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What Is Humanism?

—Leo Sandon and Michael Schuler

Humanism is under attack in America from New Right and other conservative groups. But what is "humanism," and why do conservative groups feel threatened by it? The following definition from **Research in Review**, Florida State University, September, 1982, will help librarians understand both the term and the reasons for the controversy surrounding it.

"Humanism" has become an important buzz word in conservative politics in the 1980s. The term, also seen as "secular humanism," is used disparagingly by members of the New Right and their allies among the politically mobilized religious fundamentalists. Typical of the anti-humanist rhetoric is the warning issued by Francis Schaeffer, an oft-quoted theologian who is influential in conservative Protestant circles: "Unless humanism is stopped it intends to beat to death the (Christian) base which made our culture possible." To get a handle on what the term means we suggest the following classifications of humanism: humanities humanism, Christian humanism, doctrinal humanism, and practical humanism.

Humanities Humanism

Humanities humanism historically has referred to the traditional scholarly disciplines of grammar, rhetoric, poetry and classics. More recently, with the establishment of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the humanities are



popularly understood to include "language, linguistics, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, ethics, comparative religion, and the history, criticism and theory of the arts." Humanists who comprise humanities faculties include linguists, lexicographers, historians, philosophers, critics, novelists, poets, essayists and artists.

Christian Humanism

Christian humanism is associated with the traditions of Thomas Aquinas, Erasmus and Thomas More. Contributing to the Reformation of the Christian Church in both its Protestant and Roman Catholic phases, Christian humanism denies that humanism has to be man-centered, but upholds human dignity even as it acknowledges the sovereignty of God.

Jacques Maritain (1882-1973), the Roman Catholic philosopher, represented Christian humanism while criticizing "bourgeois" humanism. The late Oxford don, C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), could also be classified as a Christian humanist. This group typically takes a positive interest in literature, history, religious studies, the social sciences and philosophy. Christian humanists are not threatened by what Walter Lippman called the "acids of modernity;" they want to think along with the best minds of their day.

Doctrinal Humanism

Doctrinal humanism is principally expressed in three documents: "A Humanist Manifesto" (1933); "Humanist Manifesto II" (1973); and "The Secular Humanist Declaration" (1980). While differing in tone and emphasis, all three documents affirm the following:

Philosophical Naturalism. The natural world is the only one we know and, consequently, it is the only one that matters. Persons should learn to live in the here-and-now, forsaking the supernatural and all hope of personal immortality.

Scientific Rationalism. Appeals to divine revelation, mystical insight and intuition must pass the bar of reason. Truth is best discovered rationally.

Anthropocentrism. Human beings possess ultimate worth. Humans are the sole source of morals and values, and the highest human achievement is always the improvement of the human condition.

Evolutionary Optimism. History demonstrates that human progress and the future will be better than the past if human beings proceed ethically and rationally.

Democratic Autonomy. No decision-making system has proved superior to democracy. Humanists should implement democratic procedures in business, politics, religion and education, with the expectation that this would enhance personal freedom and individual security.

For some individuals, these ideas have become the basis for a humanistic faith replacing traditional Judaism or Christianity. These persons are doctrinal humanists.

The "practical humanist" is the person who thinks and acts humanistically while maintaining a more conventional religious identity. The practical humanist believes in the efficacy of technology, accepts a scientific-rational approach to problem-solving, finds the theory of evolution credible, and sees the improvement of the human condition as life's most worthy goal. This same individual may attend a conventional church, accept certain moral laws as eternally valid and tell George Gallup that he or she believes in God and personal immortality. Doctrinal humanists, no longer finding humanism and traditional theism compatible, replace traditional religious identity with a humanistic surrogate religion. Practical humanists, on the other hand, live with both ideologies; sometimes in uncritical inconsistency, sometimes in uneasy tension.

Doctrinal humanists probably are not the source of threat to traditional American values that the religious right claims. Doctrinal humanists in the U.S. number about 150,000 at most and can claim few supporters in the upper echelons of business and government. Why, then, are humanist themes frequently encountered in American culture? The answer has to do with increasing secularism and pluralism in American culture. A civilization boasting electronic mass communication; seemingly omnipotent medical technicians; a scientific high priesthood and a space shuttle is a fertile breeding ground for humanism. Rational, optimistic, man-centered and naturalistic attitudes contribute to the growth of such a culture, and the culture itself

perpetuates and reinforces humanistic thinking. The attractions of traditional religious commitment are still great, however, and many persons will continue to proclaim faith in God while behaving as humanists in daily life. (Research in Review, Florida State University, Sept. 1982).

BCR Microcomputer Workshop Open for Booking

BCR is offering to interested organizations or institutions a one-day workshop, "How to Buy a Microcomputer." The workshop is designed for those who are considering purchase of a microcomputer. The focus is on what microcomputers can do for your library, tips on hardware and software, shopping for a vendor, costs and discounts, staff involvement, installation, obsolescence, etc. The workshop is not a technical, but a management seminar. The cost of the workshop is \$300 plus travel and per diem and is geared to an optimum of 30 to 40 participants.

If you are interested in booking the workshop or would like more information, write JoAn Segal, BCR, 245 Columbine, Suite 212, Denver, CO 80206.

ALA Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates

If you would like to nominate candidates for ALA Vice President/President Elect (1984-85), ALA Treasurer (1984-88) or ALA Councillor at large (1984-88), send the following information by April 1, 1983, to Lillian Gerhardt, chair, **School Library Journal**, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036:

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Present Position	Sex
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Nominee's ALA Participation (major offices, memberships and/or activities)	
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Other Pertinent Information About Nominee	
Your Name and Address	

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From your President. . .

The MPLA Board held its winter meeting at the Airport Sheraton on December 17. A major change for MPLA was announced at this meeting. Blaine Hall announced he is retiring from the position of **MPLA Newsletter** editor effective June 1.

Blaine has been the **Newsletter** editor since February, 1978, and under his editorship several very useful changes have been initiated. The format has been changed three times. The crisper booklet look that we now have was the first change. It was introduced in December, 1978. Then in August, 1982, we moved to the newsprint type paper for a greater savings in printing costs. All of these changes have resulted in the **Newsletter** costing about half as much to publish as it did some years ago.

Also during Blaine's tenure, MPLA sponsored a contest to find a new logo. The new logo was adopted at the Tahoe Conference in 1978 and first appeared on the **Newsletter** in December, 1978, and has become a familiar symbol to members. The **Newsletter** masthead has also undergone several modifications to keep it modern looking.

As editor, Blaine has worked to include both news and information about area libraries and librarians and substantial information articles *Support MPLA Advertisers*

about interesting developments in the library field.

Blaine himself has personally been the most loyal of MPLA Board members. He has never missed a Board meeting, and the **Newsletter** has come out regularly and, at least according to this faithful reader, without errors. Blaine has put in many, many hours above and beyond the call of duty, and he will be sorely missed. MPLA is a better organization for having had the services of Blaine Hall, and we thank him for his loyal service.

Another major item of information that came out of the Board meeting was the decision to hold the 1985 Conference in Las Vegas with the Nevada Library Association. With so many really top hotels in Las Vegas, we know we will have an outstanding location for the Conference. And we know from past conferences that the Nevada people contribute greatly to putting on a very interesting program. And, of course, one of Las Vegas' greatest attractions is it is an inexpensive place to hold a conference. The air fares to Las Vegas are among the lowest to any city in the region, and hotel room rates and meals are also the least anywhere.

The Las Vegas Conference marks MPLA's move back to fall conferences. There will be about an eighteen-month time between the

conference in the spring of 1984 in Cheyenne and the Las Vegas one in the fall of 1985. This plus the low cost should bring record numbers to Las Vegas for one of our biggest conferences ever.

This is my last issue of President's Notes. By the time you get this, the Wichita Conference will be over, and Donna Jones will be the new President. I would like to thank the Board members, committee chairmen, and committee members who have worked so hard this year and contributed so much to make it a good year. Being president is easy only because there are so many of you out there who willingly give of your time to make the organization work. So thanks to everyone of you, and I am sure I will enjoy being your Past President even more than I enjoyed being your President.

- Dorothy Middleton

MPLA Seeking New Editor

Have you wanted to see your name in lights, but never knew how? Have you wanted to get involved in professional associations, but nobody ever asked you? Have you wanted to find a creative outlet for your writing and editing talents but haven't found anything suitable? Are you feeling neglected because you never get any mail?

Well, opportunity is knocking at your eyeballs! Volunteer to edit the **MPLA Newsletter**.

Some writing and editorial experience would make it easier for you to get started, but you can learn on the job. (The retiring editor, Blaine Hall, will be happy to help you launch your new career). You will receive a \$100 a month stipend, become an **ex-officio** member of the MPLA Executive Board, and meet and work with and for the greatest people in the world—MPLA region librarians.

So, don't wait. Write Dorothy Middleton, MPLA president, East High School, 280 Pershing, Cheyenne, WY 82001. She would like to make the appointment by the Wichita Conference so the new editor can meet with Blaine at the conference to hand over the reins.

And the lights? Well, we can't promise you a marquee, but will your name on the masthead be enough?



Professional Development Grant Recipients Report

The 1982 Professional Development Grants recipients gave high marks to the continuing education programs they attended, and all are enthusiastic about the Professional Development Grants Program of MPLA.

James Swan, director of the Central Kansas Library System, spent two days at the University of Detroit at a conference on how to make computers work for non-profit organizations. "This was one of the best workshops I have ever attended on any subject," he reported. The manual and the instructor were "superb." The manual "contained many forms that can be adapted to help us do a feasibility study. . . I have been searching for something that would help me ask the right questions. This program did just that."

Dorothy M. Liegl, deputy state librarian in South Dakota, reports that the Grantsmanship Center program "was an intensive five days of training that provided sound principles for fundraising along with practical experience in . . . planning special events, practicing asking for money in large amounts, and developing files of contacts (also known as cultivating donors)." Dorothy was the only librarian at the conference but was so impressed with it that she has convinced MPLA to consider sponsoring a similar program for librarians in the region. You'll be hearing more about that later.

Shirley Stenseth and Sue Scribner, trustees from the Sioux Falls (South Dakota) Public Library, (Shirley is also a state library board member) attended the ALTA Workshop in Library Leadership in Minneapolis. Shirley reported the session topics to be well chosen and felt a "sense

of enthusiasm" permeating the meetings that "made it lively and enjoyable." Shirley and Sue plan to replicate the workshops for trustees throughout South Dakota. Sue felt the interaction with trustees from all over the U.S. was beneficial and also felt that "there is a certain electricity present when one is in attendance at a workshop with people of the same advocacy interests."

Donna R. Jones, director of the Colby (Kansas) Public Library attended the Public Library Association preconference at ALA in Philadelphia—Space, The Final Frontier. "The program concentrated on teaching participants how to analyze space needs, emphasizing that all public libraries should use the **Public Library Mission Statement**, the **Planning Process for Public Libraries**, and the new **Output Measures for Public Libraries**." Donna notes that they are considering repeating the workshop and highly recommends it to other public librarians.

If you haven't submitted your Professional Development Grant request yet, write to Joe Edelen or to Doug Hindmarsh, 2150 South 300 West, Suite 16, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Update

In 1982, MPLA created an Intellectual Freedom Committee, currently being chaired by Heather McQuarie, Littleton, Colorado. The committee is composed of eight members, each one representing a state of MPLA.

Being a new committee, it is still seeking direction and wants to know the needs and expectations of MPLA members. Please contact your local MPLA IFC representative if you know of a censorship or intellectual freedom case in your area. Send news clippings or jot a brief note so the IFC can know "what's happenin'." These cases will be summarized at the Wichita conference before the IFC program featuring Barbara Bernstein.

Censors are alive and well, as seen in Utah (citizen groups vs. cable T.V.), Widefield, CO (the Widefield Parents Association vs. secular humanism), and Minot, N.D. (school board vs. Newsweek), to name just a

few in 1982. Please help the MPLA IFC stay aware of any such cases, as well as any cases involving access to library records. Several MPLA states are currently attempting to pass legislation on confidentiality of library records, and they need documentation to justify its need. Nevada is the only MPLA state legally protected.

MPLA IFC members are listed below. Keep in touch with them!

Wyoming

Dan Siebersma
George Amos Memorial Library
412 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, WY 82716

South Dakota

Helen Hoyt
Rapid City Public Library
6th and Quincy
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North Dakota

Tom Jones
Veterans Memorial Library
520 Avenue A East
Bismarck, ND 58501

Nevada

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Carson City, NV 89710

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RLG Receives Carnegie Grant

The Carnegie Corporation has given RLG \$250,000 to plan a distributed environment for RLG's automated information system—RLIN. A distributed system incorporates a powerful central computer to hold central files and perform large tasks and geographically dispersed smaller computers to perform many processing and some data storage tasks, connecting with the central computer as needed.

Over the next nine months, a team headed by John Schroeder, RLG director of research, will develop the functional, operational, and technical requirements for the system. Following the study, RLG staff will recommend a specific distributed system for the board of governors.

Schroeder, commenting on the project, noted that RLG has been concentrating on providing an integrated technical processing system for cataloging and acquisitions but now needs to assess members' local needs—circulation, direct patron access, serials control, etc.

Pat Battin, president of RLG sees the project as of fundamental importance to RLG and "will be valuable to other bibliographic networks seeking to distribute their services."

The Carnegie Corporation is one of RLG's major benefactors, and the grant shows their concern for the continuing vitality of research and scholarship in our society.

Buying Association Publications Made Easier

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Mountain Plains Library Association 1983 Budget

	1982 budget	1982 actual	1983 budget
Income			
membership dues	15,500	15,107	16,000
conference income	3,000	2,755	2,500
newsletter	3,500	2,544	3,000
interest	5,000	5,269	3,209
miscellaneous	200	47	100
from cash reserves	11,235	3,999	9,286
Total Income	38,435	29,721	34,095
Expenses			
conference expense	2,500	2,695	2,500
newsletter	7,000	8,060	3,800
organization dues	85	175	85
liability insurance	75	77	90
jobline	200	217	250
telephone	100	175	200
postage	1,750	1,493	1,750
printing	2,500	2,071	6,500
secretarial	500	229	500
President's travel	1,200	548	1,200
Executive Board sections	3,400	3,332	4,000
	200	5	100
committees (general)	250	30	100
Awards Committee	500	246	500
Professional Development grants	5,000	3,168	5,000
Prof. Dev. Grants Committee	500	169	500
Pre-conference grants	2,000	976	1,500
Continuing Education Committee	2,000	841	750
Public Relations Committee	2,500	2,105	500
Special Projects Grants	1,500	-0-	-0-
Nominating Committee	—	—	120
Voluntary Recognition Service	2,000	410	1,400
Executive Secretary	2,500	2,500	2,600
miscellaneous	175	199	150
Total Expenses	38,435	29,721	34,095

acquire any publication by any association. The Center services allows libraries to set up a single account for all association publications they purchase. The Center handles all ordering, claims, problems, and issues a monthly report to the purchaser. The associations ship directly to the library.

Cluster lists, multi-association subject bibliographies on topics

such as education and energy, serve as selection tools, current awareness sources, and shopping lists. The Center maintains a stock of the publications that appear on these lists and fills the orders.

For further information contact the Center for Association Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 2410, Falls Church, VA 22042 or call 703-698-6968.

Krug Reports on Freedom to Read Foundation Efforts

During the past year the Freedom to Read Foundation has participated in two major legal victories and many other important efforts:

Without a doubt the most significant advance was the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the celebrated case of **Pico v. Island Trees (N.Y.) Union Free School District**, which involved the removal of nine books from a high school library. In a narrow 5-4 decision the Court declared that the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of speech limits the discretion of public school officials to remove books they consider offensive from school libraries.

Writing for a plurality of the Justices, Justice Brennan stated clearly: "Local school boards may not remove books from school library shelves simply because they dislike the ideas contained in those books and seek by their removal to prescribe what shall be orthodox. . ."

The Court, however, failed to offer any guidelines to school boards on the limits to their power to remove books, and the decision was badly fragmented. The Justices only sent the dispute back to a federal trial court to see if the school board members had "constitutionally valid concerns" justifying removal.

In this instance, I am happy to report, the local board threw in the towel and agreed to return the books to the library shelves without a trial. But, clearly, other legal battles still await us, as the courts wrestle with the implications of the Supreme Court ruling and seek to define the limits of "constitutionally valid concerns" restricting students' access to library materials.

During 1981 and 1982, an increasing number of states and municipalities passed legislation limiting the availability of sexually-oriented materials to minors, much of which blatantly tramples upon First Amendment rights. A common example are "minors access" laws, which typically prohibit a place of business from offering for sale to **anyone** mater-

ials deemed "harmful to minors" if minors have "access" to the place of business.

In October 1981, U.S. District Court Judge Horace T. Ward found a Georgia "minors display" law "overbroad and vague," and declared it unconstitutional. But this decision does not preclude other states from enacting similar legislation. The Foundation is currently supporting another legal challenge in Pennsylvania and considering filing suit elsewhere.

Heartening as these victories were, however, there are still no grounds for complacency. The legal situation remains in flux and gains we have won are tenuous. Moreover, the overall political and social atmosphere is still uncertain. No doubt there is little need to document again the alarming increase in censorious activity we have been experiencing. But let me share with you the words of Foundation President William D. North in his July 1982 report to the American Library Association Council on behalf of the Foundation Board of Trustees:

Never since the McCarthy era have there been so many or so vigorous attempts to monopolize the marketplace of ideas represented by schools, libraries, and media forums. Never before have the attacks on the freedom of inquiry assumed such diverse and subtle forms. Never before has the censorship mentality and ideology so frequently and effectively disguised itself in the garb of right, truth, justice, balance, and moderation.

In light of both the challenges we face and the victories we have already won, the Freedom to Read Foundation has undertaken a broadened program of affirmative action to identify and oppose efforts to monopolize the minds of Americans. We are committed to taking the offensive, to challenging the challengers of the right to read.

RLIN Authorities File Now Online

In January, the RLIN online Authority File became available for search access by RLIN users. The RLIN Authority File includes two major resource files: the Library of Congress Name Authority File (a ver-

sion of the LC Subject Heading list, current as of September, 1979), and the New York Public Library Authority File of Names and Subjects. The LC portion will be updated regularly. The RLIN file has approximately 2.3 million records.

RLIN users will be able to retrieve records from the authority file by corporate name (word and phrase), title (word and phrase), personal name, subject phrase, and LC classification. The LC file will indicate the AACR 2 version of headings, which will aid users who catalog according to the RLIN Standards for Cataloging. LC MARC Authority records include the authorized form of heading and the variant forms of headings, as well as explanatory references and notes.

Availability of search access to the Authority file is the first phase of implementation of an RLIN authority control system, which will be fully integrated with the online cataloging system. The development of this subsystem is related to the current cooperative authorities project involving WLN, RLG and the Library of Congress.

There will be no charge to shared cataloging participants for searching in the RLIN authority file until May 1983. RLG plans to evaluate the level and type of use during the first months of availability before implementing charges for use. (**Classonline**, Jan. 1983.)

RLG Introduces New ILL System

On September 1, 1982, the Research Libraries Group implemented a new interlibrary loan computer system as part of its Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN). The new ILL system replaces the RLG Message System, which members had used since 1980 to transmit loan and photocopy requests to each other at terminals in their libraries throughout the United States.

"An efficient on-line communication mechanism is absolutely essential for the RLG Shared Resources Program," said Barbara Brown, Associate Director of Program Coordination. "I am extremely pleased that we are beginning a new academic year with this critical tool in place."

The system offers two major
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features to reduce the amount of time spent by the interlibrary loan staff to process a single request. First, loan requests can be created by transfer of bibliographic data from records in the general RLIN data base of over seven million books, films, maps, recordings, musical scores, and serials records. Second, several potential lenders can be identified in the initial request; a negative response from the first automatically forwards the request to the next possible lender.

These features reduce the amount of time a researcher spends in creating a request and then waiting for the requested material. "RLG members are committed to responding to ILL requests within three days," said Joan Gotwals, Deputy Director, University of Pennsylvania Library, and chair, RLG Public Services Committee. "The new ILL system is a key component to achieving that service objective."

The ILL system uses standard RLIN software, and ILL messages are accessible by many of the same indexes used in RLIN's cataloging system: (title, author, call number, etc.). Unique indexes to support the ILL function include patron name and due date.

For each member library, detailed

statistics are tabulated monthly showing the amount of borrowing and lending activity, "fill rates," average turn-around time of response to requests, reasons why requests were not filled, etc. This information is used by RLG central staff and member libraries to monitor the network.

Days of Remembrance to be Observed

The United States observes Days of Remembrance from April 10 - 17, 1983. Each year since 1979, the President has led the nation in honoring the memory of the victims of the Holocaust in a National Civic Ceremony at the White House. Last year there also were official commemorative ceremonies in 45 states as well as numerous cities. Many libraries developed displays and programs appropriate to these solemn Days.

The U. S. Holocaust Memorial Council, a Federal agency mandated by Congress to coordinate the national commemoration and to encourage local commemorations of the Days of Remembrance, also provides a variety of materials and ser-

vices to assist librarians who wish to develop appropriate displays and programs for April 1983. We expect there will be extensive media coverage and public interest in the Days of Remembrance.

The council offers to libraries a poster, bibliographies, sample programs, sources of films, and suggested speakers from each locality.

For information write Days of Remembrance, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Suite 832, 425-13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

Call for Papers

The Emporia State University School of Library Science welcomes the submission of manuscripts for publication in the 1983 issue of **Great Plains Libraries**. Papers relating research, innovative practices, or new concepts for libraries and information services will be accepted. Papers should be double spaced and limited to 3500 words. Submit manuscripts no later than March 15, 1983, to Robert Grover, dean, School of Library Science, Emporia State University, 1200 Commercial, Emporia, KS 66801.

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March of Dimes Offers Reading Olympics to Libraries

Imaginations are boundless. And there is no better place to spark an imagination than in your library.

But how do you open a child's mind to the joy of reading? How do you get children into the library?

One way is through the March of Dimes Reading Olympics. The Reading Olympics is a program where children read books for enjoyment and, by signing up sponsors who pledge a donation for each book read, assist the March of Dimes fight against birth defects.

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is dedicated to preventing America's number one child health problem. Birth defects strike more than a quarter of a million infants each year. Nationwide, the Reading Olympics raised \$3 million last year to support the work of the March of Dimes.

In addition to teaching youngsters responsibility toward assisting those less fortunate, the Reading Olympics is a proven, effective tool in encouraging youngsters to read. Once the children discover the joy of books, they continue reading for entertainment and pleasure. That's a bonus for libraries, which always welcome new imaginations to spark.

The U.S. Jayceettes have worked with the March of Dimes to promote Reading Olympics in schools and now are encouraging more in another natural setting—the library.

Barbara Bush, wife of Vice President George Bush, as part of her efforts to improve literacy, is the national honorary chairperson of the Reading Olympics. She has commended the Jayceettes for participating in the program.

"I congratulate the U.S. Jayceettes for your efforts in support of the March of Dimes Reading Olympics," Mrs. Bush said. "The rewards to young children as well as for children yet unborn can be enormous and as enduring as life itself."

After initial meetings with librarians to discuss the program, the Jayceettes, together with the March of Dimes, will make introductory presentations to potential participants in the Reading Olympics. The Jayceettes also will handle the clerical work, help promote the pro-



Barbara Bush, wife of the Vice President, shows children in a Virginia school the joys of reading.

gram, and help present awards to Reading Olympians.

Every reader is a winner. Each participant receives a Certificate of Achievement, and gold, silver or bronze Olympic-like medals are awarded the top readers for the number of books read, not for the money they have raised.

More than half of the youngsters participating in the Reading Olympics read an average of 12 books in one month—with no arm-twisting involved. One nine-year-old in Tampa, Fla., read more than 100 books in 30 days.

Parents have recognized the benefits of the program. "It is a wonderful idea," says a mother from Monterey Park, Calif. "I have never seen my son, who is a reluctant reader, so excited about reading books."

For information about starting a program in your library, contact your local March of Dimes chapter, or write to Volunteer Services, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 1275 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York 10605.

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Around the Region

Colorado

Walk-In Access To DPL Restored

Beginning Friday, Oct. 1, walk-in access to the Denver Public Library was restored for all Colorado residents with the exception of those living in Boulder County.

One year ago the Denver Public Library closed its doors to all non-Denver residents other than those paying a daily or annual fee for walk-in service. That action was taken after state support for that service was reduced by 50 percent. A survey of individuals using the walk-in reference service before the cut-off date revealed that 35 percent of those users were non-Denver residents, although no funding support was being provided by suburban cities and counties.

A commitment of funds based on proportional use of the Denver Public Library was sought from local governments within the counties of Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Douglas and Jefferson. Those commitments were formalized Sept. 29 with the exception of Boulder County which has not made a commitment to date.

The unique funding arrangement between the state and participating local governments is only a short-term solution, according to Denver City Councilman T. J. "Ted" Hackworth, and will guarantee walk-in access for a one-year period beginning October 1. The DRCOG Library Services Task Force is continuing to work on a long-term solution, with one possible alternative being the creation of a metropolitan library district. (*Plain Speaking*, Oct. 1982.)

Kansas

Four Libraries Awarded Retrospective Conversion Grants

Four Kansas libraries have been awarded seed grants by the Kansas Library Network Board for OCLC retrospective conversion projects. These grants, totaling \$10,000, were
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awarded to the Menninger Foundation Professional Library, the Benedictine College North Campus Library, Atwood High School Library, and Hesston High School Library. These libraries were selected by the Network Board at its December 3 meeting.

These grants will allow the libraries to process on OCLC part or all of their existing collections. Because of this, these materials will be identified on the Kansas Union Catalog on Computer-output-microfiche (COM) as well as on OCLC; they will then be accessible through regular interlibrary loan channels.

The libraries were selected on the basis of uniqueness of the collection in comparison to materials already on the Kansas data base, willingness of the library to loan materials through the statewide interlibrary loan network, and the amount of potential use and value to others in the state.

The Menninger Foundation Professional Library houses what is believed to be the second largest psychiatric collection in the nation. The collection contains many volumes of historical interest donated by the Menninger family members in 1930 when the library was created for the use of clinic staff. Menninger library staff members will be utilizing an OCLC terminal at Washburn University.

Benedictine College, which has been an OCLC member since 1976, will begin processing their extensive philosophy and theology collection, which includes the complete works of the Fathers of the Church along with an exhaustive collection of St. Thomas Aquinas. Their holdings in Monasticism are unsurpassed in the United States.

Both high school libraries chosen had previously been demonstration libraries for the State of Kansas. Their collections will be the first public schools in the state to be fully converted into the OCLC format for inclusion on the Kansas Union COM. Both Hesston and Atwood high schools are now processing current acquisitions through regional system centers; both are now lending these current materials on the statewide network.

Libraries To Receive Program Funds

Ten Kansas libraries are among 30 in Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma which will benefit from a grant awarded to Manhattan's University for Man from the National Endowment for the Humanities' "Rural Libraries and the Humanities" project.

The NEH awarded more than \$85,000 to the University for Man to provide funds and training for librarians in rural communities of 10,000 population or less on three humanities topics: Women of the Plains and Mountains, Literature of the Plains and Mountains, and Heritage of the Plains and Mountains.

A previous grant allowed former project staff director Lorraine Nesmith (currently head of circulation at Hutchinson Public Library) to prepare library program packets on the three subjects. Participating libraries in Kansas are St. Marys, Oskaloosa, Ashland, Goodland, Kingman, Linwood, Neodesha, Phillipsburg, Stafford and Marysville.

Workshops to train personnel are being held this fall, and the programs should be ready for presentation in the communities next spring, according to Sue Maes, director of the University for Man. Staff members for this project are Paul G. McKenna and Jean Krahn Nickel. (Donna R. Jones, MPLA Kansas Representative)

Nebraska

Nebraska Panhandle Experiments with Toll-Free Reference Service

In July of 1981 the Panhandle Library Network and the Chadron State College Library inaugurated a toll-free reference and information service as part of the Panhandle's one-year System Demonstration. Designated the "Panhandle Reference Center," the Chadron State College Library agreed to serve as the backup source for

reference and information services to libraries throughout the Panhandle under a one-year contract. The sole academic library present in the eleven-county Panhandle area, the CSC Library was selected to operate the service by virtue of its specialized collections, well-trained professional staff, and access to computerized data bases such as the SOURCE, BRS, DIALOG and AGNET.

The toll-free service is offered through the use of a two-way WATTS line that connects the local library directly to the reference desk at the CSC Library. Those eligible to use the service include the twenty-two (out of twenty-six possible) public libraries participating in the Panhandle System Demonstration, the Lockwood Memorial Library at the West Nebraska General Hospital, Nebraska Western Community College Library, and Mail-a-Book patrons in Sioux and Banner Counties (which do not have access to public library service). Users of the service are provided with reference and information forms to assist the librarians in framing the questions passed along to the Reference Center. Individual patrons must channel their inquiries through one of the above-mentioned libraries with the exception of Mail-a-Book patrons who may call the Center directly. CSC Information Services Librarian, James Soester, has primary responsibility for seeing that the questions are handled with expediency.

The services include ready reference, bibliographic information and locations, access to computerized data bases through on-line searches, and photocopying. Requests which lead to interlibrary loaning of materials are referred to existing regional libraries unless the materials are only housed at the CSC Library in which case Chadron will loan directly. Questions which cannot be answered by the Reference Center are referred on to other appropriate sources. There is no charge to the patron for the service with exception of computer searches on specific topics. If computer searching is used to answer a routine reference question, the charge is not passed along to the

patron or library.

Local libraries in the Panhandle have had access to reference and information services through their Regional Libraries and the Nebraska Library Commission for many years. Regional Libraries have done well in promoting interlibrary loan, but their equally vital role as reference and information providers has not always been made clear to local libraries or patrons. The identification of a Panhandle Reference Center has drawn attention to reference and information services by separating the two functions. The hope is that libraries will develop an increased awareness of their roles as community information centers.

Another component of the service has been continuing education for local librarians — via telephone — concerning the reference interview, improved use of local resources, and needed acquisitions. Frequent articles on the purpose and potential of the Reference Center have been published in the monthly Panhandle Library Network newsletter. And some money-saving collection development decisions have been made on the local level due to resources being available area-wide.

Due to limited funding and the short-term nature of this project, the full potential of the service will not be realized. Ideally the service would be extended to individual residents of the Panhandle, not requiring them to access it through a library. Without state-funded library systems in Nebraska, this vision is unlikely to become a reality. The value of the project, which statistics cannot reveal, is the formalized multi-type cooperation and the increasing awareness of our collective reference and information needs in the Pan Handle. (Nancy Busch, *NLAQ*, Summer 1982)

Nevada

State Library Developing Five Year Plan

By the end of June 1983, the Nevada State Library must develop a Five Year Master Plan. A 13-member committee has been

formed to help prepare the document with Mary Dale Palsson, the new director of the UN-LV Library chair. The first meeting on August 5th was most informative. We were given a comprehensive tour, hand-outs explaining various services, an organizational chart and the results of recent surveys. A very small but dedicated staff is trying to accomplish two very large missions. One is to serve the state (the legislature, agencies, etc.), and the other is to provide statewide library services. Although their outreach program is geared toward helping public libraries, the universities and community colleges do benefit from the State Library services, and these benefits will grow in the future. For instance, the State Library has several major microfiche collections already available on ILL; it buys every newspaper in the State and is acquiring an Osborne to do automated indexing of selected papers; it is developing an automated catalog for both state and federal documents and is beginning to develop an automated catalog representing several public library holdings. Ultimately, all of that information will be available to all libraries. (University of Nevada, Las Vegas *Newsletter*, May-Aug. 1982.)

North Dakota

NDLA To Offer CE Grants To Members

The North Dakota Library Association plans to develop a continuing education grant for NDLA members. The probable \$100 grants will be given for continuing education workshops and classes. The Continuing Education Committee is presently drawing guidelines similar to those developed by MPLA. (Melody Kuehn, North Dakota MPLA Rep.)

State Library Report

Ruth Mahan, director of the North Dakota State Library, listed the following accomplishments for 1982:

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Trustee Workshop focusing on **Basic Library Management.**

The Spring Frolic was an example of cooperation between the State Library and NDLA. These meetings served as a cohesive influence for libraries for exchange of ideas between the local libraries and the State Library.

She also reported that the governor had formed a Management Task Force composed of twenty businessmen to observe state agencies, including the State Library, and give recommendations. Their recommendations included:

Establishing regional libraries in six areas.

Instituting an automated circulation system to improve inventory control.

Installing a books and materials security system.

Implementing a fee payment collection policy for overdue materials.

Discontinuing the use of temporary, part-time employees.

Selling the two library vehicles, using instead pool cars.

Discontinuing annual typewriter service contracts.

Changing the library access times.

In response to this document, the State Librarian stated:

Regionalization might be impossible due to the great pride local areas have in their own libraries.

The State Aid Bill fought for in the last legislature got local support because the effects were localized.

A regional plan would require monies in addition to the State Aid Bill.

The State Aid Bill could not be used effectively to implement such a plan. (Melody Kuehn, MPLA North Dakota Rep.)

South Dakota

MPLA Grant Supports Computer Conference

Sixty-nine South Dakota librarians recently attended an online catalog preconference—"Computer Applications to Meet the Challenges of the '80s"—that was co-funded by *Support MPLA Advertisers*

the South Dakota Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association. SDLA received a \$500 grant from MPLA to help defray the costs of the preconference.

Held in conjunction with SDLA's annual convention, the preconference consisted of a discussion, explanation, and demonstration of the Minnesota State University System's Library Automation Project—an online, patron-access union catalog for the seven Minnesota state universities. Developed at Mankato State University, this online catalog may be the one adopted by several or all the larger South Dakota libraries later in the 1980s.

The preconference was conducted by Mr. Dale Carrison, Director of the Mankato State University Library. During the three-hour long workshop, Mr. Carrison fielded many pertinent questions from an audience of academic, public, and school librarians. At one point, Mr. Carrison mentioned that the Mankato Library has public access terminals for the online catalog outside the library. He cited several in faculty departmental offices. He also noted that some faculty members use privately-owned microcomputers and modems in their homes to access the online library catalog. Many workshop attendees were intrigued by the Minnesota system's ability to do subject and term searches in addition to author, author-title, and title searching.

Utah

State Library Celebrates Silver Anniversary

On October 1, 1982, the Utah State Library celebrated its 25th anniversary by hosting over 500 guests, providing tours of the library's facilities, honoring several individuals, and featuring a special program and presentations.

Honored during the special program were Ralph D. Thomson, first State Library Board Chairman, Jesse Anderson, longest service on the State Library Board, Ivor J. Riggs,

longest continuous service as bookmobile librarian, Arlene H. Grover, years of service, and Bruce F. Wallace, years of service. Mr. Anderson was given a special braille plaque noting his service to the State Library, other honorees were given specially inscribed copies of **Utah, A Guide to the State**, by Ward J. Roylance, (1982). Special appreciation was also expressed to all volunteers who have assisted the various programs of the State Library during the previous 25 years.

During the program, Norma Matheson, wife of the Governor of Utah, remarked on the development of the State Library and noted the recent publication of the **Utah Plan for Library and Information Services**. Bruce Wallace presented two musical numbers, followed by Ralph Thomson's remarks on the beginning of the State Library in 1956 and 1957. Salt Lake City Public Library Board presented a plaque noting the contribution of the State Library and the presentation of a marble and brass digital clock desk set. (*Horsefeathers*, Oct. 1982.)

Wyoming

Humanities Council Supporting Library Programs

Libraries in Wyoming have benefited richly from grants made by the Wyoming Council for the Humanities. In the last six months, grants totaling \$39,300 were awarded to three public and one special library in Wyoming. Libraries benefiting from this largesse include Albany County Public Library, Laramie; Buffalo Bill Memorial Foundation Library, Cody; Platte County Public Library, Wheatland and Natrona County Public Library, Casper. The Albany County Public Library received \$20,000 to record, transcribe and compile Laramie Plains social history. This oral history project is devoted to interviewing and recording those persons who can provide genuine first hand recollections of the Laramie Valley area before 1920, and can provide second-hand recollections of not

more than two previous generations. The interviews will cover primarily everyday life activities. Project Director is Jennifer Stoesz, and Lisa Kinney is the Director of the Albany County Public Library.

The Buffalo Bill Memorial Foundation Library received a grant of \$14,000 for photographic preservation. Their project proposal was entitled, "Images: Lost and Found." Historic western photographs contained in the Anne Black Collection, the Charles J. Belden Collection and the Mercaldo Archives will be recorded, chemically preserved and indexed for use by historians, humanities scholars and the public. Project Director is Michael Kelly, Librarian of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Foundation Library.

The Platte County Public Library and the Natrona County Public Library will host "The American Short Story Film Series." This series of 17 films, produced by PBS, will be accompanied by a discussion between a humanities scholar and the audience. An option is available for audience members to register two credits of English through the University of Wyoming School of Extended Studies. Films and discussions will be each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Wheatland beginning January 18, 1983, and run through March 1, 1983. Films and discussions at Casper will begin on January 16, 1983, and continue thereafter on each Sunday at 2:00 p.m., until February 27, 1983. The project director for this is Professor Pat Greiner of the University of Wyoming-Casper branch. Leslie Boughton is the Director of the Platte County Library, and Frank Schepis is the Director of the Natrona County Library. The grant for the Short Story series was \$3,320.

The Natrona County Public Library also received a grant for \$1,103 for a series of Public Humanities Programs on children's literature, designed for participation by both children and adults, entitled Dream Weavers. Project Director for this series is Jeannie Ferris, Children's Librarian at Natrona County.

Finally, the Wyoming Council for the Humanities created a Library Steering Committee in an effort to

promote humanities programming in Wyoming Libraries. The Chair of this committee is Janet Meury, Powell librarian. Ms. Meury brings experience with the Kansas Steering Committee for Libraries and Humanities to Wyoming. It is hoped that the Wyoming Steering Committee will make it possible for librarians and humanities scholars to meet and consider writing statewide grants, creating humanities programs which could travel from community to community and helping smaller libraries to write humanities proposals. (Henry Yapple, MPLA Wyoming Rep.)

About You

Kathy Darcy, Wyoming State Library development officer since 1977, has resigned. Her monthly "Kathy's Column" was a regular feature in **The Outrider**. She has been active in WLA, serving as recording secretary and on the CE and Awards committees. In MPLA she has served on the Professional Development Grants Committee and the Nominating Committee of the State Library Section.

LaMar Veatch, director of the Colorado High Plains Regional Library System, has accepted a position as director of the Irving Public Library in Irving, Texas.

Larry Webber, formerly director of the Fort Collins, Colorado, Public Library, is now the Media/Technology Librarian there.

Lisa Kinney, director of the Albany County Public Library, Laramie, Wyoming, recently lost a bid for the Wyoming State House of Representatives by 63 votes. Kinney came in fifth out of a slate of eight. She has been active in MPLA over the past several years, serving as JMRT Affiliates Council Representative to ALA until this year. She received the MPLA Beginning Professional Award in 1980.

Johanna Sherrer, coordinator of Reference Services at the Michener Library, University of Northern Col-

orado, Greeley, has been appointed editor of **Colorado Libraries**, the journal of the Colorado Library Association. She will assume those duties in January, 1983. She has served as chairperson of the CLA Library Instruction Roundtable and has appeared on programs of the College and University Division of CLA.

Virginia Boucher, head, Interlibrary Cooperation, University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries, has been elected secretary of the Universal Serials & Book Exchange.

Joblist

Deadline: March 1, 1983

Position: **Director, Public Library**

Salary: \$21,000 - 23,000

Library: Park City Library, Park City, Utah.

Duties: Challenging position for creative, energetic, sociable person in Park City, population 4,000, a ski resort and mining town 30 miles east of Salt Lake City. New library located in the historic Miner's Hospital, beautifully restored and equipped with the latest security system, telecommunications, and automation. Collection of 12,000 volumes.

Qualifications: Must have interest in Western history, computer technology, flexibility, sense of humor, tolerance of large amounts of snow, and ability to deal dynamically with all phases of library development. Prefer ALA-accredited MLS and supervisory experience.

Send resume to Juli Bertagnole, chair, Park City Library Board, P.O. Box 668, Park City, Utah 84060. An equal opportunity employer.

Deadline: April 9, 1983

Job Begins: August 1, 1983

Position: **Resource Coordinator**
Library: Three Rivers Regional Library Service System, New Castle, Colorado

Salary: \$15-17,000

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Duties: Processing ILLs of 37 member libraries, database searches, OCLC ILL Subsystem, participate in management decisions, assisting member libraries.

Qualifications: Must be able to work well with small, rural libraries and with people with little supervision; MLS; reference and ILL experience desirable.

Apply with letter of application and resume to Robert W. Audretsch, System Director, Three Rivers Regional Library Service System, Box 97, New Castle, CO 81647. Interviews may be scheduled at PLA Annual Conference in Baltimore in March and MPLA conference in Wichita.

Deadline: March 15, 1983

Job Begins: June 1, 1983

Position: **Circulation Librarian/ Department Head**

Salary: \$17,000 minimum

Library: South Dakota State University Library, Brookings, South Dakota

Duties: Plan, organize, and direct circulation, reserve and book-stack services in a land-grant university library. Supervise two technicians and student assistants. Spend up to one-fourth time at the main information desk including some weekends and evenings on a rotating basis.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS and minimum of two years' relevant experience required. Second masters and supervisory experience in an academic library preferred.

Send resume, academic credentials, and three current letters of recommendation to B. J. Kim, documents librarian, South Dakota State University Library, Box 2115, Brookings, SD 57007. An AA/EEO employer.

Deadline: March 15, 1983

Job Begins: June 1, 1983

Position: **Reference Librarian/ Department Head**

Salary: \$19,500 minimum

Library: South Dakota State University Library, Brookings, South Dakota

Duties: Responsible for management of centralized reference
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department, including general information service, interlibrary loans, computerized bibliographic searching, vertical files, and reference collection development. Supervises two professionals and one technician.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS required with second masters preferred. Minimum of three years' professional experience in reference service in an academic, research, or large public library and online searching experience required. Preference will be given to candidates with an academic background in the natural sciences and with administrative experience. Library instruction experience highly desirable.

Send resume, academic credentials, and three current letters of recommendation to Gary Hudson, Acquisitions Librarian, South Dakota State University Library, Box 2115, Brookings, SD 57007. An AA/EEO employer.

Continuing Education

Date: March 23-26, 1983

First National Conference, Public Library Association

Sponsor: ALA Public Library Association

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Description: "Serving People — The Public Library Today and Tomorrow" is the theme, to be addressed by such prominent speakers as Senator Edward Kennedy, Isaac Asimov, Toni Carbo Bearman, Barbara Conroy, Brooke Sheldon, and others. Topics will include the literacy rate, unemployment, advances in automation, reduced funding, and political action groups and their impact on public libraries.

Check winter issue of **Public Libraries** for detailed information.

Date: June 2-3, 1983

Library Instruction and the New Technology: 4th Southeastern Conference on Bibliographic Instruction

Sponsor: The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Keynote Speaker: Sharon A. Hogan
Contact: Edward H. Teague, Atkins Library, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C. 28223.

Date: June 12-15, 1983

Title: 7th Annual Meeting, Canadian Health Libraries Association

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Description: The theme of the program is "Rights and Responsibilities," with Dr. Daniel LeTouze, vice-president, Canadian Hospital Association keynote speaker. There will be a panel discussion on legal and ethical issues in health information with informed speakers representing lawyers, librarians, clergy, physicians, and consumers' advocates. Other features include continuing education courses, short information sessions, book publishers' displays, and previews of patient education material. An exciting social program is also planned, including a wine and cheese reception at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and a banquet with entertainment at the Chamber of Commerce.

Contact: Marilyn Hernandez, Conference Coordinator, Dept. of Health Library, 220-880 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, R3G 0P1.

Date: July 10 - Aug. 10, 1983

Literature for Children and Adolescents: 10th Annual Study Tour

Sponsor: Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas

Description: A study tour of England, France, Belgium, Germany, Scandinavia with seminars by authorities on children's literature, visits to libraries, museums, bookstores, the International Youth Library in Munich, the Grimm Brothers' country, and the home of Hans Christian Anderson. Mrs. Donna J. Harsh, associate

professor of Education at Fort Hays State University is the instructor.

For information and costs contact Mrs. Donna J. Harsh, Dept. of Education, Fort Hays State University, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601-4099.

Date: Sept. 17-21, 1983

Title: **Information and Technology at the Crossroads**

Sponsor: Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), ALA

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Description: This is the first LITA national conference. The program will familiarize librarians, information specialists, and media people with present and future technology. Considerable time will be allotted to such topics as the human interface with technology, the fear of machines psychology, the ethics of information availability, computer-based instruction, computers and the handicapped, online catalogs, personal computing, teleconferencing, library automation, satellite communications, video and cable communications, word processing, microcomputers, online publishing, turnkey systems, information dissemination and databases, audiovisual developments, and electronic mail.

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 MPLA/NLA Joint Conference, Las Vegas.
- 1986 MPLA/SWLA/CLA Tri-Conference, Vail, Colorado.

State Affiliate Association Conferences

Colorado

Oct. 15-19, 1983

Four Seasons Motor Inn, Colorado Springs

Kansas

April 6-9, 1983, MPLA/KLA/KASL Tri-Conference, Wichita

Nebraska

October 13-14, 1983, Holiday Inn, Omaha

Nevada

Oct. 13-15, 1983, MGM Grand Hotel, Reno

North Dakota

Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 1, 1983, Ramada Inn, Jamestown

South Dakota

Sept. 22-24, 1983, Yankton

Utah

March 16-18, 1983, Joint ULA/UELMA Conference, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City

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May 11-14, 1983, Holiday Inn, Sheridan

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tions are \$18 per year from Linworth Publishing Inc., 2950 North High Street, P.O. Box 14466, Columbus, OH 43214. You can get a sample copy free.

Part-Time Work, A

Bibliography is a resource book for employers, researchers, counseling centers, and part-time employees who want information about the part-time labor force and the experiences and needs of part-time workers. Compiled by Amy Evans Levin, the bibliography is available for \$4.95 from the Association of Part-Time Professionals, P.O. Box 3419, Alexandria, VA 22302.

EBSCO Bulletin for School

Libraries/Media Centers will provide free, practical information and advice written by and for school librarians/media specialists on how to manage periodicals. The publication will begin in 1983 and continue if the quantity of articles received is satisfactory. It will publish articles on uses, problems, solutions, experiences, etc. with serials to help save time and money. Contact Jackie Beechner, **EBSCO Bulletin for School Libraries/Media Centers**, P.O. Box 1943, Birmingham, AL 35201.

Great Plains Libraries, formerly Library School Review, is published by Emporia State University School of Library Science and features reports of research and innovative services relative to libraries and information agencies in the Great Plains region. \$5 each from School of Library Science, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66891.

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Library Instruction for Librarians introduces and familiarizes both library school students and practitioners with the subject of library instruction and offers techniques on how to set up, organize, implement, manage, and evaluate a library instruction program. (\$26, Libraries Unlimited.)

Pony Express '76', by Joan H. Covey, is the story of the re-running of the Pony Express in 1976 across eleven states. This should be of interest to libraries in those states and to anyone interested in the West. (\$14 less 2% library discount. Joan H. Covey, P. O. Box 2188, Soldotna, AK 99669)

Conservation Catalog is a bibliography of monographs that have been identified as being of value for understanding materials conservation problems. Each item listed shows the holding library, and each of these libraries has agreed to loan these to members of the Western Conservation Congress. (\$7.50. William A. Knott, WCC secretary, Jefferson County Public Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215.)

AACR 2 Headings: A Five-Year Projection of Their Impact on Catalogs, by Arlene Taylor Dowell, analyzes the impact of the new headings and helps librarians decide whether to change conflicting

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A Manual for Preservation and Disaster Planning for Archives, Libraries and Museums in Nebraska by Judith Fortson-Jones focuses on the preservation of paper and microfilm and coping with damage resulting from disastrous fires, floods, tornadoes, and vandalism. (Free. Conservation Specialist, Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.)

Banned Films: Movies, Censors and the First Amendment, by Edward de Grazia and Roger K. Newman, is the story of movie censorship in the U.S. and of the nation's struggle for freedom of expression as guaranteed by the First Amendment. (\$14.95, paperback and \$24.95, hardcover. Bowker.)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Mail to: Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Executive Secretary, c/o USD Library, Vermillion, South Dakota, 57069)

Name _____ Renewal INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP. Based on total annual budget.

Position _____ New _____ \$ 25,000 and under \$10.00 per year

Library _____ _____ 25,001-\$ 49,999 20.00 per year

Address _____ _____ 50,000- 99,999 30.00 per year

_____ Phone _____ _____ 100,000- 199,000 40.00 per year

Home Address _____ _____ 200,000- 399,999 50.00 per year

_____ Phone _____ _____ 400,000 and up 100.00 per year

(Please notify MPLA of any changes in address)

_____ PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP. \$8 for salaries \$8,000 or less.
Add \$1 for each \$1,000 up to \$25.

_____ Academic _____ JMRT _____ RETIRED LIBRARIANS, STUDENTS, TRUSTEES \$ 5

_____ Technical Services _____ Children & School _____ STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP \$40

_____ State Agency _____ Public Library

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED