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## Is Channel 2000 in your future?

In the 1980's parents may urge their kids to spend more time in front of the TV set—if the TV is connected to a computer.

That's one of the findings in a study of computerized home information services released recently by OCLC.

OCLC has issued a final report on CHANNEL 2000, an experimental in-home information service that was tested in 200 Columbus homes from October through December last year.

CHANNEL 2000 turned a TV set and telephone into a computer terminal that people could use in their homes to check out books from the local library, look up an article in an encyclopedia, pay bills, or consult a calendar of community events. For the kids, there were also math and reading drills.

"The findings are encouraging enough for us to continue to explore this new medium through Viewtel, a new in-home and in-office information project under way at OCLC," says Tom Harnish, OCLC Research Scientist who directed the CHANNEL 2000 project at OCLC. "CHANNEL 2000 has shown us that we're on the right track. There are in-home information services in the future for libraries."

Seven different information services were at the fingertips of the 200 families selected for the test:

- Video Catalog of the Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County. (It's the world's first electronic catalog that allows selection and checkout of books from the home!)
- Video Encyclopedia from "Academic American," published

electronically by Arete Co., Princeton, New Jersey: 32,000 articles, of which one-third will be updated annually.

- Home Banking Services from BANK ONE, Columbus, Ohio.

- Public Information about city, state and private organizations assembled by Com-Tility.

- Columbus Regional Information assembled by the Chamber of Commerce, including a monthly calendar of events.

- Math That Counts - basic mathematics for children, with the patience that only a computer can provide.

- Early Reader prompts preschoolers as they learn to develop skills that will enable them to read.

Overall, people felt that CHANNEL 2000 was easy to install and use. In terms of usefulness, the Video Catalog and Public Information Service were considered to be the most useful CHANNEL 2000 services. Banking services were next in line, followed by the Video Encyclopedia.

### Money

When asked if they would pay money to have a particular service in their homes, users said they would be most likely to pay for a Video Encyclopedia first, second a Video Catalog, and third, Home Banking. Ranking fourth through seventh in this category were public information. Columbus calendar, Math That Counts, and Early Reader.

The researchers also asked people what they would want in a CHANNEL 2000 service if they could get it. Here is what they would put into a

hypothetical CHANNEL 2000, in order of desirability: Home security, in-home computer, video games, library services, catalog shopping, a system that contacts doctors, adult self-education, encyclopedia, household energy control, and bill-paying.

According to Mr. Harnish, 80 percent of the users indicated they probably would be willing to pay \$15 a month for their six most desired hypothetical CHANNEL 2000 services.

### A Good Idea

Mr. Harnish said that 96 percent of the test population felt that the CHANNEL 2000 concept was a good idea. "We're trying to figure out when the time will come for this good idea," he said. "When it does come, it is likely that the people waiting for it will be cable TV subscribers. In fact, cable subscription may be the best predictor of CHANNEL 2000 viewdata purchase. Automated teller machines, credit cards, and catalog shopping were high use items in the profile of those consumers most likely to buy CHANNEL 2000."

### Electronic Cottage

If CHANNEL 2000 or something like it does become an everyday part of life in the electronic cottage of the future, what will be the effects on quality of life?

Lifestyle questions posed in OCLC's research came up with these answers:

- 14% of users reported spending less time watching TV, while 85% said they spent the same amount of time as they did before they got CHANNEL 2000.
- 11% of users said they spent more time talking with their



children after they got CHANNEL 2000.

•41% said their knowledge of library services increased during the CHANNEL 2000 test.

•51% said their awareness of community events increased as a result of CHANNEL 2000.

(Source: **OCLC Newsletter**, June 1981.)

## Bailey K. Howard Meeting

On April 10-12, 1981, a dozen nationally prominent school administrators and state education officers gathered in Chicago, along with Frances Dean, chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC); Dennis Day, incoming chair of the IFC; and Judith Krug, Henry Reichman, and Robert Doyle of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, in fulfillment of the Bailey K. Howard/World Book Encyclopedia/ALA Goal Award. The IFC was awarded the grant in 1980 to conduct this meeting of educational leaders to address the growing threat of school library and textbook censorship and to plan appropriate response strategies.

The grant proposal pointed out that of all cases of library censorship reported in the "Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom" from 1976-1979, approximately 69% or two-thirds involved school libraries. The IFC has, over the past two years, undertaken a major educational effort aimed at school librarians, including the brochure, "Censorship in the Schools," which was mailed to more than 35,000 school librarians throughout the United States. The IFC also realized that any successful program to censorship should also include a major educational effort aimed at the school administrator. This was deemed essential since the school librarian works as part of a school district team and is subject to the authority of local school administrators. In addition, the IFC realized the necessity of state-level guidelines and policies to motivate school districts to adopt clear policies on intellectual freedom and selection of both instructional and library materials.

By all measures, these concerns of the IFC were successfully addressed in Chicago. The meeting brought together a diverse group of prominent educators who developed an easy-

going but productive camaraderie. While the opinions and views represented by the participants varied, the three-day session was notable in its high level of agreement on the nature and extent of the problem being addressed, as well as by a common dedication to formulate decisive, though measured responses. (Source: **Memorandum**, ALA OIF, April-May 1981.)

## School Media Quarterly Changes Name

The American Association of School Librarians' quarterly journal will be published under the title of **School Library Media Quarterly** effective with the Fall, 1981, issue. The journal title change was initiated and approved by the AASL Board of Directors during the 1981 ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco. Formerly **School Media Quarterly**, the journal is the chief journal for professionals who are involved in the selection, evaluation, and purchase of print and non-print resources and equipment for use in library media centers and classrooms.

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## From Your President...

Wow, the dust hasn't settled yet but the reports indicate a successful tri-conference in Bismarck. Local arrangements were so well done everyone could concentrate on the programs. About 400 librarians, trustees and friends registered. From the crowded look of most meeting rooms, people came to Bismarck to attend meetings too! The nagging concern of MPLA and several state associations is financial, namely, declining income. Several issues are raised. Exhibit numbers seem to be declining. Associations have depended on vendor income which means

association income is stagnant if not reduced. Increasing travel costs combined with decreasing travel budgets mean fewer persons can attend conferences and distances are great. In addition, there are more conferences to attend. What a dilemma - attend what with ALA divisions doing more and more regional content programming. So what are the solutions? MPLA and ULA hope to experiment with teleconferencing during the Salt Lake conference. Maybe we can spread the base wide enough to recover the costs. Any other ideas will be gratefully received!

If you missed the Bismarck conference, you really missed some of the country's heavy hitters! Edward Jenkinson offered practical suggestions for each of us personally and professionally to help retain our most prized freedom, the freedom to have our own ideas. Judith Krug, as always fanned our sometime flickering interest in stopping all forms of censorship. William Rusher's **How to Win Arguments** gave us advice on how to deal with censors (and others) at least in as much as librarians are able to pick their battlegrounds and control the statement of the problem.

Congratulations Jean Layton, you are the professional ideal we all hope we could be. Each of us is more free because you were willing to fight. Thank you.

Heather McNeil McQuarie's acceptance speech was eloquent evidence to her outstanding abilities as a librarian - young, old or otherwise. Kids in Littleton are lucky!

I sometimes think the Academy Awards have made public thank yous trite but I hope you recognize that I am truly grateful and honored by your distinguished service award. No one makes accomplishments within organizations or institutions alone so please accept my appreciation for your contributions. You are super! Thanks.

See you all in Salt Lake soon.

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## Getting ACQ's Together

The fourth meeting of the OCLC Acquisitions Advisory Committee was held at OCLC's new Dublin, Ohio, facility on July 23 and 24, 1981. The first day's meeting was devoted to reports by 20 evaluating libraries on their successes and challenges with the Acquisitions subsystem, known as ACQ's. The second day's meeting evaluated the libraries conclusions, recommended enhancements to the ACQ's subsystem and assigned priorities for future development. As the meetings and discussions clearly imply, OCLC is deeply committed to the ACQ's subsystem, and they will continue it as part of a total online system to American libraries.

As each library reported on their three-month evaluation with ACQ's, some general themes emerged. OCLC's ACQ's is a reliable, fairly comprehensive online Acquisitions system. Funds can be allocated, orders searched and executed, funds encumbered, books received, and funds expended online. Paper files can be drastically reduced. Technical services work routines and procedures can be consolidated and library efficiency improved. With the exception of occasionally slow response time, during the test, there were no serious technical problems. Domestic vendors and publishers were puzzled at first upon receipt of OCLC Action Forms instead of each library's unique order forms, but once they understood that Action Forms were order forms, books were obtained, shipped and billed as usual.

ACQ's caused many libraries to critically evaluate the routine and general workflow within Technical Services as a whole and not simply within the traditional Acquisitions department. One librarian suggested that by modifying the entire OCLC system only slightly, it would be possible to search and order in one step and to receive and catalog in a second step. This consolidation of technical services work promises to be the greatest potential benefit of ACQ's.

System modularization was discussed at some length. Some committee members wanted to purchase only the Fund Accounting portion of ACQ's and to have that portion available at a cheaper rate. Other committee members contended, with some spirit, that the total system only should be available. They believed

that utilization of only a portion of the ACQ's would replicate manual methods onto an online system. Libraries would not derive all potential benefits from the online system. That argument is correct, but local and/or institutional considerations often cannot be avoided. I would imagine that those wishing for some kind of modularization hoped to obtain a price reduction so that they could afford ACQ's with current budgets. At a time when serial prices are exploding, budgetary considerations are of paramount importance to libraries.

The Advisory Committee suggested and OCLC concurred that some desirable modifications to ACQ's would be electronic transmission of orders, interface with the BIP online data file and an automatic claiming routine. These developments may not be scheduled in the next year, but OCLC does plan to work for them. (Source: Henry Yapple, **Action for Libraries**, September, 1981.)

## Call for Papers for 1982 AASL Research Forum

The ninth annual American Association of School Librarians Research Forum is being planned for the 1982 American Library Association national conference in Philadelphia in June. Those interested in presenting at this forum should send a summary of their research studies for consideration by the AASL Research Committee to Milbrey L. Jones, 201 Eye Street S.W., Apt. 819, Washington, D.C. 20024, no later than January 4, 1982. Studies submitted should relate to one or more of the following areas in school media programs: planning; staffing; programming; instruction; administration; evaluation; production; various aspects of collection development, utilization and maintenance; educational technology; reading; organizational patterns; facilities design; networking and other forms of cooperation; applications of technological developments; continuing education; user development, habits, and/or attitudes; or similar topics. Submitted abstracts should be approximately 500-700 words in length and should include: (1) a statement of the purpose of the study; (2) the hypotheses (or research questions) of the study; (3) a description of the methodology used; (4) the population involved; and (5) a summary of the results of the study

geared toward implications for professional practice since 1977. Three to six studies will be selected by the committee to be presented. The studies must be completed before the conference in June 1982.

## To Com Or Not To Com

Computer Output Microfilm (COM) has been gaining popularity in recent years, not only for cataloging, but for other types of record keeping, storage, and publishing (Dwyer, **ASIS Bulletin**, October, 1980). Some heated discussion about its merits has also been generated, particularly as libraries move toward a desire for online catalogs.

BCR believes COM catalogs hold the following advantages for libraries, even though they may be contemplating online catalogs.

1. Database maintenance. The production of COM catalog marks the first time the library has used its magnetic tapes. This usually reveals unexpected flaws in the database which can be corrected before a second edition or before an online database is mounted. These flaws may indicate the need for minor alterations in cataloging practice: the sooner these are implemented, the better.

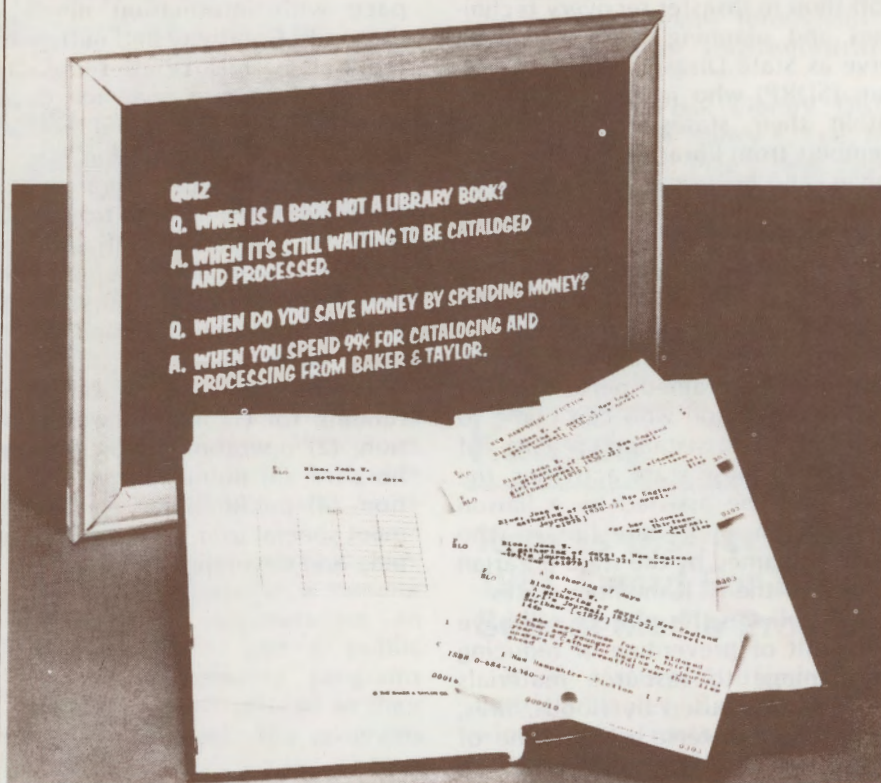
2. Even an online catalog is not going to be available at every branch, department, dormitory, or other potential outlet. COM copies, at their low price, offer an inexpensive complement to online catalogs, allowing wider distribution of catalog information, instant installation of a catalog in a new branch or department library, and providing a backup for online system downtime.

3. The combination of an online and COM catalog is becoming more popular. According to **Information and Records Management**, July, 1981, p. 32-34, both online systems and COM are needed to handle the information requirements of at least one very large corporation: Union Texas Petroleum Corporation.

In sum, we do not feel COM's day has COM (sic!) and gone, and would be very interested in working with libraries in "cleaning up" their databases and producing COM catalogs. (Source: BCR **Action for Libraries**, September, 1981.)



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## Research Library Directors Meet at OCLC

Directors of 58 university libraries met at OCLC in Dublin recently to discuss the needs and concerns of the OCLC research library community.

Research libraries in OCLC, together with the library of Congress, account for about 59 percent of the original cataloging that goes into OCLC's computerized catalog which is used daily by more than 2,400 libraries across the country, including 1,432 college and university libraries.

At Columbus the research library directors agreed that their libraries should pursue four programs within OCLC that will help their institutions as well as others improve library service to faculties and students.

- Establishment of centers of cataloging responsibility among OCLC users whereby a research library would emphasize online processing of library materials in assigned subject areas. Purdue University might stress input cataloging in mechanical engineering, for example, while the University of Texas might undertake Latin American collections.

- Development of cooperative microforms cataloging projects so that these important research tools could become available more quickly to library users.

- Development of an automatic search system that would make it unnecessary for a library to do additional searches for an item that was not found on the first search of the OCLC computerized catalog.

- Improvement of resource sharing in the research library community through computerization of preservation information on rare books and other scholarly materials.

(Source: **OCLC Newsletter**, June 1981.)

## BCR Receives NEH Grant

BCR has been awarded \$27,521 by the National Endowment for the Humanities to implement a one-year Regional Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Project. Although techniques for minimizing damage from disasters are developing rapidly, few librarians, curators, and archivists are familiar with them. BCR's grant project will provide the impetus for coor-

inating disaster recovery efforts in the BCR member states. The project has recruited one conservator or conservation administrator in each state and enhanced their conservation expertise by providing a two-day workshop in disaster recovery techniques and planning. They will then serve as State Disaster Resource Persons (SDRP) who in turn, will work within their states to train staff members from libraries, museums, archives, and historical associations to prepare institutional and statewide disaster plans.

Each SDRP will also serve as the key person for a state disaster recovery team, should one be needed, and will also have access to a network of other trained persons in the seven-state region who can come to each other's assistance in case of disaster. In these state activities, the SDRPs will be assisted by a liaison person from each state library who has been named by the state librarian in each of the BCR member states.

BCR believes this project will have the result of preventing or reducing the damage to resource materials that can be caused by floods, fires, and other disasters. In this time of dwindling funding for research resources, BCR will be able to offer a model regional program to preserve from harm some of the West's priceless sources of information that are necessary to humanistic research. (Source: **Action for Libraries**, August 1981.)

## National Library and Information Services Act Reintroduced in Senate

Senate Education Subcommittee Chair Robert Stafford (R-VT) reintroduced the National Library and Information Services Act (S. 1431) on June 25 with only minor changes from last year's S. 2859. Hearings are expected later this year. In his introductory remarks, Senator Stafford noted that this bill was virtually identical to last year's bill, which was based on recommendations of the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services. He also observed that "reintroducing the proposal should help focus the attention of the 97th Congress on the role the Federal Government should fulfill in supporting public libraries, and on the relationship of state, local, and federal

jurisdictions in meeting library objectives. These include funds, interlibrary cooperation, planning and construction, and meeting the needs of special categories of users.

"America's libraries have not kept pace with information needs and demands. Creativity and initiative are required to make better use of existing resources and to develop techniques for improved access to and sharing of information."

"Local and public libraries across the country are in deep trouble. Cost increases, fueled by inflation, have combined with budget cuts to force staff layoffs, reduced hours and fewer purchases of books, periodicals, and other materials."

The five titles of the bill provide funding for (1) interlibrary cooperation, (2) operating funds for public libraries, (3) public library construction, (4) public library programs to meet special user needs, and (5) planning and development.

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# Around the Region

## Colorado

### Pike's Peak Library District Gets Grant for Women in the Community Project

The Pike's Peak Library District in Colorado Springs was one of seven community teams selected to participate in Radcliffe College's Women in the Community project, funded by a \$250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The six other communities are Ellensburg, Washington; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Champaign, Illinois; Rocky Hill, New Jersey; Atlanta, Georgia; and Memphis, Tennessee.

Four-member teams, which include a women's studies scholar, a member of a community organization, an academic librarian, and a public librarian, are preparing programs about women to be offered in their local public libraries. The programs will focus on the project theme, "Women in the Community: Where Were They? Where Are They? Where Are They Going?" Community teams will use local library and human resources for planning, and will offer programs that are responsive to the needs of their local communities.

Members of the seven teams went to Radcliffe College in August to participate in a training program at the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America. Established at Radcliffe College in 1943, the library, now under the direction of Patricia Miller King, collects materials on women's roles and contributions to American life from 1800 to the present. It is the largest, best-known, and most comprehensive research library on women in the country and sponsors programs on topics related to its own holdings and to recent research on women's lives. The training session will include discussion of how new knowledge about women is changing the perception of history and other academic disciplines, as well as training and practice in program planning and reaching the public.

After the training session, the teams will return to their communities to plan and implement a *Support MPLA Advertisers*

series of programs to take place between February and July, 1982. A coordinator from Radcliffe will be working with the teams throughout the planning and implementation periods.

The Pike's Peak Library District team consists of Nancy E. Loe, local history librarian, Pike's Peak Library District; Christina M. Martinez, users' service librarian, University of Colorado; Marcia Westkott, assistant dean, University of Colorado; and Laura L. Partridge, executive director, Urban League of Pike's Peak.

## Kansas

### Kansas District Wins 1981 Award For Best School Media Program

Blue Valley Unified School District, Stanley, Kansas, is the top winner in the ninth annual competition recognizing U.S. school systems for achievement in providing exemplary library media programs at the elementary level.

The Kansas school district was selected over two other nominees to take the 1981 national title to the "School Library Media Program of the Year Award," sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Encyclopedia Britannica Companies. A \$5,000 cash prize accompanies the honor.

The two National Finalists, each of whom will receive separate citations for the excellence of library media programs in their elementary schools, are Pulaski County (Arkansas) Special School District and Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland.

All three school districts were nominated for the 1981 award by the sponsor's Selection Committee which reviewed applications from public and private school systems throughout the nation and conducted on-site visitation.

In announcing the award winners, D. Philip Baker, AASL president, and Ralph C. Wagner, president of Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation, noted that quality

education today requires not only the provision of a wide variety of media resources for use by students and teachers, but programs which make those resources an integral part of each student's total learning experience.

"It is apparent that in each of the winning systems the services and activities of its school library media centers are regarded as an essential part of the total instructional program. There is administrative and community commitment not only to support but to enhance and expand the media services and programs which have now become indispensable to American education," they continued.

"We recognize that AASL standards for school library media centers represent the ultimate achievement of excellence. On that basis, we heartily commend these three districts for maintaining high quality media programs in the face of shrinking school dollars and the diminishing purchasing power of existing dollars."

## Nebraska

### Four Nebraska Inmates Found Prison Group

Four inmates of the Nebraska Penal Complex are now working in a new braille-transcribing program at the prison. One member of the group completed the nine-month Library of Congress course in just three months.

The goal of the volunteer program is to transcribe books for students in grades one through twelve anywhere in the state. Originals of the transcriptions will be kept at the prison, where they can be duplicated on request.

The men recently completed a three-day seminar in repairing braille-writers. Ralph Hoffman, executive director of the Michigan Braille Transcribing Services located in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Jackson, came to Lincoln to teach the course.

A federal grant originally financed the project, but community organizations are now being asked to help keep the services free of charge for



blind individuals. (Source: NLC Overtones, July 31, 1981.)

## State Advisory Council and Library Commissioners Approve Library Systems Proposal

After more than a year and a half of debate and five draft revisions, members of the State Advisory Council on Libraries amended and approved a legislative proposal, the Nebraska Library Services Act, and recommended it to members of the Nebraska Library Commission, who unanimously endorsed the proposal.

Growing out of the Nebraska Pre-White House Conference held in March 1979, the legislative proposal provides for state financial aid for library services and for establishing a regional library service system. The plan calls for the state legislature to appropriate an amount equal to \$1.15 per capita of the state population to finance the system for 1982-83. The \$1.8 million would be divided 30 percent (\$540,000) for public library financial aids, 65 percent (\$1,170,000) for operation of the area-wide library systems, and 5 percent (\$90,000) for contracting with state resource libraries to provide interlibrary loan services.

The proposal also sets up procedures for establishing the multi-county cooperative regional library systems, establishes an 18-member council to advise the Commission on library systems development, establishes a state reference library to serve agencies of state government and the regional library systems, and creates state laws against destruction or theft of any library materials or for failing to return them with a provision that circulation records of public libraries be confidential and exempt from public record laws.

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## Nevada

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### Legislative Hotline Successful

The State Library, in cooperation with the Nevada Library Association, operated the **Hotline** information service for the public, statewide, during

the 1981 legislative session. With permission, this was the first time for operation from the Legislative Building itself. **Hotline** staff handled over 5,200 telephone calls and answered over 15,000 questions about legislative activities. This service was used heavily by the general public and state agencies. A special TTY system for service to the deaf and hearing-impaired was very well received by such persons. It was heavily used to prepare a legislative newsletter for this clientele also. This service was extremely cost-effective, providing access to important information to many who could not come to the Legislature. The workload was lifted from the legislative staff which would have had this to do in addition to their regular duties.

### Legislative Wrap-up for 1981

Pursuant to a study of libraries and other systems for storing information directed by the Legislative Commission a number of bills were passed which, taken together, form the basis for planning and development during the decade of the 80's.

SB 21 provides for regional networks of libraries for the purpose of facilitating cooperation, communication and sharing of resources among libraries. This should result in improving access to needed materials and in providing more service from regional resource centers to the localities where most users are. Greater efficiency in operations should result in lower unit costs for services provided.

SB 22 provides for local and statewide planning, improves the "climate" for supporting libraries, allows for issuance of local general obligation bonds for library construction, provides for greater accessibility to primary law and legal materials locally. These activities should result in better and more comprehensive state and local master plans. With the future in mind the development of services will meet real needs.

SB 23 provides for issuance of state general obligation bonds for construction and expansion — submitted to a vote of the people — which, if approved, would provide for grants to local governmental entities for library construction. Senate Bills 21, 22 and

23, thus considered together, form a basis for statewide long range master planning for projected five-year periods. These plans, reviewed biennially, will result in improved decision-making at state and local levels concerning allocation of resources for service.

SB 25 provides for exemption of circulation records from the definition of "public records" and restrictive disclosure in the interest of individual right to privacy. This is a most important and far-sighted piece of legislation in the interest of freedom of information for an informed and open society.

SCR 6 has resulted in enabling Nevada students in librarianship to participate in the student exchange program under the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. As a result of discussion before various legislative committees the State Library and the State Department of Education will be working together more closely to explore possibilities of greater cooperation between school and public libraries and to make improvements in training for school librarians.

The State Library, having responsibility for the Division of State, County and Municipal Archives, worked with legislators to improve both the security and physical environment for the State's archives and records. Records management retention schedules and microfilming of such documents and materials were addressed in several pieces of legislation. Interested persons from state, county and municipal governments met twice during the legislative session to set guidelines for minimum retention schedules. Nevada can now expect improved conservation and preservation of the public records, both historical and current. Assembly Bills 6 and 475, together with SB 570, make technical changes in statute (NRS) to improve management and access to the public records. SCR 54 directs that a study be made regarding the definition of public record.

The State Library budget is the vehicle for state and federal fund grants for library and information services. The Legislature addressed two major concerns. First, the state funding for library development was increased from \$50,000 to \$150,000,

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recognizing the policy of the state in fostering superior libraries. Second, \$75,000 was added for security and fire protection of the priceless contents of the State, County and Municipal Archives. These are two very cost-effective steps for the people of Nevada in long range terms.

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## South Dakota

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### “New Dakota Proposition” Petitions Out

Petitions are now being circulated to put a new version of “Dakota Proposition” on the ballot in 1982. The new version contains three changes intended to make it appear more moderate.

The larger 1980 tax base would be used instead of the 1977 tax base of the original proposal. The true valuation of property could be adjusted four percent annually for inflation as opposed to the two percent adjustment in the defeated initiative. New taxes, other than real property taxes, could be levied by local governments on a simple majority of voters in a referendum. The defeated version required a two-thirds majority of the “eligible electors.”

The proposition would still limit the real property tax to one percent of “full and true” value. Proponents estimate that the savings to taxpayers would be 40 percent or more. Other sources in the last campaign indicated the loss of revenue to local governmental units and the equivalent savings to taxpayers would vary from no change to over 60 percent from county to county.

“Dakota Proposition’s” parent, California’s Proposition 13, is now beginning to have a serious impact on library services in that state, as reported in **Library Journal** for June 1, 1981, now that the surplus in the California state treasury has been exhausted in attempts to bail out local governments. Statewide public library income in dollars adjusted for inflation has dropped 9 percent since 1978. One hundred two libraries or library branches have closed. The number of FTE employees in libraries is down by 10 percent. Many services, particularly outreach and for children, are being eliminated. These  
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cuts in library service have been accompanied by a 10 percent decrease in circulation.

The California cutbacks seem dismal enough; they are expected to grow worse. In South Dakota, where the local property tax accounts for a much larger portion of local governmental income, the cuts would have to be much more severe. Libraries could hope to gain special treatment from their supporting governmental units, but what chance would such hopes have if President Reagan is indeed successful in his budgetary efforts to return more governmental responsibility, including raising the taxes to support programs, to state and local governments? (Source: **Bookmarks**, May-June, 1981.)

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## Wyoming

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### Albany County Dedicates Library

Albany County Library dedicated their new building on Sunday, July 12. On Wednesday, July 15, they hosted an all-day humanities program with Futurist Joel Barker and science fiction writer Ed Bryant as featured speakers. (Source: **The Outrider**, July-August, 1981.)

## About You

**Ken Carpenter**, special collections librarian at the University of Nevada, Reno, since 1974, retired after nineteen years on the staff. Prior to coming to Nevada, Ken had been head of the Rare Books Department and administrative assistant to the librarian at U.C.-Berkeley. At Nevada Ken had also been assistant and associate director of the library. While there he created and operated the Black Rock Press, demonstrating and teaching classes in the art of fine printing.

**Jim Dertien** became the director of the Sioux Falls Public Library (South Dakota) on June 22. He had been director of the Bellevue Public Library (Nebraska) since July, 1975.

**Ron Swanson**, dean of technical services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been named University Librarian of Idaho State University of Pocatello. He has been at Nebraska for ten years.

**John Robson** accepted the position of director, Cochrane-Woods Library, Nebraska Wesleyan University on August 15. Welcome to the MPLA region, John!

**Lucky Waugh**, received a Nebraska Library Association Distinguished Service Membership from the Northern Library Network Advisory Council. In making the award, Dr. Jerry Rakov said, “How lucky we have been to know and to have been associated with Lucky! With her quiet but forceful personality, in her unassuming but not diffident manner, she has reached out and guided us, resulting in the exertion of the best that is in us.”

**Cindy L. Brennan**, formerly public service librarian at Seattle Public Library, has accepted the position of resource coordinator for the Three Rivers Regional Library Service System, New Castle, Colorado. Her responsibilities will include interlibrary loan, data base searches, and OCLC cataloging for the network of 37 academic, public, school, and special libraries.

**John and Jane Olsgaard** resigned their positions at the University of South Dakota in June, he as documents librarian and archivist at the I.D. Weeks Library, and she as serials/public services librarian at the Lommen Health Sciences Library. John is going to the University of Illinois to work on his Ph.D., and Jane is looking for employment to put him through.

**Colleen Smith** has been appointed city librarian at the Huron Public Library, where she had previously worked as an aide and children’s librarian since 1976. She obtained her MLS at the University of Minnesota in 1980.

**Tom Pearson**, former head librarian at the Joliet (Illinois) Correction Institute, assumed the directorship of the Vermillion Public Library (South Dakota) in May. He earned his



M.S.L.S. at the University of Illinois in 1979. Welcome to the MPLA region!

**Dan Siebersma** replaced **Paul Knoblich** as the director of the Campbell County Library System on June 15. Paul accepted a library post in Susanville, Calif.

**Virginia Boucher**, head of Interlibrary Cooperation at the University of Colorado, Boulder, received the Esther Snyder Citation created by the Colorado Interlibrary Loan Committee to recognize "significant contributions to expanding the usefulness of library resources in the region through imaginative and dedicated service in interlibrary loan activities." Virginia served on the committee that recently revised the National Interlibrary Loan Code, was the author of the Colorado Library Network Plan, chair of the ALA RASD interlibrary loan committee, and served on the Colorado ad hoc interlibrary loan committee. She has also edited **Just B'TWX Us** and conducted ILL workshops in several other states.

**Evelyn S. Brewster** has been named Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Denver Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management for 1981-82.

**Debra Davis** has resigned as head of the Information Retrieval Services Department of BCR. She will be undertaking a marketing position with Source Library Services after two and a half years tenure at BCR.

## Continuing Education

Date: November 15-18, 1981

Title: Conserving and Preserving Library Materials

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois

Location: Illini Union, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

Cost: \$195 for fees, breaks and a copy of Proceedings; \$208 for opening banquet and above items.

Description: The Twenty-Seventh Annual Allerton Park Institute,

this program is intended for library personnel involved with the conserving and preserving of library materials and for administrative personnel responsible for the budgeting of funds for these purposes. It will provide a comprehensive overview of the latest conservation and preservation philosophies, methods, practices, and technologies.

Contact: Mary Bussert, Program Secretary, 116 Illini Hall, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 725 S. Wright Street, Champaign, IL 61820 or call 217-333-2882.

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**(CARL) Union List of Serials**, 4th ed., 1981, is now available in microfiche. The list contains 73,000 titles and 110,000 holdings found in the libraries participating in the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries — University of Colorado — Boulder, Colorado State University, Denver Public Library, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado, Colorado School of Mines, and the University of Colorado-Medical Library. \$10 per fiche set from Karen Walker, Penrose Library, University of Denver, 2150 E. Evans Ave., Denver, CO 80208.

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**Online Bibliographic Searching: A Learning Manual** by Dr. Ching-Chih

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