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National Library Issues for the Eighties

—Toni Carbo Bearman

Today I want to talk to you about some fairly serious issues and tell you a little bit about my views on these issues. I want to emphasize that all of my comments reflect only my personal views, not necessarily those of the Commission or the U. S. Government. I enjoyed putting together this paper for you today, because I frequently talk on one aspect, such as educational concerns, information policy questions, but to be able to pull back and look at the broad national issues for the decade was really an interesting challenge. I find that I group the issues into five major areas.

Economics

The first of these I feel are economic issues. I am delighted to see in this state that there are many libraries that are not facing the severe budget cuts that many of the libraries across the country are facing. However, almost all of us are coping with tighter budgets, and trying to make the very best use of the resources that we have, through increased sharing of resources and improved use of technologies. And I think certainly this is an issue that is going to stay with us. How do we cope with these tighter and tighter budgets? One of the major ways to do this is through resource sharing and through networking.

A second economic issue area is alternative sources of funding. I think this certainly is another critical area for all of us in libraries



This is the keynote address given by Dr. Toni Carbo Bearman, executive director, National Commission on Library and Information Science, at the Joint MPLA/ULA Conference in Salt Lake City, May 1982.

today. What are some of the alternative sources of funding? How can we go about getting them? One area I certainly think is increased public-private cooperation. This is something that we all have been doing over the years, working with the private sector both for-profit and not-for-profit, but I think we need to look further to see how we can work together even more. In addition to direct financial support from the for-profit and not-for-profit sector, what are some of the other sources

of funding or contributions that these groups can make to libraries? Well, certainly we are seeing them already. The loan of personnel, two hours a week of an accountant or a bookkeeper can be very, very valuable. Skills such as public relations, which many of us don't have as extensive skills as we would like. To be able to get a marketing or public relations person from a firm to help us promote our library's activities and programs is a tremendous asset.

A second area under the alternative sources of funding is increased volunteerism. I heard John Berry speak recently, and he said it is time we re-think this whole concept because for years several librarians

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New Look for Newsletter

You may have wondered about the new look of the August newsletter—blue ink on newsprint. Since newsprint costs half what the other paper costs, we thought we'd try it for the August issue.

The issue looked good, and so we have decided to make the change permanent. We hope you like it. The money we save can be used for other MPLA programs and services to members.

Since the paper is softer, it may not take the beating the mails sometimes give it. If you have any problem with yours arriving chewed up, let us know.



always easy for us to make our voice heard. This is a chance for our region to express its concerns. I urge all state associations and libraries to contribute to this fund to send our delegate to Washington.

--Dorothy Middleton

From Your President. . .

I have just returned from our first major board meeting in Denver and it was most interesting and exciting.

The most exciting part was all the good information about the upcoming Conference in Wichita April 6-9. No less than three pre-conference workshops are being planned, one for system consultants, one on microcomputers, and one on conservation. Most of the programs and speakers are confirmed or nearly so. And since there is virtually unlimited exhibit space, the exhibits should be well worth attending just for themselves.

The board wished to investigate further the possibility of holding a joint conference with one of the member states in 1985. So all MPLA members out there, have you overlooked a great conference site? Or is there a favorite place you would like to return to? Make your wishes known to either me or your state representative, and let's find a site for another great conference.

One of MPLA's functions is to be concerned with regional issues. Intellectual Freedom Chairman Heather McQuarie brought to the board's attention that the Minot, North Dakota School Board had voted to remove **Newsweek** magazine from the classroom. The reason stated was that the magazine

is "too liberal." The Board has since rescinded their decision, but everyone in the knowledge and information business must be concerned with every attempt to restrict information. The Intellectual Freedom Committee is fairly new to MPLA, and so is working on guidelines for MPLA's position on censorship and freedom of information issues. If you have censorship questions in your state, would you want a position statement from MPLA? Let Heather McQuarie know your feelings on this.

Another interesting point that has come up because of the John Hinckley case is whether the records of what patrons read are confidential. Does anyone have the right to know what books a person checks out? At the moment, it seems that if you don't have a policy stating the confidentiality of these records, they are open. Libraries should check their state policies concerning this.

The MPLA board has voted to accept the responsibility for administering a special purpose fund to support a delegate to WHCLIST. MPLA is not obligated to contribute to the fund, but will serve as a collection point for contributions from states and individuals. It is important for MPLA states to support their area delegate. We are a large region with a small population, and it is not

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BCR On The Move

With the discontinuation of BCR's INTERLOAN service and the planned disposition of the Regional Union Catalog occurring concurrently with the expiration of BCR's five-year office lease, plans have been made to relocate BCR's Denver offices to smaller quarters. Final negotiations on a new lease have been completed, and the relocation has been scheduled for late October. The new site is approximately three miles southeast of BCR's present location and is near the junction of Colorado Boulevard and I-25. Although no saunas or tennis courts are included in the facility, BCR staff are looking forward to their new tenancy at 1777 South Bellaire. (**Action for Libraries**, Sept. 1982.)

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have felt sort of negatively toward using volunteers because they feel that volunteers take the places of professional librarians. His argument was that there are many, many things volunteers can be doing in libraries and, of course, have been doing for years. In addition to specific projects, such as repairing books or helping to renovate the building, again there is a whole range of skills that volunteers can provide to libraries—public relations, some financial services, storytelling to children, helping on senior citizens programs. My mother happens to be an angel collector, and one of the things she does for the local library is put together exhibits at Christmastime of her angels. So that apparently is something volunteers can do, draw upon their own interests and expertise. And of course volunteers have been very active over the years in our literacy programs, which I think are vital to helping us eradicate illiteracy.

A third major area is additional funding. Of course, we have to make the most of what we have and see how we can get volunteers to help us, but we need additional sources of funding for our budgets. One problem we have had is that when people look at the cuts many libraries have taken, they say, "Oh, eight percent, ten percent, that's not really so bad." But I say, "Yes, it is." If you look at those cuts cumulatively, they are major cuts, and they are in many cases much larger than other services within the community have taken. Also, when we look at our increased costs, such as journal subscriptions, personnel, new equipment, computer services, etc., the costs have risen much more rapidly than our budgets. By taking a careful look at what has happened in the past to our budgets, we can make very strong arguments for additional funding. And I feel that all must continue the battle for funding at all levels, certainly from our own community support whether it's our local library community or our university or whatever. And strange as it may seem to hear from a federal employee, I think we need to very actively keep up the fight for increased federal funding for our libraries, for LSCA programs, funding under ESCA and HEA also.

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Education

The second major issue area is the educational issues area. One of the areas I think we need to look at very closely is the curricula within our library schools. Our field is changing probably more rapidly than almost any other field, and I think we should re-examine how we are educating and training the professionals in our field. Are we preparing them adequately for the jobs of the eighties and nineties? Many of the faculty of our library schools have been there for several years. Are their skills as up to date as they ought to be? What are we doing to help them get the kinds of continuing education that they need?

And just what skills do we need? That's a very tricky question. I know that the Department of Education has just recently issued a request for proposals in this area to try to determine what these skills are. This afternoon I am going down to Santa Barbara for a meeting there with people from some of the library schools and the employers, especially in the information field, to talk about what skills are needed and how we can better prepare our graduates for the jobs that are available now and coming up in the future. Do our graduates have the foundations in business skills, in management, planning, finances, and marketing that they need? And, if they do, why are so many librarians going to get MBAs? Perhaps we need to strengthen the business component of our library schools or encourage library school students to take courses within the business schools at their universities or at neighboring ones.

A second area in the education area is equipment and technology. Do we really have the computer facilities and the audiovisual equipment that we need in our library schools? Are the faculty up-to-date in using and teaching the use of these new technologies? Do library schools have sufficient budgets to allow all students to get hands-on experience searching computer files? That time costs a lot of money, and I know that many libraries even at the educational reduced rates available from many of the vendors just don't have enough money to provide more than an hour or two for each of their students, and that may not be adequate.

In addition, how about the people using our libraries. If we have trouble keeping up, imagine someone who hasn't been in the library for two years walking into the library and trying to use the current facilities—online catalogs, some of the other services available. We need to provide continuing education to our users, certainly.

And I think we need increased cooperation between educators and employers. We need to increase the contacts. This meeting in Santa Barbara, I think, is an excellent beginning, but I think we can do that at the local level. Each library school should have very close contact with the practicing librarians in the field, and the potential employers, who may well not be librarians, but who may be the industrial firms in the area who are looking for information resources managers or some of these fancy new titles for librarians. Do these employers find certain areas lacking within the backgrounds of the students coming out of library schools? I think it's also critical that all of us librarians must realize that we are library educators. I think we forget that. But every time we have a new staff person or train someone in the use of a new service, we are indeed being library educators.

Social Issues

The third major issues area is social issues. Certainly under this come the major population shifts taking place in this country right now. I don't have to tell you about the shift from the snowbelt to the sunbelt, the increasing number of people in rural areas, the many more senior citizens, and many fewer young children and students. I think that we need to identify the special needs of these groups.

Two areas that the commission is looking very closely at in the near future are the special needs of senior citizens and how we can make the best use of technology to deliver information to people in rural areas. The commission is working with the Congressional Research Service to put on a workshop later this month for Congress and members of the staffs of Congress to bring them up-to-date with what's happening in technology in agriculture. And in July we will be putting on a full day at the World

Future Society conference in Washington right after ALA which will first of all have joint congressional hearings to find out from the citizens of the country what are the needs of people living in rural areas. And then we are also doing a model information center that will combine the newest technology with the comfortable atmosphere of a small local library.

We also, of course, are changing ethnic population. The increasing numbers of different ethnic groups, for example. Ten years ago we didn't have that many Vietnamese citizens in this country. We certainly do now. The changing groups among the Spanish-speaking people. There are four or five different groups of Spanish-speaking peoples in many parts of this country. And we need to identify the special needs of these ethnic groups to see how we can better service those.

A third area is continuing education, certainly nothing new to any of us, but with the rapid changes in our field we all need to be keeping up with what's happening. And I think once again that we need to take a look at the faculty, and each faculty member needs to re-examine his or

her own background and skills to see what he or she needs to go on to continue to teach in this field.

And how about those of us who are out practicing in the field? Are we getting the kind of continuing education we need? I think many of us are certainly doing the best we can by the workshops, going to professional meetings, and doing what we can, but it is very costly, and many people don't have the travel budgets or the time to go to these workshops.

One of our task forces, which is just completing its work in August, as a matter of fact, has been looking at the special needs of cultural minorities. And we are anxiously awaiting their recommendations. This is a task force that grew directly out of the first White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Another major social issue is the illiteracy problem. I know this happens to be a personal hobby horse of mine, but I think it is one of the major forms of censorship we have in this country, unintentional. In an address by the former chairman of the Association of American Publishers, Leo Albert, he referred to illiteracy

as the cruelest form of censorship. I have been amazed by how many million adults cannot read and write in this country. In Baltimore, I believe, there are 250,000. This is a major problem that all of us have to take more seriously and see what we can do in libraries to help eradicate this difficulty. I am very pleased that the American Library Association has put together a literacy coalition which the commission is actively participating in. Also, at our request, Barbara Bush, the wife of the vice-president, has been visiting libraries to encourage volunteers to work in literacy programs. She has taken literacy on as the theme for her term as second lady of the country. And I am sure many of you are familiar with the programs in many of our community college and public libraries. Adults feel much more comfortable going there to learn how to read and write rather than going into schools. Libraries don't give grades. Libraries are also much more comfortable places. They don't have those little bitty chairs and desks and all those memories that must be very unpleasant for someone who made it through school and left school not

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knowing how to read and write. And this certainly, I think, should be one of the major concerns and issues for all of us in the eighties.

A fourth major social issue is, of course, censorship itself. I am very concerned about the increased attempts at censorship in our libraries and restrictions on intellectual freedom in other countries. This is an area that I personally follow very closely. I think we must continue to work to support our constitution and to make sure that these freedoms are not abridged. I think related to this is an important need to protect individual privacy. We have so much information available about people in our computer files, and we have to insure that that privacy is carefully protected.

Technological Issues

The fourth major issue area I call technological issues, for want of a better phrase. I think what is important for us in the eighties is to take leadership over technology. I seem to go to meeting after meeting where we talk about the impact of technology on libraries as though technology is the active force and the libraries are passively sitting back there, and that's wrong. Technology is just one more series of tools that we have available to help us do our jobs better.

I think of the people who went to library school not all that many years ago and learned library hand. Of course that was the careful penmanship used to write out catalog cards. And I can imagine how they must have felt when along came the typewriter, and as a new technology was invading their turf. I am glad we don't have to write out catalog cards by hand. I'm glad we don't have to type them and photocopy them, and I am delighted that we have online catalogs in many libraries now. I think it's the attitude that we must take towards technology, that it is something there for us to use to do our jobs better. And it frees us from tasks that have been somewhat tedious all along anyway, allowing us to have more time to spend on public service and increasing and improving the services we make available to our users.

Related to this, of course, is the need to keep abreast of the technology. That's just about impossible. No matter how much one

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reads, one finds it just about impossible to keep up completely with what's happening. But it certainly is important to try, and I find that in addition to reading the library information journals, it's critical to read **Business Week**, **The Wall Street Journal** and some of the other business oriented publications, because that is often where you find out about some of the new developments.

I also think it's critical to read what your users are reading. And many of our users, the members of Congress and the administration are reading exactly those publications. And I think that's true in many of the libraries around the country, of course. I think also we need to make better use of technology to deliver information to people who don't have ready access to it, those in rural, remote areas, homebound people, handicapped people. This is certainly an area that we will see increasing emphasis on in the eighties as we start to try to reach those people who have not been adequately served by libraries before.

A final point in the technological issues area is that we must insure that technology does not further widen the gap between the information rich and the information poor. There already is a very large gap. We want to make sure that those who can afford to buy these systems and who have the education and skills to use them do not have even more advantages over those who do not have the funds and the skills to be able to use these services. And that, of course, is where libraries come in. For years libraries have provided magazines, newspapers, books, to those who could not afford to buy them. And this is just a new series of services and products that we have to continue to make sure are available to all the citizens of the country.

International Issues

The fifth major issues area is what I call international issues. These are so complex and so diverse that they really require a separate paper and a separate presentation. Of the fifty articles and reports that I have written, probably a quarter of those relate to international information issues, so I can refer you to my bibliography. But I think that we are becoming increasingly aware of the fact that our library-information ser-

vices do not stop at our state boundaries and certainly not at our national ones.

One of the areas we are looking at is the possibility of developing a North American information policy, so that we don't have three separate ones for Mexico, Canada, and the United States. The transborder data flow concerns are really of interest and importance to all of us. Many countries are restricting the flow of information outside their countries. They have decided that information is either a commodity or a resource, and they are taxing it, so that you pay an import duty on information products produced outside that country. A couple of weeks ago I got a call from a for-profit company in the United States and this man said, "Help. We have just been told that we can't send out computer tapes to our subscribers in Eastern Europe because they are considered high technology." And this had nothing to do with the fact that this was all published material, references at the ends of articles. They were told they could send their printed journals containing exactly the same information, but not their computer tapes.

One concern I have is that people within the government are making very important library-information policy decisions without the understanding or the expertise of our field. And it certainly is important that the commission take a strong role in that area, which we are doing, but also that all of you be aware of that so that you know to talk to your own elected representatives and express your concerns to them about these important international issues.

Another concern very commonly expressed in congress those days is about reciprocity. Are we giving away much more information than we are getting back from other countries, especially scientific, technical and medical? We are also concerned that some countries are beating us in technology and perhaps it's because it is so easy to get the information from us. Part of this is not that the other countries are restricting their information to us. There is no other country in the world that has such a good system of controlling the bibliographic information about its publications. There is no NTIS in any other country of the world. We have developed

an excellent system for that, and for years we have encouraged the free dissemination of our information. The fact that no other country has such a system makes it hard for even those people in that country to get the information. And, of course, in many cases, they are not producing anywhere near the quantity we are. The U. S. Government is the largest producer of information in the world and the largest user. There are something like six bills in Congress right now which would try to balance out the information we are getting in from other countries with the information that we are sending out. And, of course, there is a real concern that we might be sending out information that really ought to be restricted, that really relates to national security.

So these are issues that you will be hearing much more about in the next couple of months, I'm sure. In addition to all the budget concerns from Congress, you will be hearing more about the transborder data flow and reciprocity issues. And, of course, intellectual freedom.

I am sure that you all have seen the articles in the press that I do about the restrictions on the publication of information, people being arrested and put in jail for issuing newspapers, limits on free speech in certain countries. It was interesting to see what happened in Poland during the recent conflicts. The information and communication systems were stopped, and I

think it became very clear how critical information is and that who controls the information systems really have an incredible amount of power.

Well, those are some of the very broad issues. I think we need to look at these issues in the eighties. It's going to be hard to keep up with all of them, but these are certainly the major issue areas that I personally see for us to be looking at in the near future.

I think it's also important that we not lose our own perspective. It's so easy to get caught up in the great big national concerns from Washington that we forget that our mission has certainly not changed. Our mission as librarians is still to find out what our users want, how they want it, package it appropriately, and give it to them in a timely fashion. And I always like to quote the immortal Fats Waller, who really describes it very well: "Find out what he likes and how he likes it, and give it to him every day." And I think that is what we try to continue to do.

I think also when we talk about will the book survive and will technology replace libraries, and is the public library dead, and all that business, my answer to most of these is "No, no, no." I think that we must not forget that libraries play many other roles in addition to providing answers to questions. We certainly serve as what Daniel Boorstin calls "the fortresses of knowledge," the storehouses of all of the intellec-

tual achievements of our culture. And people go there to get answers to questions, yes, to become better educated. But they also go to libraries for a lot of other reasons that are equally important—to get in out of the rain, to browse through newspapers, to find books on gardening because they enjoy gardening, to meet attractive members of the opposite sex (or in some places of the same sex), and to get to talk to people. And I think that that is very important. There are many lonely senior citizens, for example, who go to libraries because that's the only person they are going to see and talk to that day. And we mustn't forget this broad important role we play.

Libraries are community centers, whether its the public library, the university library. That is the center in many ways for that community. And I think we do need to keep that in mind, and also that libraries are fun places to be. I really enjoyed being in the one last night in Park City. Every place I go I go into the library, because they are fun. I enjoy them. And I hope we don't lose that perspective as we look at the major national issues confronting us in the eighties.

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BCR Disaster Planning Project Completed

BCR has just completed a project training people from each state who would, in turn, train other people within their state, to plan for and cope with disaster in their library or archives. This Disaster Planning Project was proposed to and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities because of expressed need for such training, and also because such training was perceived as a high-priority need in the West by the end of the Western States Materials Conservation Project. BCR's director for this project was Karen Day.

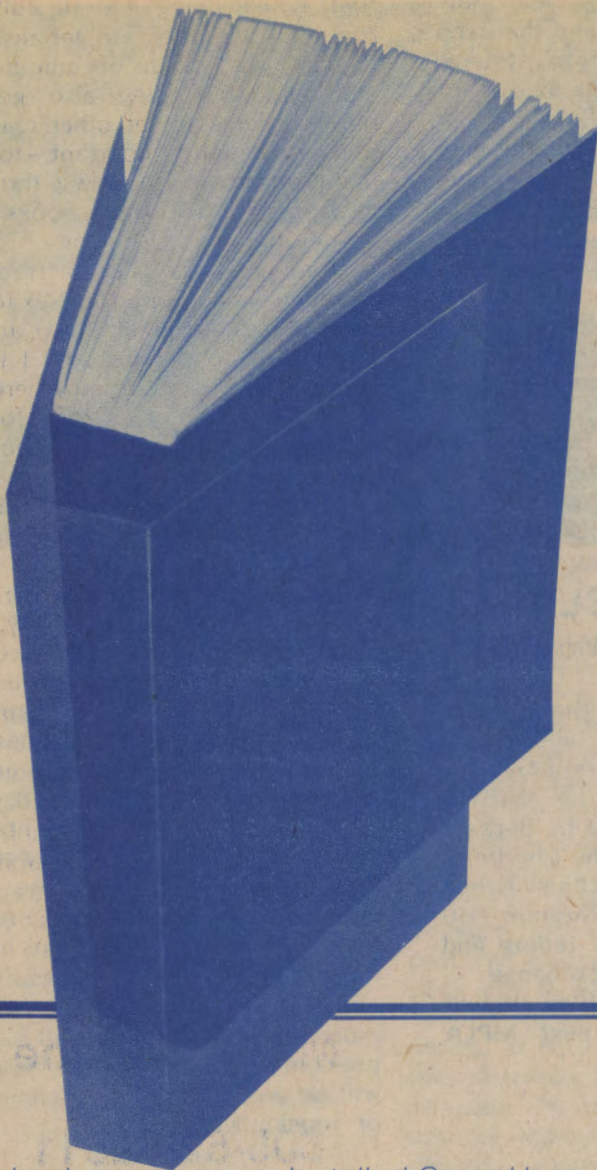
Following a training workshop held in Denver in May, 1981, the trainees, with the help of a liaison

from each State Library, held one or more training workshops in their home states through June, 1982. Wyoming, however, chose to send out an updated disaster packet to all libraries in the state instead. Approximately 380 people in the BCR states have now been trained to cope with a disaster. Iowa has completed a state disaster plan, and Colorado is completing one. Formation of a statewide disaster recovery team was completed in Iowa, and was being encouraged in Nebraska.

A number of state workshops were held within Regional Library Service Systems. A transcript of the two-day Denver training workshop has been edited and will be available for sale from BCR. In the interim before an institutional plan is finished, the edited transcript will

be most useful for those needing practical, basic understanding of how to cope with a disaster where it occurs, and how to plan for one that has not yet occurred.

The project has been important because it has increased people's awareness (1) of the need to learn the basics of prevention and planning in BCR states; (2) of their need to locate disaster services and supplies that are nearby, and (3) of the need to quickly locate others relatively nearby who can help them. The project has also generated a great deal of interest in insurance, and publication of an article on insurance will be forthcoming in **Conservation Administration News**.



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"Libraries in Reaction" will be the conference theme for the Mountain Plains Library Association/Kansas Library Association/Kansas Association of School Librarians Conference in Wichita, Kansas. John N. Berry III, editor of **Library Journal**, will be the banquet speaker and will discuss courses of action for libraries as indicated by the forces on our libraries today. Brooke Sheldon, president elect of ALA, will be the keynote speaker and bring another national viewpoint to our conference.

Among other programs planned will be David Bernstein talking about "The National Librarians' Association." Charles Hildreth, OCLC, will discuss "Use of online catalogs in Public Libraries." Ken Dowlin will present "The Electronic Library." Lynn Hellebust will discuss the "State Legislative Process: How to Lobby Your State Legislature." "Public Relations and Money Raising" will be presented by Nancy Bray. "Information Needs of Trustees" will be presented for State Library Agency Personnel, system personnel, and librarians who work with instructing public library trustees about their duties and responsibilities. Presentations from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Kansas Committee for the Humanities will be given.

Special children's and school programs will include: a panel discussing "Libraries in Reaction: Library Issues Affecting Children's Services in Public and School Libraries." A

workshop in creative theatre programming for children will feature the Sack and Act Players, a creative acting company of the Wichita Public Library, directed by Barbara and Charles Fischer. The Children's Library staff of Wichita Public Library will present "Program Potpourri: Puppetry, story telling and Program Performance Exchange."

A full and complete program will be included in the next **MPLA Newsletter**.

Pre-Conferences— Highlights

The Tri-conference next April will feature several pre-conferences. These will be held Wednesday, April 6. All will include a registration fee that will be cited in your conference mailing.

"Microcomputer Applications in Libraries" will be presented by the Bibliographical Center for Research from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Topics to be covered will include: "Purchasing a Micro-computer for Library Applications;" "An Overview of Hardware and Software Considerations;" "A Review of Some Commercially Available Library Applications Software Packages;" and "Small Group Sessions with Demonstrations of Microcomputer Applications."

A "Workshop on Conservation" will be scheduled by the KLA Committee on Preservation and Disaster Preparedness from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This workshop will include a major speaker. Then panel presentations will be made by represen-

tatives of three areas: museums, libraries, and archives or special collections. There will be presentations by three other experts on disaster planning. There will be a choice of mini sessions on "Encapsulation and Deacidification," "Photographs," "Care of Leather Bindings, Paper Mending," or "Microfilming."

On Tuesday, April 5, consultants and those who work with libraries in more than one building will have a pre-conference. A special feature will be a speaker from Menningers of Topeka, Kansas.

About Wichita

Wichita: a sparkling city, modern as tomorrow, with the flavor of the Old West and the Air Capitol of the World. From the small frontier town that drew Jesse Chisholm, "Buffalo Bill" Matthewson and Wyatt Earp, Wichita has grown into a center of commerce, culture and entertainment. Riverfront parks, fine hotels and restaurants and the state's largest shopping centers are spread across the city. Nightlife is bright with music and dance for every mood and taste from jazz to country and western. The arts flourish in Wichita. Visitors can attend live theatre year 'round, enjoy a ballet or symphony, or spend an afternoon among several fine art collections. The city also boasts two fascinating historical museums and an outstanding natural-habitat zoo.

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MPLA Executive Board Meeting Highlights

Membership Promotion

President Dorothy Middleton announced that MPLA ribbons are now available for use at state conventions. State representatives should let Joe Edelen know the number of ribbons and membership promotion packets they need for the MPLA booth at their state conventions. State representatives should also let Joe know if they will be using the MPLA display booth and schedule it with him.

Portable Display Unit

The board also approved the recommendation of Jim Diertien to purchase a new portable display unit for up to \$2,000, the amount to include funds for preparing a new display for MPLA. The new display unit is lighter and much easier to carry and ship. It will give MPLA a very professional look. The old display unit that is still in good condition is being offered for sale at a minimum bid of \$200. (See elsewhere in this newsletter a picture and bidding information if you *Support MPLA Advertisers*

would like to purchase the unit for your library or personal use.)

1983 Conference

Donna Jones reported that highlights of the joint MPLA/KLA/KASL Conference to be held in Wichita on April 6-8, 1983, include Brooke Sheldon, president-elect of ALA; bookman's and author luncheons, and programs on minicomputer applications in libraries, information needs of trustees, intellectual freedom (the Island Trees case), legislative process, online catalogs for public libraries, the electronic library with Ken Dowlin, and more.

WHCLIST Special Purpose Fund

The board approved a proposal from the Finance Committee that the association administer a special purpose fund for WHCLIST delegate support. The board stipulated that MPLA not contribute monies to the fund at this time. Administering the fund represents a considerable in kind donation of the executive secretary's time, and MPLA made a sizeable contribution in the recent past. The association will be responsible only to administer any money contributed to the fund, not for fund raising, at least initially. MPLA will only distribute the amount of funds donated. The money will go to help pay the expenses of the WHCLIST delegate representing the MPLA region. The present delegate is Lenore Bright of Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Intellectual Freedom

Heather McQuarie, IF Committee chair, noted that only one MPLA state has enacted confidentiality of library records legislation—Colorado. She also raised the question as to what action MPLA should take on the banning of *Newsweek* by the Minot, North Dakota Board of Education. The board requested that the IF Committee draw up a proposed policy on how censorship challenges should be handled by MPLA in member states.

Professional Development

Doug Hindmarsh, Professional Development Grants Committee chair, reported that to date eleven regular grant applications have been received and seven awarded. the

other four were for the MPLA sponsored Management Skills Institute, which was cancelled, so four grants are still available for this year. Two minigrants have been awarded. At the request of Dorothy Liegl, who attended a workshop on fund raising on an MPLA grant, the board charged the Continuing Education Committee with investigating a fundraising workshop for the MPLA region.

Voluntary Recognition

Steve Ooton, Voluntary Recognition Committee chair, indicated that the application for MPLA membership in CLENE was being sent in. The board recommended that the Wichita conference would be a good time to bring continuing education providers together to promote the voluntary recognition program. He indicated also that a possible cost recovery fee in the MPLA region may be necessary to fund the recognition system. For example, a \$3 registration fee could be charged each time a person attended an approved workshop. There may be a charge associated with screening providers also.

Future Conventions

Dorothy Middleton indicated that the association still has no commitment with anyone for a 1985 conference. Dorothy will correspond with state associations to see if any state would be interested in hosting the 1985 conference. Nevada, Jackson Hole, and Nebraska were suggested as possible sites.

The 1986 MPLA/SWLA/CLA joint conference to be held in the Denver area was discussed. Proposals have been received from the Fairmont and Marriott hotels in Denver, Stauffer Inn at Denver airport, Steamboat Springs, and Vail Village. Vail Village offers the lowest room rates. The board voted to recommend to SWLA and CLA that the conference be held at Vail Village.

Country School Legacy Project

Joe Edelen reported that the Country School Legacy Project concluded in August. NEH considers this one of their most successful projects. Andrew Gulliford, project director, is having 5,000 more booklets printed and has recently accepted a commission to write a book on the country school in America. MPLA has received na-

tional recognition from its sponsorship of this project.

MPLA/SWLA Merger

Joe Edelen reported that he had met with the SWLA Executive Board at ALA. Bob Clark of SWLA had previously indicated that SWLA was interested in merging with MPLA. However, some other members of their board were not in favor of the proposal. MPLA has little to gain from such a merger since we are a much stronger organization.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on December 17, 1982, in Denver.



MPLA To Sell Retired Display Unit

Pictured above is a four-year old display unit originally purchased for about \$500. Bids are now being accepted up until November 15 (minimum accepted: \$200). Send bids to MPLA Executive Secretary, Joe Edelen, I. D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.

Display includes basic unit of six 15" x 48" hinged fabric covered panels, red on one side, tan the other. Fabric covering accepts Velcro fasteners. Two upright shelf poles, two shelf brackets, one shelf, one sign holder (slightly damaged) and one lighting bracket for three bulbs. Comes with reinforced shipping container. Weighs about 46 pounds.

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MPLA Seeking Nominee For 1983 Allie Beth Martin Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1983 Allie Beth Martin Award, sponsored by the Public Library Association, a division of ALA.

The Award of \$2,000 and a citation are presented to a public librarian who, in a public library setting, has demonstrated an extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books or other library materials and has exhibited a distinguished ability to share that knowledge.

The award is named in honor of the late American Library Association President and Tulsa City-County Library director, Allie Beth Martin, who died in 1976. The Award is donated by the Baker and Taylor Company and will be presented at the 1983 ALA Annual Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

MPLA would like to sponsor a candidate for this award. If you know of a librarian that would be eligible for this award, please request nomination forms from:

Hailie Gunn,
Elko County Library,
720 Court Street,
Elko, Nevada 89801.

RLIN Update

With response time back to normal now that the RLIN system is operating on its own dedicated processor, user activity on the RLIN system has reached all time highs. The nightly deferred queue of records added or modified each day has hit more than 14,000 records, compared to an average of 8,000 records prior to the implementation of RLIN II last September. Cataloging backlogs are disappearing and use of the RLIN acquisitions subsystem has increased, with more than 10,000 units ordered in the month of June.

A new RLIN price schedule will go into effect on September 1, 1982. Rates for derivative cataloging will increase from \$2.05 to \$2.39 per title, while card charges will drop from \$.044 to \$.036 per card. Monthly communications charges will rise to \$231 per terminal, reflecting increases in telephone company rates, and the charge for search-only access will increase to \$60.00/hour.

All charges can be reduced by 8% through a prepayment discount.

One of the most interesting aspects of the new rate schedule is the institution of a small charge based on actual system resource consumption. Resource consumption is measured in CPU seconds, and the new rates include a charge of \$.067 per CPU second. The new charge is minimal, and will not have much effect on most users' costs, but will make it possible for RLG to determine how libraries are using the system for future charging decisions, and to help libraries to evaluate their procedures and use the system more efficiently. (Classonline, August 1982.)

Library Research Competition Announced

The ALA Library Research Round Table has announced its 1983 Research Competition and the 1983 Research Forums. Both are seeking papers reporting research, but only the Competition involves a prize.

In the Research Competition, a prize of \$500 will be awarded the winning paper, which will be presented by the author at a LRRT meeting during the 1983 ALA Annual Conference in Los Angeles. Deadline for submission is February 1, 1983. For guidelines or additional information write Robert Williams, College of Librarianship, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208 or phone 803-777-2324.

Each of the Research Forums at the ALA Conference focuses on a topic of current interest and will consist of the presentation of two or three papers followed by a discussion period. Completed or nearly completed projects will receive priority. Please send a notice of intent accompanied by a proposal of no more than three pages no later than December 15, 1982, to Marty Hale, School of Library & Information Management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0081 or phone 213-743-2548.

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Lenore Bright Reports on WHCLIST

The 1982 ALA Convention in Philadelphia was a highlight for those of us who have been involved in followup activities after the White House Conference. The theme of the conference, Public Awareness, was a direct response to the White House Conference resolution A-6. Betty Stone, outgoing president of ALA, did a marvelous job of developing a two-pronged theme aimed at both increasing public awareness of library services and raising awareness among librarians as the first step in overcoming difficult financial times.

One of the awareness programs was the adoption of a national library symbol, also a part of resolution A-6. And Bill Asp and Lenore Bright of WHCLIST were appointed to serve on an *ad hoc* national implementation committee to begin the promotion program for the symbol. The U.S. Postal Service honored the convention by unveiling a commemorative stamp in honor of libraries.

Of special interest was the Legislative Update Session with Eileen Cooke of the Washington Office of ALA. She brought mixed news from Washington. Library services have strong bi-partisan support but they keep getting lost in the budget shuffle. There is little time left in this election year for a final passage of funding bills or other major legislation. The FY 1983 may well begin with another continuing resolution. At least we are still in there with some funding.

Eileen urges quoting hometown stories and statistics when you write *Support MPLA Advertisers*

to your congressmen. "Statistics are money in the bank, and don't underestimate your power to use them." Since all house and a third of the senate seats are up for election this year, pay attention to candidates that are running and get commitments from them during the election campaign. She asked everyone to start planning now to bring large groups to Washington for Legislation Day next spring.

At a reception for WHCLIST members, Friends of Libraries USA, and others, we had the opportunity to meet and talk with Maggie Kuhn, the leader of the Gray Panthers, who, over 90 years young, is definitely a super library supporter. We are making her an honorary member of WHCLIST. She is an inspiration, and a perfect example of what we're all about.

The Friends of Libraries USA shared success stories from various states. We invited them to send representatives to the WHCLIST meeting in Atlanta and again urged that we support each other in every way we can. Their new president is Joan Hood, 422 W. Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801. They need more members and their newsletter is worth the money. It has good ideas for your own friends groups.

Mrs. George Bush, the wife of the vice president, spoke at the Friends' Luncheon. She has agreed to help libraries in many ways, and we all look forward to her association. By golly, maybe we've got a friend in Washington again?

The WHCLIST meeting was well attended by many members and interested guests. It was reported that we have been given an Employee Identification Number and now need an IRS status, and we'll be fully incorporated. The main item on the agenda was planning for our Atlanta meeting in September. We are inviting anyone who participated in the pre-conferences and the White House Conference to come. The meeting will be action oriented and a chance to start planning our strategies, checking our progress, etc., in support of the nation's libraries. The priorities defined by delegates in Detroit were (1) Public awareness, (2) Funding/legislation, (3) Coalition and cooperation, (4) Continuing education and lifelong learning.

We still need money. We've sur-

vived on a threadbare shoestring and every penny counts. We need your financial support as well as your input. Do you have any friends who might be interested in donating to our worthy cause? I've tapped my relatives and am considering my Christmas card list next. Is that creative financing?

Leaders from the Library of Congress, ALA, NCLIS and the National Endowment for the Humanities have all approached WHCLIST to request that we consider continuing the program, "Books That Make a Difference," originally started by the Library of Congress. The original program in which prominent people were asked what book made a difference in their lives has been completed. For the next installment, they would like to interview congressmen to find out what book made a difference in their lives. It would be an intensive national effort with two thrusts. One would be to take the information gathered and publish it and also to use public radio, TV and films. The interviewing and other activities would be ideal for getting rapport going with our representatives without asking them for money.

The other part of the program would be to develop a manual on how to put such a program together that could then be used for interviewing state legislators and eventually on down to the local level with city government, mayors, county commissioners, etc.

WHCLIST would act as the overall sponsoring organization, but an organized committee would do all the work. Delegates could participate, if they wished, at their state level. In states where delegates could not be found, other agents would be used. Funding would come from the National Endowment for the Humanities and other foundations. It is another golden opportunity for WHCLIST to be able to work on public awareness and the legislative connection with assistance from other groups.

Between helping implement the promotional plans for the new library logo and becoming involved with Books That Make a Difference, WHCLIST is suddenly very visible and has the opportunity to become more so. **Lenore Bright**, WHCLIST Delegate for Mountain Plains Region.

Around the Region

Colorado

Libraries Make Microcomputers Available for Public Use

One development in the microcomputers and libraries field has been the provision of these little wonders for public use. Many libraries with microcomputers make them available to the public. Several companies offer coin-access machines, and libraries are eagerly providing service to their users.

Denver Public Library and Computer Time Rentals recently announced the first coin-operated microcomputers in Colorado. Three systems are available for public use.

The XEROX 820, with a letter quality printer, is located at the Central Library, in Business, Science, and Technology. Software includes the Xerox Word Star and SuperCalc, and costs \$1 for 10 minutes.

The APPLE II PLUS, also with a printer, is available at the Central Library in Literature and Language

and at the Ross-Cherry Creek Library and Milwaukee. For \$1 per 15 minutes, patrons may use such programs as the Personal Finance Manager and the Apple Writer.

The ATARI 400, located in the Children's area of the Central Library and at Ross-Cherry Creek, costs 25 cents for 10 minutes. Available programs include Introduction to Programming, Hangman, and Chess.

Staff are available to provide free orientation on all three systems.

MicroTimesharing Co., 20 Carmel Avenue, Salinas, CA 93901, offers THE COMPUTER on a coin-operated basis. The equipment consists of an Apple II with 48K of memory, one disk drive, and a printer. It uses a token which the user buys from the library. The library receives a 5% royalty and a by-pass key for use of the computer by the library when not being used by patrons.

The Compuvend Table of Compuvend Computer Systems Inc., 5211 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia 19124, can provide coin, bill, or key access to micro-computers, terminals, printers, or other peripheral equipment. (**Action for Libraries**, Sept. 1982.)

University of Kansas Rededicates Expanded Library

The University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, rededicated its Watson Library, which has undergone a \$6.2 million renovation, during a week of celebration from Sept. 28 through Oct. 2.

Official rededication took place during ribbon-cutting at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1. Robert Vosper, former director of the University Libraries now residing in Los Angeles, was the speaker.

In the extensive renovation, existing space has been made more responsive to changing needs of the library. Mechanical systems were upgraded, and the building made accessible to the handicapped. Carpeting has been installed, and most furnishings refinished or replaced. These improvements have made the library a more inviting and comfortable place for everyone from incoming freshman to advanced scholar.

One of the first events of the week was a tour for prison people from Kansas Correctional Industries, Lansing, who refinished catalog cabinets, desks, and other furnishings.

A contest selected the person, who most resembles Carrie Watson, librarian from 1887 to 1921, after whom the library is named.

A book fair on Oct. 1 and 2 concluded the events of the week. About 30 dealers and publishers participated.

Other events included a mime clown, publication of a major guide to the libraries, readings from important works in the collection, a major exhibit of a day in the life of the Libraries, music, and reminiscences about the libraries by former and present staff members.

Kansas



Dodge City Opens New Library

Dodge City Public Library held its grand opening on August 15, 1982. Replacing rented quarters with 13,500 square feet on three levels, the new building has 36,000 square feet, with all public areas on the first floor, encouraging its use by physically handicapped patrons as well as other members of the library's public. The building also houses the headquarters of the Southwest Kansas Library System.

The library currently offers adult and children's services, reference,

bilingual, community information center, homebound, hospital outreach, and public programs. The collection includes 64,201 books, 243 periodicals, 1,258 reference books, 1,521 recordings, and 191 circulating art prints.

The building emphasizes Kansas stone, cedar facia, and landscaped berms to create a contemporary architectural style that reflects the quiet beauty of the surrounding Southwest Kansas environment.

Jane Hatch, director, organized a full program for the dedication and opening of this new major library in the state of Kansas. (Donna Jones, MPLA Kansas Rep.)

Nebraska

Polley Music Library

Beginning August 30, 1982, Lincoln City Libraries will offer a major new service to the community. The Polley Music Library, located on the second floor of the Bennett Martin

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Public Library, 14th & N Sts., will serve the needs of individuals whatever their interest in music—amateur or professional, academic or nonacademic, pop-rock to classical, performer or listener, record collection or hobbyist, nostalgia buff or avant-gardist, old or young.

Nearly all of the music materials may be borrowed, including books, scores, sheet music, sets of parts for chamber music, and libretti. Music magazines and reference books may be used in-house with photocopying service available also. Adult music materials from the Dewey Decimal classification 780s in the Bennett Martin Public Library's collection have been supplemented by the addition of several thousand new items purchased with income from the Polley Trust Fund. The collection also includes Mrs. Polley's personal music library and other donated materials.

Nevada

Statewide Union COM Catalog Distributed

On June 16, the first version of the Statewide Union Catalog was distributed to participating public libraries and Regional Resource Centers throughout the state. The catalog was developed through a joint contract with Washoe County Library and General Research Corporation with participation by other public libraries around the state being sponsored and funded by the Nevada State Library. The first version of the catalog included input from the Title Locator Index., Baker & Taylor tapes, Washoe County Library's CLSI tapes and 10,000 titles added at the State Library via OCR input. The catalog includes 97,409 unique titles and 144,301 holdings statements.

This is a "test" version of the catalog. Only Washoe County Libraries holdings and call numbers have been edited and verified. Holdings for all other participating libraries are being edited now and will be corrected for the next issue
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of the Catalog, which we expect to put out in January, 1983. The next edition of the catalog will contain Washoe County Library's "title dump" (i.e., approximately 60,000 records that did not convert via LC card numbers), NSL's Nevada Collection, Library Science collection, and much of the general collection, plus everything participating libraries can convert between now and then. We hope to have in excess of 200,000 unique titles and to make this edition a useful tool for quick retrospective conversion in small libraries. (*Dateline State Library*, July-Aug. 1982.)

North Dakota

Minot School Board Bans Newsweek Then Reconsiders

At its July board meeting, the Minot School Board by a 3-1 vote banned the use of **Newsweek** in the 9th and 10th grade social studies classes, preferring instead **U. S. News and World Report**. Board member Zoanne Flickinger spearheaded the banning by labeling the offending news weekly "too liberal" and "too filled with 'humanism.'" She specifically noted that some students had used the magazine as one source for a report about sex education. "They tell children oral sex is the No. 1 contraceptive," Flickinger said. The board did, however, allow the magazine to be kept in the school library, although Flickinger objected to this also.

At the August meeting of the board, two board members who had supported the ban, reversed their votes and reinstated the magazine, feeling that they had acted in haste and without fully understanding the curriculum process in the schools. Mrs. Flickinger, however, blamed pressure from the news media. Both **Newsweek** and **U.S. News** will be used in the courses for a year in an "ongoing" evaluation of the effectiveness of these two periodicals."

Flickinger suggested that since they had done this for **Newsweek** "that would mean we would go in and check all books and all

periodicals and make an assessment of how they are." "Are we going to ask the news (media) and the teachers that have been upset about all this every time we pass something?" she asked. The ACLU had offered to take the board to court on behalf of anyone who cared to challenge it.

The president of the Minot Education Association, Peggy Montgomery, filed a protest letter with the board prior to the meeting, calling on the board to reconsider its action. She called the curriculum change "a threat to academic freedom" and noted that "People who subscribe to the ultra-conservative viewpoint that Mrs. Flickinger subscribes to would consider anything that presents both viewpoints as liberal." (*The Minot Daily News*, August 27, 1982, and *Grand Forks Herald*, August 24, 1982.)

South Dakota

Sioux Falls Public Library Progress

Since Jim Dertien became City Librarian last July, a number of innovations have been initiated at the Sioux Falls Public Library. One of the first initiatives was the appearance of the first issue of a monthly staff newsletter, **The Library Group Letter**, in August.

While not losing sight of the fact that the library is a public agency providing a free service, the new regime nevertheless attempts to bring to Sioux Falls some of the insights of the recent marketing approach to library management. For example, the member of the public who enters the doors is designated a "customer" instead of a "user" or "patron" as is usual when librarians talk or write. The Sioux Falls Public Library also has joined both the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Association.

Other items aimed at improving "customer" relations include badges for library employees and a notebook for "customers" to register complaints and to receive replies. The badges consist of the

new stylized-book logo of the library encircled by the words "Sioux Falls Public Library," but the employee's name does not appear on the badge. The notebook, labeled "Speak Out, Speak Out" in large letters asks the users to express his ideas, suggestions, compliments and complaints about the library and provide for "feedback" space for the library to answer. The staff also were provided with a workshop on "Improving Customer Relations."

The Sioux Falls Public Library in the past year has made several steps into the age of electronics. The city of Sioux Falls adopted a centralized word-processing system that has met employee resistance in several quarters. The new equipment, however, has been enthusiastically adopted by the library staff. In addition to the usual letters, memos and reports, the library is using the system to prepare purchase orders, claims, and new book lists.

The first step toward a computerized circulation system began late last fall when all new acquisitions began to receive bar code labels. Applying bar code labels now will reduce the conversion problem when an automated circulation system is installed. Borrowers are now being issued new plastic borrower cards with bar-coded information to be used in the future system.

A microcomputer was acquired in September from city surplus. It was put to use for preparing monthly statistical reports and payroll. In addition, some games were prepared as a way to introduce staff to computer use. In May the library board postponed for one month a proposal to add three more microcomputers, one for library use and two for public access.

(Bookmarks, May-June 1982.)

Utah

Network Demonstration Project To Be Organized

The year-long planning effort of the BARS Committees was culminated in June with the formal

acceptance of the BARS Network Plan Proposal by the Utah State Library Board. At a 15 July meeting, the BARS Steering Committee determined that the focus of activity for the coming year should be a network demonstration project involving a relatively small number of libraries which would work to implement among themselves those networking relationships outlined in the BARS Network Plan. Librarians from each of the demonstration project libraries will constitute an Interim Network Advisory Committee. (Horsefeathers, Aug. 1982.)



State Plan Adopted

In a special board meeting held June 22, the Utah State Library Board adopted Utah's Plan for Library and Information Services. This was a momentous occasion climaxing several years of work by committee members, librarians, and citizens throughout the state of Utah. The Utah Advisory Committee on Library and Information Services, chaired by Dr. Brenda Branyan of Utah State University, has spent many hours and received much input from people throughout the state and incorporated this into the State Plan. After three drafts and many helpful suggestions, the plan was adopted in its final format by the Board following a brief discussion.

The plan has been published and was formally presented to Governor Matheson on August 5 at a reception for librarians and other interested citizens at the governor's

mansion in Salt Lake City. The governor expressed strong support for libraries in the state. The governor was also presented with a history of Emery County and a history of Huntington, Utah, to begin an ongoing contribution by the library community in the state to the library in the mansion.

Political support throughout the state will be sought in implementing the plan. It will take the combined effort and support of librarians, library trustees, media coordinators, superintendents, principals and patrons to realize this goal. With the completion of the plan, the work will start to implement the improvements in library services that have been recommended.

(Horsefeathers, June-July, 1982.)

About You

Nancy Effinger has taken over duties as director of the Teton County (Wyoming) Library. She received her MLS from the University of Denver in 1972 and was previously employed at the Teton Book Shop in Jackson.

Bob Anderl resigned his position as assistant director for Technical Services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to accept a similar position with the University of Tulsa. Bob has been a pioneer in automation for Nevada libraries. He helped create numerous computerized lists, including the Nevada Union List of Serials, the Biomedical Union List of Serials, and the Intermountain Union List of Serials (IMULS).

Judy Ellis is the new director of the Littleton (Bemis) Public Library. She was previously director of the Davenport, Iowa, Public Library for the past eleven years.

Leon Raney was elected during the recent ALA conference to represent the ALA Council on the Planning and Budget Assembly of ALA. This assembly helps other administrative bodies of ALA with program planning, evaluation, and selection of goals and reviews budget documents in the planning

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stage. Leon is the South Dakota chapter *councilor*.

Sara Parker, formerly supervisor and consultant for Regional Library Service Systems at the Colorado State Library, has accepted the position of Montana State Librarian.

Ron Rudser, audio-visual coordinator and library science instructor, is now acting director of Minot State College Memorial Library, Minot, North Dakota.

Sandy Keller is the new Converse County (Wyoming) Library director, replacing Margretta Perry. Before assuming the director position, Sandy had been employed at the Douglas Library for several years.

Patrick Muckleroy resigned his position at Central Wyoming College Library to accept a job in circulation at Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison.

Frank Swan is the new Uinta County (Wyoming) Library director

in Evanston. He was an assistant director of the Jackson County Library System. He received a BA in art and an MLS from San Jose State University.

Continuing Education

Date: Jan. 28-30, 1983

Title: **Censorship: Past, Present and Future**

Sponsor: Minnesota Coalition Against Censorship and the Department of Conferences, University of Minnesota.

Location: Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

Cost: \$50, which includes tuition, instructional materials, refreshment breaks, lunch, reception, and credit (1.4 CE units).

Description: The conference will look at those forces in society that are attempting to legislate

what we read, see and hear. Prominent national and local figures, such as Nat Hentoff, Edward Jenkinson, Judith Krug, will examine what is happening in censorship today, look at the powers making the decisions, and question what influences those powers.

Contact Donna Dacus, Program Director, Department of Conferences, 219 Nolte Center, Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612-376-2578).

Future MPLA Conferences

- 1983 MPLA/KLA/KASL Joint Conference. Holiday Inn and Century II, Wichita, April 6-9.
- 1984 MPLA/WLA Joint Conference, Cheyenne.
- 1985 Not determined.
- 1986 MPLA/SWLA/CLA Tri-Conference, Vail, Colorado.

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