs.

7. Tapes should be copied at least once every 12 months to guard against deterioration.

8. Tapes should be processed by a tape certifier every three months, if not used for data processing applications during the period, to assure that the condition is satisfactory and that tapes are wound uniformly.

(Source: BCR, *Action for Libraries*, Jan. 1980.)

Around the Region

Colorado

Right to Read Program Changing Statistics

Over 250,000 adult Coloradans can't read, and 6,000 of them live in the Pikes Peak region, according to a recent article in *Empire*, the Sunday magazine of *The Denver Post*. The U.S. Office of Education estimates that nearly 23 million Americans cannot read a newspaper, a job application or a soup can label in a grocery store. Thanks to the **Right to Read Program** (RTR) these bleak statistics are changing. RTR "A free, volunteer, one-to-one tutoring program for adults with basic reading difficulty, is slowly and steadily cutting into the disturbing numbers already cited," according to *Empire*. Presently RTR is operating adult literary projects in Colorado Springs, Delta, Grand Junction, and Pueblo.

Ms. Anne Fitzgerald, Literacy Coordinator at Penrose Public Library, feels the program is especially strong in Colorado Springs because the library supports it. Currently, 35 adults are benefiting from the program, and, Anne says, "we would like to branch out to rural communities." **The Right to Read Program** at Penrose is always seeking tutors and the library offers training courses. (Source: *Plain Speaking*, Mar. 1980.)

Kansas

KLA Conference in April

The Kansas Library Association will hold a joint conference with the Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology, and the Kansas Association of School Librarians in Wichita, Kansas, April 10, 11, and 12 at the Broadview Hotel and Century II.

Major speakers will include David Horowitz, one of today's top national consumer experts and author of **Fight Back! And don't Get Ripped Off**. Mr. S. Michael Malinconico, Coordinator of Technical Services with the New York Public Library System, will speak on the topic of authority control.

The children's book editor of the *New York Times*, Mr. George A. Woods, will present "The Critic and Children's Literature." Julian Bond, civil rights leader and Georgia legislator, will be a featured speaker.

The White House Conference will be discussed. Mr. Terry Belanger from

Columbia University will speak about "Armoring for the 80's: The Future of Academic Librarianship." He will present strategies for survival in an era of increasing demands on declining budgets.

Other activities will include workshops, media festivals, tour, over 100 exhibits, and many other activities.

Kansas Library Network Formed

Formation of a statewide multitype library network in Kansas has recently been announced by Ernestine Gilliland, State Librarian. The organization is a result of the regional meetings on the subject held last fall by the State Library.

Impetus for the organization came from several groups during recent years. Much background toward its formation was done by such groups as the KLA Legislative Committee and the Governor's Task Force (Governor's Library Study Committee). Support was also given by resolutions passed at last year's Kansas Conference on Library and Information Services.

Representatives from the regional meetings voted to authorize a governing body of twenty-one persons, three from each of seven types of libraries, to act as the Network Authority Council. The seven designated types are Regents institutions, private colleges, community and junior colleges, public libraries, library systems, public schools and special libraries. The representatives decided that each type of library would have three representatives on the Council, and that persons from each group would be responsible for determining the method of selection for Council members.

Areas of immediate concern were identified as governance, interlibrary loan, the State Union COM catalog, a union list of serials for the state, a statewide plan for continuing education, and the role of school libraries in a statewide network. Task forces were appointed to study problems in each of these areas and report to the Council with recommendations. Charges to each task force are as follows: **Interlibrary Loan Task Force**: To examine existing interlibrary loan arrangements within the state, including equipment capabilities, protocol and agreements, and available resources. To recommend future directions for the state interlibrary loan network.

COM Task Force: To examine the existing State Union COM in regard to such areas as format, authority control, and problems of expansion of the base. To examine other existing COM projects and their relation to statewide requirements.

Union List of Serials Task Force (includes other computer-based projects): To investigate possibilities available for implementation of a statewide union list of serials. To make recommendations for appropriate methods of achieving such a list and maintaining its currency. To study other computer applications for libraries and develop an understanding of the state of the art. To make recommendations as necessary concerning these functions.

Continuing Education Task Force: To undertake a needs-assessment survey on continuing education for Kansas library personnel. To identify resources for continuing education available in the state and publish a calendar of continuing education activities. To develop and implement a statewide plan of continuing education.

Task Force on the School Library's Role in Statewide Networking: To examine the role of and the possibilities for school library participation in a statewide networking plan.

For more information on the network and its activities contact Vee Friesner at the Kansas State Library, Third Floor, Statehouse, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

North Dakota

North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries recognized NDLA Planning Committee

Dennis Page, Grand Forks Public Librarian, brought welcome news to the Advisory Council on Libraries meeting in Fargo, December 6, 1979, when he presented the Council with a proposal for recognition of the North Dakota Library Association Planning Committee. The Planning Committee, consisting of twelve persons, will raise issues for consideration, study and advisement pertaining to statewide library development. The Council voted unanimously to receive the new group and aid it in meeting its challenge. Richard Wolfert, State Librarian, was particularly glad to see the formation of such a group and so commented to Mr. Page. It appears now that progress toward increased library effectiveness and library problem solving is one step closer as this new group can provide the Advisory Council on Libraries with a specific focus on real issues in order that advisements (in light of the State Plan) can be made to the State Library. (Source: *Flickertale Newsletter*, Jan. 10, 1980.)

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Utah

Salt Lake County Library Reports Telephone Survey Results

A telephone survey conducted in November shows that Salt Lake County libraries are used frequently or occasionally by 76.24 percent of the library system's service area population and that 71.8 percent possess Salt Lake County Library System cards.

A random sample of 383 was taken of the 350,000 adults living within the service area of Salt Lake County Library System.

The survey also showed that most people (261) visit the library to check out books, 166 visit the library to bring children, 151 visit to read or do research, 105 use graphic production centers and 53 attend classes and programs. This shows that the average person uses the library for 2.52 purposes.

The public's preference for expansion of library materials was demonstrated when 52.41 percent requested more books, 26.76 percent asked for more audiovisual materials and 20.81 percent had other preferences. These included

having the library open more hours, more typewriters, more programs, more production centers, more sheet music, more 16-mm films, more branches, more concentrated study areas and more everything.

Most respondents (85.37 percent) were aware of extension services (bookmobiles and mail-a-book), 51.95 percent were aware of information and referral files, 42.29 percent were aware of interlibrary loan, 35.77 percent were aware of independent study, and 25.84 percent were aware of the out-of-state telephone directories.

Probably the most interesting question on the survey was, "The library's budget comes from a separate mill levy, which costs the average household less than two dollars a month. Do you favor the library's budget being increased, maintained, or decreased?" An amazing 27.15 percent asked for an increased budget, 66.05 percent wanted the budget maintained, while only 3.91 percent wanted a decrease.

People most often obtain information about the library from friends (43.07 percent); 30.76 percent obtain information from library brochures or posters; 10.15 percent obtain information from the radio; 16 percent obtain information from newspapers. (Source: **Main Entry**, Jan. 1980.)



Ruth Garver Gagliardo,

affectionately known as the "Kansas Book Lady" for her many contributions to the world of children's literature and founder of the William Allen White Children's Book Award, died on January 5. Among her many achievements Mrs. Gagliardo served as president of the Children's Services Division of ALA and as chairman of the Newbery-Caldecott Committee. But her proudest accomplishment was the William Allen White Book Award, which has served as the model for similar award programs in many states and has resulted in 1.5 million votes being cast by the children of Kansas to select the annual award winner.

Donald B. Simpson, chief executive officer of the Bibliographical Center for Research, has announced his resignation effective June 30, 1980. During his five year tenure, Simpson has developed BCR from a traditional forty-year-old interlibrary loan service into a major regional library network by adding OCLC services, information retrieval services, and resource-sharing activities. He leaves BCR to become the chief executive officer for the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago.

Virginia Opocensky, a staff member of Lincoln (Nebraska) City Libraries for over four years, is one of two public librarians named to receive the \$325 1980 Charles Scribner's Sons Award. These are awarded each year by the Association for Library Service to Children of ALA to enable outstanding librarians who work directly with children to attend their first ALA annual conference.

Margaret Roe, coordinator of the Southeastern Library Network (Nebraska) has accepted the position as circulation

Wyoming

WLA Conference Begins April 30

The 1980 Wyoming Library Association convention is planned for Gillette April 30-May 3. Themed to "Discoveries," the conference will include writers Sid Fleischman, Lynne Cheney, and Joyce Brothers and programs on "Weeding, Mending and Binding," "Problem Patrons," and "Community Information Directories." Dr. Roger Greer and Martha Hale of the Community Analysis Research Institute, formerly of Denver, will present a program on how to discover the personality of your community in order to give the best library service possible. Also featured are a presentation on the "1980 Census: the Counting of America" and a tour of North America's largest surface coal mine. WLA extends a special invitation to librarians in neighboring states to attend. For registration information contact Paul Knoblich, George Amos Memorial Library, 412 S. Gillette, Gillette, WY 82716.

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librarian of adult services at Bennett Martin Public Library, Lincoln. In her four years as network coordinator, Maggie worked to provide professional development opportunities in the areas of library governance, outreach and reference services, and public relations for librarians and trustees.

Barbara Dan Wallace announces her marriage on January 5 to Neville Monroe Allison of Moody, Texas. Barbara has been teaching library science courses at the University of Wyoming since 1975. Prior to that she was an active MPLA librarian at Lincoln Elementary School in Rock Springs. She also served as an elementary librarian for the Department of Defense schools for six years in Germany, Korea and Japan, where she also taught library science courses for the University of Maryland, Overseas Tokyo Division. The Allison's will reside in Moody, where Neville is an educational counselor and where Barbara will work in Mother Neff State Park. Allison will miss her friends in MPLA, who wish her well.

Lucille Durzo, a mainstay of the BCR staff for over 25 years, has resigned and moved with her family to Emmett, Idaho, near Boise, where they have purchased a home and some land. At their February 1980 meeting the BCR board of trustees

commended Lu for her "dedicated service to BCR, and to the libraries of the Mountain Plains Region, and to the concept of resource sharing of which she has been an integral part for most of her professional career."

Nola Murchison Lutz is the new director for the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library. She began her duties on December 1, 1979 and succeeds Georgia Shovlain, who died in June 1979 and Helen Graham, who served as acting director. She received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and was branch director of the Broward County Libraries in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida and a librarian at the public library in Harvard, Illinois.

Barbara Chandler is a new reference librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission, taking the position vacated by Margaret Borchers who retired in December. Barbara received her MLS from the University of Denver in 1971 and has been reader services librarian at Concordia College and on the staff of the Love Library at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln before accepting the position with the state library.

Location: Denver, Colorado

Cost: \$125

Description: A workshop in practical skills and techniques on physical planning, selection tools, acquisitions procedures, collection organization, human relations, reference materials, research techniques, circulation, and interlibrary loans. From a floor plan of your current space, the participant and instructor, Doreen Buck Tilton, will decide how best to utilize your space.

Contact: Kathy Crosby, Program Coordinator, Graduate School, USDA, Suite 356, National Press Building, 529-14th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20045, 202/447-6693.

Date: May 21-22, 1980

Title: **Overview of Library Automation**

Sponsor: Graduate School, USDA, Washington, D.C.

Location: Denver, Colorado

Cost: \$125

Description: The workshop will discuss automation considerations within your library and will discuss automation of cataloging, interlibrary loans, serials control, acquisition, circulation, information retrieval services for reference, management information systems, and future considerations for libraries. James J. Tilton, director of Computerized Services Division of the Bibliographic Center for Research is the instructor.

Contact: Kathy Crosby, Program Coordinator, Graduate School, USDA, Suite 356, National Press Building, 529-14th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20045, 202/447-6693.

Date: June 27-28, 1980

Title: **LACUNY National Workshop on Library Instruction**

Sponsor: Instruction Committee of the Library Association of the City University of New York

Location: Baruch College, 17 Lexington Avenue at 23rd Street in mid-Manhattan.

Cost: \$15; \$7.50, library school students

Description: Designed for school, academic, public, and special librarians and A-V specialists working in or with libraries, the workshop will deal with pre-packaged library use programs, media and technology in library instruction, a marketplace of library use programs, effective visual communication, and a panel of experts answering questions.

Contact: Lina Lowry, Box 317, Baruch College, 17 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10010. Registration deadline is May 15, 1980.

Continuing Education

Date: May 15-17, 1980

Title: **Microcomputer Conference Update '80**

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

Location: University of Denver

Cost: \$195

Description: The purpose of the conference is to develop an understanding of the paperless technology and its role in the improvement of professional, managerial, administrative, and secretarial efficiency in library and information systems. It is designed for librarians, information managers, and those in related fields.

Contact: Dr. Anindya Bose, Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management, University of Denver, Denver CO 80308, 303/753-3477.

Date: May 19-20, 1980

Title: **Library Skills Workshop**

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Date: July 8-29, 1980

Title: **Backgrounds of Children's Literature**

Sponsor: Agnes M. Milstead, University of Wyoming.

Location: Europe

Cost: \$2641 plus University of Wyoming tuition for three semester hours.

Description: Limited to 25, the study tour will visit sites of interest in children's literature in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Germany.

Contact: Agnes M. Milstead, Room 306 Education Building, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 83071 for a detailed brochure or further information.

Date: July 10-August 8, 1980

Title: **Internationalism in Children's Literature Study Program**

Sponsor: Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas

Location: Luxemburg, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, England, Ireland, and Iceland

Cost: Approximately \$2800

Description: A study tour that will focus on children's literature by visiting the International Youth Library in Munich; the Brothers Grimm Museum in

Kassel; Hamlin; The Baron of Munchausen Museum; London seminar with authors, illustrators and publishers of children's books; Nottingham and Sherwood Forest; Hill Top and the Beatrix Potter Museum; Dublin, Limerick, Killarney-Shannon area, and the Blarney Stone in Ireland; Bath and Iceland. Along the way there will be seminars on various aspects of children's literature and the areas travelled through.

Contact: Donna Harsh, Associate Professor of Education, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS 67601, 913/628-4204

Date: July 15-18, 1980

Title: **Library Management Skills Institute**

Sponsor: Office of Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Cost: \$200

Description: a 3½-day institute devoted to advancing the managerial assumptions and philosophy, interpersonal behavior, group dynamics, interpersonal skills, leadership styles, and other topics based upon specified needs of participants.

Contact: Olga Podryhola, Administrative Aide, Office of Management Studies,

1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 202/232-8656.

Date: August 4-8, 1980

Title: **Third Annual Family History and Genealogical Research Seminar**

Sponsor: Special Courses and Conferences, Brigham Young University

Location: Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

Cost: \$35 non-credit or \$50 1 hour of credit

Description: A special 15-hour course for librarians and archivists that will help them provide genealogists with improved reference service. Taught by J. Carlyle Parker, assistant library director at California State College, Stanislaus, the course will include effective reference interviews, use of genealogical reference tools, how to do genealogical research, locating and obtaining materials, and collection development. Participants may also attend another class in British, U.S., Germanic, Slavic, Scandinavian, American Indian, Jewish or Black genealogical research for the same non-credit registration fee or \$90 for two hours of credit.

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Date: April 9-11, 1981

Title: **The Art of the Printed Book**

Sponsor: University of Nebraska, Omaha

Location: University of Nebraska, Omaha, Downtown Education Center, Omaha, NE

Description: The conference will encourage discussion on the role of the private hand press in the contemporary publishing world. Conference coordinators are soliciting participation of authors, printers, binders, illustrators, literary critics, librarians, and others and will accept proposals for papers, panel discussions, workshops, and other presentations. Deadline for submitting abstracts of proposals is October 15, 1980.

Contact: Mr. Mel Bohn, University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.

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The Librarians Phone Book 1980

is a list of over 51,000 librarians in the U.S. and Canada. It includes both public and special librarians, heads of library networks and consortia, and deans and chairpeople of library schools and departments of library science as well as public branch and academic department librarians. The listing gives city and state locations, library or institution with which the person is affiliated, and the telephone number.

Archive of Folk Song, the five-record collection of folk songs issued by the Library of Congress in 1942 on 78 rpm discs are now being re-issued on 33 1/3 discs. The selections remain the same but the new editions contain revised brochures giving new transcriptions of the songs and a commentary on each. The albums are AFS L-1, **Anglo-American Ballads**; AFS L-2, **Anglo-American Shanties, Lyric Songs, Dance Tunes, and Spirituals**; AFS L-3, **Afro-American Spirituals, Work Songs, and Ballads**; AFS L-4, **Afro-American Blues and Game Songs**; and AFS L-5, **Ethnic Music of French Louisiana, the Spanish Southwest, and the Bahamas**. Available for \$6.50 each, plus \$.50 postage for orders of less than three, from the Recording Laboratory, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Also ask for their complete recording catalog at no charge.

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The Wisconsin Library Media Skills Guide

developed by practicing school librarians and audiovisual specialists, is designed to integrate media skills with all curriculum areas of the school program, K-12. The 200-page guide contains 17 basic skills organized in five broad areas: orientation, organization and utilization of resources, selection of resources, research and study skills, and production and utilization of materials. Send check for \$10.50 to the Wisconsin Library Association, 201 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI 53703.

Library Staff Development Profile Pages

by Barbara Conroy is a guide and workbook to assist library administrators and staff members to review their present staff development efforts, to revamp those efforts or to institute a new program. The **Profile Pages** furnish a comprehensive index of the essential elements and available options for library staff development. The **Self-Assessment Profile Pages** focus on reviewing current efforts to identify existing strengths, to discover missing elements, and to surface possible alternatives. The **Profile Pages for Planning** offer descriptive guideposts for a systematic planning process. \$12 from Barbara Conroy, Box 52, Tabernash, CO 80478. Prepaid orders postpaid.

Take Care of Millie by Jessie Redding Hull is the newest volume in **New Readers Press Sundown Books** for adult readers with reading handicaps. The realistic story about Millie's coming to terms with her husband's death will appeal to mature, low-level readers. Available from New Readers Press, Box 131, Syracuse, NY 13210 for \$1.50 paperbound.

Women's History Sources: A

Guide to Archives and Manuscript Collections in the United States, edited by Andrea Hinding and Ames Sheldon Bower, is a two-volume work that presents a full documentary record of women's lives in America since colonial times. \$175 from R. R. Bowker, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

"LSU: The Library Space Utilization Methodology"

written by Richard Hall is Number 141 in the **Occasional Paper** series of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science. The paper discusses a plan tested at the Lincoln Library in Springfield to use the computer to analyze patterns of users and staff to assist library managers, consultants, and architects in developing the

most functionally efficient" spatial arrangement of a library. The methodology is easily adaptable to all types of libraries. Available from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL 61820 for \$2.00. Annual subscription to the series is \$7.00.

Instruction Design and the School Library Media Specialist

by Margaret Chisholm and Donald Ely is the fifth of twelve monographs in AASL's series, "School Media Centers: Focus on Trends of Issues." It describes how the library media specialist can be a pro active member in instruction. Other titles in the series include **Cultural Pluralism and Children's Media, Projecting a Positive Image Through Public Relations, The Teaching Role of the School Media Specialist**, and **A Place for Caring and Celebration**. All titles are available from the ALA Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. **Instruction Design** is \$3.

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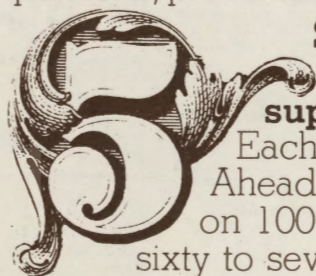
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