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Telecommunications—Part of MPLA's Future?

MPLA Conferences provide valid working and learning experiences — for those who attend. Active members share fresh perspectives and open new channels for professional and personal commitments — for those who participate.

In this eight-state area with such vast distances, however, restrictions on travel time and expense increasingly erode opportunities for active member involvement. What are future prospects for MPLA and other state and regional library associations in the face of these resource shortages? How will MPLA continue to serve the region's library personnel?

Telecommunications offer an alternative to moving people. Rather, messages and contacts move to people through electronic channels, a technological approach using new tools to meet both administrative and educational needs. As such technological tools become more accessible and useful, they increase our ability to move information and pictures over distance.

Decision-makers can meet regularly using audio or audiovisual communication channels in lieu of "red-eye" flights and jet lag. For learners, travel is eliminated or reduced without losing the possibilities for instructor-student and student-student exchange.

Efforts of planning groups and of individuals who coordinate widespread activities can be connected, cutting correspondence time. The free-flowing exchange of spontaneous ideas of a special interest group can be facilitated without the need for everyone being in town.

Libraries, many of them at least, look to telecommunications for new patterns of



Barbara Conroy, Education Consultant for libraries, library schools, state agencies and library associations. This article grew out of a conference she attended on an MPLA Professional Development Grant.

delivering information services. Increasingly, librarians are also using such tools, some as commonplace as the conference call, to coordinate joint efforts or fulfill professional commitments.

As a professional association, MPLA's leadership role, and, to some extent, its viability, may be affected by what decisions are made by its officers and members in relation to the use of telecommunications.

Possibilities stretch wider with each passing month. New satellites have capabilities to communicate over distances at diminishing cost. They have space to accommodate new users. Business people, corporate and government officers and educators review their functions and missions to see where and how telecommunication can assist their work, making it different perhaps and better.

Mountain Plains Efforts

Within the MPLA region several efforts are being made that may have implications for the association's directions and activities. These efforts furnish us precedent and resources.

In Nevada, library personnel look to UNITE for possibilities of increased access to continuing education. The University of Nevada-Reno Interactive teleconferencing for education, (UNITE) is a telephone network providing live and interactive communication for courses, meetings and research. Users are based in education centers that link participants with each other throughout the state, the country and the world.

The Public Library Network affiliated with the University of North Dakota

Medical School is an Educational Telephone Network (ETN) on the Wisconsin pattern. Users report many functions now possible. Continuing education courses and workshops on such topics as young adult work, public relations and genealogy have been produced. Network users can interact with outside expertise and with each other. Presentations can be brought to a learner's doorstep. Planning meetings, link individuals throughout the state for working sessions.

A seven-state Midwest consortium, the University of Mid-America of Lincoln, Nebraska, recently issued a call for a national open university. This would make degrees possible without on-campus attendance. The idea has been well received, and its planners look at Britain's Open University which has graduated 35,000 students. The university has taken a growing interest in libraries and lifelong learning and is certainly open to possibilities for continuing professional education.

The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) held its 1980 conference in Denver in April. In addition to the many sessions dealing with the applications of new technology to education, some sessions used satellite hookups to demonstrate as well as talk about how these could be used. From coast to coast, interested groups met in their own locales and directed their questions and comments to the presenters and each other. The entire exchange was projected in a large room at the conference. None of the participants in the program were at the convention hall.

This demonstration showed that a com-

mon interest could be met simultaneously throughout the country. Information was shared at lightning speed. Large numbers of people in many places were involved.

Denver is also a base for much technical expertise and telecommunications facilities. The Public Service Satellite Consortium (PSSC) assists public service organizations with the use of new and more effective ways. Colorado is its access to satellites and the base of its National Satellite Network.

Applications of these technologies have been a concern to the Western States Caucus of the Western Council of Libraries. Their Subcommittee on Technology and Public Policy drew up recommendations to "promote a healthy electronic communications environment" that can assure public access to information.

Although these recommendations apply, for the most part, to libraries providing information services to users, they also have relevance to a library association's role in providing services to its members.

Change and the Future

These highlights illustrate that these changes are coming swiftly. The future's theme of the 1980 MPLA conference was powerful in how it opened many individuals to the possibilities and prospects that lie ahead.

But, just how meaningful is all this to MPLA?

Will increased travel and energy costs endanger future conferences? Will the distances boggle the ability of the association to communicate as quickly as is necessary?



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Several factors will encourage the adoption of telecommunication techniques within the Mountain Plains region. Certainly, there will be more opportunities available in libraries and in everyday life that offer hardware and software for telecommunication.

The need for learning opportunities for library personnel will increase. In addition, it must be efficiently delivered at a reasonable cost.

A major association purpose is to involve its members and to serve them. If future members of MPLA are only top levels of library personnel, the association will become an elite club more than a service organization. Telecommunications can be used to actively involve members from all corners of the region.

Yet, there are some inhibiting factors also. One is the level of awareness and expertise of these technologies in the library world. Those with expertise are still in small numbers.

Any significant shift from traditional methods to new ones will encounter resistance even if the former are seen as outmoded. To leave the conference format for communication-via-machine will require new skills and new ways of thinking.

Does this mean the chance encounter in the hallway and the informal talk in the bar are to be no longer? Or, does it mean that we find new ways to exchange ideas spontaneously?

New hardware requires start up costs and compatibility of systems. Costs are indeed coming down for telecommunication technology but not to the inexpensive range yet. Planning how to provide interfacing mechanisms requires careful planning and good predictions.

Telecommunications for the administrative and educational functions of MPLA offers promise. One of the promises will be that of change. Telecommunications will not make the functions easy or free, but it will make them possible.

MPLA Next Steps

In looking at the possibilities telecommunication offers to MPLA, the association can take several actions now to insure preparation for the use of this technology.

The first, perhaps, is to identify the resources available in the region. Expertise both inside libraries and outside libraries will be needed for information and decision making. In such a changing world, today's expert may be outdated tomorrow. MPLA will need many people within the association who are aware of what technology offers and what the association's needs are.

Identifying resources will reveal pockets such as Nevada and North Dakota where new tools are being used to meet existing needs. AECT's Directory of Intra-State Educational Telecom-

munication Systems reveals several that serve the Mountain Plains area.

Some structure within MPLA might enable people with interest and access to come together and share what they are doing and what they are learning.

Meantime, the officers, state representatives and section chairs can use existing telecommunication facilities to conduct their business and produce their programs. This would establish contacts and explore the possibilities. Much of our learning will come through our use of these new tools.

Telecommunications will require new concepts, approaches and skills. And, they will open new doors for MPLA's future.

MPLA's Leadership Role

MPLA has been a leader for library personnel in the region. It has also been supportive in many ways to past innovation. Telecommunications are becoming firmly fixed in business, government and education in our region. As a leader and innovator, MPLA has the opportunity to assume a role now.

To maintain its functions of leadership and supportiveness, MPLA will need to be aware of telecommunications, not only the telecommunications used by libraries to deliver information to users in new and better ways, but also the technology that is applicable to address the needs of MPLA as an organization, and, in turn, its members.

President Carter Submits Report To Congress

President Carter, September 26, submitted to Congress the Report of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services together with his response to the WHCLIS recommendations. Among other things, he said, "I believe we have viewed libraries too narrowly. The needs of the public who must cope with our increasingly complex society can only be met by libraries actively providing access to the great variety of information they have . . . To survive as community institutions, libraries must be strengthened and the public made more aware of their potential." Among the more specific commitments he made are the following:

1. To request increased funding in FY 1982 for resource sharing among libraries, research and development in information technologies, and research libraries.

2. To submit new legislation to replace the Library Services and Construction Act which will expire in 1982. This legislation will include such issues as: a) barriers to information access for the handicapped and disadvantaged, b) library networking and resource sharing, c) the role of large urban libraries and research libraries as *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

- centers for library resource networks, and d) new information technologies.

3. To affirm the key role of the depository libraries in OMB's federal information policy.

4. To encourage and support the special role libraries can play in helping federal agencies disseminate information that people need.

5. To select three to five Federal Information Centers and locate them together with libraries; to expand this program if successful.

6. To direct the Education Department to coordinate federal efforts to eliminate functional illiteracy, including working with libraries.

7. To direct the Interior Department to analyze and provide recommendations to overcome geographical barriers to information, such as those faced by persons living on an Indian reservation, a Pacific island, or an isolated area.

8. To send to the Senate a protocol to the Florence Agreement of 1952 further liberalizing the international exchange of materials and information.

9. To aggressively pursue research and development into new information

- technologies and their application, and appropriate standards.

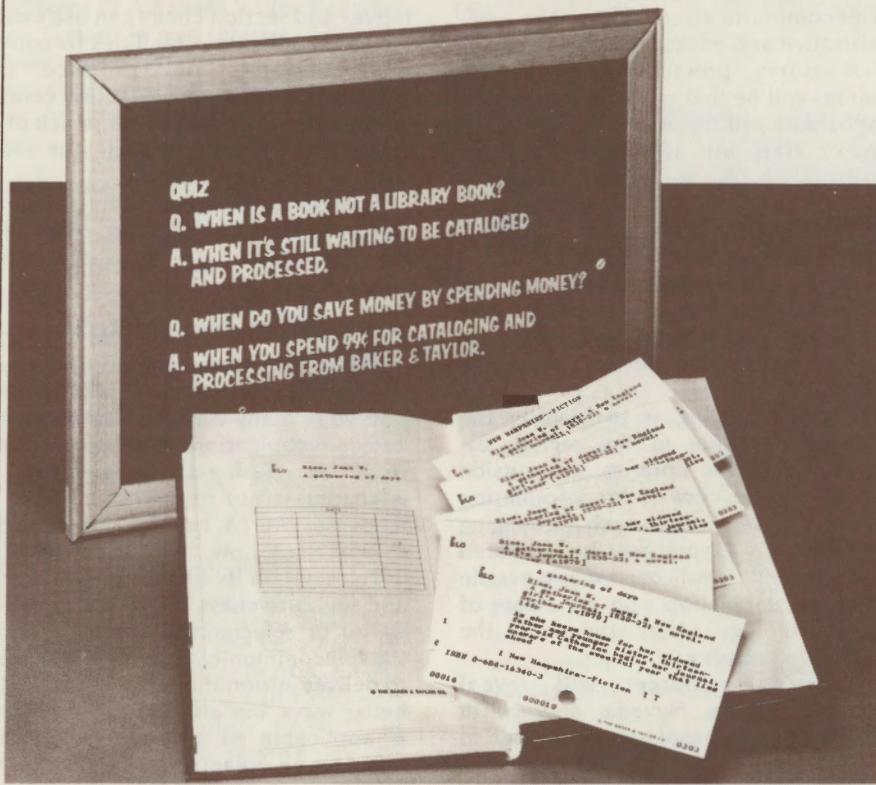
10. To direct the Commerce Department to work with the library community to make satellite and other emerging communication technologies available where it is cost-effective for networking and other purposes.

11. To support a conference of independent experts to develop an agenda for library research in the 1980s (a contract to be funded by the Higher Education Act II-B research and demonstration program).

12. To encourage the library and information science communities to propose technology assessment studies for consideration by federal agencies.

The law which authorizes WHCLIS (PL 93-568) required the President to submit the conference report to Congress. The Interagency Task Force report, on which the President's message was presumably based, was considered an internal working document, and was not released to the public nor submitted to Congress. (Source: ALA, *Washington Newsletter*, Oct. 6, 1980.)

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From Your President. . .

Happy New Year! Welcome to 1981. President Reagan, AACR II, and other wonderful things.

The turn of the calendar also brings a new year for MPLA. It is time to pay your dues and encourage your library friends and colleagues to join. Tell them about the professional development opportunities, the annual conference. As a matter of fact, consider them yourself. For more information look elsewhere in the **Newsletter** or write Joe Edelen, the executive secretary. If you would like to see the evaluative report on a continuing education program written by some other MPLA member who received an MPLA grant to attend it, write Joe Edelen or Doug Hindmarsh, chair of the Professional Development Grants Committee.

In the last issue, I suggested that White House Conference implementation depended on each of us. Joe Anderson's article about the Committee of 114 formed at Minneapolis suggests a way to get involved. Thanks, Joe, for keeping us informed.

The executive board at its January meeting discussed several new ideas and plans for the association. The Carl



Gaumer Exhibitors Award will be selected by the same process used for other MPLA awards — nomination from members. This will allow librarians who deal with various companies to make recommendations about a company and/or its local representative based on a judgment made over an extended period of time. Please keep this and other awards in mind. The Awards Committee needs your help. There are many deserving recipients in the region, and it only takes a few minutes to make a nomination.

The board is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a Jobline, a multi-state continuing education council, and the need for a coordinated response to growing threats to intellectual freedom. If any of

these topics interest you, let me know.

Watch the **Newsletter** for the latest information on the unfolding plans for the annual conference in Bismarck. Early plans suggest it will be one everyone will want to attend.

And finally, a personal note. By the time you read this my husband and I will be off on a sabbatical trip. So the next article will come from somewhere in the South Pacific or Southeast Asia.

— Jane Kolbe

Apply Now! 1981 Professional Development Grants

The executive board of MPLA has approved the awarding of seven professional development grants during 1981. Each of the grants will be in the amount of up to \$500, the final amount being determined by the actual expenses of the recipient. The grants are available to current members 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, conferences, seminars, or for independent study or any other activity that might benefit libraries in the MPLA region. Students, trustees, and unemployed members are also eligible.

The executive board also approved the awarding of five mini-grants of up to \$100 each. These grants are being offered to encourage librarians to join MPLA by offering an opportunity to apply for a small *Support MPLA Advertisers*

professional development grant as a new member. The grants also are intended to help people, especially beginners in the library profession, to expand and improve their expertise. These small grants may be used towards attendance at the annual MPLA conference, for attendance at workshops or institutes, or for any other activity that will benefit librarians and the library community in the region. Applicants for these mini-grants must be residents of the MPLA region and a current member of MPLA. Students, trustees, and unemployed members are also eligible.

Completed applications may be submitted to the committee at any time during the year. The committee will review applications received and make awards after April 15, July 15, and November 15. Selections for the awards will be

made by a majority approval of the committee

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, a member of the Professional Development Grants Committee, or the MPLA Publicity Committee. 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 contact Doug Hindmarsh, Chairperson, MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee, Utah State Library, 2150 South 300 West, Suite 16, Salt Lake City, UT 84115 or phone 801-533-4653.

Minutes Executive Board Meeting Mountain Plains Library Association

November 1, 1980
Omaha, Nebraska

Past President

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by incoming president Jane Kolbe. Present were Joe Anderson, Jane Kolbe, Dorothy Middleton, Jean Johnson, Alice Marris, Phyllis Baker, Vee Friesner, Morel Fry, Bob Anderl, Mary Southwell, Blaine Hall, Joe Edelen, Donna Jones, Heather McNeil, Lynnette Anderson, Debbie Iverson, Jan Beck, George Jaramillo, Amy Owens, Dennis Day, Brian Lewis, Bill Sowers, Doug Hindmarsh.

Joe Anderson summarized his past year as president. He felt one of the board's outstanding strengths was communication despite the distances. Joe also reported on the Country School Legacy grant. He thanked the board for support given to him this past year and handed the gavel to Jane Kolbe.

Committee Reports

Awards

Mary Southwell, Awards Committee, recommended that the Carl Gaumer Exhibitor's Award be submitted to the entire membership for vote during the annual election since it is for consistent support for libraries all year. A final recommendation will be made to the January board.

Professional Development

Doug Hindmarsh inquired about funding for the proposed mini-grants. The board granted the committee \$500 for 5 mini-grants. Other types of Professional Development Grants were discussed.

Budget

Dorothy Middleton moved that the budget be approved as printed. Discussion followed focusing on various projects; motion passed.

Continuing Education

Jane Kolbe reported on Jim Dertien's memo to the board proposing that MPLA sponsor three pre-conference programs this next year at three of the member state conferences. Debbie Iverson moved that a task force of state representatives and Jim Dertien be assigned to draft an official proposal; motion passed.

Term of Boards 1980-1981

Because of the problem of the 1981 and 1982 conventions occurring back to back, Dorothy Middleton moved that current board officers, section chairs, and committee chairs serve through the 1981 Conference in Bismarck and remain in office until the close of the 1982 Conference at Salt Lake, that new officers be elected and assume office at the close of the Salt Lake Conference in 1982, and that following the three years of spring conferences the officers assuming office at the close of the Wyoming Conference in 1984 remain in office through the fall conference in 1985. Various alternatives were discussed; motion passed. The president will appoint a conference coordinator to work with the Utah Conference program coordinator.

AASL Affiliate

Joe Anderson introduced Ruth Moline, AASL, who encouraged MPLA to become an AASL affiliate. Dorothy Middleton will correspond with AASL.

Board Appointments

The board unanimously reappointed Blaine Hall as **MPLA Newsletter** editor and Joe Edelen as executive secretary.

1984 Cheyenne Conference

Joe Edelen announced the dates, May 2-4, 1984, as the dates for the joint MPLA/Wyoming Conference to be held in Cheyenne.

Board Reimbursement Policy

Joe Anderson read criteria for board reimbursement excerpted from the **MPLA Manual of Procedure** together with an interpretation of the policy by past MPLA boards. These interpretive guidelines were approved by the board and will be incorporated as a standing rule.

Requests for Funds

Vern West proposed that MPLA bring in a foreign librarian for three weeks to travel around the region, study our libraries, and speak at various locations. The president directed Joe Anderson and Vern to study the matter and report back to the board.

Virginia Johnson approached the board about a monetary request for a project for Review of Regional Materials. It was suggested that she present a written proposal based on three levels of funding expectancy.

Jan Beck moved that the president charge a committee to draft guidelines for criteria for future requests for MPLA funds; motion passed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MPLA board will be January 9th at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Carol White
Recording Secretary

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Bismarck Conference Previews

Where is Bismarck, North Dakota?

Bismarck, ND, that's the end of the world! Right? Wrong. Bismarck is where your next MPLA Conference will be held September 26 through 29, 1981.

I just got back from looking over the convention facilities in Bismarck, and they're great! The Kirkwood Motor Inn will be the conference headquarters, and it is quite new, colorful, and very attractive. Room prices are at a reasonable level. There are plenty of meeting rooms for both large and small groups. The exhibit area is of good size and is very attractive. And plan to bring your swimming suit. The motel has a lovely pool and jacusi.

Right across the street from the Kirkwood Motor Inn is the Kirkwood Shopping Center, which is as nice as any I've ever seen. It has over 120 different stores from shoe stores to make-up salons, and department stores to book stores. You may want to stay an extra day just to see all the stores.

Bismarck is so remote that you will have an impossible time getting there! Right? Boy, are you in for a surprise. Bismarck has about 27 flights a day arriving and departing. It is served by 5 different airlines. All of the major cities of the MPLA region have several direct flights into and out of Bismarck daily. And MPLA is negotiating with the airlines for a discount rate for conference attendees. We will probably get a rate that will reduce your air fare by a third.

What do you really attend a conference for? The Bismarck committee has already begun making plans for the usual exhibits opening cocktail hour. They are also planning great entertainment for a Sunday night dinner. And watch this column in the next issue of the *Newsletter* for specific information on the great speakers and programs being planned. The Trustees, Academic, and Children's sections all have strong programs planned already.

You will be wanting to attend both the conference in September of '81 in Bismarck and in April of '82 in Salt Lake. If these conferences fall in one budget year for you, now is the time to write extra travel money into your budget. You won't *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

want to be left out of either conference, so plan your travel budgets now to include both.

Dorothy Middleton
MPLA President-Elect

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| Income | Budgeted | Actual |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Membership | | |
| Dues | \$13,000 | \$14,064.00 |
| Conference | 4,000 | 7,699.09 |
| Newsletter | 5,000 | 3,080.66 |
| Prof. Dev. | | |
| Grants | 300 | 118.00 |
| Interest | 3,000 | 4,270.61 |
| Misc. Income | 300 | 109.69 |
| Cash Reserve | 4,360 | ----- |
| | \$29,960 | \$29,342.05 |
| | | |
| Expenditures | | |
| Conference | \$1,500 | \$2,205.04 |
| Sections (conference) . | 700 | ----- |
| Newsletter | 8,500 | 6,453.40 |
| Prof. Dev. Grants ... | 3,500 | 2,000.00 |
| ALA chapter dues | 85 | 135.00 |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Executive Board .. | 2,600 | 1,665.99 |
| Phone | 150 | ----- |
| Postage | 1,100 | 1,152.78 |
| Printing | 8,000 | 7,202.99 |
| Secretarial | 700 | 283.00 |
| Sections | 200 | 10.00 |
| Committees | 500 | ----- |
| Public Relations | | |
| Committee | 750 | 573.38 |
| Continuing Education | | |
| Committee | 1,375 | 250.00 |
| White House | | |
| Conference | ----- | ----- |
| Miscellaneous | 500 | 261.85 |
| Executive Secretary . | 1,300 | 1,245.47 |
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Disturbed Flock To Nation's Library

Stephanie Mansfield writing in the **Washington Post** focuses on a problem facing many libraries. We all have our strange patron stories, but can yours top these from LC?

She goes to the Library of Congress every day, gliding through the ornate marble corridors in flowing white robes and veil, carrying a white leather Bible and calling herself the bride of Christ.

In the hushed, softly lit aisles of the main reading room, a man sits quietly, wearing a yellow plastic wastebasket over his head. Nearby, an elderly woman leafs through stacks of telephone books, looking for the person who had put a spell on her many years earlier.

The roster of library "irregulars" includes the "Bag Lady," who spends the day at the library despite the fact that "her body odor clears out the entire room," according to one staffer. One man who became overpowered by her smell told the reference desk the copy machine must be on fire.

There's also "Robin Hood," a tall, attractive man who wears a quiver of arrows on his shoulders and sits at the microfilm screen, reading back copies of the **Los Angeles Times**. The "Button Lady" wears a large, brown paper button with the word "LOVE" printed on it and accuses everyone of being an FBI agent and dresses like a nun.

Then there was the man caught naked, doing his laundry in the first floor men's room. One employee remembers a man who came in dressed as a shepherd, carrying a staff. Another reader wears styrofoam cups over his ears to block out interfering radio waves from China.

Kathy Gould, director of the newspaper and periodical reading room, considers most of these harmless. But sometimes there are hostile ones. "Mr. Gloves" was hostile. He wore thin white gauze gloves and had an irascible personality. Before he was banished he fought and cursed staffers as they tried to quiet his disturbances.

Many of these people are not just street people come in from the cold but outpatients from mental hospitals or former patients released through "mainstreaming" programs. And the Library of Congress seems to get an inordinate number of them says John Kominski, the library's general counsel. "Perhaps it's due to economic pressure. Maybe they're spreading the word among themselves," he said. "I think it's somewhat of a unique problem." (Based on an article in **Highroller**, May-June 1980.)

BCR's Flex Open For Business

BCR announces the availability of its File on Library Expertise (FLEx). Designed to assist libraries in meeting the ever-

increasing demands placed on them by technological development and political and economic forces in their environment, FLEx will help libraries to meet these challenges. By availing themselves of needed expertise through the use of FLEx, libraries can diminish the need for additional staff members, while taking advantage of the skills and knowledge of other librarians in the region, in a true resource-sharing effort.

It had been decided that the File would become operational in a given area of expertise when three qualified consultants had been identified in that area. There is currently on file information on three or more consultants in the following areas: Library Networking and Cooperation and Library Systems Analysis.

Libraries wishing to hire a consultant should approach BCR with a request. BCR staff will discuss the library/client's needs and pull from the file the records of appropriate consultants. BCR will invite prospective consultants to present a brief proposal for addressing the client's needs. Proposals, together with information from the consultant's files, will be presented to the client for the final selection. BCR will bill the client at the hourly consulting rate of the staff members involved in this brokering process. The client and the consultant will make their own financial arrangements regarding the consultancy. Clients and consultants will be asked to evaluate the consultancy and the BCR role at the conclusion of the transaction. (Source: **Action for Libraries**, Jan. 1981.)

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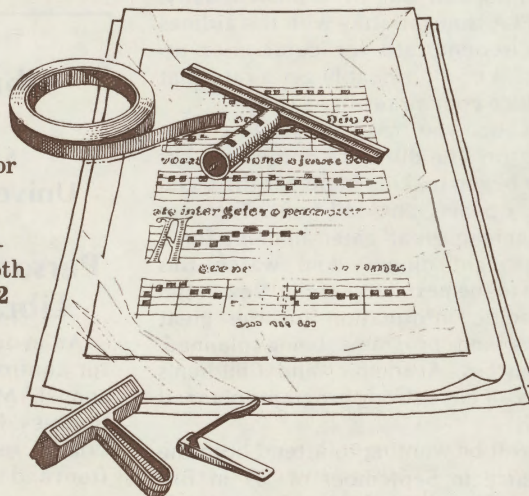
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AACR 2— An Editorial Comment

New Cataloging rules have come along from time to time since my library school days thirty years ago. From the red and green books, we have progressed through ISBD, AACR, and superimposition, and now arrived at the moment for implementing AACR 2.

The much dreaded January 2, 1981, will have passed when you read this. The date was not a magical one, yet it seemed to have some mystical qualities and to generate some expectations which seem to me a bit unrealistic.

From the beginning, we have had our prophets - some of doom, some of glory. We will not know how good the predictions were for some time. Many rules will be clarified only as they are used repeatedly. Some now unforeseen conflicts will become obvious and have to be resolved. We will undoubtedly rely, as we have for years, on the Library of Congress for interpretations and resolutions.

However, one of the more interesting aspects of AACR 2 is its offer of options. Under these rules, it is even less possible than before to say "the rules won't let me do (this or that) although I know it would be better in my library." This freedom of choice can lead to some uncertainty in the catalog department, where the existence of a "right answer" has been assumed more often than, say, in reference. But it can also free the librarian to tailor the cataloging to the needs of the library's users.

The concept of describing the item first, then deciding on access point choices and on the form of the access points is not really new. Many of us have fallen into the not really helpful habit of looking at a new work with the question uppermost in our minds being "what is the main entry?" But the computer allows us many equally important entries and we might well be advised to "take advantage of the technology." On OCLC, using AACR 2 rules will mean that there are, for monographs, new fields and subfields to recognize.

Something new can always be seen as a stumbling block: one more barrier to getting a day's work accomplished. Alternatively, it can be perceived as an opportunity to improve on the old way of doing things. AACR 2 has been in the making for years. Although we have passed the official Day One of its implementation, it will be months (at least) before the kinks are straightened out. The existence of national bibliographic utilities has made us all far more aware of cataloging rules and the "right" way to do things than we ever were before. This may have the effect of causing some anxiety about the task of the cataloger. What we need is temperance, patience and common sense. Cataloging rules are guides to help librarians prepare records which are *Support MPLA Advertisers!*

comparable with those prepared by other librarians. But cataloging is a function of a librarian in a particular library serving a particular clientele and the best cataloger is the one who can use rules to prepare catalog records which actually help the library user to find out what is in the collection and how to get access to it.

BCR staff members will be available to assist you in seeking answers to your AACR 2 questions and will keep current with developments and decisions at OCLC and at LC. The transition will not be without difficulty. As we were taught in the first lesson on German I: "Alle Anfang ist schwer." Good luck. (Source: JoAn S. Segal, *Action for Libraries*, Jan. 1981).

Reagan Election Linked To More Library Gripes

Complaints about books in public libraries have increased fivefold since the election of Ronald Reagan, a spokeswoman for the American Library Association said today.

Judith Krug said libraries across the country are being asked to remove materials that contain ideas "with which the complainants disagree or feel are improper to make available across the board."

Many of the complainants, she said, identify themselves as members of the Moral Majority.

"In the past three or four years, we have had an average of three or five complaints a week," she said. "We are now averaging three to five complaints daily."

Ms. Krug said the complaints have been lodged against a wide variety of materials and not against any particular kind of work.

"But this sort of thing has a chilling effect on our ability to perform the duties for which we have been hired and for which we are being paid," Ms. Krug said.

"The library is the only true First Amendment institution in the country. Libraries consider themselves responsible to the public. We must provide for all of our citizens materials representative of all sides of all questions across the entire social and political spectrum."

But Nancy Czerwicz, a former primary teacher who led a fight to ban the sex education book "Show Me" from the suburban Oak Lawn (Ill.) Library, said libraries have gone beyond their responsibilities.

"Show Me," written by Swiss child psychologist Helga Fleischhauer-Hardt and translated by Hilary Daves, is a pictorial sex education guide in which young children are shown examining their own bodies and the bodies of others.

"This is not a responsible presentation of sex. It advocates sexual perversion and free love. It depicts children watching other children in acts of masturbation, oral sex, intercourse and lesbianism," Miss Czerwicz said. (UPI)

OCLC View-Tel Test Underway

The market test of Viewtel/Channel 2000 got underway in 200 Columbus, Ohio, households on October 1. Viewtel is OCLC's computer-based home information service that turns an ordinary television set and telephone into an encyclopedia, a library catalog, a community information source, and a home banking service.

Presently eight different information services are at the fingertips of the 200 families selected at random from the Columbus telephone book:

- video catalog of the Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County.
- a video encyclopedia from *Academic American*, 32,000 entries published electronically.
- home banking service from Bank One.
- public information about city, state and private organizations.
- Columbus Regional Information compiled by the Chamber of Commerce, a monthly calendar of events.
- Math That Counts, basic math for children.
- Early Reader, a program to help preschoolers develop reading skills.
- Deaf Community Bulletin, a forum for the deaf community. (*OCLC Newsletter*)

BCR To Draft Regional ILL Agreement

The BCR ILL Protocols work conference held at Boys Town Center, Nebraska, on October 29, 1980, ended with a request that BCR draft an agreement on interlibrary loans for the BCR region. The draft agreement is to (1) recognize that the National ILL Code was designed to govern or regulate only those requests being sent outside of networks or consortia, (2) be based on the Model Interlibrary Loan Code, (3) address the issues identified in preparing for the conference, (4) identify for each state in the region the tools to be searched before sending the request out of state, and (5) include a search of BCR's Regional Union Catalog as assurance to libraries outside the region that all regional resources have been exhausted.

The draft will be circulated among conference participants for suggested changes or improvements. A final document will be circulated among region libraries interested in joining. (*Action for Libraries*).

"Man's mind stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimensions."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

News Briefs

OCLC Chalks-Up Millionth ILL

Stephanie Perrin, ILL librarian at Belk Library, Appalachian State University, captured the first OCLC Gold Record on the OCLC ILL Subsystem on November 13 when she logged the one millionth ILL. It took participating libraries only 20 months to reach the first million. The system became operational in April 1979. (OCLC Newsletter.)

Academic Libraries Surveyed On Tele-Communications Needs

A survey of academic libraries about their telecommunications needs by the Public Service Satellite Consortium (PSSC) indicated a strong use of automated services, such as OCLC and literature searching. Nearly 50 percent placed interlibrary loans at the top of the list of library services most needing a more efficient delivery system. PSSC intends to determine library needs and ways in which they could aid in meeting those needs.

You can obtain the survey results from Mary Diebler, service development specialist, PSSC, Suite 907, 1660 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. (Action for Libraries)

SDC Search Services Prices Go Up

Inflation and higher royalty rates from database suppliers have led to an increase in SDC Search Service prices for 1981. Database suppliers no longer regard their online business as a sideline. As more and more users shift to online retrieval techniques, suppliers report significant decreases in their print subscriptions. The result is a trend toward higher online royalties, as database suppliers attempt to compensate for their losses in subscription revenues through online usage.

At the same time, the cost of maintaining databases, of introducing technical improvements to better serve searching needs, and of offering a high level of customer support continues to rise. Increased database prices reflect these rising expenses. (SDC Search Service News.)

"Books Make A Difference"

Over 300 people across the country have been interviewed about books that have influenced their lives as part of

"Books Make a Difference," an oral history project sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The interviews will be edited and excerpts will be made available for promotional efforts. The Center for the Book hopes the project will stimulate advertisements and articles on behalf of books and reading in all media.

The "Books Make a Difference" project was developed by the center's National Advisory Board. A final report recommending ways that the interview excerpts and the "books make a difference" idea might be used at the community level will be available in May 1981. Libraries and other institutions wishing to receive a copy of this report should write the Library of Congress, Center for the Book, Washington, D.C. 20540. (NLC Overtones)

Split Decision Handed Down In Island Trees (NY) Censorship Case

In October, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed an unfavorable lower court decision and held that the student plaintiffs had stated a sustainable claim for violation of First Amendment rights. The 2 to 1 decision, however, merely remanded the case for trial where the plaintiffs will be required to prove their case.

The Island Trees incident began in September 1975 when two officers of the school board removed several objectionable titles from the Island Trees High School library. A later board review returned one to the shelves, restricted access to another, and banned the nine remaining titles, including such titles as Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse-Five* and Malamud's *The Fixer*. (Freedom to Read Foundation News)

Plans Advance For Second ACRL Conference

"Options for the 80s" is the theme of ACRL's Second National Conference September 30 - October 3, 1981, to be held in Minneapolis, MN.

Highlighting the program will be a series of five major theme addresses by national leaders in higher education, government, and librarianship. The ideas presented in these addresses will be discussed by a reactor panel of representative librarians at a special program on the final day of the conference.

The contributed papers on academic and research librarianship will be the heart of the conference program just as they were at ACRL's First National Conference in Boston. Once again, the papers will be carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the program by panels of referees.

The theme addresses and papers will be presented at the new Hyatt Regency Hotel and nearby Holiday Inn at the southern end of Minneapolis' celebrated Nicollet Mall. Those attending the conference will be able to attend performances at the Guthrie Theater and other famous Twin Cities theaters. Conference organizers are also planning a special evening at the historic landmark center in St. Paul.

More than 160 exhibitors are expected to be present at the conference exhibit center in the Hyatt Hotel. Nonregistrant librarians and guests as well as conference participants will be able to view the exhibits.

Western Council Plans For Resource Sharing

State librarians and staff from 21 Western states, multistate network directors, research library directors, academic and public library directors, and an observer from the Library of Congress met for a planning retreat in Snowmass, Colorado, on September 7-9, to define levels of responsibility on the West and to develop a policy statement for state and regional planning and funding.

Conference attendees and the Western Council of State Libraries strongly endorsed the linkage of bibliographic utilities and the information in their data bases and resolved that the Council on Library Resources and other interested parties move rapidly in that direction.

Specific charges were given to the Western Council to address a plan for cooperative collection development, to identify strong specialized collections, to clarify the roles of local libraries and groups providing information, and to develop a model for an interlibrary loan program. (Source: Dateline.)

Stages of Systems Development

1. Wild Enthusiasm
 2. Disillusionment
 3. Total Confusion
 4. Search for the Guilty
 5. Punishment of the Innocent
 6. Promotion of New Participants.
- (Source: R. Hart, *Memo*, U. of Nevada, Reno, Library, Nov. 1980.)

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Around the Region

Colorado

"Meatballs" Voted Best Children's Book

The winner of the 1980 Colorado Children's Book Award is Judi Barrett's **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**.

In the tiny town of Chewandswallow, only food falls from the skies — "it rains things like soup and juices. It snowed mashed potatoes and green peas. And sometimes the wind blew in storms of Hamburgers." But one day the weather takes a turn for the worse and the town is inundated with peanut butter and mayonnaise over brussel sprouts, a thick fog of pea soup, storms of pancakes, 15-inch drifts of cream cheese and jelly, and a tomato tornado. Conditions soon became so bad that lift rafts are fashioned from stale bread, and the villagers set sail for a new land where rain and snow fall from the sky and food is bought in supermarkets.

Runners up were Bill Peet's **Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent** and Daniel Pinkwater's **Fat Men From Space**.

CLA Meets at Tamarron in Ducango

The 1980 CLA Annual Convention was held November 6-8 with over 200 members in attendance. This was a time when members were asked to address association problems and priorities for the 80's. Each division and roundtable was asked to do some brainstorming, introspection, and problem-solving in order to better serve the needs of its members. David Price, director of the Aurora Public Library, is the new president, and he is joined on the Executive Board by two newly elected members: Mike Herbison, vice president/president-elect (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs) and Barbara Tooker, MPLA Representative (Information Management and Planning Services in Pagosa Springs).

WHC Follow-up Meetings Planned

Seven one-day regional conferences will be held throughout Colorado between April and June to accomplish a three-fold purpose: 1) reporting back WHC information to the original participants of the regional conferences and the Governor's Conference, 2) identifying major issues not yet addressed or resolved and 3) determining implementation strategy for unresolved resolutions or *Support MPLA Advertisers*

programs. Information Management Specialists, Denver, were awarded the contract to oversee the conferences. Two of the WHC delegates were appointed to co-chair the Follow-up Committee: Lenore Bright and Barbara Tooker.

Colorado To Conduct Conservation Study

The Colorado State Library has awarded a \$51,200 contract to the Northeast Document Conservation Center to examine library and archives conservation in Colorado. Called the Colorado Conservation Study, this project is one result of the Colorado meeting of the Western States Materials Conservation Project.

NEDCC will provide several services during the Colorado Conservation Study. Center staff and the Denver-based project director will work with the staffs of fifteen libraries and archives to conduct conservation surveys. At the conclusion of each site visit, the project director will prepare a written report analyzing storage conditions as they relate to the conservation needs of the collection, and suggest a series of short- and long-term actions to improve the institution's conservation program and operating procedures. NEDCC also will develop a self-study guide to surveying a library's conservation needs.

A conservation seminar series will be offered as part of the project. On December 17, 1980, George M. Cunha, Director Emeritus at NEDCC and author of the classic work, **Conservation of Library Materials**, conducted a session titled "An Introduction to Library Conservation Management" at the University of Denver. A number of limited-enrollment, "hands-on" workshops and a final in-depth seminar on book and paper conservation are scheduled for the spring of 1981.

A major outcome of the Colorado Conservation Study will be a written **Plan for Library Materials Conservation in Colorado**. This document will be based on information gathered during the survey activity, findings of the Western States Materials Conservation Project, a survey questionnaire, and discussions with librarians and archivists throughout Colorado. It will address the degree to which deterioration impacts on library services in the State, institutional responsibilities for conservation of these resources, and cooperative approaches to meeting the conservation problem.

Kansas

Kansas: A State of Mind

In 1910 historian Carl Becker described Kansas as "no mere geographical expression, but a 'state of mind' and religion and a philosophy in one." To explore the rich and diverse history of the state, the Kansas Committee for the Humanities will grant to twenty libraries from across the state an opportunity to work with their local communities in developing exhibits and holding discussions of the Kansas character in the public libraries. The libraries will be selected on the basis of size — large and small, rural and urban — from each of the seven library regions.

Each library will exhibit for one week a prepared exhibit to which they add their own local photographs, documents, and other materials from their Kansas or local collections, and a 10-15 minute slide-tape presentation. During the week there will be an evening program featuring humanists, such as poets, folksingers, and/or story tellers.

The programs will vary from site to site and could encompass the weather (always on the minds of Kansans), music, sense of humor, prejudices, history, laws, customs, all of the above or none of the above. The librarians and the people of local communities will have the opportunity of deciding what makes each area unique and exciting.

Libraries will provide display space, be directly involved with publicity, and develop within the community an interest in the project. It will provide an opportunity for these libraries to become more involved in their communities as they seek new and creative ways to serve the people of Kansas.

KLA Conference Plans Completed

Plans are almost complete for the March 26 and 27 KLA Conference in Wichita, Kansas at the downtown Holiday Inn and Century II. President, Dan Masoni, is working with the Kansas Association of School Librarians and the Kansas Association of Educational Communication and Technology on plans for the Friday Conference.

Major speakers include the columnist, Judith Crist as the banquet speaker; Carol Neymeyer of the Library of Congress as the bookman's luncheon speaker; and the editor of the **School Library Journal** the Childrens and School Section Speaker.

The Continuing Education Task Force of KLA will be sponsoring a pre-con-

ference prior to the 1981 Convention on Group Process Training using the Minnesota Needs Assessment Pilot Project. This was successfully tested at the fall College and University Library Section Meeting.

Kansas City is being considered as a site for the 1982 Tri-Conference. (Source: Donna Jones, Kansas MPLA Representative.)

Nebraska

Kansas-Nebraska Inter-Loan Project Renewed

Favorable response from both states was reflected in the evaluation of the six-month interlibrary Loan project by libraries in Kansas and Nebraska, warranting the continuation of the project. This interlibrary Loan agreement encourages a reciprocal borrowing of materials between libraries in the two states. Libraries in Kansas and Nebraska are encouraged to extend the same loan privileges to libraries in the neighboring state as they do to libraries in their own state. (Source: NLC Overtones, Oct. 1980.)

White House Follow-up

Though it has been nearly a year since the White House Conference on Library and Information Services — and more than a year and a half since the Nebraska Pre-Conference — the impetus of both events has carried forward.

The much awaited presidential response to the recommendations of the White House Conference was sent to Congress on September 26. And back in Nebraska one of our representatives on the White House Conference ad hoc implementation Committee, Bob Braude, has reported on the national meeting of that committee in Minneapolis last month. He reports the evolution of a Steering Committee to spearhead a national lobbying effort and otherwise support and assist the Implementation Committee. The full text of his report will appear in the Winter issue of the **Nebraska Library Association Quarterly**. His conclusion is quoted here:

"What are the implications of this meeting and what future actions should we be prepared to take. It is still not clear and may not be for several months. It is a fact, however, that action on implementing the WHC resolutions will continue. The WHC Planning Committee is no more. All that remains is the ever present presence of NCLIS with a greatly reduced staff and budget and this new Implementation Committee with neither

staff nor budget. They will be active, nonetheless, since they tap a momentum of lay public enthusiasm and growing awareness of library matters. The very structure of the Steering Committee has implications for the development of a lay advocacy network that could work to the advantage of all libraries."

"We should be prepared, in Nebraska, to react to the report of the Steering Committee. We should begin to build a file of contacts, based on our state conference and expanded as appropriate, so that we can respond quickly when we are called. This is our national responsibility and must be accepted and carried out along with and above and beyond what we need to do within the borders of our fair state." (John Kopischke, Nebraska Library Commission, November, 1980.)

Nevada

Nevada Department of Energy Funds Library Collections

The Nevada Department of Energy Extension Service will be providing a large energy collection to the State Library for interlibrary loan use throughout the state. A small core collection will also be provided to the main public library in each county. Materials selected are those recommended by the Energy Extension Service and will emphasize "How to do it" for solar, wind geothermal and wood burning projects.

The State Library has also been granted \$300 to purchase solar materials from Western Sun, another federal project operating in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Energy. In the near future, the State Library and NDOE will co-sponsor area workshops for librarians on how to refer energy related questions. (Source: **Dateline**, Oct.-Nov., 1980)

University of Nevada-Reno Receives National Grant

A \$35,000 grant to support the cataloging of 35 manuscript collections relating to the Lake Tahoe region has been awarded to the University of Nevada-Reno Library by the National Historical Publications and Records Committee.

The collections, which cover both Nevada and California from 1865 to 1979, deal primarily with mining, lumbering, recreation, water resources, preservation and environmental control.

Kenneth Carpenter, project director and head of the library's Special Collec-

tions Department, said the materials to be organized hold interest and importance to both scholars and the public on historical, legal and environmental topics.

"The collections contain unique primary source materials — personal letters and business correspondence, maps, deeds, financial records, legal notices, photographs and much more — which are particularly vital to rounding out the history of the Lake Tahoe area," Carpenter said.

"The collections will provide an invaluable resource, both on the local and national level," he noted.

North Dakota

Legislative Initiative Sought For Aid To Public Libraries

Once again the North Dakota library community is approaching the state legislature for State Aid to Public Libraries. During the last biennium \$1,000,000 in aid was approved by the legislature and in this biennium \$1,400,000 is being requested.

Not only will a request for increased aid be sought but also a reinstatement of funds for statewide teletype services, MINITEX Services, Continuing Education programs, and library grant funds for development of unserved areas. Funds for these programs were deleted from the governor's budget prepared by outgoing Governor Arthur Links.

Continuing Education Review Board Requested

At the October annual meeting of the North Dakota Library Association recommendations of the Public Library Planning Committee led to a resolution requesting the establishment of a Continuing Education Review Board to direct continuing education activities in the state and empowering the executive board to contract with the State Library for joint provision of limited funding for the board. This action coincided with a similar endorsement of the concept by the North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries.

The Continuing Education Review Board will be charged with the tasks of finding, evaluating, and publicizing continuing education opportunities for librarians; assigning continuing education units for the courses; and overseeing certification of public librarians if that is undertaken.

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The Review Board will consist of representatives of each of the four categories of libraries and representatives of trustees, the North Dakota Library Association, the State library, and the North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries. The board itself may appoint a resource person to assist in its efforts.

South Dakota

Governor Janklow's 1982 Budget Proposal Leaves State Library's "Glass" Half Full

Robert Boehmer Acting State Librarian, announced that the governor's proposed budget for 1982 establishes a total spending authority of \$1,420,000 for the State Library. Support from the state's General Fund is projected to increase by \$76,927 to \$922,048 with the remainder being contributed by the federal government and North Dakota's payment for service to the handicapped. Staffing will remain the same, and about \$40,000 of the increase in general funds will be available for operating expenses, including book and film purchases.

The increase is very modest and may not enable the State Library to stay even with inflation. In this sense, it is a disappointing budget because it does not go very far at all toward rectifying the disaster in the current budget that saw the funds for book purchases dropping about fifty percent and audiovisual services and purchases being cut back. The size of the increase is also disheartening when compared to the request the State Library and the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs made for increases of \$100,000 for books and \$100,000 for films. To librarians, the State Library's budget "glass" must appear half empty.

From another perspective, the State Library has fared well in the governor's proposal. Recession and drought have visited South Dakota this year. Tax revenues are trailing earlier projections, and additional dollars for any program must be scarce without a substantial new tax. Within the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, the State Library fared better in this proposed budget than any other agency. Viewed thusly, the "glass" may be said to be half full. When the climate and the economy improve, perhaps some real catching up can occur.

In an otherwise dim budget proposal for college and universities, a ray of light appears in the \$300,000 one-time, special appropriation for books for the libraries of the seven state-supported colleges and

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universities. The governor has responded to the very high level priority placed on additional library funding by the board of regents in its budget request.

If passed, this sum will help correct the deterioration of the collections of the state colleges and universities. Book purchases in these institutions have dropped as much as fifty percent from ten years ago as budgeted funds have not kept pace with inflation. A continuing stepped-up appropriation is necessary for a permanent solution to the cost squeeze experienced by these libraries. (Source: **Bookmarks**, Nov.-Dec., 1980)

SDLA Honors S.D. Telephone Pioneers

The South Dakota Telephone Pioneers has been recognized as the Friend of the Library for 1980, the first time a group rather than an individual has received the award. This organization of Northwestern Bell employees has repaired the talking book machines, record players, and cassette tape players used by the visually-impaired who are served by the South Dakota State Library's program. They make about 300 repair calls a year and are estimated to have saved the State Library \$82,000 over the past eleven years. There are currently thirty-five Pioneers in Aberdeen, Watertown, Huron, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Grand Forks. (Source: **Bookmarks**, Sept.-Oct., 1980.)

Utah

Jeanne Layton Wins Downs Award

The Robert B. Downs Award for 1980 has been given to Jeanne Layton, the Davis County librarian, whose courageous fight to retain her position as county library director and to oppose the censorship efforts of a local politician won broad support.

The Downs Award is given annually for "an outstanding contribution to intellectual freedom in libraries" by the Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Illinois. The award was established in 1968 to honor Downs, now dean emeritus of library administration at Illinois, for his twenty-five years of service to the University. It consists of a citation and a grant of \$500.

The award committee paid tribute to Layton for her "steadfastness of purpose and personal courage" and applauded her "support of the First Amendment and the principles of the **Library Bill of Rights**."

The trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation in June voted to match \$2 for each \$1 contributed to help Jeanne pay over \$33,000 in legal bills through the end of December 1980. As of October 15, the total of contributions and matching funds had reached \$10,959. (Source: **Freedom to Read Foundation News**, Summer-Fall 1980.)

Wyoming

Circulation System Update

According to the latest word from Cincinnati Electronics, the installation schedule for the Wyoming automated circulation system has been altered. The manufacturer, Sperry-Univac, is not able to offer a fixed delivery date. However, Mary Sue Streeper, head of bibliographic services and automation for the State Library, is anticipating computer installation in early January and the first terminals delivered in February.

In the meantime Phase One libraries are getting some special electrical work done. They have also been asked to furnish floor plans with terminal locations. Phase One libraries in addition to the State Library are University of Wyoming Libraries: Albany County, Laramie; Fremont County, Lander; Platte County, Wheatland and Rock Springs Public Library.

Streeper also said that the State Library is experiencing difficulty with the bar code labels. The gummed labels, which are necessary for the automated system, are peeling. The label supplier has been notified and will either furnish mylar strips to cover them or replace the labels.

The Interlibrary Loan Protocols Committee is scheduled to meet soon and discuss various proposals for routing interlibrary loan requests via the circulation system. Members of that committee are: Gwen Rice, Wyoming State Library; Kelly Patterson, University of Wyoming; Marge Wright, Rock Springs Public Library and Linda Goolsby, Rawlins Middle School. (Source: **The Outrider**, Dec. 1980.)

About You

Sally Garrett, formerly president of the New Mexico Library Association, has moved to Casper, Wyoming, as records management supervisor for Gulf Oil. In New Mexico she was in the reference department at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

Steven Ooton, City Librarian at the Huron, SD Public Library, became the new director of Arkansas Valley Regional Library System in mid-January, 1981. He had been in Huron since 1976, and prior to that time was the Networking Consultant for the Nebraska Library Commission.

Rodeane Green, formerly director of the Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, has been appointed director of the public library at Glendale, Arizona.

John Hunter, assistant director of Technical Services at the Auraria Library, will represent OCLC libraries in the BCR region on the OCLC Serials Control Advisory Committee.

Steven D. Zink, formerly the documents librarian at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, has been named government publications librarian at the University of Nevada-Reno Library. He has an MLS from Louisiana State and masters in history from the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of ALA, AAUP, the Organization of American Historians and international honorary societies in both history and library science. He has won prizes for several of his professional publications in both history and librarianship.

Nola Lutz Johnson, director of Sheridan County Public Libraries for the past year, has resigned. The trustees have appointed Helen Graham as acting director.

Richard Wolfert resigned from his position as the North Dakota State Librarian effective December 31, 1980, because of family reasons.

During his eleven years as State Librarian he was instrumental in establishing many beneficial projects to improve library service in North Dakota including: Statewide teletype communications network for interlibrary loan; computer-based union list of serials; North Dakota/Minnesota contract for MINITEX reference/information/document delivery service; IN-WATS telephone inquiry service; State document depository library system; publication of directories, compendium and handbooks pertaining to state government; and development of a collection of audiovisual materials available for use on a state wide basis. Most recently (1979) he worked in cooperation with the North Dakota Library Association to obtain state aid for public libraries in North Dakota. The North Dakota Legislature granted \$1,000,000 to public libraries during the 1979-1981 bienium.

Ruth Mahan has been named to be acting director of the State Library. The position of director of the State Library will be advertised nationally and a search committee has been named.

Continuing Education

Date: March 18, 1981

Title: **Conference on Microcomputers** in Libraries and Information Centers.

Sponsor: School of Library Science, University of Iowa

Location: Iowa Memorial Union, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Description: Designed to place microprocessing and computer technology in its current and potential position in relationship to the larger computer field and to libraries. It will address such questions as: Can small and medium sized libraries take advantage of computer power? How closely should the information professionals be involved in the design of computer programs for their use?

Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library Science, University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 53342.

Joblist

Deadline: March 1, 1981; position open May 1, 1981.

Position: **Public Services Librarian**
Library: The University of Nevada, Reno.

Salary: \$22,000 - \$31,000, depending on qualifications and experience.

Responsibilities: Supervises and coordinates the Reference Department (includes Interlibrary Loan and Instructional Services), the Circulation Department, Stacks, Film Library, and Learning Laboratory. Must be an active administrator committed to providing quality service to students and faculty and become familiar with all functions of the above departments. Reports to assistant director of libraries and serves on the Director's Advisory Cabinet.

Qualifications: MLS or equivalent 5th year degree in library science from an ALA accredited graduate library school. Demonstrated administrative ability and ability to communicate effectively. Appropriate professional experience, preferably in an academic or research library. Faculty status

requires that librarians meet faculty standards for appointment, promotion and tenure.

Apply with resume and names and addresses of three references to Mrs. Ruth H. Donovan, Assistant Director of Libraries, University of Nevada, Reno Library, Reno, Nevada 89557. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Closing Date: March 1, 1981

Position: **Medical Cataloger**

Library: Lommen Health Sciences Library, University of South Dakota, School of Medicine.

Responsibilities: Supervision of 1.5 FTE staff; cataloging print and non-print materials via CATLINE, OCLC, and original cataloging; Bibliographic quality control of public and union catalogs; participate extensively in reference and data base search services.

Qualifications: MLS from ALA-accredited library school; familiarity with NLM classification; knowledge of CATLINE, OCLC, and computer applications to library operations desirable. Experience preferred but entry level applicants are encouraged. Position carries faculty rank.

Salary: \$13,500 to \$16,000 depending on qualifications and experience.

Apply with resume and three letters of reference to David W. Boilard, Associate Director, Christian P. Lommen Health Sciences Library, School of Medicine, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.

Closing Date: March 1, 1981

Position: **Acquisitions Librarian**

Library: Lommen Health Sciences Library, University of South Dakota School of Medicine.

Responsibilities: Supervises monograph and journal acquisitions, 2 FTE staff, plus students; coordinates with faculty and teaching hospital libraries in the selection; supervises PHILSOM computerized serials control system; conducts continuing collection analysis and evaluation; participates in reference and data base search services. Given faculty rank.

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Library: I. D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota.

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Position: **Special Collections Librarian**

Library: University of Nevada, Reno Library

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