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Ideas Old, Ideas New, Something Borrowed From Most of You

Almost since the time of Melvil Dewey, the stereotype of the librarian has haunted librarians, school, public and academic.

The authors of this study have been attempting to descriptively clarify the personality image of school library media graduates by administering Cattell's 16PF Questionnaire to all candidates for the Master of Arts in Educational Media admitted by the University of Northern Colorado. The Master's degree is pursued by Colorado school library media personnel. The group described in the present study includes all media MA candidates studying at the University of Northern Colorado (N=160) Fall Quarter 1976 and Summer Quarter 1980.

Does the personality profile of today's librarian reflect the changing technology of today? Does the stereotype continue? Is the librarian changing? Does the student choosing graduate work in school librarianship have a different personality today? In Gibbons (1976) an initial effort was made to examine the historical stereotype of the librarian. This stereotype, analyzed primarily from studies by Bryan (1952), Douglas (1957) and Rainwater (1962) showed the librarian to be:

- self-deprecating
- introspective
- deferential to authority
- overly conscientious
- less self-confident
- less innovative and creative

- over-orderly, conforming
- conservative
- non-social
- passive-submissive

Library media faculties of the three Colorado universities selected a "superior" group of graduates in 1976. A comparison of this "superior" group with more recent media graduates was done by the authors in 1979 and provided evidence that the superior group was much like the other media graduates with generally average personalities. The tendency of both groups on most of the 16 scales of the 16PF was to score somewhat "higher" than the 50th percentile norm.

Another work by the authors compared the Colorado institutions that produce media graduates. In a three-group comparison, there seem to be few differences between the graduates of these universities. In a comparison with other professions, however, the media majors were like the male psychologist general profile.

With each group of graduates the number of participants was increased, and hence the clarity and resolution of the picture of these media librarians has improved. The stereotyped "librarian" matches



"But all we wanted was to give you a retirement party."

Dr. Andy Gibbons and Dr. Jon Fortune, The University of Northern Colorado, College of Education, Department of Educational Media, Greeley, Colorado.

these graduates in some important ways and contrasts in others. The group, too, was very like the general population.

The graph and comparisons employed here use percentiles for group comparisons. A percentile rank represents the number of cases in a comparison group which achieved scores lower than the percentile cited. Therefore, for example, in considering the reserved, cool, factor (A), (See Graph 1) media specialists have a percentile (or centile) rank of 34 which indicates that they are less reserved or cool than 34% of the general adult male and female comparison group. It is equally true and probably more meaningful to say that 66% of the adult comparison group were more outgoing than the media specialists (Runyon & Haber, 1973).

If we were dealing with individual scores, it would be more in keeping with the inexactness of any test (particularly personality measures) to speak of general ranges such as "low average" (Cattell et al, 1970). Cattell himself uses a sten score which reports scores in terms of tenths rather than the usual hundredths, or percentiles. Results and profiles are presented in this paper in centiles rather than in the standard ten scores usually associated with the 16PF. This

conversion was made to simplify group comparisons. Fifty percent (centile) is the general adult group norm.

Factors Confirming the Stereotype

Factor A. Cattell uses reserved, detached, critical, aloof, and cool at the "low" end of the scale, and outgoing, warm-hearted, easygoing and participatory to describe the "high" end. Low and high are limited here to direction and have no indication of inherent goodness or badness or value. Media specialists ranked at the 34 percentile among the general adult male-female comparison group. They were **less** reserved than only 34% of the norm group. There may be a relationship here to Rainwater's summary where the term "intraceptive" occurs.

Factor B. Concrete and dull, describe the low end of the scale. Bright and abstract are the "high" terms. Media specialists ranked at the 76th percentile. They were, therefore, more abstract and bright than 76% of the norm group. Rainwater did not mention this quality specifically; however, both Bryan and Douglas found similar qualities which might

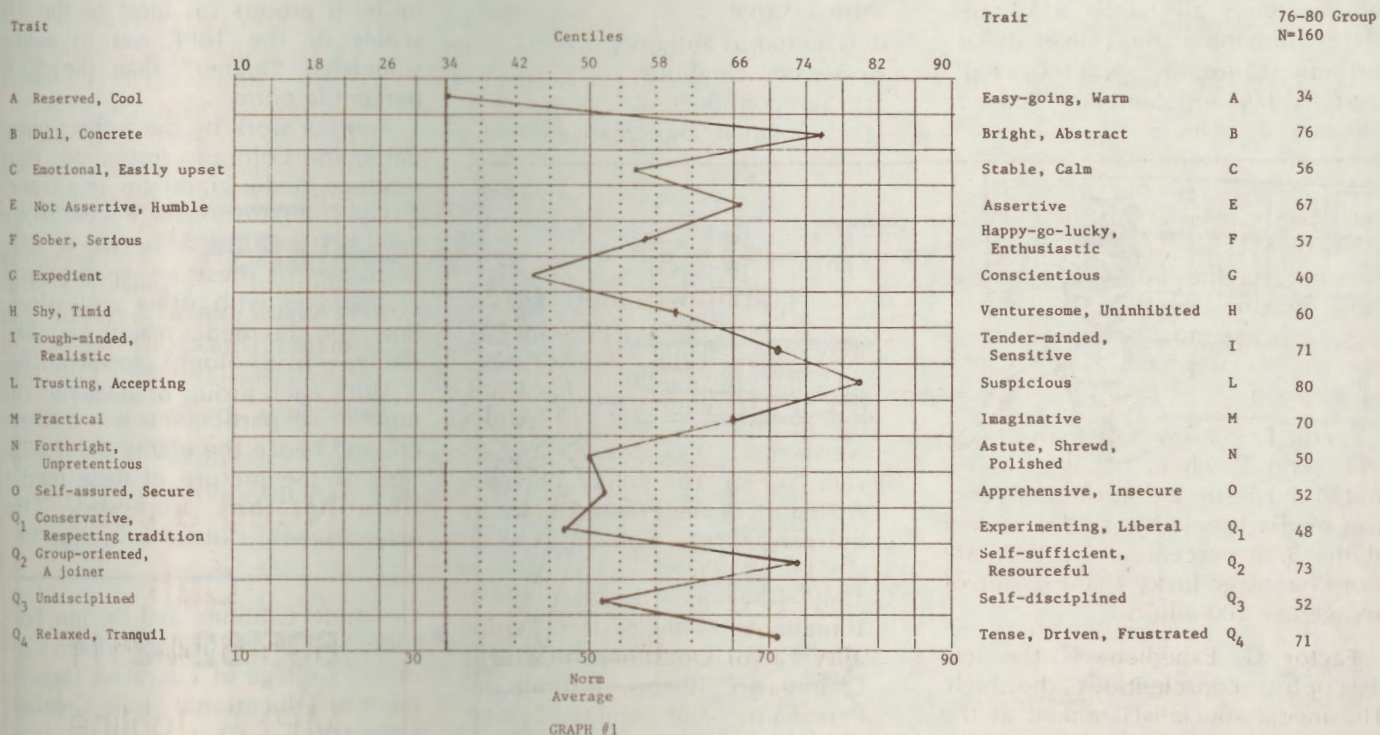
apply to commonly held views of librarians.

Factor I is the third characteristic which seems to confirm the stereotype. Tough-minded, self-reliant and realistic are used at the low end and tender-minded, sensitive, clinging, feminine and over-protected at the high end. Media specialists were more tender-minded than 71% of the norm group. Rainwater's "less heterosexual" may also indicate this characteristic.

Factor L lists trusting and accepting conditions at the low end, and suspicious and hard-to-fool at the high end. Media specialists ranked more suspicious than 80% of the norm group. This was the most extreme percentile among the 16 factors of the test. Douglass's "preoccupation with rules, routines, and records," "possessive" and "proprietary" may be similar.

Stereotype Upturned

Factor E is the first characteristic which seems to contradict the stereotype. Cattell used humble, mild, easily led, docile and accommodating as low terms, and assertive, aggressive, competitive and stubborn as high descriptors. Media specialists



ranked more assertive than 67% of the general population making up the norm groups. This seems at variance with Rainwater's "more deferential" and "less dominant" attributes.

Factor M puts practical, and down-to-earth concerns, at the low end and imaginative, Bohemian, and absent-minded as high. Media specialists were more imaginative than 70% of the norm group. Rainwater found librarians "less exhibitivive," which does not seem to be a synonym.

Factor Q². Group dependent, a joiner and sound follower are the low end terms. Self-sufficient, resourceful, and prefers own decisions occur at the high end. Media specialists are more self-sufficient than 73% of the general adult population. "More deferential," "less autonomous" and "less affiliative" were used by Rainwater and seem to contradict the findings on Factor Q².

Factor Q⁴ is the last of Cattell's factors which seems to upturn the stereotype. At the low end the terms relaxed, tranquil, torpid, unfrustrated and composed appear. Tense, frustrated, driven and overwrought describe the high end of the scale. Media specialists are more tense and driven than 71% of the norm group. Rainwater's greater endurance seems to offer a contrast to Cattell's description. Also, her "achievement drive is weaker" contrasts with Cattell's tense and driven attributes.

Like the Rest of Us

Factor C. Emotional and easily upset are Cattell's low terms and stable and calm his high ones. Media specialists ranked at the 56th percentile which is very much like the average for the adult populations used in the norms. Our media specialists are more calm and stable than slightly over half, or 50%, of the norm group.

Factor F. The low terms are sober, and serious while happy-go-lucky, and enthusiastic are at the high end. The media specialists tested ranked at the 57th percentile. Or, they are more happy-go-lucky than 57 out of an average 100 adults.

Factor G. Expedient is the low descriptor, conscientious the high. The media specialists ranked at the 40th percentile, making them more expedient than 60% of the norm group. *Support MPLA Advertisers*

group and more conscientious than 40%, well within the average since the 34th percentile would represent one standard deviation below the mean.

Factor H. Shy, and timid, are low terms contrasting with venturesome and uninhibited, the high ones. Media specialists are again near average at the 60th percentile, which is well within the 66% which represents one standard deviation, here above the mean.

Factor N. Forthright, and unpretentious are the low terms compared to astute, shrewd and polished the high ones. Here the media specialists are exactly the mean, the 50th percentile.

Factor O. Again, the media specialists are almost average at the 52nd percentile, between self-assured and secure, low, and apprehensive, and insecure, the high terms.

Factor Q¹. Conservative and respecting tradition are the low terms as compared to experimenting and liberal, the high terms. The media specialists are average at the 48th percentile.

Factor Q³. Undisciplined is the low term, and self-disciplined and controlled the high terms. Our media specialists are an average 52nd percentile.

In summary, then, it appears that among Cattell's 16 factors, media specialists followed the general pattern on 8 factors. On 4 of the other factors, they seemed to match the librarian stereotype, while on the remaining 4 they seemed to violate the stereotype.

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MPLA Jobline

From Your President. . .

Greetings from Singapore, the Lion City, and tiny island country, of 2½ million Chinese, Malay, Indian and dozens of other nationalities, Singapore is one of the most affluent Asian nations. But, we've only been here a few days. Let me tell you a bit about what else we've seen in Asia. . .

My last letter indicated that libraries and many other things were similar to the Mountain Plains area. Asia is different! And the libraries are different—what few there are. Indonesia has so many problems, as one might expect of a “developing” nation, that books probably are not a high priority. Indonesia does not subscribe to international copyright, so many of the books are an odd mix of pirated editions. By what we saw and **heard**, most of the copying is of cassette tapes. I think there are many Indonesians with only one electrical appliance—a cassette tape recorder—playing as loud as the volume will go! In fact, we saw many shops which used gas lights to save the power point for loud music.

But, sound is only a small part of the differences, and cassette tapes only a small part of that. Traffic in Jakarta moves by sound. The person with the right-of-way is the driver with his bumper in front, and the way to get to the front is to blow your horn and go there! That holds true for cars, trucks and buses, anyway. People and horse-driven vehicles have to be brave and just pull out. The point is to never look back; because, if you see the person who hits you, it's your fault. That is also the principle in



walking alongside the road. Driving in Denver is orderly by comparison.

Irian Jaya, on the eastern end of Indonesia, however, is quite different even from what is described above. Traffic, except for about 45 kms of road, is no problem. There are no roads - walking paths - but no roads. All transport is by air or on foot. In the interior, the silence is overwhelming at night. Bokondini, an interior village, has been the most favorite spot so far in our adventure. Perhaps, we can share pictures with you. The Dani people in the Baliem Valley were only found by whites about 40 years ago. Many live the same way they did centuries ago. We did hear of an interesting twist to the traditional tribal warfare in Png. One tribe hired a helicopter to perform recon-

naissance on another. Never heard if it worked.

In a few weeks we'll be back in Sioux Falls with hundreds of pictures and memories of the South Pacific and South East Asia. We'll never be the same, but we will be working at the same businesses by the time this actually gets to you. The MPLA Convention is nearly planned and fiscal years will be coming to a close with the frantic activity that always brings. Schools will be finishing another academic year. Thank you for your patience and work in my absence. I hope to see you all in person in Bismarck.

— Jane Kolbe



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Highlights

MPLA Executive Board Meeting April 3, 1981

The Executive Board at its April 3 meeting in Denver, in addition to hearing reports from section and committee chairpersons, addressed a number of significant issues.

Conference Planning

The program for the Bismarck Conference is nearly completed. (See the conference program elsewhere in this issue.) Plans are also moving ahead for the 1982 MPLA/ULA Conference in Salt Lake City, May 5-7. The Southwest Library Association has expressed an interest in a joint conference with MPLA in the Denver area for 1986, and the board authorized Joe Edelen to express our interest in this possibility. Barbara Tooker was also authorized to continue her investigation of the possibility of joint conference with the Colorado Library Association in 1985.

Continuing Education

The board authorized four \$500 grants to state associations to present in the name of MPLA either Tom Hennen's workshop, "Sowing the Seeds of Power," on the development of rural library service or an approved program of their own choosing at their state conference. The program must be completed by the fall of 1982. The Continuing Education Committee was charged with preparing formal evaluative criteria for determining which programs and which state associations should be awarded the grants. The purpose of this new program is to encourage membership in MPLA by showing how it supports the *Support MPLA Advertisers*

library associations and librarians in its member states.

Professional Development Grants

The board approved amendments to the **Manual of Procedures** for the Professional Development Grants Committee, authorizing them to offer mini-grants of up to \$100 per year to any member of the association without the two-year prior membership stipulation. This will, it is hoped, encourage librarians to join MPLA.

Public Relations

The board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to print a membership directory. At the suggestion of Mary Petterson, Dorothy Middleton will investigate the cost of an MPLA ribbon to be attached to identification badges of MPLA members at all state association conferences.

Finances

Jean Johnson, Finance Committee chair, submitted proposed guidelines for requesting funding from MPLA for special projects. The board felt the committee still needs to outline how it will evaluate such funding requests, but there was general agreement that all future requests for funding be directed to the Finance Committee for a recommendation of action to the board. The committee also recommended to the board that more travel reimbursement be allowed to board members, considering the increasing costs of travel, and also that committee chairs receive similar reimbursement. The board approved the reimbursement of travel expenses to committee chairs, but only when they were directed in writing by the president to be present at a board meeting. Board members will be reimbursed for transportation to board meetings except the conference board meeting and the first regularly scheduled board meeting following the conference. In the future, the Nominating Committee will inform all prospective candidates of this policy.

Intellectual Freedom

Acting on the recommendation made at the January 9 board meeting by Dennis Day, chair of the Public Library Section, the board approved the establishment of an MPLA standing committee for Intellectual Freedom. The president will appoint committee members, at least one

from each state, as soon as possible. This action recognizes the growing regional and national threat to intellectual freedom from organized groups around the country.

Jobline

The board authorized \$700 to establish and operate for one year an MPLA Jobline at the University of South Dakota. Messages on the answering service will be changed weekly, and any library in the region may list job vacancies free of charge. Future funding will be handled as an on-going budget item. (The system is now operating. Call: 605-624-2511)

Multi-State Continuing Education Council

The board held over until the next meeting a request submitted by Vee Friesner that MPLA form a Continuing Education Council with an 18-month start-up budget of \$2,900. The regional council would preclude the necessity for each state to establish such a council, which may not be desirable because of the few potential continuing education suppliers in each state whose programs would need to be approved by such a state council.

MPLA Expansion

Because of a number of inquiries from librarians in states surrounding the MPLA region whose states are either affiliated with some other regional library association or are unaffiliated, Dorothy Middleton was authorized by the board to contact these state associations informally to see if they are interested in affiliating with MPLA.

Convention Smoking Policy

The board adopted the ALA smoking policy for MPLA conferences. Smoking will not be allowed in small meeting rooms, and smokers and non-smokers will be divided in large meeting rooms.

Federal Relations Coordinator

The board officially designated the immediate past president to be the Federal Relations Coordinator. Dorothy Middleton charged each state representative to gather information on the impact of federal budget policies on libraries in their state and pass this information on to Joe Anderson, the MPLA Federal Relations Coordinator.



Bridging the Barriers

MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Tri-conference

Kirkwood Motor Inn, Bismarck, ND

Sept. 26-29, 1981

Preliminary Program

Saturday, September 26

9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Trustee Section Saturday

Speakers: Virginia Young, author of **The Library Trustee**, Keynote Address, and Robert Audretsch on "How to Hire a Director." Mini-sessions on Library Policies, Financial Responsibility, and Friends Groups. Trustee Sections Business Meetings.

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Collection Development Seminar

Extra fee and pre-registration required.

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Handicapped Workshop

Conducted by Harold Russell Associates. Requires pre-registration but no extra fee.

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Children and School Section

Meet the Newberry and Caldecott winners and runners-up and share in a swap-shop session.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MPLA Executive Board Meeting and Dinner

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SDLA Executive Board Meeting and Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Children's Author Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Disco Dance

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Previews of Films for Libraries

Sunday, September 27

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Rides to Churches

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open

Coffee and donuts in exhibits area, 10:00 - 11:00.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MPLA Children's and School Section Business Meeting and Program

Programming without Bucks. Heather McNeil, presiding.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

First General Session

Keynote speaker: Edward Jenkinson, author of books and articles on censorship.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

Sandwich bar in exhibits area.

1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SDLA School Section Business Meeting

Pat Cook, presiding.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NDLA Health Science Section Program

Consumer Health Information and the librarian.

1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Visit to North Dakota Capital and Heritage Center Museum

Bus transportation provided.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Public Library Sections

Lobbying with the Pros. Four legislators and moderators.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WNET of New York

Critical TV Viewing

Ron Rudser, NDLA Vice President, presiding.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Combined Children's and School Sections

Mini-sessions on "Micro-computers by distributor demonstrator and "Creative Story Hours" by Darrel Hildebrandt, puppeteer.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

North Dakota Council of Health Science Librarians Business Meeting

Nancy Devereux, presiding

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dinner Theatre at the Kirkwood

10:00 p.m. -

Party sponsored by exhibitors

Monday, September 28

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

MPLA Public Library Section Business Meeting and Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

SDLA Public Library Section Business Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

NDLA Health Science Sections Business Meeting

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

MPLA Continuing Education Committee Meeting

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

MPLA Technical Services Section

Cooperative Options in Automation. A panel of June Hatch, Kansas; Mary Sue Streeper, Wyoming; and Sherry Hupp, Connecticut.

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

MPLA Public Library Section

Intellectual Freedom. Speakers: Judith Krug, ALA, and MPLA region panelists

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Health Sciences Seminar

Fee required

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10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
**MPLA Technical Services
Section Business Meeting**
Vee Friesner, presiding.

11:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
NDLA Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
SDLA Business Meeting

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
**Combined Academic
Sections Luncheon**
Selling the Academic Library
Speaker: Carla Stoffle, assistant
chancellor for Educational Ser-
vices, University of Wisconsin -
Parkside

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
**Combined Children's and
School Sections**
Mini-sessions on "Toys, Games,
and Realia in Libraries"; "AV
Trouble-shooting"; "Transitions
from Library to Media Center."
Each session will be presented
twice.

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
**MPLA State Library
Section Business Meeting**
Phyllis Baker, presiding

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
MPLA State Library Section
Administering State Aid
Packages

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**Combined Public
Library Sections**
Collecting Local History
Andrew Gulliford, recipient of
MPLA-sponsored NEH grant.

2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
**MPLA Academic Library
Section Business Meeting**
Lynette Anderson, presiding

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
**MPLA Executive
Board Meeting**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**NDLA Academic Section
Business Meeting**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**SDLA Academic Section
Business Meeting**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
JMRT Business Meeting

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Children's Section Swap Shop

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Awards Banquet
Speaker: William A. Rusher,
editor of **National Review**,
"How to Win an Argument."

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
**SDLA Public Library
Section Business Meeting**

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
**NDLA Public Library
Section Business Meeting**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
**MPLA Executive
Board Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - Noon
**NDLA General
Business Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - Noon
**SDLA General
Business Meeting**

12 noon - 1:00 p.m.
**NDLA Executive
Board Luncheon**

Flying to Bismarck? Make Reservations Now!

It's really not the end of the earth—no matter what your friends say. In fact, the airlines tell us the Denver-Bismarck-Winnipeg route is very busy—something about "oil in them thar fields." You're advised to make flight reservations early.

To help you get to the MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Tri-Conference as economically as possible, Master Travel, Inc., of Denver has blocked seats on a selection of flights in and out of Bismarck. In order to obtain the lowest possible fare, participants are urged to send the completed coupon below to Master Travel as soon as possible.

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News Briefs

Columbia looks at Illinois

Are research libraries shirking their responsibilities regarding copyright restrictions? Are these libraries relying too heavily on interlibrary loan rather than subscribing to journals their users need? Some recent observations at Columbia University would answer "no" to these queries. In an informal survey, a record was made for every journal requested on interlibrary loan by Columbia over a two-year period. Of the resulting 364 titles, only six were requested six or more times, making them candidates for requiring copyright clearance. Of these six, five were foreign titles, and thus unaffected by U.S. Copyright law. The remaining title was actually held by Columbia but was at the bindery when requested. Another interesting observation from the survey was that multiple requests for the same journal were usually from one person rather than a number of people wanting the same item; in only one instance did more than one person want the same title. (Source: *ARL Newsletter*, March 3, 1981).

Important Ill-Study Completed in Florida

At a meeting of OCLC Network Coordinators held in Columbus, Ohio, on April 14-15, Robert Gorin of the staff of the Florida State Library presented the preliminary results of a study comparing the use of the OCLC Interlibrary Loan subsystem, ILL requests sent on ALA forms through the mail, and ILL requests sent via TWX. The preliminary report is still in progress, but Mr. Gorin was able to present some impressive statistical comparisons at the meeting. Conducted during February and March, 1981, the comparison showed that 75.6% of all 1,660 requests sent via the OCLC subsystem during those two months had already been filled, while 21.5% were unfilled and another 2.9% were still pending. Most of the unfilled requests were for recently published paperbacks, reference-type materials, or rare-book materials. By contrast, only 25.4% of the 402 requests sent via mail had been filled, 13.4% were unfilled, and 61.2% sent during the two-month period were still pending. Of the 216 requests sent via TWX, 44.9%

had been filled, 11.5% were unfilled, and 43.6% were still pending.

More specific to the OCLC/ILL subsystem, about one-third of all filled requests on the subsystem were answered in the "shipped" status within 24 hours, and more than three-quarters were affirmatively answered "shipped" within four days.

Mr. Gorin also described a method for comparing costs of sending requests via alternative systems. The total costs of sending requests via TWX divided by the number of TWX requests filled yielded an average cost of \$6.30 per filled request sent via TWX. A comparable cost for requests sent via mail was \$2.82. The cost per filled request on the OCLC/ILL subsystem was the lowest, at \$1.60 per filled request. The costs considered included staff costs, telecommunications costs, and OCLC per transaction charges. (Source: *Action for Libraries*, May, 1981).

Moral Majority Foiled in Washington

The Moral Majority dropped its suit against the Washington State Library following the library's refusal to divulge the names of individuals who had checked out the film "Achieving Sexual Maturity." Michael Farris, state head of the Moral Majority, asked for "dismissal with prejudice" in Thurston County Superior Court on Feb. 23.

In addressing the court, Asst. Attorney General Tom Bjorgen, who represented the State Library, stated that "we did not compromise our position in any way. We refused from the outset to divulge the names of any individuals, and we have not retreated one iota. We were prepared to argue our case on its merits."

State Librarian Roderick Swartz reports that the library ascertained that none of the addresses of borrowers were those of public schools, public school districts or public school or school district offices. Swartz notes that the library informed Farris of this point in the beginning. At this same time, the library rejected the second part of the Farris request, which was to supply individual names.

Bjorgen prepared an excellent brief

citing related court cases and opinions which reinforced the library's position with regard to protecting the names of persons who check out library materials. The State Library's position was based on its Privacy of Circulation Records policy, adopted in 1972, and on two main legal theories: 1) that disclosure would violate the Freedom of Speech clause of the First Amendment, 2) that disclosure would be an unconstitutional invasion of privacy under a long line of cases cited in the brief. Bjorgen noted, however, that he found no record of cases similar to that of the State Library's having been tried in the court.

Swartz urged libraries to review their policies to assure that they have existing, adequate policy protecting their records and their patrons.

ALA Conducting Online Survey

The American Library Association's Office for Research is conducting a survey on how online services are financed in publicly-supported libraries and in libraries associated with nonprofit institutions. ALA expects the results of the survey to be of use to libraries making decisions regarding the introduction of online services, to libraries wishing to increase or expand the services they now offer, as well as to those planning the introduction of other technology-intensive services. (Source: *Searchlight*, April, 1981.)

Peace Information Exchange Task Force Seeking Information

The Peace Information Exchange Task Force of ALA's-SRRT, formed in 1978 provides a focus for librarians who are working with materials on peace. The Task Force also promotes the education of librarians and library users in the area of peace.

The Task Force is focusing its attention on four major areas:

1. The identification of peace collections and the encouragement of their use.
2. The development of bibliographies of materials on peace for different user groups.

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3. The compilation of a directory of peace libraries, groups issuing peace literature and materials, and peace groups working in education, politics and research on conflict management.

4. A clearing house for educational materials on peace.

Currently the Task Force is developing a directory of library peace collections and peace organizations. If you have such information or interest in working with the Task Force on projects, contact Elizabeth Morrissett, 1325 West Quartz, No. 204, Butte, MT 59701 (406) 792-7750

ALA Drafts Library Instruction Policy

The ALA Council has adopted the following policy statement on library use instruction:

"Utilization of information is basic to virtually every aspect of daily living in a democratic society, whether in the formal pursuit of educational goals or in independent judgment and decision-making. In our post-industrial, increasingly complex society, the need for information

daily becomes greater.

"Libraries are a major source of information; however, their effective use requires an understanding of how information is organized and how individuals can retrieve that information. Many individuals have an inadequate understanding of how to determine the type of information needed, locate the appropriate information, and use it to their best advantage.

"Instruction in the use of libraries should begin during childhood years and continue as a goal of the formal educational process in order to prepare individuals for the independent information retrieval essential to sustain life-long professional and personal growth.

"It is essential that libraries of all types accept the responsibility of providing people with opportunities to understand the organization of information. The responsibility of educating users in successful information location demands the same administrative, funding, and staffing support as do more traditional library programs.

"The American Library Association encourages all libraries to include instruction in the use of libraries as one of the primary goals of service."

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ALA Revising Code of Ethics

During the past several years, the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics has been revising the "Statement on Professional Ethics." At the Annual Conference in San Francisco, the committee plans to present its revision to the ALA membership and Council.

The present code is as follows:

Statement on Professional Ethics, 1975

Introduction

The American Library Association has a special concern for the free flow of information and ideas. Its views have been set forth in such policy statements as the **Library Bill of Rights** and the **Freedom to Read Statement** where it has said clearly that, in addition to the generally accepted legal and ethical principles and the respect for intellectual freedom which should guide the action of every citizen, membership in the library profession carries with it special obligations and responsibilities.

Every citizen has the right as an individual to take part in public debate or to engage in social and political activity. The only restrictions on these activities are those imposed by specific and well-publicized laws and regulations which are generally applicable. However, since personal views and activities may be interpreted as representative of the institution in which a librarian is employed, proper precaution should be taken to distinguish between private actions and those one is authorized to take in the name of an institution.

The statement which follows sets forth certain ethical norms which, while not exclusive to, are basic to librarianship. It will be augmented by explanatory interpretations and additional statements as they may be needed.

The Statement

A Librarian:

Has a special responsibility to maintain the principles of the **Library Bill of Rights**.

Should learn and faithfully execute the policies of the institution of which one is a part and should endeavor to change

those which conflict with the spirit of the **Library Bill of Rights**.

Must protect the essential confidential relationship which exists between a library user and the library.

Must avoid any possibility of personal financial gain at the expense of the employing institution.

Has an obligation to insure equality of opportunity and fair judgment of competence in actions dealing with staff appointments, retentions, and promotions.

Has an obligation when making appraisals of the qualifications of any individual to report the facts clearly, accurately, and without prejudice, according to generally accepted guidelines concerning the disclosing of personal information."

The suggested revisions read:

Statement on Professional Ethics

Introduction

Since 1939, the American Library Association has recognized the importance of codifying and making known to the public and the profession the principles which guide librarians in action. This latest revision of the **Code of Ethics** reflects changes in the nature of the profession and in its social and institutional environment. It should be revised and augmented as necessary.

Librarians significantly influence or control the selection, organization, preservation, and dissemination of information. In a political system grounded in an informed citizenry, librarians are members of a profession explicitly committed to intellectual freedom and the freedom of access to information. We have a special obligation to ensure the free flow of information and ideas to present and future generations.

Librarians are dependent upon one another for the bibliographical resources that enable us to provide information services, and have obligations for maintaining the highest level of personal integrity and competence.

Code of Ethics

I. Librarians must provide the highest level of service through appropriate and usefully organized collections, fair and equitable circulation and service policies, and skillful, accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests for assistance.

II. Librarians must resist all efforts by groups or individuals to censor library materials.

III. Librarians must protect each user's right to privacy with respect to information sought or received, and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired.

IV. Librarians must adhere to the principles of due process and equality of opportunity in peer relationships and personnel actions.

V. Librarians must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of an institution or professional body.

VI. Librarians must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues, or the employing institution.

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Around the Region

Colorado

Commander Codie Piques Pike's Peak Interest

The Pike's Peak Library District recently introduced "Commander Codie," the first library computer link of its kind in the United States.

Commander Codie (Community Outreach through Direct Information Exchange) is a communications device which was installed at a local Albertson's Store supermarket to serve the growing population of northeast Colorado Springs.

Shoppers using Commander Codie can now 'dial-up' the library's computer, 'Maggie,' which is housed in Penrose Library in downtown Colorado Springs. The device is equipped with a computer terminal, a telephone receiver and some easy instructions. Those using the device can log into the library's computerized inventory of materials, an on-line listing of over 2,300 locally offered courses, and a calendar of local events.

Patrons can locate books in the inventory by title, author or Dewey number. By picking up the telephone receiver, patrons are directly linked with librarians at the main library who can reserve their books.

Data bases with information on clubs, agencies and day care centers is offered to patrons at the branches and to home users and will become available to shoppers using Commander Codie as computer security is developed for each program.

Lorna Byrd, Eastern Area librarian, secured funds for Commander Codie through a grant from the Library Services. According to Mrs. Byrd, "The goal of this project is to provide services in an area not presently serviced by a branch, and to present the library's community-oriented services to people not familiar with them. We are trying to get to people who don't know what libraries are about - who still hold an old stereotype."

The library now provides services at eight branches, the county jail and 23 bookmobile stops, but phenomenal growth in Colorado Springs, coupled with the library's limited budget, have stalled plans for expansion for now.

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Service Hours Reduced

Effective January 1, 1981, the Central Library of the Denver Public Libraries is closed on Thursdays. Branch libraries, although open on Thursdays, have reduced service hours during the rest of the week. Faced with the choice of cutting the materials budget or reducing services to stay within budget, the library commission opted for reduced service hours. The commission cited the 1981 City budget for library services which is only 1 percent greater than the 1980 budget, the above average inflationary costs being passed along by the publishing industry, and the minimal state funding for the Colorado Resource Center as the combined factors leading to the situation.

City librarian, Henry Shearouse stated, "We firmly believe that it is much easier to reopen several hours per day or one day per week when funds become available than to attempt to rebuild quality library services including a book collection and a staff which have taken 75 years to build." (Source: Colorado State Library Newsletter, Jan-Feb, 1981).

Kansas



Gilly Hopkins Garners Another Award

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson has been named the winner of the 1981 William Allen

White Children's Book Award, according to Dr. George V. Hodowanec, Director of the William Allen White Library at Emporia State University and Executive Director of the White Award Program.

The Great Gilly Hopkins, which was published in 1978 by Thomas Y. Crowell, is the story of a bright but incorrigible eleven-year-old girl who had been abandoned eight years previously by her mother. While living in a succession of foster homes, Gilly desperately longed to be reunited with her real mother.

The book was selected as an American Library Association Notable Children's Book in 1978 and as a John Newberry Award Honor Book in 1979. It also received the Christopher Award in 1978 and the National Book Award for Children's Literature, and the Jane Adams Peace Association Children's Honor Book Award in 1979.

The book has also been selected for inclusion on "Fanfare, 1979, The Horn Book's Honor List" and on the list of School Library Journal Best Books of 1978.

Katherine Paterson received the 1978 Newberry Medal for **Bridge to Terabithia**. The 1980 Newberry Medal will be presented to Katherine Paterson for **Jacob Have I Loved** at the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco in June, 1981.

Nebraska

Legislative Proposal Revised

Major changes have been made in the scope and provisions of the legislative proposal to establish library systems in Nebraska. The proposals, retitled "Nebraska Library Services Act," emphasizes financial aids to libraries, calling for a state appropriation of \$1.15 per capita to aid in financing regional library systems, public libraries, and state resource libraries.

The new draft provides for establishment of multi-type

cooperative library systems which would put all counties in the state into a maximum of six regional systems. In another major change from earlier versions of the proposal, it is proposed that governing boards of systems be appointed rather than elected. The proposal lists criteria for the appointment of system board members.

The proposal also addresses the need to provide security for library materials. Provisions are included for protection of library materials and specified penalties for theft of library materials.

Commission Director John Kopsichke stated that the proposal has been recast to emphasize the financial package, streamline administrative mechanisms, and provide better organization for the various working components of the proposed statewide structure. (Source: NLC *Overtones*, April 29, 1981.)

Nevada

Treasures Unpacked in UN, Reno Special Collections

The work is dirty and often boring opening box after box of old company records stored in the UN, Reno Special Collections Department. These are part of the manuscript material included in the NHPRC (National Historical Publications and Records Commission) grant to organize the historical records on the Lake Tahoe Region. After hours and sometimes days of unfolding papers, removing rusty pins and clips and sorting dusty records and correspondence, we occasionally uncover a gem which makes it all worthwhile.

Some of the more interesting finds, to date, include a deed of land to James W. Haines, inventor of the V-flume (important in the transfer of Lake Tahoe timber to the Comstock mines), original drawings of wood flumes on the eastern slope of the Sierra, beautiful hand drawn maps of property around Lake Tahoe and near Owens Valley, California, and sketches for buildings of the Virginia

and Truckee Railroad. We are finding records of early land transfers and water rights in the Tahoe area, letters and legal papers regarding Indian claims, Chinese payrolls, grocery lists for the boarding camps of the lumber and flume companies, and letterheads and receipts which are works of art. There are problems, too — a huge book of lumber accounts which is crumbling with age and mildew and some valuable records which barely survived the 1906 San Francisco fire. Each day we don our smocks, open the boxes and expect a hidden treasure. (Source: *Memo*, UN, Reno Library, April, 1981.)

North Dakota

Committee Drafting Charter for Library Technology Task Force

On February 26, 1981, the North Dakota Public Library Planning Committee appointed a subcommittee to draft an initial charter and organizational design for a Library Technology Task Force.

The task force will be representative of the major library (public, academic, school and special) but not omitting representation of the smallest libraries, which will remain dependent upon the larger agencies for electronic access and supplementary services. Careful planning must begin soon in order to develop the necessary framework and background information needed to generate support for state level funding in future legislative sessions.

Libraries in North Dakota are fast approaching a crossroads for future development. Decisions relating to the application of computer technologies will have to be made in the near future. Without statewide direction, individual institutions will be placed in the position of selecting technological applications to meet their particular needs without the benefit of a unified approach for developing a statewide perspective and application which will be compatible for the widest benefit. The bottom line: Either libraries continue proceeding along an uneven growth

pattern dependent upon local demands and resources or a bold, new path should be charted which will define a much more federated network with delineated responsibilities and cooperation among major types of libraries.

It is the hope of the planning committee that a Library Technology Task Force will chart this new path.

Minot Develops Local History Program

The Minot Public Library with support from the North Dakota Council on the Humanities has developed a slide/tape presentation on the early history of Minot, North Dakota, 1885-1905. Through the coordination of Sudesh Mehta, Adult Programming Librarian, Dr. Gaylen Brown, History Professor at Minot State College, wrote the colorful script and Ruth Hoffman, a local photographer, produced the slides.

Not only was the project a first in North Dakota, it was also a great public relations venture for the library, bringing the library in contact with many agencies (local, county, and state), businesses, and individuals whose rare photographs, insights, and suggestions will become part of the community's slide presentation.

Very little has been written about the early history of Minot. Through the slide/tape presentation local residents will be able to live Minot history through rare early photographs and a vivid narration of the city's colorful and rigid beginning as a railroad boom town. The program is the talk of the town; the library is in the public eye, and the library is recognized as a source of information on local history whether in printed form or as a referral to another individual or agency. (Source: Jerry Kaup, North Dakota MPLA Representative).

South Dakota

Censorship Hits Sully Buttes High School Library

Dirty words. That old bugaboo of the moralistic censor is the cause of
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at least one of the three censorship attempts to hit South Dakota libraries since the first of the year.

Although the Sully Buttes High School case was a page 1 story in the Sioux Falls **Argus Leader** on March 13, in all three cases the librarians involved have wanted to treat the censorship attempts with as little publicity as possible. Fear and perhaps embarrassment for the community have led the librarians in the remaining incidents to insist upon anonymity in any actions that the Intellectual Freedom Committee may undertake. In one instance, a private school in the east river area has rejected previously-accepted service from a public library. The other incident was west of the Missouri River and has had a satisfactory ending.

The book causing the furor in the Sully Buttes High School in Onida is **Run Shelley Run**, by Gertrude Samuels. It was on ALA's Best Books for Young Adults list in 1974, and it is included in the 1977 edition of **Senior High School Library Catalog**, which consists of the recommendations of a group of experienced high school librarians.

The novel (documentary novel, according to its author) deals with Shelley's experiences in juvenile institutions in New York and outside. Elements of the plot include an attempted rape by her stepfather, the suicide of a fellow runaway, a stint at a dope ring hangout, and lesbian encounters in a detention center. The language is rough, which is realistic, given the subject matter.

The Sully Buttes High School library is open to grades 7 through 12, and the trouble began when the twelve-year-old daughter of Catherine Davis showed the book to her mother. After reading three pages, Mrs. Davis wrote a complaint, signed by several parents, to the school board.

Superintendent Donald Rykhus appointed himself, one co-signer of the complaint, a Presbyterian minister, and several others to a committee, which met privately and recommended the book's removal from the library. The school board voted 4-3 in favor of removal on March 9.

Dirty words were the specific cause of the complaint, and dirty words were the basis on which the book was removed from the junior and senior high school library. The committee wrote to Mrs. Davis that the book's language "was in very poor taste and
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isn't the kind of language we allow the students to use in the school; therefore, we should not provide it for their reading."

Casting the issue in terms of a taboo, dirty words, made censorship relatively easy to defend because it was a moral issue, as simple to understand as black and white. Use of a taboo issue, even though the dirty words taboo is one of the most widely violated, allowed avoidance of discussion of more fundamental moral issues in the book, which are not so simply black and white.

The high school counselor, Diane Melvin, who has filed a complaint with the school board in opposition to the banning, noted this aspect of the banning. In addition to constitutional grounds for opposing the ban, she noted: "There was a theme to the book that our students could benefit from."

Samuels told the **Argus Leader** that she has sold television rights to **Run Shelley Run** to NBC recently, and she has just finished a television adaptation of the book.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee spent considerable time on April 4 discussing the Sully Buttes and other current censorship cases in South Dakota. It has sent a letter to newspapers around the state objecting to the censorship efforts.

The Intellectual Freedom Office of ALA is monitoring the Sully Buttes High School case and is considering intervention. (Source: **Bookmarks**, March-April, 1981.)

Utah

ULA Conference Focuses on Planning

The Utah Library Association's 68th Annual Convention was held at the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, March 25th through 27th. The theme was "Utah Libraries: Planning for the 80's," and much of the programming addressed the concerns of Utah librarians regarding a State Library Plan. The Public Library Section of ULA presented the first draft for a state plan to be presented to the Utah

Advisory Committee on Library and Information Service. A status report and panel discussion on state planning was moderated by Dr. Mike Marchant, and featured panelists, Dr. Brenda Branyan, Amy Owen, and Elizabeth Montague. Other programs of interest highlighted the ever-present problem of censorship. The luncheon speaker, Orson Scott Card, a Utah author and winner of science fiction awards, was firm in his stand against censorship. The title of his talk was "No, Ma'am, That's Not a Dirty Book," and was aimed against would-be censors in Utah. Still another program was designed to help librarians select and use controversial materials. A debate, "Freedom To Read Vs. Censorship—The Trustee's Responsibility," featured Roy Gibson, a local TV personality and professor of Journalism and Mass Communications, speaking for the First Amendment, and J.R. Beeson, director of the small Orem Public Library, who advocated censorship. (I think). The program got "curiouser and curiouser" and sparked an interesting discussion.

Other programs offered concerned public relations, budgeting, children's programming, and computer use. The main speaker of the convention was Robert Rohlf, President-Elect, ALA Public Library Association. He spoke twice on "The Planning Process for Public Libraries," helping Utah librarians reaffirm their commitment to planning for the 80's.

New Officers of ULA are:

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Convention
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Representative

Wyoming

Fulmer Library Wins Dana Award

The Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library has been notified that it has won the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards Contest. The Sheridan library's entry was one of 166 entries considered this year. The winning entries will be officially announced at an awards presentation during the American Library Association Conference on June 29th in San Francisco. The Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library submitted a scrapbook of newspaper articles, photographs and publicity work that dealt with the 1980 Renaissance Faire. Betty Patterson, Special Projects Director, coordinated the Renaissance Faire last year. (Source: *Sheridan Press*, April 8, 1981).

WLA/WAECT Joint Convention Held in Jackson

Nearly 300 registrants enjoyed the joint Wyoming Library Association/Wyoming Association for Educational Communications and Technology Joint Conference in Jackson, WY from April 22-24. The convention theme, "Frontiers: Old and New," encompassed programs highlighting automation, database searching, the new Wyoming Automated circulation system, and microcomputers in education, audiovisual technology, and frontiers in library programming. Well-known authors addressing the conference included: Katherine Paterson, winner of the 1978 and 1981 Newberry Awards, Louis L'Amour, noted western writer, and Frank Craighead, wildlife researcher and author.

New WLA officers elected during the conference were: Bill Heuer, Vice-President/President-Elect; Member-at-Large, Nora Van Burgh; and Henry Yaple, MPLA Representative. Paul Knoblich assumes the office of WLA President after a one-year term as Vice-President/President-Elect.

During the Award Ceremony, Irene Nakako, long-time executive secretary of WLA, was presented a

retirement certificate. Her retirement is effective June 30th; WLA is currently reviewing the job description for the position and will be seeking applicants to fill the position in the near future. (Source: Debbie Iverson, Wyoming MPLA Representative).

About You

JoAn S. Segal, interim executive director of BCR, has received an Academic Specialist Grant from the International Communication Agency to share with French librarians information about library cooperation in the United States. While in France, she had the opportunity to address students and librarians and visit libraries in some of the provinces, as well as in Paris.

Les Rock, administrator of Mail-A-Book Service in Nebraska, has been appointed director of the Bemidji (Minnesota) Public Library. Les began work with the Nebraska Library Commission in 1976 as coordinator of the Mari Sandoz Network.

Alice Meister became the new director of the Sheridan (Wyoming) County Fulmer Public Library in May. Alice was library director of the Summit County Library, Frisco, Colorado, from 1973 to 1979, and held a graduate research assistantship at the University of Denver Library School 1979-80. She received her certificate of advanced studies with an emphasis on public administration and information management from the University of Denver in 1980 and her MA in library science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She is a member of NEA, ALA, MPLA, and CLA.

Bill Stockey of Quincy, Illinois, replaced **Judy Umbarger Zelenski** as assistant director of the Albany (Wyoming) County Public Library on May 1. Stockey was formerly facilitator of learning resources at the John Wood Community College. He received his M.L.S. from the University of Kentucky and a history degree from William and Mary. Zelenski is now assistant director of the Central Colorado Library System.

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Continuing Education

Date: July 6-10, 1981

Title: Collection Management and Development Institute

Sponsor: ALA Resources and Technical Services Division and Association of College and Research Libraries.

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lection development administrators in academic libraries of all sizes.

Contact: ALA Resources and Technical Services Division, Stanford Collection Management and Development Institute, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

Date: August 2-5, 1981

Title: May Masee Workshop

Sponsor: School of Library Science, Emporia State University

Location: Emporia State University School of Library Science and Kansas State Department of Education-Educational Assistance

Description: Art Awareness and the Library/Media Center is the theme of this year's workshop. Featuring Tomie De Paola, sessions will focus on various ways that Public and school librarians and teachers can use library materials to support art awareness activities for children and young adults. Topics include visual literacy, basic elements of color and design, art history, the art of the picture book, setting up art exhibits and displays, maintaining slide and picture collections, and a tour of the Nelson Art Gallery.

Contact: Linda Schexnaydre, School of Library Science, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas 66801.

Date: August 9-14, 1981

Title: Out-of-Print and Antiquarian Book Market Seminar.

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

Location: University of Denver

Cost: \$245

Description: This third annual seminar and workshop will be directed by Jacob L. Chernofsky, editor, *AB Bookman's Weekly*, and Professor Margaret Knox Goggin.

Contact: Dr. Margaret Knox Goggin, Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80208.

Date: August 17-19, 1981

Title: Improving Planning Skills: A Closer Look at A Planning Process

Sponsor: Public Library Association and Wisconsin Division for Library Service.

Location: St. Benedicts Center, Madison, Wisconsin

Cost: \$150 and up, not including food and lodging.

Description: Open to any librarian or trustee, the workshop is directed to public library practitioners with knowledge of PLA's **A Planning Process for Public Libraries** and who plan to begin or have begun to apply the planning process in their libraries. The resource team consists of Peggy O'Donnell, David Smith, Brooke Sheldon, and Shirley Mills-Fischer.

Contact: Shirley Mills-Fischer, PLA Executive Director, ALA, East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 for pre-registration and housing information.

Date: August 20-21, 1981

Title: Data Processing Fundamentals for Library Administrators and Trustees

Sponsor: Information Seminars of America, Inc.

Location: Sheraton Denver Airport Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Cost: \$235

Description: Designed for administrators who have decision-making responsibilities but have not had professional instruction in data processing, practicing library administrators who need a working knowledge of computer operations, and trustees involved in automation decisions, the course will include discussions of computer hardware, software, processing modes, data base design, computer systems analysis and design, and common library applications.

Contact: Information Seminars of America, Inc., P.O. Box 4611, Overland Park, KS 66204.

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Sex Magazines in the Library is a hardbound monographic supplement to Vol. 4 of the **The Serials Librarian**. Edited by Peter Gellatly, the supplement explores collection development dilemmas and issues that the sex periodical raises. Articles by various authors discuss such topics as "Sex Themes in Federal Serials," "Sex, Serials, and the Law," "A Select Annotated Bibliography of Gay & Lesbian Periodicals," "Sex Magazines: Problems of Acquisition, Retention, Display, and Defense in Public and Academic Libraries," and "Children's Rights in the Library: A Personal View." \$19.95 from the Haworth Press, 149 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010. This supplement is not included in **SL** subscriptions and must be purchased separately.

Classroom in the Crossfire by Robert M. O'Neil addresses the issue of First Amendment freedoms in the schools and libraries of the U.S. O'Neil looks at prominent controversial cases of censorship from the points of view of the rights and interests of students, parents, teachers, administrators, librarians, and the community. \$15 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Indiana University Press, Bloomington, IN 47401.

Cataloguing Audiovisual Materials: A Manual Based on AACR II (\$19.95); **Prominent Scientists: An Index to Collective Biographies** by Paul A. Pelletier (\$29.95).

Budgeting Techniques for Libraries and Information Centers by Michael E. D. Koenig, Vol. 1 in the Professional Development Series, will acquaint Librarians and information managers with the basic approaches to budgeting and cost analysis, as well as with the process of presenting and justifying a budget to management. \$7.50, Special Libraries Association, Order Department, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003.



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