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MPLA WELCOMES MONTANA

Montana Joins MPLA

An excited Donna Jones, MPLA President, has just welcomed the members of the Montana Library Association to our regional library association after learning that MLA members had voted to join MPLA at their May annual conference in Billings.

And Executive Secretary Joe Edelen has been busy arranging necessary business matters with MLA President, Rita Schmidt, plus setting up several mailings to MLA members about MPLA membership benefits.

Not only will MPLA's traditional regional shape undergo a major change with the addition of the nation's fourth largest state averaging 550 miles in length and 275 miles in width, but we will be associated with the 550 member Montana Library Association.

With its MPLA affiliation MLA will probably be the only state to belong to two regional associations (it also belongs to the Pacific Northwest Library Association), so MLA members will have a choice in their membership selections.

With the addition of a ninth state MPLA members in our present eight states will have the opportunity to welcome new members with fresh perspectives, new ideas, plus similar geographic and economic environments.

The Montana Library Association

MLA will hold its 1984 conference in Helena on April 26-28, with the theme, "1984-2001: The Acts of the Present Create the Future." MLA conferences are normally held the last two weeks of April or the first two weeks of May.

Membership in MLA totals 550 and about 300 attend conferences. The association has four divisions: Public Libraries Division, Trustees and Friends Division, Academic and Special Libraries Division, and the School Media Division. The presidency is rotated among the four divisions.

MLA does not have an executive secretary though one is being considered.



Rita Schmidt
President, Montana
Library Association

The School Library Media Division holds retreats for its members during the time that the state education associations hold their conferences, which is in October. The Division plans and runs two different conferences in different parts of the state. In all the planning done in MLA, the size of Montana is a primary consideration, as it can take over eight hours to drive to a site that is in the center of the state.

Currently, some committees of MLA are very busy while others are not quite so busy. The Legislation Committee is undertaking a study of the State library laws of Montana in preparation for developing the legislative package that will be presented to the 1985 Montana Legislature (which meets every two years). The Services to Children and Youth Committee is developing storytelling kits which will be available to libraries throughout the state. The Intellectual Freedom Committee will be developing a booklet on that topic for statewide distribution. Another committee is studying the communication process in the Montana library community and is studying the PNLA report on library services that has just been released on Montana. The Continuing Education Committee will plan the workshop activities for the annual conference. And, at the same time that all these activities are underway, some major changes in the structuring of the Association are being considered. This is ob-

viously an active, productive group.

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Montana State Library

The 1982 Annual Report of the Montana State Library noted three highlights in the year's efforts:

- A new State Library facility
- A new State Librarian
- Major review of State Library programs

Pictured in this issue is a photograph of the new Justice/Montana State Library building into which the Library moved in November, 1982. The new building, housing the Supreme Court, Justice Department, State Law Library and the State Library is beautiful, functional and only two blocks from the Capitol. Ever since the State Library relocated from Missoula to Helena in 1965, it has been their goal to relocate in the Capitol Complex.

The search for a new State Librarian followed the retirement of Alma Jacobs, who had served in that post from July, 1973 to January, 1982. The Montana Library Commission named Sara Parker State Librarian. Ms. Parker, formerly Regional Supervisor, Library Service Systems Coordination at the Colorado State Library, began her duties September 1, 1982.

The Montana State Library Commission began a review of State Library programs in January, 1982. A six-member committee spent six months conducting a review. Their report contained 122 recommendations addressing the following needs:

- Clarification of service roles and relationships among State Library users
- Evaluation and planning for internal and statewide library automation
- Reviewing and revising State Library budget structures and funding levels

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From Your President . . .

Welcome Montana Library Association (MLA) members to the Mountain Plains Library Association. Rita Schmidt, President of MLA officially informed MPLA that the Montana Library Association voted to become a member of MPLA. Avis Anderson, who attended our Wichita Conference, presented the following resolution to MLA:

"WHEREAS the Mountain Plains Library Association is contiguous and has similar needs and goals of the Montana Library Association, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Library Association become a member of the Mountain Plains Library Association and accept the dues and responsibilities that accompany that membership.

Officially we now welcome Montana into our association and know that with the addition of a ninth state we are sure to gain more strength, new ideas, and new members.

Plans are progressing for the 1984 Wyoming Conference, May 2-5 in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the Hitching Post and Little America. "Humanities on the Western Horizon" is the theme. Activities will include a "Howdy" dance to Support MPLA Advertisers

and enjoy yourself with the exhibitors and your friends. The Wyoming Library Association will present "Chicago Joe vs. Calamity Jane" moderated by David Tebaldi, Executive Director, Wyoming Humanities Council at the Cheyenne Civic Center. The Laramie County Library is also planning a reception and extravaganza. Plans for additional programs are also being formulated. I encourage all of you to mark your calendars for this conference.

ALA in Los Angeles was the site of MPLA planning for the 1985 joint MPLA Convention with the Nevada Library Association. Tentative dates are September 4-8, 1985 in Las Vegas, possibly at the Riviera Hotel on the strip, with room rates of about \$45 for singles or doubles. I will let all of you know as these plans are confirmed.

MPLA exhibited our "Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier" project at the Chapter Conclave at ALA on June 28. Joe Edelen, Blaine Hall, Jerry Kaup, and I represented MPLA. We discussed the project MPLA participated in and viewed exhibits by a number of other associations.

The final financial report on the Wichita Conference is completed. MPLA received \$5,142.61 as our share of the profits. This was possi-

ble primarily because of the extra support of specific companies including Demco, 3M, the Bibliographic Center for Research, The American Companies, American Bindery, Econo-Clad, Crawford Press, and the Kansas State Department of Education. Please help us in thanking these companies for their special contributions toward a successful 1983 conference in Wichita.

MPLA Board will be meeting Monday September 12 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Part of the day will be spent jointly with the Wyoming Library Association on plans for the upcoming conference. If anyone has any special items of business for this meeting, please let me know.

—Donna Jones

Seeing Cheyenne

Preparations are well underway for "Humanities on the Western Horizon," the tentative theme for the tri-conference with MPLA, the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming Association for Educational Communications Technology. This conference will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, May 2-5, 1984. The purpose of this conference is to demonstrate the multiple ways your library can be enriched by the intellectual, financial and spiritual assistance of your state's Humanities Council. During the course of the conference, there will be numerous examples of programs and exhibits prepared by several Councils in the eight-state MPLA region. These will include grant writing workshops, traveling art and photo exhibits, screenings of such highly acclaimed films as **Hidden Places, Heartland, On the Cowboy Trail**, children's literature projects, and substantive discussion groups designed for the out-of-school adult. The conference will be highlighted by a dramatic presentation from the Wyoming Humanities Council's Chautauqua series entitled "Trouble in Eden: Jim Bridger, Mountain Man, meets Narcissa Whitman, Lady Missionary."

Plenty of fun, opportunities to visit with colleagues and time to visit the exhibits are being planned into this conference. Be sure to reserve May 2-5, 1984, for ideas, excitement and education in Cheyenne.

—H.M. Yaple

Tri-Conference Planning Responsibilities

Program Chairpersons:

Henry Yaple, Wyoming Library Association

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Wayne Johnson, Wyoming State Library

Exhibits Chairperson

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How Academic Libraries Serve Extension Students' Needs: A Professional Development Grant Report

By Jean S. Johnson

(Recipients of MPLA Professional Development Grants are required to provide an evaluation report of the program or project in which they participated. As space allows the Newsletter will reprint all or portions of those evaluations. The following is reprinted at the request of the Committee. Ms. Johnson is Associate Director of Administrative Services at the University of Wyoming's Coe Library in Laramie.)

It is very difficult to concisely evaluate a two-week trip that concerned two topics and covered six states and nine institutions. The major purpose of most of my visits, off-campus library services to students enrolled in college courses some distance from the parent institution, will be covered in the latter part of my evaluation. But first, let me describe the visits on library cooperation that were part of the initial purpose of my sabbatical leave, but later became of secondary interest, as the year from the writing of the proposal to the actual taking of the leave progressed.

The University of Wyoming is the only four-year institution in Wyoming, and the library, therefore, has a rather unique position since its clientele goes beyond the academic world and includes all state residents. Because the library does not have a large research collection, the faculty cannot always satisfy their needs on campus, or even in the state. The original purpose of my sabbatical proposal was to investigate how other institutions satisfy their patrons' needs through

cooperation. Cooperation as originally envisioned meant primarily networking. At about the same time as when I wrote my proposal, the library began to participate in the High Plains Regional Library System courier service, which is one of three that interconnect document delivery along the front range of Colorado. We felt that participation, even on a limited basis (twice a week), would help to improve inter-library loan document delivery for our faculty. Partially because there is so much material in the literature on networking and partially because of the advent of our participation in the Colorado courier, my emphasis shifted to cooperation that might not necessarily include automation and might not be formal.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

Because of the scope of their networks, I did decide to visit the Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange (MINITEX) and the Wisconsin Interlibrary Services (WILS). Both systems provide interlibrary document delivery and reference service on a statewide basis, and because the two systems are neighbors and share resources. MINITEX also has agreements with North and South Dakota and Iowa. MINITEX and WILS are independent organizations that are housed in large university libraries, the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, respectively. MINITEX also has the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS) which contains over 125,000 entries, while Wisconsin is working on a union list and has input many of its holdings into MULS. WILS provides data base searching for small public libraries.

While MINITEX and WILS are similar, the funding for the two networks is very different. MINITEX is a Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board program which is funded by the state legislature with LSCA money used to supplement public library support. MINITEX handles about 175,000 requests per year. WILS, on the other hand, is not state supported, but is governed by the Council of Wisconsin Libraries, Inc., (COWL) and is funded by annual assessments paid to COWL by WILS member libraries based upon their operating budgets. Support for the ILL/Reference program is derived from unit charges (about \$3.65

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Proposed Dues Changes

Our June issue described Executive Board action considering Finance Committee recommendations regarding dues changes. Executive Secretary Joe Edelen is contacting members with a separate mailing on this matter. Please check your June issue for details.



MONTANA
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Montana State Library (continued from page 2)

- Reviewing State Library personnel matters, including staff allocation, classification, professional development and performance evaluation

- Creating better understanding among users of the State Library's services in order to promote more public awareness

The implementation of the recommendations began in the Fall, 1982.

Scenic Montana photographs provided on pages 12 and 13 courtesy of Montana Travel Promotion Bureau.

per item) placed upon individual interlibrary loan and reference requests. WILS handles about 90,000 transactions per year.

One of the most pertinent points that I learned from my visitations to MINITEX and WILS, as well as to other institutions, was that regardless of the size and scope of a program none of the networks or institutions relied exclusively on courier service for document delivery. Depending on the individual situations and costs any number of ways might be used: commercial bus, parcel service, first class mail, and local courier.

I also visited the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which is one of the Triangle University Libraries. The other two institutions that are part of the group are Duke University, eight miles away in Durham, and North Carolina State University, 25 miles away in Raleigh. Between the three universities there are over six million volumes available to their students and faculty.

Cooperation among the libraries dates back to the 1930's and has continued through the years in various forms. The directors of the Triangle University Libraries meet about once a month to discuss com-

mon concerns. In addition, there is a cooperation committee made up of associate directors for technical and public services, chief collection development officers and systems librarians. Agreements have been made among the libraries concerning collection development. The agreements include division by language area and to a lesser degree by subject. In some cases joint purchases are made and the libraries will then determine which library will house the purchase. Some other institutions are being brought into the cooperative acquisitions program. The University of Virginia, for instance, is included in some areas. The three universities have formed the Triangle Research Library Network (TRLN), which is working on an online catalog.

One of the more interesting agreements among the libraries is the Continuing Education Consortium. It is an informal agreement among directors which sponsors speakers and other activities as well as an information exchange. Because Chapel Hill has a library school, the three libraries have such a large combined collection, and they are on the East Coast, the opportunities for well known speakers to appear in the area are much

greater than in the MPLA region.

OFF CAMPUS LIBRARY SERVICES

In addition to 10,000 students on campus, the University of Wyoming also has about 10,000 students scattered around the state enrolled primarily in undergraduate and graduate degree courses in various fields. At present the only library services that are provided for these students are what materials the instructor may transport to class or what services and materials the local community college or public library might provide. Because UW is the only four-year institution in a growing state, it has a legislative mandate to provide upper division and graduate course work in any community where there is a demand. It is expected, therefore, that the UW libraries will make a commitment to provide library services to those 10,000 students, as needed. It is also understood that the UW libraries cannot do it alone and must rely on the local libraries for assistance. The purpose of my other visits, then, was to see what other libraries are doing for off-campus students.

Because I was in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, I visited with the librarian from Metropolitan State University. Metro State is a rather

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unusual institution in that it has no real campus and no library. Courses are taught at a variety of locations in the Twin Cities area, such as libraries, schools, and education centers. It is ten years old, an upper division school, has an enrollment of 2,000, most of whom are working adults with a median age of 34, and has twenty-five permanent faculty and three hundred plus community faculty. Contracts are made with the existing libraries for services in the Twin Cities and the seven-county metropolitan area. The librarian, therefore, devotes much of her time in library instruction, making students aware of the library resources in their particular area and in the Twin Cities as a whole, as well as how to use them. More than seven million volumes are available to the students.

The University of Wisconsin has two forms of outreach. The Madison campus has a long extension history through the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX), which had its beginnings at the turn of the century. Extension included many parts: all of the county extension agents through the Agricultural Extension Service; the statewide Educational Telephone Network (ETN), which provides coursework in all counties through teleconferencing; extension courses taught both on and off the University of Wisconsin campuses; correspondence courses; and institutes, workshops, and seminars. Library services from a 33,000 volume extension library plus access to the main library were available to all of the programs mentioned. Since 1979 there have been budget cuts to the extent that the primary services today are to the county extension agents, correspondence, and continuing education.

Four of the other campuses provide another type of learning through what is called the extended degree program. Green Bay offers a bachelor of general studies degree, Platteville, a bachelor of business administration, River Falls, a bachelor of science in agriculture, and Superior offers a bachelor of arts in personal concentration.

The extended degree program involves independent study toward a bachelor's degree without a classroom setting. From anywhere in the state an upper division student, without access to a four-year cam-

pus, can work out a learning agreement or learning contract with a faculty member on one of the four campuses. Except for about four visitations on campus, the students work alone in their own communities, consulting through telephone or correspondence with the faculty member. Early in the program the students must take a two credit course (weekend) on campus entitled Adult Learning. This is the time when the library has an opportunity to provide library instruction for the students whose average age is 39. The librarian makes the students aware of local resources and what the various campuses can offer.

The University of Kentucky is another institution that is developing an off-campus program that closely involves the library. In 1979, a half-time librarian was named to work with off-campus students. It wasn't until 1982 that the position was made permanent full-time. The person now reports to the library director and acts as liaison to the dean of extension. There are about 2,000 off-campus students (some as many as two hundred miles away) enrolled in one or two courses per semester. Students are encouraged to make trips to campus for research purposes. The librarian has conducted three-hour library instruction workshops on weekends for the students.

There is an in-WATS line for students, but unfortunately the line goes into extension and not into the library. The extension librarian has developed a newsletter to keep off-campus students informed on subjects that will help them in their library work.

My visit in West Virginia was probably the most productive of any one visit that I made during my trip. I visited with the Director of Library Services for the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. COGS was established in 1972 by the legislature and further defined in 1974 to meet the graduate needs of students in the 16 counties of central and southern West Virginia. The headquarters of COGS is on the West Virginia State College campus where some of the courses are taught. However, most of the courses are taught at other locations throughout the sixteen counties, such as on college and

community college campuses. A number of courses are also taught by teleconferencing. Approximately 3,300 students take courses in sixteen degree programs in the areas of business, behavioral studies and humanities, engineering and science, and education. The average age for the students is thirty-two.

Library services have been provided for the program for five years. The collection of some 50,000 volumes is intershelved with those of West Virginia State College library (190,000 volumes). It is a shared facility in the full sense of the word with shared equipment and interscheduled staffs. COGS has its own staff of twelve full-time and several part-time librarians and support staff. One librarian is based in the Beckley College library some 70 miles away and is responsible for coordinating library instruction throughout the program area.

The library staff works very closely with the faculty in determining collection development needs. About 90 percent of the book purchases are faculty generated. Cumulative records are kept on user needs in order to identify reference and journal needs in specific locations and in the main collection.

Contracts are developed for cooperating libraries in the various locations and an in-WATS line is provided users for reference consultation, data base search requests, or general library information.

While the 9,550 square mile area served in less than half of West Virginia cannot be compared with the 97,000 square mile service area of Wyoming, parallels can be drawn. West Virginia is a very hilly and heavily wooded state with primarily two-lane roads, many of which have one-lane bridges. The time it takes to travel 50 miles in many areas of West Virginia may take as long as it takes to travel a hundred miles in Wyoming. It snows in West Virginia and bad weather can be a problem for students, faculty, and librarians, as it is in Wyoming.

One of my most burning questions that I asked during almost every visit was how the copyright issue was handled when photocopying was done for off-campus students. In every case the librarian felt that the fair use standard could be applied by the library.

The last two visits on my trip were
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not as easily identifiable with my purpose, but were informative. Since I was in Chapel Hill, I found it very convenient to visit the Acting Director of Continuing Education at Duke. The North Carolina Humanities Committee gives grants throughout the state for various purposes. A recent grant was awarded to the Duke Continuing Education Department and several rural libraries in order to present eight-week courses primarily in literature, philosophy, and religion in counties which had not previously received humanities grants. Scholars have been invited to teach the continuing education courses. Supplementary money has been made available to the libraries in order to purchase needed books and rent films for the courses. The grant proposal was envisioned as a means of involving the local community, as well as the library, in planning courses for the people.

Finally, I met with two gentlemen from continuing education at the University of Virginia. It did not take long, during our discussion, to learn that off-campus students in Virginia do not have the resources and distance problems that they have in Wyoming. However, the men were very helpful in giving me advice on some potential grant sources and how to utilize some existing networks in Wyoming.

While much of what I learned on my trip could probably have been accomplished over the phone, for me it was more beneficial to sit face-to-face with a person and discuss a subject. In many instances, I sent a list of questions to the individual in advance of our meeting. I also found it helpful to talk with a person on his or her home turf, rather than at a meeting or on the phone. Having the opportunity to actually see how other libraries operate was also valuable.

Additional Professional Development Grant Reports

Like previous recipients four more librarians let us know through their evaluations that the continuing education programs they attended proved very informative and useful.

Cindy Brennan, Resource Coordinator for the Three Rivers Regional Library System, attended the American Library Association convention in Philadelphia seeking *Support MPLA Advertisers*

information on interlibrary loan and multi-type cooperation. She attended several RASD interlibrary loan committee meetings, heard David Remington of the Catalog Distribution Service at the Library of Congress give a provocative presentation on the possibilities that optical digital storage of image data can present for resource sharing, and learned from Bill DeJohn of PNBC about use of a micro-computer network to transmit inter-library loan requests among libraries in Montana. Another of her objectives was to pursue continued association with JMRT, and, as a result, was appointed to the ALA/JMRT nominating committee.

Dick Allen, a Library Service Coordinator with the Nebraska Library Commission, attended "The Out-of-Print and Antiquarian Book Market: A Seminar-Workshop for Librarians and Booksellers," held at the University of Denver. He was seeking more background in evaluation of older titles in library collections which he is constantly asked to inspect as he provides consultant services to public libraries. Dick indicated that "perhaps the most valuable aspects of the workshop were concentration on the book as a physical object and as a vehicle for information delivery. One of the most exciting aspects of the workshop was the getting together of two groups that don't normally interact in an organized fashion and on the same level: librarians and booksellers. The latter do tend to be 'book people' in the best sense of the word. And any 'book person' would certainly benefit from the workshop in future years be he or she librarian, bookseller, or book collector."

Helen Higby, Lander (WY) Librarian, Fremont County Library, wanted to improve her supervisory and related management skills. By attending a workshop on "Effective Supervision and Management," she felt she got a good dose of "positive reinforcement" for skills already owned, plus picking up many additional helpful hints. Helen, in completing her evaluation, paid tribute to MPLA for its flexibility in handling grants and for the Association's interest in professional development.

Margery Wachter, a Media Specialist with the high school in

Elizabeth, Colorado, spent time in France studying French children's libraries. "I visited nine metropolitan French children's libraries and conducted in-depth interviews to determine the role of the library in modern France. My emphasis was on French children's libraries, a relatively new development (since 1965). In many cases the librarians played a direct and influential role in the communities they served by providing a highly personalized version of librarianship. I gathered data on the development of the child in French society, the education of French librarians, the publication of French children's literature, and the function of French children's librarians. The librarians I met were without exception friendly, open, and very curious about librarianship in the U.S. They are a dedicated and dynamic group of professionals."

(Inquiries about Professional Development Grants may be sent to Joe Edelen or to Cynthia Berner, Winfield Public Library, 1001 Millington, Winfield, Kansas 67156.)



Attention—Serials Librarians

The February 1983 issue of the **MPLA Newsletter** was accidentally numbered Volume 28, No. 1. It should be Volume 27, No. 4. Please enter this correction on your copy.

Microcomputer Use Task Force Formed

The Public Library Association has formed a task force on "The Use of Microcomputers in Public Libraries" to investigate ways to educate and assist public libraries in the use of microcomputers. The stated purpose of this committee is "to study the nature of microcomputer applications in public libraries, and to develop a guide to help public libraries in the selection and utilization of this equipment for internal purposes and for public service applications." Plans include

publishing a directory of libraries using microcomputers and descriptions of software, and facilitating the establishment of library microcomputer users groups. For more information contact: Russell Walker, Director, Upper Arlington Public Library, 2800 Tremont Road, Upper Arlington, OH 43221.

Peppermints in the Parlor

Peppermints in the Parlor by Barbara Brooks Wallace has been named the winner of the 1983 William Allen White Children's Book Award according to Dr. George V. Hodowanec, Director of the William Allen White Library at Emporia State University and Executive Director of the White Award Program.

This is the thirty-first annual William Allen White Children's Book Award presented by Emporia State University. More than 51,000 children in the fourth through eighth grades in Kansas schools participated in the voting for this year's award. The Award was found by Ruth Carver Gagliardo, a specialist in children's literature, to honor the memory of one of the state's most distinguished citizens by encouraging the boys and girls of Kansas to read and enjoy good books.

Peppermints in the Parlor, which was published in 1980 by Atheneum Publishers is a suspenseful story with an 1890's setting in an opulent mansion in San Francisco.

The author, Barbara Brooks Wallace, is the author of many books for children, including **Claudia**, **The Secret Summer of L.E.B.**, **Andrew the Big Deal**, **The Trouble With Miss Switch**, and many more.

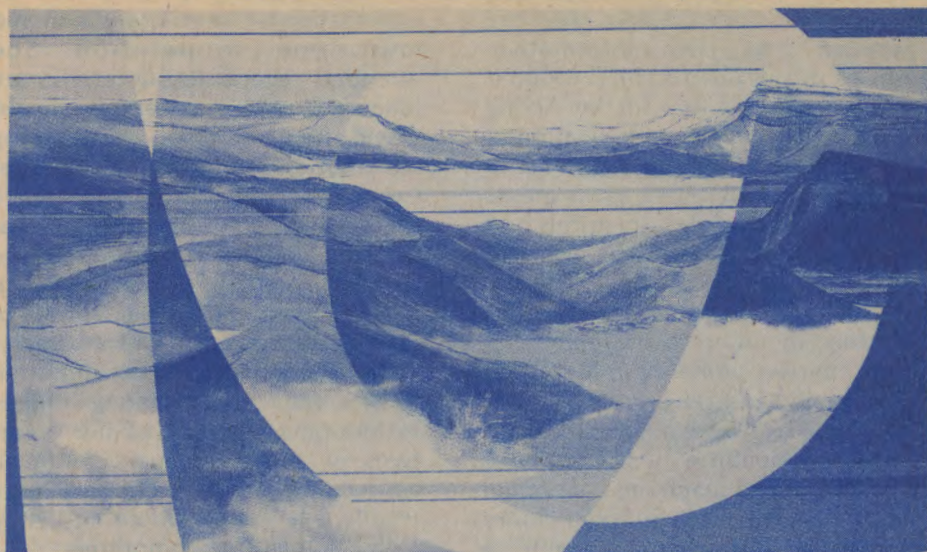
Future Confernces

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1985 — Las Vegas, Nevada
1986 — Vail, Colorado

Ten Reasons for Keeping A Live Cat in The Library

1. Attracts fleas discarded by patrons, thus saving ankles of staff from bites.

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MPLA Display Artwork Available

"Circle-West," the earth-tone artwork featured as a part of MPLA's

new display at the Wichita convention, is available as a poster (measuring 29½"x24") for \$25 plus \$5.00 shipping from Gallery 306, 306 South Phillips, Sioux Falls, SD 57102.

2. Captures attention of rabid toddlers during storytime, thus saving ankles of children's from bites.

3. Provides plausible explanation for odors, the source of which was inexplicable prior to cat's arrival.

4. Furnishes jaded staff with multiple occasions for chuckles and sundry *jeux de mots*; i.e., endless quips about cat-logs; cat perched on photocopier = copy cat; and so on.

5. Cat in advanced stage of moult certainly adds a little *je ne sais quoi* to the general ambience of the library.

6. Provides staff with amusing spectacle of highly allergic borrowers sneezing and running at the eyes. A peculiar need for revenge, often glossed over in "The Literature," is in this way fulfilled.

7. When properly anesthetized, cat makes useful lifelike puppet.

8. It is a great source of warm comfort at lunch and teatime and more fun to pet than an afghan quilt.

9. Makes an attractive prop in display case and requires surprisingly little oxygen to survive.

10. Provides wonderful excuses for specious absences: e.g., "I'll be feeding the cat for the rest of the afternoon." Also good source of euphemism for the squeamish; e.g., "I'm just nipping up to change the litter." (Main Entry, May 1983)

Freedom to Read Foundation Litigation Support Criteria

The Freedom to Read Foundation has released the following criteria and priorities which its Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, with the assistance of counsel, will apply to all future requests for assistance.

The criterion by which the Board of Trustees evaluates requests it receives for support in proposed or pending litigation involves essentially ten factors:

1. The Legal Issue
2. The Position of the Requesting Party
3. The Significance of the Decision
4. The Parties to the Action
5. The Status of the Case when the Request is Received
6. The Sources of Support for the Request
7. The State of the Litigation
8. The Strength of the Opposition
9. The Generality of the Attack or Decisional Impact
10. The Quality of the Case.

Together with these criteria the Board approved a table of priority points to be applied in implementing the criteria. Copies of the table and a full description of the criteria summarized above are available to FTRF members and potential

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litigants by request.
(Freedom to Read Foundation News,
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NCAC Fights Censorship Through Education

The National Coalition Against Censorship of which the American Library Association is a participating organization, played an important part in the 1982 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *Pico v. Island Trees* book-banning case.

The National Coalitions Against Censorship is an alliance of national organizations, including religious, educational, professional, artistic, labor and civil rights groups. United by a conviction that freedom of thought, inquiry, and expression must be defended, they work to educate their own members about the dangers of censorship and how to oppose it. As a Coalition, they strive to create a climate of opinion hospitable to First Amendment freedoms in the broader community.

The Coalition encourages knowledge and support of First Amendment principles. In addition to helping its participating organizations broaden the understanding of their members, NCAC reaches out to interest and inform the wider public. The Coalition collects and disseminates information about censorship efforts throughout the country, working with organizations, individuals, and the media; conducts meetings for discussion and debate of difficult First Amendment issues; sponsors and co-sponsors major conferences on freedom of expression; publishes a quarterly newsletter; acts as a resource and catalyst by making available a wide variety of educational materials and programming resources; and serves as a unique national clearinghouse on book-banning litigation in public schools.

The statement of concern of the Coalition follows: Freedom of communication is the indispensable condition of a healthy democracy. In a pluralistic society it would be impossible for all people at all times to agree on the value of all ideas; and fatal to moral, artistic and intellectual growth if they did.

Some of the Coalition's participating organizations reject all barriers abridging access to any
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material, however controversial or even abhorrent to some. Others reject barriers for adults, so long as their individual right of choice is not infringed. All of us are united in the conviction that censorship of what we see and hear and read constitutes an unacceptable dictatorship over our minds and a dangerous opening to religious, political, artistic, and intellectual repression.

For further information, contact the Coalition at 132 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036, (212) 944-9899.

Freedom To Read Foundation Continues Fight For Intellectual Freedom

In a report to the governing Council of the American Library Association today, the Freedom to Read Foundation announced it has authorized involvement in several censorship cases across the United States. William North, president of the Foundation, said the Board of Trustees pledged its support to several groups and individuals at its Thursday Board meeting in Los Angeles during the 102nd Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA).

The Foundation, the so-called "legal arm" of ALA though a separate corporation, responded to requests from the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union (MCLU) and authorized involvement in and support of two Minnesota cases challenging the right of school districts to cancel teachers' invitations to speakers espousing controversial positions. In another invitation of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Foundation authorized involvement in a suit regarding the National Security Agency's seeking to define the basis and limits of its right to suppress portions of a private library collection without assigning such materials a security classification. At issue here is the right and capacity of government to suppress scholarly research concerning unclassified matters for any reason.

The Foundation also undertook to support the defense of a small bookseller in Hot Springs, S.D., in a suit alleging that her sale of *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse* libeled the pres-

ent governor of the state and subjected her to millions of dollars of liability. The issue here is whether a bookseller or any person who disseminates a work (such as a librarian) can be held responsible in damages for the libelous conduct of the author or publisher.

"Recognizing that the battle against censorship requires strong and active allies," North said, the Freedom to Read Foundation made two support grants. The Foundation directed \$5000 to the Media Coalition, the First Amendment legal action arm of book, magazine publishers and distributors associations. The grant will support litigation efforts of the coalition and its "legislative watch" service that identifies pending state legislation impacting on First Amendment rights.

The second grant was made to the Student Press Law Center as a dollar for dollar matching challenge. It will further the center's program to defend and protect the First Amendment rights of school newspapers and their student staffs.

In addition, North reported, the Foundation Executive Committee has undertaken an analysis of the nature and extent of structural censorship in the emerging information society America has become. A preliminary report of the results of this analysis will be presented at the Foundation's meeting in January, 1984, in Washington, D.C.

ALA Appoints Commission On Freedom And Equality Of Access To Information

American Library Association (ALA) President Carol A. Nemeyer announced the appointment of a Commission on Freedom and Equality of Access to Information to study what opportunities the American people have and will need to respond to the rapid growth of electronically stored and delivered information. Dr. Nemeyer introduced the commission on Sunday, June 26, at the President's Program, a major session of the Association's 102nd Annual Conference being held in Los Angeles.

Dan M. Lacy, vice-president of McGraw-Hill, Inc., will chair the

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blue-ribbon group of appointed members who are experts in the fields of traditional and electronic publishing; librarianship and information science, broadcast technology and policy, and more.

"Strategic decisions are being made now in both the public and private sectors that will shape the provision of library and information services in the United States," said Dr. Nemeyer, associate librarian for national programs, The Library of Congress. "Technological innovations continue to change the ways individuals and groups gain access to information and through it, knowledge. As we move rapidly from a print-dominated society to one compelled also by electronics it is essential to reexamine some basic tenets that determine how the American people attain the information they need to function as productive members of society."

According to their mission statement, the Commissioners' task will be "to consider, from their expert points of view, the role of libraries and other providers of information in relation to freedom and equality of access to information, to evaluate the challenges to the American ideal of individual freedom and equality of opportunity, and to recommend courses of action."

As an example of the issues the Commission will consider, Dr. Nemeyer mentioned, "the difference between 'freedom' and 'free.'" She said that many people know there is no such thing as a "free library," but there are expectations in that phrase that deserve a fresh examination and explanation. "Who will pay the additional costs for greatly enhanced information services?" she asked. "If costs are borne by libraries or passed to users, what penalty is put upon those who cannot afford the access to the information outpouring?"

Status reports of Commission deliberations will be issued for discussion by the entire Association, and a final report will be presented to ALA members at the 1984 Annual Conference in Dallas.

The Commission on Freedom and Equality of Access to Information is funded by grants from the Xerox Corporation, Exxon Education Foundation, Gale Research Company, McGraw-Hill Foundation, and

Meckler Publishing Company.

Microcomputer Users Group at Topeka Public Library

(At the editor's request, Becky Hinton, Online Services Librarian, provided the following information.)

The Friends of the Topeka Public Library bought an IBM Personal Computer for the Library in November 1981. In March 1982, Topeka's Computerland provided a mailing list of IBM-PC purchasers and our user group was born. In early 1982, the IBM-PC was still in its infancy and only a few user groups existed. **PC Magazine** found me through our local Computerland and sent me a user group form. Our user group was and remains very informal—no officers, no newsletter, no dues, and at that time, no official name. As I remember, on that first form, I called the club, arbitrarily, the Topeka IBM-PC User Group—dull, but useful. Obviously, **PC Magazine** did not use the name (human error? machine error?) and called it the Topeka Library User Group because, I think, I designated the Library as my mailing address. We hold the meetings in the Library (we now have 2 IBM-PCs) on the 3rd Monday of each month. About 15 regulars and various new people attend. The members range from professional programmers to complete novices with the majority falling in-between. I am the only "library user" in the group as well as the only female regular. However, two other libraries in Topeka have IBM-PCs and we do share information among ourselves.

I find being in a user group to be beneficial as well as fun. The male members do not speak slowly to me as one does to a non-English speaking visitor. During each meeting we have a sharing time followed by a demonstration of software or hardware. A good users group is like a good reference desk where individuals have differing talents and interests. If I need particular advice on a letter quality printer or a data base manager or an updated DOS, someone in the club can help. Volunteering to be the contact person in our club allows me to talk to people all over Kansas and to receive quantities of advertising material.

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ing—usually interesting, sometimes overwhelming.

Although, I fear, that the Topeka Library User Group is misleading to librarians, I am proud that the Library could help establish our local user group. I would encourage librarians trying to work out the intricacies of their own micros to attend user group meetings and, if possible, contribute to the club some library expertise. Even "bit heads" are impressed with our ability to organize materials and with some of our behind-the-scenes technology like OCLC, automated circulation systems, and data base searching.

Topeka Public Library uses our two IBM-PCs for word processing and data base management. Recently, we put our Kansas Artists files and recent large print acquisitions on the micros. We have our periodical subject headings, staff directory, staff handbook, and business reference materials on and are gearing up for our periodicals holdings, planning process documents, and inventory (non-book).

—Becky Hinton

Funding Secured For Business Council For Libraries

Carol A. Nemeyer, president of the American Library Association (ALA), announced that grant funds have been obtained to develop the first Business Council for Libraries. Discussion of library relationships with the nation's business community took place Sunday, June 26, during the President's Program at the ALA's Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

Grants have been received from the Carnegie Corporation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Frank M. Barnard Foundation, and ABC/CLIO Press.

Citing the successful work of the Council for Financial Aid to Education and the Business Council for the Arts, Dr. Nemeyer said the Business Council for Libraries "will be dedicated to the same ideal of cooperation between two vital sectors of American society: libraries and business/industry, and can help realize the mutual benefits embedded in strengthened cooperative efforts."

When libraries are having to make do with less, she added, "The Business Council for Libraries will lead a national campaign to stimulate American business support for all kinds of libraries at the local levels and tap the underlying reservoir of goodwill that libraries enjoy in their communities. Chartered by a small group of leading business executives, the Business Council will affirm the importance of libraries and the services they provide, help libraries learn better ways to serve the business needs of the information society, and encourage libraries to develop and expand local business support. Above all, the Council will help to change the way Americans think about libraries by increasing awareness of their value and contributions."

The ad hoc committee responsible for planning the Business Council for Libraries is chaired by Bessie B. Moore, vice-chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Its members include: Joseph Becker, President, Becker and Hayes, Inc., Santa Monica, CA; Herbert Biblo, Treasurer, American Library Association; Bruce D. Bonta, The University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University; Bruce Carrick, The H.W. Wilson Company, Bronx, NY; Sue Fontaine, New York Public Library; Judy Garodnick, Consultant, Fort Lee, NJ; Stanley R. Greenfield, The Corporate Director, New York, NY; Carol A. Nemeyer, President, American Library Association; Elizabeth W. Stone, School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Jane E. Hukill, Widener University, Wilmington, DE; George Kroloff, Kroloff, Marshall & Assoc., Washington, DC.

Southwest Library Association Ends

James B. Stewart, President Elect of the Southwest Library Association, has advised Joe Edelen, MPLA's Executive Secretary, that the SWLA Executive Board agreed in June to proceed with the dismantling of SWLA. This was based on a membership vote. Their deadline is December 31, 1983. This will mean that SWLA will not be able to participate in a tri-conference with MPLA planned for 1986.

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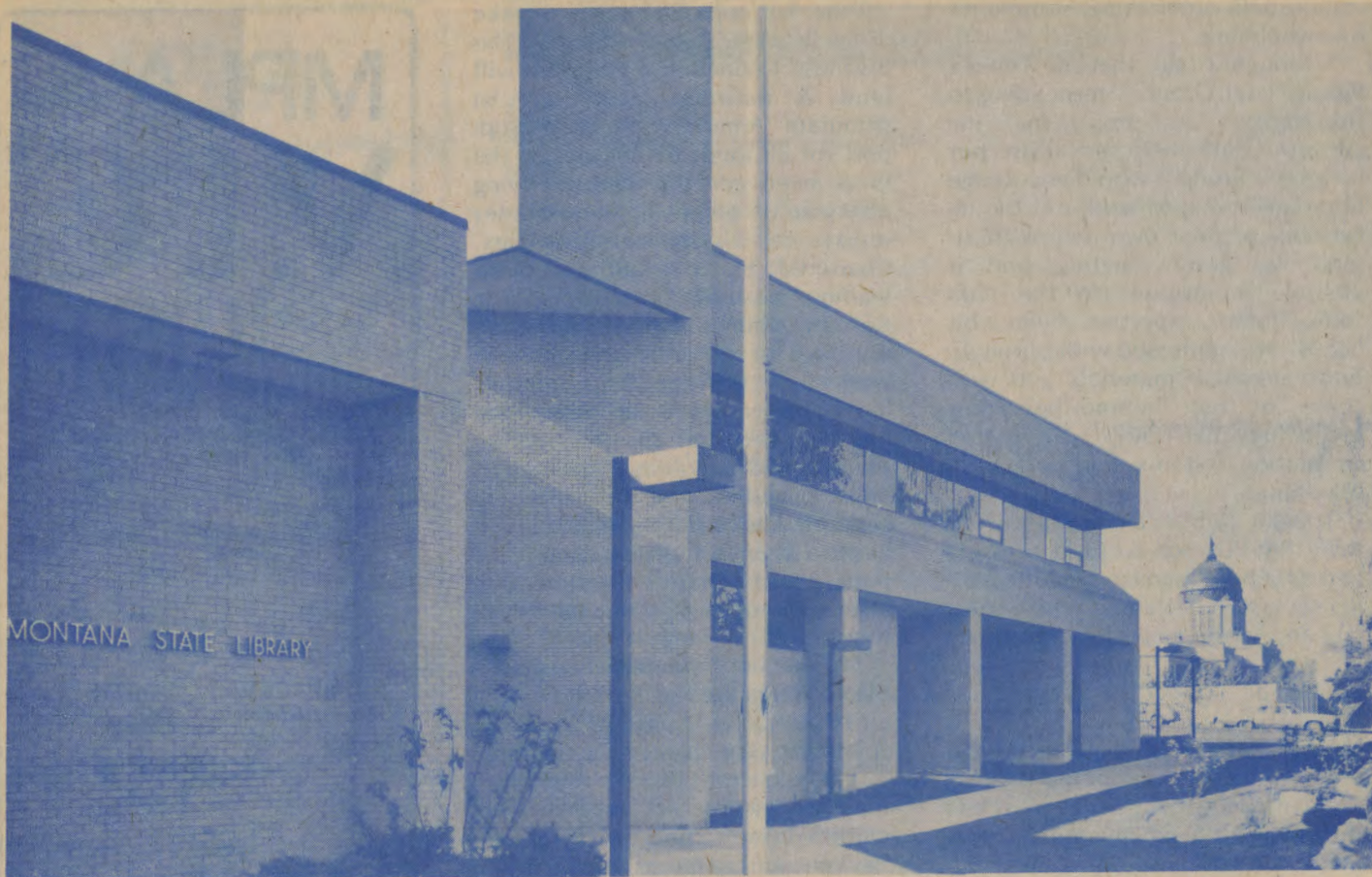
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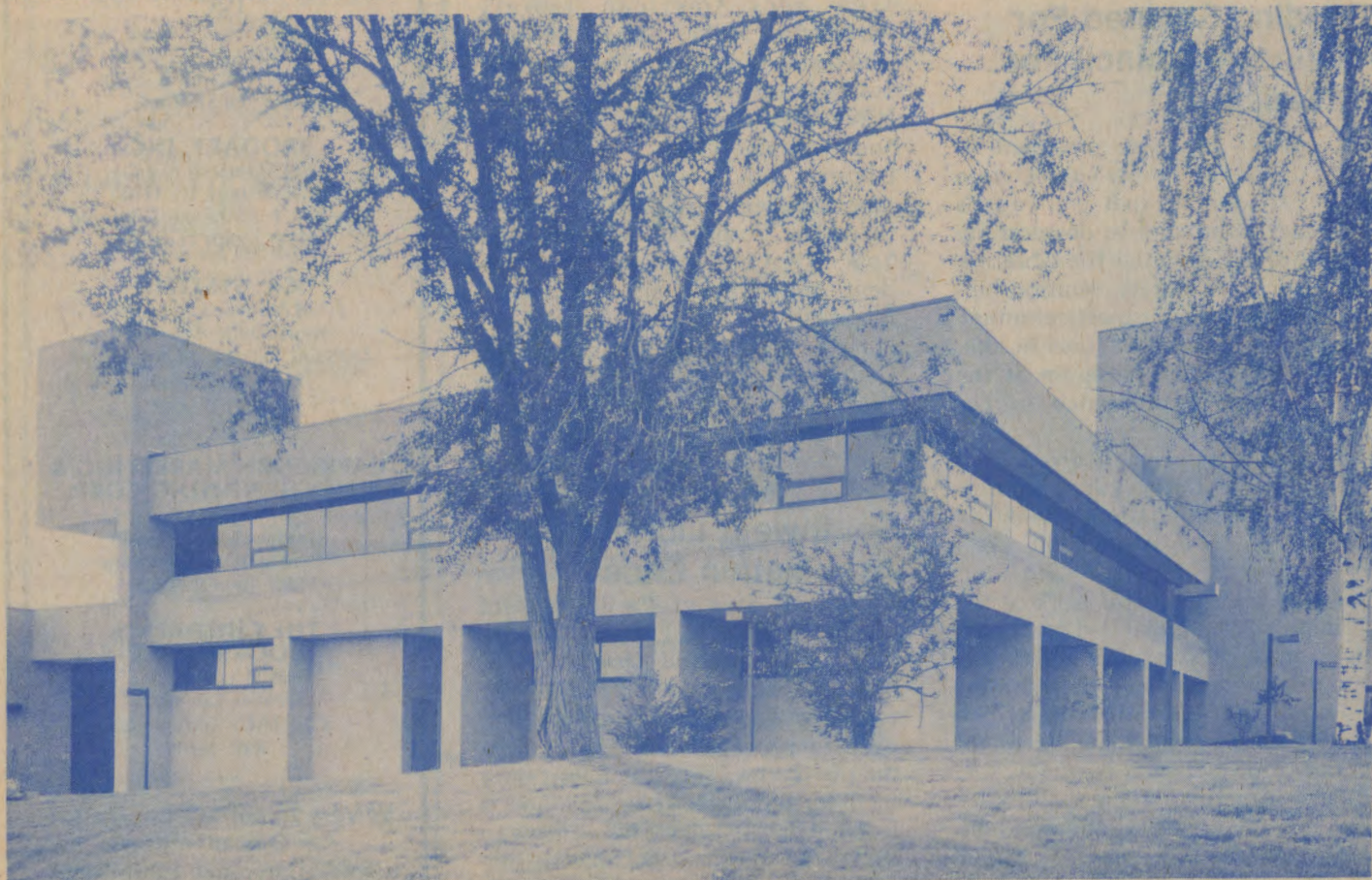
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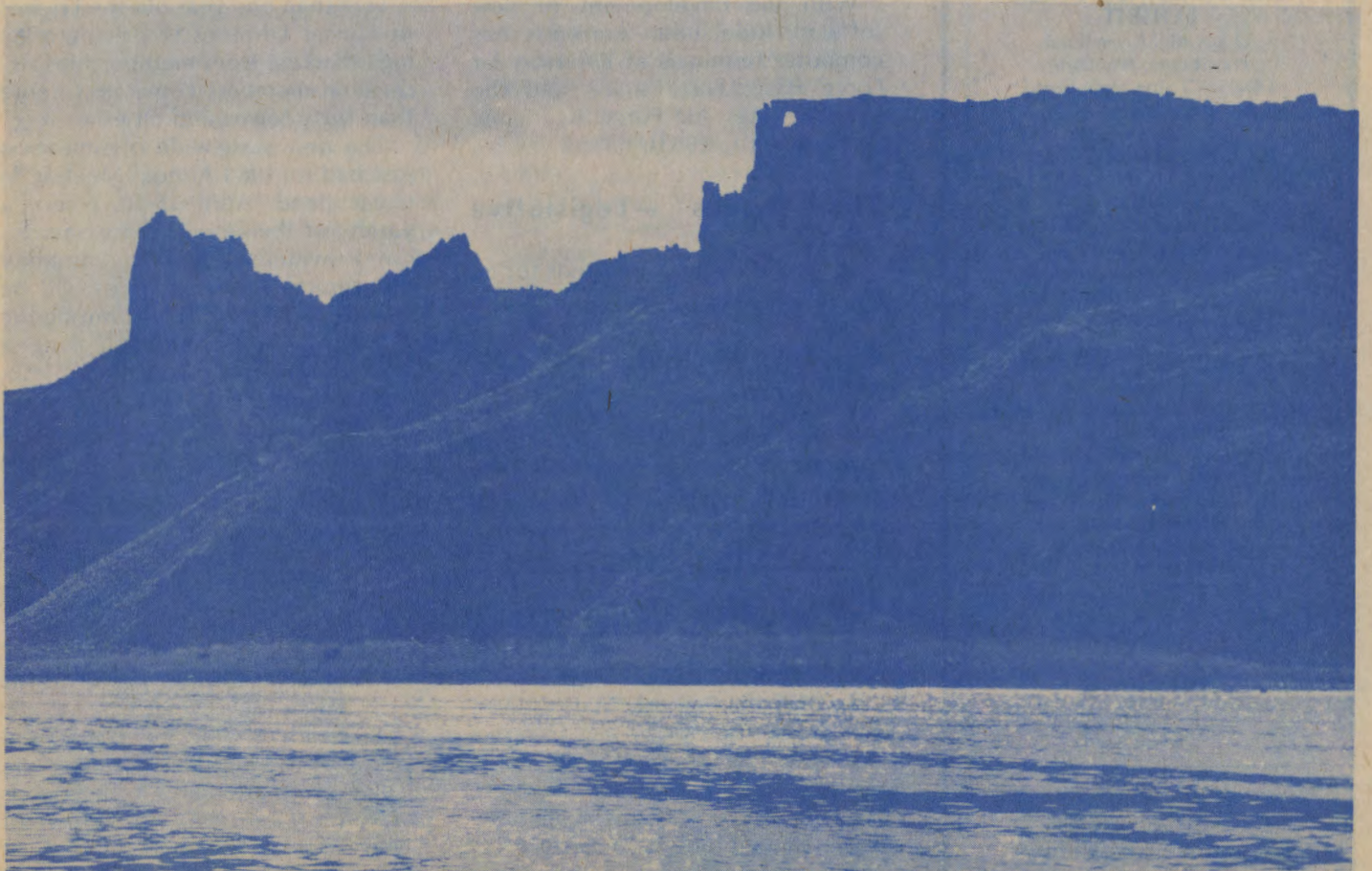
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RideFinders

RideFinders, Pike's Peak Library District's (Colorado Springs) carpool service, has recently been praised for its outstanding program. The service was selected as one of this year's ten recipients of the Federal Highway Administrator's Award for Ridesharing.

RideFinders was opened to the public in January 1979, boasting the first online carpool matching service in the United States with a response time of only minutes. As a result of a grant award RideFinders was able to develop a transportation information system that provides callers with information on not only carpools, but also on vanpools, out-of-state travel transit schedules, transportation services available for the elderly and handicapped, commutes on a daily basis to Denver, Canon City and Pueblo, Park and Ride locations and Bikeway locations.

With the development of new software RideFinders currently has computer terminals at Peterson Air Force Base, Fort Carson and the United States Air Force Academy. (Tipsheet, July 1983)

Bond Issues — Legislative Gain

Raising the matching funds for an LSCA Title II grant will be a hurdle many communities won't be able to get over; the news is therefore welcome that Colorado's Governor Lamm has signed a bill (SB 315) allowing public library districts to issue bonds for new library building construction. (LJ/SL) Hotline, June 13, 1983)

Kansas

Re-Accreditation Progress

In 1983 the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) made definite progress in its plans to regain accreditation from the American Library Association. Key steps made were a meeting with a subcommittee of the ALA Commit-

tee on Accreditation, passage of a funding request for the SLIM by the Kansas legislature, and finalization of a new curriculum program.

Dean Robert Grover and the SLIM faculty plan to draft a self-study report during the 1983-84 school year for the ALA to review before their onsite visit to Emporia State in the spring 1985. Also planned for 1983-84 is remodeling of the SLIM facilities.

Dr. Grover notes, "We have changed the focus of our curriculum, too. Libraries are not isolated agencies; they are social agencies that must reflect societal needs. This curriculum prepares students to analyze the needs of different groups of people and to design appropriate information services to meet those needs. It is a people-centered curriculum." (ESU Library School Newsletter, Spring 1983)

Friends of Kansas Libraries

Less than one year old the Friends of Kansas Libraries is already reaping a harvest from memberships. Individual members come from more than forty towns and cities.

The new state-wide organization just had its 1983 Annual Meeting in Great Bend, April 15-16, where a variety of themes were stressed:

1. Providing adequate community services and resources will be increasingly difficult during the 1980's for libraries lacking a vigorous Friends group.
2. Libraries and their Friends must realize the growing importance of identifying common goals and priorities essential to the well-being of ALL libraries.
3. Kansans interested in assuring adequate library resources for all citizens must understand the needs and circumstances of the State's small libraries (2 out of 3 libraries are in towns under 2000).
4. Friends should be ready and able to help their libraries.

For information about the Friends of Kansas Libraries, write 1515 West 10th, Topeka, KS 66604. (Friends of the Topeka Public Library News, Summer 1983)

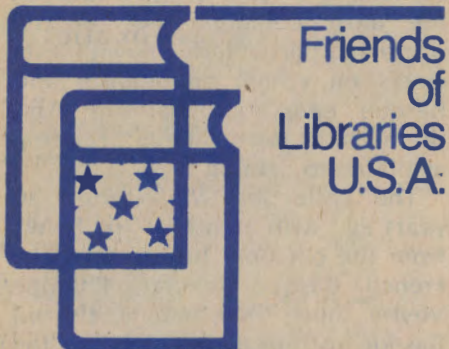
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Making Way for MONCAT

MONCAT, Montana's Union Catalog, is on its way. It is being built from existing machine-readable data bases such as the Washington Library Network, OCLC and other computerized holdings files. Montana's 10 WLN members are entering their monograph and serials holdings at a steady rate. Already (3/83) there are 331,000 holdings of Montana libraries in the WLN data base, or an estimated 240,000 unique titles using a duplication of 1.25 locations per title.

There are three libraries in Montana which use the OCLC bibliographic network. Other machine-readable records will be added to MONCAT if key elements (for matching by computer) are included. It is hoped by the Fall, 1984 that a microfiche catalog will be printed and distributed to Montana libraries.



We're a new national organization dedicated to encouraging and assisting the formation and development of Friends of Libraries groups throughout the country.

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To help prepare Montana librarians for MONCAT, a pilot MONCAT project is being conducted from July, 1983 through June, 1984. The WLN Resource Directory will be distributed to 30 Montana public, school, academic and special libraries. The Resource Directory contains the holdings of all 100+ WLN members, including Montana's 10 members.

The pilot libraries will use the Resource Directory as MONCAT. They will report on their experiences with the pilot project, with recommendations for policies and protocols needed to develop effective resource sharing practices using MONCAT.

(Montana State Library release)

Nebraska

Summertime & SuperReaders

More than 180 libraries in Nebraska have ordered materials for a SuperReader summer for boys and girls, the statewide summer reading program:

- 21 rubber stamps
- 168 mobiles
- 276 banners
- 368 sheets of stickers
- 473 posters
- 558 iron-on decals
- 2,359 metal buttons
- 3,380 balloons
- 4,255 adhesive buttons
- 8,675 sheets of stationery
- 11,810 award certificates
- 14,675 reading folders
- 33,900 bookmarks

(Overtones, April-May 1983)

Bellevue Is A D.E.A.R. City*

What do Col. McKone, Base Commander of Offutt AFB, Carole Schraeder of Channel 7 News, Rev. Phil Barrett of Bellevue's First Presbyterian Church, Jan Johnson, editor of the Bellevue Leader, and Dr. Richard Triplett, Superintendent of the Bellevue Public Schools have in common? They were all D.E.A.R. readers during the month of April.

On April 1st, Mayor Joseph Baldwin declared April as Reading Month and designated that on April 13 at 10:00 a.m., D.E.A.R. time would

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be held. Windows of area businesses were decorated with posters made by students, and waitresses and clerks were wearing buttons declaring the love of reading. The marquee at Godfather's Pizza, Tri-County Bank, City Hall plus many other area establishments advertised Reading Month. Flyers distributed at local supermarkets and table tents in restaurants gave helpful hints to parents to encourage reading at home. The first ten babies born during April were presented with their first book from the Bellevue Public Schools.

The reading specialist and media specialist worked together to plan various activities for the month at each school. Reading balloons were launched, a theater group presented a storybook program, SuperReader came from the planet of Read-On to distribute books on RIF Day, students dressed as their favorite book character, and sixth grade students read to kindergarteners and also made trips to local nursing homes to read to residents. The list could go on and on. The ideas carried out were as many and as varied as the people who planned them.

The Bellevue media specialists originated and organized the program with help from the reading specialists. Books for the new babies were donated from a local bookstore. Financial help for the printing of the flyers and table tents, and prizes for the poster contest was received from the PTA Council. The Bellevue Public Library contributed space for a display made by the reading specialists. We will be happy to share other D.E.A.R. ideas from our successful month with anyone. Send a SSAE to Betty Keefe, Avery School, 2107 Avery Road, Bellevue, NE 68005. *D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything And Read. (Overtones, April-May 1983)

Nevada

Statewide COM Catalog

The first Nevada Statewide COM Catalog has just been issued. The microfiche catalog includes books and other materials in most of the public libraries all over Nevada. It does not include the holdings of

UNR and UNLV libraries, although some materials in the community colleges are included. (The University libraries are producing separate COM catalogs.) (Memo to the Staff, UNR Library, May 1983)

NEH Grant, Cataloging Co- op & Basque Research Collection

The University of Nevada, Reno Library recently received a highly-prized National Endowment for the Humanities grant to train a Basque librarian and to begin cataloging the internationally known Basque research collection.

The funding creates a cooperative venture among the UNR Library, the UNR Basque Studies Program, the Basque government (located in Vitoria, Spain) and the newly formed University of the Basque Country.

Begona Prado, who received her master's degree in library science from the University of Texas at Austin, will begin her one-year internship with the UNR Library in July.

The UNR Basque collection, containing 15,000 items, is one of the most comprehensive in the world and particularly known for its works on ethnic nationalism and Basque emigration patterns. Yet, there has never been funding available to catalog it.

The collection was started 20 years ago with a core of 700 books from the personal library of noted French Basque scholar, Philippe Veyrin. Since then, individuals and Basque institutions from all over the world have donated books, journals, photos and memorabilia. Many books in the collection are "rare." New books and journals are purchased as they are published, along with any out-of-print books that become available.

When Begona returns to Spain after this year, she will have gained experience to contribute toward the development of libraries in the Basque country. It is hoped that UNR and libraries in the Basque country will also continue to share



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cataloging. (Memo to the Staff, UNR Library, June 1983)

South Dakota

Mercedes MacKay Honored

Mercedes B. MacKay, former South Dakota State Librarian, has been nominated and unanimously accepted for induction into the South Dakota Cowboy & Western Heritage Hall of Fame in the Education and Cultural Affairs category. She will be one of 14 persons inducted at the annual awards banquet to be held September 17, 1983, at the Kings Inn Convention Center, Pierre, SD.

Mercedes MacKay was recognized by the Hall of Fame for her pioneer spirit and the many contributions she made to the growth of libraries throughout South Dakota. Friends who want to correspond with her can reach her at P.O. Box 1241, Pierre, SD 57501.

Correction

Earlier the Newsletter reported that the new South Dakota confidentiality law did not include a penalty. Please be advised that even though a statement specifying the penalty was removed from the language of the bill, the penalty remains a class II misdemeanor. All laws in South Dakota without specific penalties attached are assumed as class II misdemeanors. (Dorothy Liegl, South Dakota State Library)

Friends of South Dakota Libraries

The Friends of South Dakota Libraries has been officially launched thanks to the help of the South Dakota Advertising Federation which provided all the artwork, the initial printing of promotional materials, and public service announcements on radio and television free-of-charge.

The South Dakota Library Association applied for a free public relations campaign last fall from the Federation and was the lucky winner. The Federation then conducted a competitive effort among the state's college and university journalism departments, the winner being a class from Sioux Falls College.

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The class's ideas were then taken over by media professionals and transformed into the complete campaign initiated in May of this year.

Memberships are beginning to come in and it is hoped that the membership goal of 1,984 members for 1984 will be reached. President of the Friends, Dorothe Mahoney, of Rapid City, has started a membership drive in Western South Dakota and other libraries in the state have been asked to assist.

The Friends of South Dakota Libraries will serve as a lobbying friend for libraries of all types on the local, state, and national levels. There are no dues. The organization will be supported by a fundraising campaign that will be kicked off soon.

Archives Moves to State Library

The new home of South Dakota's State Archives is the State Library in Pierre. The Archives have been physically moved from very crowded quarters elsewhere on the capitol grounds into part of the upper level of the State Library Building. Both the State Library Board and the State Office of Cultural Preservation have approved the concept of transferring administrative authority for the State Archives to the State Library. Such action will require an executive order from the Governor and approval of the 1984 legislature. (Bookmarks, May-June 1983)

Utah

Utah Network of Cooperating Libraries

The Utah Network of Cooperating Libraries recently released reports on a number of its activities. In cooperation with the Utah Interlibrary Loan Council, UNCL has initiated a project to monitor and describe interlibrary resource sharing within the state. This project is very important to future evaluations of networking activity, and to a potential net-lender reimbursement program throughout the network.

Several of the libraries within the Utah College Library Council have cooperated during the spring in testing the use of various telefax

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machines in a resource sharing network context.

An important component of the bibliographic access plan for the state has involved accessing the databases of circulation control systems in the State's libraries. Art Carpenter of Weber State College has been working to compile a directory of procedures, protocols, and hardware needed to access at least some of the circulation systems in the state's public and academic libraries, with a full directory to be completed soon.

A Utah Interlibrary Loans Directory is another of the project items recently completed. (Horsefeathers, June-July 1983)

Wyoming

New Campbell County Library

The Campbell County Library, Gillette, formally dedicated and opened a new library on June 24. The building was over 32,000 square feet and cost \$3.4 million. Gillette is located in the coal-rich Powder River Basin, with a population that has doubled in the last ten years.

Director Dan Siebersma has shepherded the project since shortly after its inception. The new facility replaces the 10,000 square foot George Amos Memorial Library, which was built in 1941.

New W.L.A. Officers

At its annual conference in Sheridan May 11, 14, the following officers were elected: Barbara Fraley, president; Henry Yapple, vice-president/president-elect; Susan Simpson, A.L.A. Councilor; Helen Higby, M.P.L.A. Representative.



About You

Elmer Bachenberg, University of Northern Colorado Library, Greeley, lost his son, Philip Ross Bachenberg, 22, in a drowning accident. Philip, a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado, was to begin his doctoral physics studies this fall.

Glenda Bell, Billings, won both the grand prize and a second prize in ALA's Huron Fund Sweepstakes. Bell, who is Chapter Councilor for the Montana Library Association, received free round trip transportation, free registration and a complimentary hotel room for five nights at the annual ALA conference in Los Angeles. Second prize provided free transportation, registration and a hotel for three nights at Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio.

Keith Cottam is the new Director of Libraries, University of Wyoming. He comes to Laramie from Vanderbilt University where he served for one year as Acting Director of University libraries and for the preceding two years as Associate Director.

Phyllis Dalton, Las Vegas freelance consultant, has received an Alumni Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of the University of Nebraska for her outstanding achievements since attending the University (Class of 1931). The award was made with special recognition for her work in library service for the disabled.

Kathy Ellerton, previously Outreach/Interlibrary Loan Librarian for the Golden Plains Library Federation in Glasgow, Montana, is the new Resource Coordinator for the Three Rivers Regional Library Service System in New Castle, CO.

Doug Hindmarsh, Director of Reference Services at the Utah State Library, has been elected Director for the Small and Medium-Sized Libraries Section of the Public Library Association for 1983-86.

Tom Humphrey, director of the
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Western Wyoming College Library and current chair of the Academic and Special Library section of WLA, has resigned to accept a new position as head librarian at Eastern New Mexico College at Clovis.

Nancy Knepel has been selected as the new Director of the High Plains Regional Library Service system. Prior to her resignation, Nancy worked at the Colorado State Library for three years as a Consultant for Institutions.

Dorothie Mahoney, Rapid City, is the first President of South Dakota's newest library organization, the Friends of South Dakota Libraries.

Edgar Nickel, Director of the Northwest Kansas Library System, and **Ed Byers**, Director of the Laramie County (WY) Library, are both newly elected trustees to the BCR Board. Also elected were Jeanne Raudenbush, Leslie Manning, and Michael Herbison.

Michael Phipps is the new Director of the Omaha Public Library. Mike had previously held the head librarians post in Waterloo, IA for eleven years. Welcome to MPLA, Mike!

Linn Rounds, public information officer for the Wyoming State Library, won a free year's membership in MPLA at WLA's annual conference, compliments of MPLA.

JoAn Segal, Bibliographic Center for Research, Denver, has been elected as a Special Libraries Association board director for the 1983/86 term.

John B. White, Ph.D., a life member of MPLA, passed away on March 10, 1983. Dr. White was retired, and is survived by his wife, Lucille, residing in Colorado Springs.

Newly Minted

Cataloging Titles in Microform Sets, a publication of the Association of Research Support MPLA Advertisers

Libraries, focuses on the important issues relating to bibliographic control of microforms. The text is based on the 1980 study, supervised by Richard W. Boss, which led to the establishment of the ARL Microform Project. \$12.00 (\$8.00 for ARL members) from ARL Office.

ACRL University Library Statistics, 1981-1982 is a compilation of data from 92 university libraries in the U.S. and Canada which do not belong to the Association of Research Libraries. It uses the same methodology as used to compile the ARL Library Index, so index scores indicate the relative position of each of the 92 libraries in the group on the overall factor of library size. \$12 for ACRL members, \$15 for non-members from ACRL at ALA headquarters.

Defusing Censorship: The Librarian's Guide to Handling Censorship Conflicts, by Frances M. Jones, describes what censorship is and what it is not, and most importantly, how to deal with situations appropriately. For librarians at all levels. \$24.95 (\$18.50 paperbound) from Oryx.

Literacy Resources: An Annotated Check List for Tutors and Librarians, compiled by Jane-Carol Heiser, Literacy Resources Librarian, Enoch Pratt Free Library, offers a careful selection of those materials in the collection which have proved most useful in the Library's literacy program and to the clients of its Literacy Resource Center. \$5.00 from Publications, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201-4484.

How to Do Research, by Nick Moore, provides a simple, yet comprehensive guide for anyone thinking about embarking on a research project, following the project through its various stages, and giving common sense advice and guidance. A publication of The Library Association. \$19.00 from Oryx.

Building a Judaica Library Collection, by Edith and Meir Lubetski, is for librarians with com-

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prehensive acquisitions needs, as well as those who can purchase only a limited portion of the available materials. Part 1, a bibliographic guide, covers selection aids, bibliographies, descriptions of sources of information and useful collection development information. Part 2, covering acquisitions, is a directory of suppliers. \$30.00 from Libraries Unlimited.

Check It Out is a 25-minute film introduction to the library, produced by the Agency for Instructional, Television. It offers a responsive, upbeat means for exciting young people on how to get the most out of a library. (Editor's note: I recommend this one highly.) Preview prints available from Agency for Instructional Television, Box A, Bloomington, Indiana 47402.

Linking Libraries in Open

Networks provides the proceedings of a March 4, 1983 CLASS seminar on the same topic. The proceedings contain summaries, partial transcriptions and handouts illustrating remarks of the speakers. Includes speakers from RLG, National Library of Canada, IRVING Libraries, Peninsula Libraries Automation Network, and Fresno Public Library. \$10.00 (\$12.00 to non-members) from CLASS, Attn: T. Wilson, 1415 Koll Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95112.

Save A Book is the title of a series of seven attractive three-color posters illustrating good bookhandling practices. Price: \$3.50 per set. Also available is a poster alerting patrons and staff to damage that can occur to library materials during photocopying. Price: \$2.50. For pictures of posters and price list write: *Illinois Cooperative Conservation Program*, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The Cooperative Children's Book Center offers a variety of bibliographies and children's literature publications. The Center is funded cooperatively by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the

Library School. For samples and price list send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Friends of the CCBC, Inc., P.O. Box 5288, Madison, WI 53715.

Booklist for May 1, 1983 provided an annotated list of notable children's films, filmstrips and recordings for 1983. The list is now available in a handy brochure, *copies of which are available upon receipt of 25¢ per copy and a self-addressed, stamped no. 10 envelope* from the Association for Library Service to Children, ALA.

The librarian's **Code of Ethics** is now available in a two-color 11" X 14" heavy-weight vellum document suitable for framing. This 1981 revision of the Code of Ethics reflects changes in the nature of the profession and in its social and institutional development. To order copies, send \$3 to Code of Ethics, Office for Intellectual Freedom, ALA.

A Micro Handbook for Small Libraries and Media Centers,

by Betty Costa and Marie Costa, provides the reader with practical knowledge needed to evaluate software and hardware in terms of a library's or media center's specific, individual needs. For librarians and media specialists considering automating circulation, cataloging, and other routine functions, or venturing into new areas such as online data base searching or administering school or community "computer centers." \$19.50 from Libraries Unlimited.

Storyhours Do Make a Dif-

ference, a slide/tape presentation and book on the same subject showing the effectiveness of public library storyhours, are now available from the Dallas (Texas) Public Library. Presented are the results of a study conducted by the Library and Texas State University to determine the effectiveness of three types of public library storyhour programs in the acquisition of listening skills—live storyhours, 16mm commercially produced film storyhours, and videotaped storyhours produced during the live presentation. The 15-minute

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slide/tape presentation, consisting of 83 color slides, an audiocassette tape, and a written script may be borrowed for up to three weeks from Dr. Frances A. Smardo, Early Childhood Librarian, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young, Dallas, TX 75201. An \$8 fee covers the handling costs. The book version of the study, **What Research Tells Us About Storyhours and Receptive Language**, may be purchased for \$4.20 from the same address.

Continuing Education

Date: September 19, 1983

Online Public Access Catalogs: The User's Needs

Sponsor: School of Library Science, University of Iowa

Location: Iowa City, IA

Description: The conference will focus on the user's needs but will generally introduce some of the alternatives to consider when planning an OPAC.

Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242 or call (319) 353-3644.

Date: September 14-16, 1983

Rural Library Services Conference

Sponsor: Indianhead Federated Library System

Location: Eau Claire, WI

Description: For the past five years, the Indianhead Federated Library System has been working to devise ways to meet the informational and recreational needs of the geographically remote. This conference will provide information on what has been learned and provide an opportunity to explore other issues related to rural library service. Topics covered will include: cultural services, health information needs, automation, reaching rural non-users, books-by-mail, information services, multi-type networking and public relations.

Contact: Deborah Paulson, Conference Coordinator, Indianhead Federated Library System, 400

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Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Date: October 22, 1983

Fifteenth Annual Festival of Books for Young People

Sponsor: School of Library Science, University of Iowa

Location: Iowa City, IA

Description: "For Their Amusement and Instruction: Informational Literature for Young People" is the theme, and consideration of informational literature will be given from the perspective of the director of a major children's literature collection, an author, an author-editor, and an educator.

Contact: Same as OPAC conference given above.

Date: Summer 1984

Eleventh Literature for Children and Adolescents Study Tour

Sponsor: Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

Location: Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

Description: The professional component will consist of seminars in most of the above locations, as well as visits to libraries, bookstores, literary sites and museums, and opportunities to meet authors and illustrators. Graduate or audit credit is given for this 32 day program.

Contact: Mrs. Donna J. Harsh, Department of Education, Fort Hays State University, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601.

Joblist

Deadline: September 1, 1983

Position: **Library Director**

Library: York Public Library, York, NE

Qualifications: Requires MLS from ALA-accredited library school, at least five years professional experience with supervisory responsibility and budgeting involvement.

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ence involving use of OCLC sys-
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Submit resume and names of 3
references to Joyce Coyne, Per-
sonnel, BCR, 1777 So. Bellaire,
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Deadline: September 15, 1983

Position: **Circulation Librarian/
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Salary: Dependent on rank: Instruc-
tor (min. \$17,000) or Assistant Pro-
fessor (min. \$19,000).

Library: South Dakota State Uni-
versity Library, Brookings, SD

Duties: Plan, organize and direct
circulation, reserve and book-
stack services in a land-grant
university library. Supervise two
technicians plus student assis-
tants. Spend up to one-fourth time
at the main information desk in-
cluding some weekends and eve-
nings.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited
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University Library, Box 2115, Brook-
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ployer.

Deadline: Not indicated

Position: **Reference/Online Ser-
vices Librarian.**

Library: Creighton University,
Omaha, NE

Qualifications: MLS from an ALA-
accredited library school. Inter-
est or background in online ser-
vices. Background in business or
science useful. Reference experi-
ence in an academic library de-
sirable.

Responsibilities: Provide general re-
ference services; coordinate and
develop online services, including
actual database searching and
maintenance of records and sta-
tistics; develop reference collec-
tion.

Salary: Min. \$15,000.

Contact: Raymond B. Means, Dir-
ector, Reinert/Alumni Library,
Creighton University, California
at 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68178.

Deadline: Open August, 5, 1983

Position: **Assistant State Librar-
ian, Planning and Develop-
ment**

Library: Nevada State Library, Car-
son City, NV

Qualifications: ALA-accredited Mas-
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Position: **Director**

Library: Frank Carlson Public Library, Concordia, KS

Qualifications: MLS

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Deadline: September 16, 1983

Position: **Reference Librarian, Medical Library**

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Send resume and names and addresses of three references by September 16, 1983 to: Ruth H. Donovan, Associate Director, University of Nevada, Reno Library, Reno, NV 89557. An AA/EO employer.

Deadline: September 30, 1983

Position: **Curator/Utah and American West Archives**

Library: Lee Library, Brigham Young University

Qualifications: Requires strong background in history of the West. Must have masters degree in archival science, history, library science or liberal arts. Ph.D. preferred.

Duties: Responsible for collection development, processing, cataloging and reference service for

archival materials dealing with Utah and the West.

Salary: \$16,300 and up

Send letter of application, resume and names of three references to: Randy J. Olsen, Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

Deadline: Not indicated

Position: **Medical Librarian**

Library: McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD

Qualifications: Requires MLS from ALA-accredited library school with at least one year experience in a hospital, health science or science library.

Duties: Manage newly-constructed library in a 407-bed teaching hospital. Responsibilities include advising and instructing library users, providing online search, LATCH, ILL services and coordination of part-time staff.

Salary: Commensurate with experience, minimum of \$17,400.

Contact: Personnel Department, McKennan Hospital, 800 East 21st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57101. Or call: 605/339-8085.

Deadline: September 15, 1983

Position: **Director of MINITEX**

(Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange, Minneapolis, MN)

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