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SHERIDAN'S RENAISSANCE FAIRE

6,000 Attend Sheridan Library Renaissance Faire

The 4th annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire sponsored by the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library (WY) and Sheridan College, drew 6,000 visitors Sunday, August 28, in Sheridan's Kendrick Park.

Kathy Monroe, Library Public Information Officer, writes that they are quite proud of bringing off such a large event every year. Staff artists, writers, puppeteers, storytellers and all others work together to put it all together, and admission is free. Income necessary to fund the Faire comes from booth fees and donations.

The Library produces publications which help people to understand the significance of the Faire and of the Renaissance period in history, together with helpful hints on what to wear to the Faire, how to make it, and what you will find at the Faire. The Faire events include pageantry, feasting, games, merrymaking, and special activities for children.

See cover for photos

WHCLIST "Citizen Of The Year" Award To Julia Palmer

(The following acceptance speech was given by Julia Palmer, New York, upon receiving WHCLIST's "Citizen of the Year" award during their conference in Cheyenne in September. Ms. Palmer is the Director of the American Reading Council, authored **Read for Your Life**, a Notable Book in 1974, has worked extensively to design and train the volunteers for reading programs operates a family reading center, promotes and develops bookstores in schools, and has worked hard developing literacy services in inner-city Brooklyn.)

I am sad. The reason I am sad is that, like you, I have read the Commission on Excellence Report and a whole lot of other reports that have come out lately, and I am also reading about a tremendous number of suggested reforms. Some seem sound and other gimmicky, but to me very few of them go to the heart of the matter.

To me, the heart of the matter is that we are not a truly literate na-

tion and what's more many, many people don't expect us to be or believe that we can be. We have been setting our sights far too low.

I don't know about "a rising tide of mediocrity," but I do know about the mediocrity—when over 50% of low income urban youth drop out of school before graduation (in some areas of New York City it's over 75%). When business has to spend billions on basic skills education—that's more than mediocrity. That's idiocy and certainly indicates that something very important is wrong. Recently a partner in Ernst & Whinny, one of the big 5 accounting firms, joined the Reading Council's board of directors. When I found he was a bachelor, I was a little surprised that he took such an interest in our work, and asked him what had motivated him to join. He said, "I find I'm having to rewrite most of the reports of the men we've been hiring these last few years, and I've learned there must be something

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From Your President

MPLA Board met September 12 at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming. We were pleased to personally welcome Karen Everett as the Montana Library Association representative to MPLA.

Two other people have assumed new roles in MPLA. Carol J. Connor is the new chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee and Steve Ooton is the new chairperson of the State Agency Section.

Nominations for MPLA's general offices next year have been accepted by the following candidates:

Vice President—President Elect
Blaine Hall
Tom Jones
Recording Secretary
Vee Friesner
Judy Zelenski

Revisions in section and association by-laws were discussed extensively.

The boards of MPLA, Wyoming Library Association, and Wyoming AECT worked on 1984 conference plans in Cheyenne. Highlights from the May 2-5, 1983, conference include Professor Roger Welsch who will give the keynote speech on the human values carried by folklore and transmitted into literature. He is an accomplished speaker and will illustrate his talk with stories and songs. Jutta Reed-Scott from The Support MPLA Advertisers

Association of Research Libraries Office in Washington, D. C. will present a program for the Technical Services Section. The Public Library Section will have Gordon and Patricia Sabine discuss "Books That Make a Difference." About the first of the year you will receive a complete conference schedule. Mark your calendars now for the MPLA—WLA—WAECT Conference, May 2-5, 1984, in Cheyenne.

Another item I want to bring to the attention of the membership is that nominations for MPLA awards should be made immediately. Please nominate those you feel have contributed in an exemplary way to libraries in our nine-state area. MPLA award categories are the following: Carl Gaumer Exhibitor Award, MPLA Distinguished Service Award, MPLA Legislative Award, MPLA News Media Support Award, MPLA Literary Contribution Award, and MPLA Beginning Professional Award. For further information and nomination forms please contact James Swan, Awards Chairman, Central Kansas Library System, 1409 Williams Street, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Work is also progressing on the Convention Manual that we hope to complete by May, 1984. When this is written it should help future con-

ference planners.

MPLA Board will meet Friday, January 27, 1984, in Denver. If anyone has special business they wish to bring before the board, please notify me by January 1 so that I can include it in the agenda.

Your strong membership interest and support of MPLA is appreciated. I want to thank every member for their individual contributions to the association. MPLA has certainly become viable in the library world through our combined regional efforts.

Donna R. Jones



1/2-Price Promotion Reminder & Clarification

Recently MPLA members were challenged to show their pride in MPLA and introduce colleagues to our membership offerings. We asked you to locate two colleagues who would share a membership form. For pairing off like this, under your sponsorship, we offered them 1/2-price memberships.

Well, the offer will continue only until the end of 1983, so you do not have long to do someone a favor.

Be sure, however, to use the promotion and form the way its instructions indicate. There is a copy of the special application form in your new membership directory and in the June 1983 newsletter. A number of forms have been returned containing the name of only one person, though we have tried to accommodate those persons whenever possible.

This is a bargain, so please give someone some encouragement to discover the many membership benefits we offer.

Cheyenne Tri- Conference Programs Announced.

If you have not already put May 2-5 on your calendars for our annual conference in Cheyenne, WY, do so now. Our December issue of the

newsletter, which will be mailed in early January to avoid Christmas mail problems, will carry the full conference program.

To date, however, some preliminary conference program information is available.

Roger Welsch, Nebraska folklorist, will provide the keynote address. Gordon and Patricia Sabine, representing the Library of Congress Center for the Book, will discuss "Books That Made a Difference." Jutta Reed-Scott, from the Association of Research Libraries, will speak.

A special Civic Center program will feature Chicago Joe and Willa Cather, two separate performances focusing on women's rights in 19th century western America. There will be a Reception and Extravaganza at Ed's Place a.k.a. Laramie County Library, featuring music by the Chugwater Philharmonic and dancing by the Snowy Range Folk-dancers.

The World According to Horsefeathers, The Outrider, The Good Stuff, Overtones and Other Mystifying Sources

The February 1983 issue of **American Libraries** featured a library periodical quiz which made mention of two MPLA region newsletters, **The Outrider** and **Horsefeathers**. **The Good Stuff**, newsletter of the North Dakota Library Association, was the subject of a contest recently asking NDLA members to recall why the newsletter was called what it is.

Since all three of these newsletters are used as sources of regional stories for the **MPLA Newsletter**, I thought you might like to discover why these newsletters have the names they now carry. Upon writing editors I discovered the following interesting stories.

In September 1968 the first issue of the Wyoming State Library newsletter was published under the title "No Name" by Mary Read Rogers, editor of **The Wyoming Library Roundup**. A contest was held among the Wyoming librarians to select a name for this newsletter.

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Horsefeathers

A Publication of the
State Library Division of Utah
Department of
Community and Economic Development

THE OUTRIDER

A Publication of the Wyoming State Library



Over 50 suggested names were received; a panel of five judges was chosen from the Cheyenne group of Wyoming Press Women. The winning name "The Outrider" was suggested by Howard Fish, then Wyoming Library Association president. This name seemed especially fitting since the journal publication of the Wyoming State Library and Wyoming Library Association is "The Roundup."

Now, why the name **Horsefeathers** for the newsletter of the State Library Commission of Utah? For several years the Utah State Library Commission was headquartered in the old Carriage House at 609 East South Temple, Salt Lake City. Above the entrance door had been sculptured the head of a horse with a flowing, feathery mane. The director's office was located in the harness room. The rooms still had the faint aroma of horses and leather. Consequently, the name was a reflection of the surroundings. The selection was also intended to give the publication a distinctive title and to avoid calling it a "newsletter." When the Commission moved in April 1967 to its present location, the name was not changed and will continue. The Commission staff affectionately calls the newsletter "Horsie." There's even more

horsemanship meaning to the term "horsefeathers" should anyone want to pursue it, even a book with the title in it. Write me if you want to receive a copy of an article done by Doug Hindmarsh with the rest of the story.

The front page of the September 1971 issue of **The Good Stuff**, edited then by Jim Dertien, carried this story about the origin of its title. Keep in mind that the original cover carried a picture of a "carpetbagger." The story: "A carpetbagger, a hand, old grand-dad and you. In our last issue and first issue under a new title, we admitted theft of "The Good Stuff" from an Old Grand-Dad 86-Proof advertisement in Playboy. We thought the wording appropriate to a library newsletter since most librarians deal daily with "good stuff." With this issue we have added a "carpetbagger" and a "hand" to our title page. We learned a good deal about carpetbaggers in a great film, "The Flim-Flam Man" starring George C. Scott. Generally, the carpetbagger has not come off too well when reputations were analyzed. Yet, the "Flim-Flam Man" had a bad reputation only with those who preyed on others themselves. He taught everyone a whole lot about honesty. You are going to find just such

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honesty in this newsletter when editorials or letters to the editor are printed. Our "hand" is simply a printer's device which we will use to emphasize portions of the newsletter."

The Nebraska Library Commission's newsletter used to be **Overtones From The Underground** when all of its offices were located in a basement of a downtown office building. It is now just **Overtones**. **Hatu**, newsletter of the Utah Library Association is simply Utah spelled backward, but we haven't learned if there is some sinister reason for that coding. The reason why **Nexus**, newsletter of the Central Colorado Library System, has this title remains a mystery to the current editor. Anyone know?

News is drawn from many others, with the following titles: **Dateline**, **The Library Groupletter**, **Channel**, **Main Entry**, **Tipsheet**, **Plain Speaking**, **Bookmarks**, **Memo**, **NLAQ** (Nebraska Library Association Quarterly), **FOK'L Point** (Friends of Kansas Libraries) and many others. If you know of an interesting story behind any of these, please write and we will share the story with our readers.

Your editor

WHCLIST in Cheyenne

Dorothie Mahoney, Rapid City, S.D. Lay Regional Representative, and Jim Marvin, Topeka, KS Professional Regional Representative, attended the Fourth Annual Meeting of the White House Conference Task Force on Library and Information Science Services in Cheyenne, Wyoming, September 21-23. All sections of the country, including the Virgin Islands and the Northern Marianas were represented.

The Task Force of 118 members was formed by resolution of the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services to monitor recommendations of that landmark meeting on library and information services. Two representatives from each state—one lay person and one from the library profession—are elected to serve as Task Force delegates.

The Fourth Annual Report of the States shows a dramatic rise in state aid for library services, heightened library visibility through creative public relations programs, indicated a dramatic upsurge in circulation in the nation's libraries, and increases in citizens organizing for support of libraries. Task Force Chair Laura B. Chodos (New York State) praised the delegates for their leadership in

each state's and territory's efforts to improve library and information services.

The 1983 action agenda adopted by the delegates focused primarily on a call for a Blue Ribbon Panel on Library and Information Services parallel to "A Nation at Risk" report; programs focusing on adult literacy; cooperative endeavors between school and public libraries for improvement of library services for young children and students. The delegates also unanimously endorsed an action item supporting full dissemination of government information.

An award was presented to Senator Mark Hatfield, Oregon, for "Legislative Leadership." Senator Hatfield is on the Senate Appropriations Committee and has been a great supporter of libraries. The 1983 Publication Award went to the Council for Florida Libraries Publications, for its use of all possible means to promote understanding and awareness of libraries. Julie Palmer, New York, received the 1983 Citizen of the Year Award. She is Director of the American Reading Council and author of **Read For Your Life**, a Notable Book for 1974. (A copy of her acceptance speech appears in this newsletter.)

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awfully wrong with our educational system." That was a shocker to me because to get a job with his firm you have to do well at one of the top business schools in the country.

How can our schools be doing such a poor job in so many instances? I repeat—we're setting our sights too low. I'm going to quote from a speech by Leo Ray, who is considered one of the country's great experts on reading. This is from a speech he made at a conference at the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, in which he was explaining that, on the whole, reading teachers are doing a good job.

"Gertrude Hildreth once commented that about half of all children have some difficulty in learning to read. She then described three groups of children: the bookish and highly verbal who take to reading like ducks to water, the concrete minded, often labeled slow learners, who experience great difficulty with reading and struggle to achieve basic literacy, and the practical minded, children who can learn but who need to be motivated and carefully directed. Children in this last group recognize reading as a useful tool and master its use, but they would rather, under most conditions, do other things than read." Yet, I've told many of you about our reading program where 100% of low income minority 5-year olds learn to read with excitement and enthusiasm and without pressure. And I know that a major factor in this success is that we expect them to.

American publishers, too, as a group have set their expectations low. I say that out of personal experience. In 1935, I came back from a trip to Europe with hope to see the equivalent of the Continental Tauschnitz editions and the British Penguins available in this country. Being a brash young woman, I got an introduction to a leading publisher and poured forth my ideas. He patiently explained to me that paperbacks were an impossibility in the United States. "American labor costs are too high," he said. "And, besides, Americans aren't readers—like the British."

When paperbacks appeared I went to a leading children's publisher and suggested children's paperbacks. He, too, knew that this

was an impossibility. The only big market for children's books is libraries, teachers and maiden aunts, he explained, and they would never buy paperbacks. When I suggested that I believed that children would, he hooted.

The education divisions of the mass market publishers have been debating for three years now whether the idea of paperback bookstores in elementary schools is practical, yet in England there are over 7,000 such stores and they have made a major difference both to the publishing industry and to British children's education.

Now, what has all this to do with libraries? With you?

As I say, I am humbled to be talking to you. How can I say that women like Bessie and Mary Alice and Lucille and the rest of you who have been working so hard to achieve the goals of the White House Conference are setting your sights low?

You're not—but far too many librarians and friends of libraries are. And we mustn't—that's the message I hope you'll take home to your friends and colleagues. In last night's performance Willa Cather said "I can't accept my father's loss." And yet, ultimately of course, she had to. But there are some things one must accept and others which it is immoral to accept. If you believe, as I do, that library service is essential to learning to read and to a good education, then it is immoral to accept the fact that most elementary schools in New York City haven't had a new library book since 1974! It is immoral to accept the fact that most elementary schools in Cheyenne don't have a library.

We know—we've known for generations that children who come from a literate environment, from homes where they're read aloud to and see adults reading and have access to a wide range of print material, learn to read without any problems unless they have a learning disability. We also know that, unfortunately, there are millions of low income urban and rural homes and an increasing number of middle income homes where those conditions do not exist. But, we can and we must create that kind of literate environment in the schools.

I know you're all out there

fighting, but far too many librarians and others are not. If they were, we would be winning a lot more victories. It worries me more than I can say.

In New York City a couple of years ago, the then Chancellor initiated tests in the 4th and 7th grades which he called "gates." You had to be able to go through those gates to get promoted. And the Department of Communication Arts sent one a copy of a new curriculum they had devised for the children who had been held back so they would not have to just study the same material they had failed on the year before. The curriculum was about the size of a New York phone book, but I plowed through it and found that there was not one mention of libraries (either school or public) or library skills. I wrote them about it and they said that, when a new edition came out, which it hasn't yet, they would put libraries in. But, what discouraged me profoundly was the fact that the director said to me, defensively, "Do you know you're the only person who's seen the curriculum who's mentioned libraries?"

In the last NYLA Bulletin the president of NYLA has a short article deploring the fact that many public librarians, instead of fighting cooperatively with school librarians to get the funds needed, look on them as competition and try to thwart their efforts. Library literature seems to be full of articles on how librarians can recycle themselves. I feel very badly for librarians who have been cut, but I also feel that far too many of us are accepting defeat or acting like beggars at the table.

I hear a lot about "being realistic." I heard Pierre Laval's son-in-law in July, 1940, explain to a group of prominent New Yorkers how realistic France had been to capitulate and how "unrealistic" the British were being and we would be if we supported them.

Please help people to understand that the lack of realism lies with those who think that it is wise to allow generations of children grow up not knowing the joys of reading for pleasure—not getting a real education—and that you can't do it without access to books.

I want to tell you two stories about an old man I knew who was

an extraordinary fund raiser. He was extraordinary because he had such a burning conviction that what he was doing was giving people an opportunity to do the right thing.

He was asked by a group of businessmen to be the head of a campaign to raise the money to start a business school at Harvard—that will place him in his historical context—and he accepted. A little while later, he called on one of the men who had urged him to take on the task, and the man, who was very rich, gave him a check for half a million dollars. My friend, the fund raiser, handed it back to him and said, "Thank you very much for the thought. I'm afraid I've rushed you because I know when you think it over, you'll feel that that amount is really much less than your share and much less than it shows how important you feel this school can be to the country and to American business." A few days later he received a check for \$2 million from the man.

Later on he was asked to raise money for a c. o. l at Massachusetts General Hospital, a quiet place where friends and relatives could go to get out of the hospital atmosphere and the hurly-burly of a great medical center. It happened that, just before this, one of his friends, a very rich woman, had almost died in that very hospital because a nurse had mistakenly given her the wrong medicine. He thought things over and went to her and said, "Elizabeth, you've been through a very bad time, but you've got a chance, because of that awful incident, to do a wonderful thing. If you'll start this campaign with a substantial gift, everyone will say, 'Well, if Elizabeth thinks it's important to give after all that hospital put her through, then it must really be important.'" And she was persuaded, people were impressed, and the money poured in.

We have to use that kind of conviction and that kind of imagination when we go lobbying. And I want us to do lots more lobbying than we do fund raising. Libraries are essential to the survival of our civilization, not beggars to go hat in hand.

Now, this has been a very serious kind of speech to give you all. I haven't told one joke. And here it is, a gorgeous day, and we have had a very congenial, useful and highly
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successful conference. Why so heavy handed?

For years we have been warned that we are becoming two nations, but we haven't heeded the warning. I came from a very sheltered, fairly affluent, background. My father was a scholarship boy, but before I was born he became a very successful lawyer. My husband was a scholarship boy and he too became a successful lawyer. Until I went to work in 1957 in a school in Harlem I really believed that Horatio Alger was alive and well in America.

What I saw there and what I'm still seeing in the disparity of educational opportunity in my city and my state and my country seemed to me then, and still seems to me to be unAmerican, the kind of thing it is immoral to accept. And far too many of us are accepting.

It also seems to me to be an unacceptable waste of our human resources. I often think that, in this day and age, Lincoln would be pigeon-holed as a boy unlikely to succeed, with his unsuccessful father, his dead mother, his home without books. I see so many children pigeon-holed, and with every one, I think, could be another Lincoln or someone with the potential to offer our America so much.

And I read the morning paper—very depressing these days—and say to myself, "Where are the Ghandi's, the Martin Luther King's, the Lincoln's again and know that the most important thing I can do for my grandchildren is to see to it that every child gets a really good liberal education. And I know that to do that means libraries and library access for every child.

So, forgive me for being so serious, but please go out of here with the conviction that the medicine you're peddling can do far more for our country than an aircraft carrier or the MX. If you believe it, then others will.

Archiving of Satellite Data

A Blue Ribbon panel established by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is assisting the Department of Commerce in developing policy guidance related to the archiving of data from weather and land-sensing

satellites.

One of the problems that faces the panel is that the data stream produced by the satellites is immense. The meteorological satellites alone generate data that produce, each month, 3000 computer tapes, 15,000 images, and 150 video cassettes. The archiving today is done by the Federal Government on a rather decentralized, *ad hoc* basis. Since the investment to gather the data is very substantial, it is important to determine how much of this data needs to be saved, for how long, and for what purpose.

The Blue Ribbon panel will consider the interests of the public, including the scientific, historical, and archival communities. (NCLIS news release)

Audit Report Confirms BCR's Fiscal Solvency

The highlight of the September 15 meeting of the BCR Board of Trustees was the audit report for the past fiscal year which confirmed that the organization had eliminated its fiscal deficit and had a positive membership equity of \$25,328 as of June 30, 1983. Other analysis presented by the auditing firm of Bretzlauf & Husman, Inc. also indicated a general decline in both administrative expenses and salaries as a percent of revenues, concurrent with an increase in the cost of product as a percentage of product sales. Auditor Ned Husman stated, "The analysis indicates that BCR has been able to eliminate its deficit by reducing internal expenses while also absorbing a portion of price increases it received from major vendors. (Action for Libraries)

PLA Cost Analysis Task Force Seeks Information From Local Libraries

The Public Library Association (PLA) Cost Analysis Task Force is seeking information from library directors and others who have conducted cost studies in their libraries. The search is a response to the task force's charge "to develop a plan leading to the creation of procedures allowing libraries of various sizes to analyze their costs of common services and operatives in a

consistent and efficient manner."

Don Sager, immediate past-president of PLA, appointed the task force in 1982. At one of its 1983 Mid-winter Meetings, the new task force had been told that "many valuable jobs in this life don't get done, or get done poorly for want of an appropriate tool." "This is true," consultant Eleanor Jo Rodger continued, "for a householder postponing a repair job for want of a wrench as it is of an agency neglecting management functions for want of the appropriate information and the means of gathering it. For public libraries, the lack of cost information has been rightly identified by PLA President Don Sager as a deficiency."

The PLA Cost Analysis Task Force has developed background information on the state of cost analysis in libraries and commissioned a paper on cost analysis with support from the Baltimore County Public Library, the Montgomery County Department of Libraries and the Fairfax County Public Library. The 1982-83 PLA Board of Directors asked the task force to continue its work another year.

Descriptions of cost studies recently completed or underway, then, would be quite valuable to the task force. If your library or a department in your library has done a cost study, send a brief description of your cost analysis activity including area of focus (branch services, bookmobile operations, technical services, etc.) and the name and address and telephone number of your contact person to Joan C. Durrance, School of Library Science, University of Michigan, 580 Union Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 313/763-1569.

The task force plans to hold a hearing at the 1984 ALA Annual Conference in Dallas with testimony from libraries that have undertaken cost analysis studies.

RLG Data Base Ownership and the Question of Copyright

At its meeting on June 22, the Board of Governors of the Research Libraries Group reaffirmed its earlier decision not to register copyright for the data base of the Research Libraries Information Net-

work (RLIN) at present.

"The position taken by the Board of Governors is consistent with RLG's continuing commitment to the unrestrained exchange of bibliographic data," said Richard W. McCoy, RLG's president. "We recognize that libraries maintaining their bibliographic records in the RLIN data base have ownership rights in the records they create and that they may use without restriction any data representing items in their collections, whether or not such records were originally created by other libraries. Simply stated, each institution is free to duplicate and distribute its own records with exactly the same freedom it has in dealing with records held locally."

PLA Issues call for National Report on Output Measures

Stand up and be counted. The first national report on the results of output measurement will be made at the American Library Association 1984 Annual Conference in Dallas, and the Public Library Association (PLA) is interested in hearing from all public libraries that have implemented **Output Measures for Public Libraries** or will be doing so before the end of 1983. General observations and comment are welcome.

Libraries to be included in the statistical summary and analysis will be selected from those that have completed at least six measures including Title, Subject and Browsing Fill Rate, Reference Fill Rate and In Library Materials Use in substantial accord with procedures outlined in the **Output Measures for Public Libraries** manual. A broad geographical distribution and range of size of library also will be sought. Individual libraries will not be identified with specific results in the reporting.

Please respond by October 15 to: Output Measures Data Collection Subcommittee, c/o Public Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Include contact name, library, address, telephone number, population of primary service area and the names of output measures that you have used or will be implementing. You will hear by December 1 whether or not your library has been selected for inclusion in the study.

Rural Libraries Placement Service

The Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship at Pennsylvania's Clarion University School of Library Science has launched a new placement service to link rural libraries and potential employees and relieve them of the expense of national advertising. Employers may send job descriptions to the Center for free listing in the service and applicants may send their names and addresses plus \$1.00. Send to Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, School of Library Science, Clarion State College, Clarion, PA 16214.

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Librarians and trustees who continually wrestle with the problem of shrinking budgets and increasing demands for services may be bemused by the problems of the trustees and staff of the J. Paul Getty Museum Library in Malibu, California.

When Getty died in 1976, his will left \$700 million to the board of trustees of the museum, the agents who would handle this sum. At the end of probate in 1983, the \$700 million had grown to \$1.4 billion. As an operating trust, not a grant-making foundation, the Getty Museum is obligated to spend 4.25 percent annually of the market value of its endowment on activities it develops and operates, or, tersely, the trustees must spend \$60 million annually. (From "A Wealth of Scholarship: The J. Paul Getty Center Library" by Susan Malkoff-Smith, *Wilson Library Bulletin*, June, 1983)

Libraries Circulation Booming

Circulation of public library materials in the United States has increased twice as fast as the rate of population growth in the past four decades, according to University of Illinois professor Herbert Goldhor. From 1941 to 1982, circulation rose 100 percent while the nation's population increased by 70 percent, said Goldhor, who keeps track of the annual circulation and spending data from a number of public libraries. The total estimated national circulation of all library materials—including video cassettes, film, tape and records, as well as books—passed the 1 billion mark for the first time in 1981, and reached 1.07 billion in 1982. (*Plain Speaking*, August, 1983)

SLA President Looks to Future

NEW YORK, July 29—Pat Molholt, Associate Director of Libraries, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy N.Y., took office as President of the Special Libraries Association at the annual business *Support MPLA Advertisers*

meeting held in June in New Orleans at the 74th Annual conference.

In her inaugural address she stated, "Ours is a vitally needed profession, particularly now when the ability to deal mechanically with information is threatening to hide the fact that access and use are still human, intellectual operations. Our users confront an avalanche of information with tools and habits barely adequate to the printed card catalog era. Yet it is their access to the information they need on which our budgets, gadgets, and, ultimately, our jobs depend."

More than 3,000 special librarians and information managers gathered in New Orleans for the 74th Annual Conference. SLA is an international, professional association with more than 11,500 members who work in special libraries serving business, research, government, universities, newspapers, museums, institutions and organizations that use or produce specialized information.

Ms. Molholt continued, "the information revolution is here and has been with us for some time. The technological means for it—microelectronics, computers, and telecommunications—are at hand, and it is, in larger measure than we realize, **our** responsibility to make the information age a full and productive reality. We need to think beyond our library, and technology offers us a means to do this."

Ms. Molholt added, "... we belong to a profession that has grown used to meager rewards and recognition. This can and must change. By not basing our information strengths on the objects in our collections, we move away from being judged in the traditional ways. A new pattern and a new status can arise."

"Perhaps no single thing can do more, in this context, than for librarians deliberately to leave the protective confines of their space and join with researchers and others as specialists in the broader work environment. That will mean moving out of the library and into the laboratories and offices of those seeking information. In many organizations, computer networks have already made information access available in these same offices and laboratories. We need to follow this outward movement and make our skills as accessible as our information has become."



Around the Region

Colorado

Conference on Colorado Academic Library Master Plan

"A Colorado Response to the Information Society: The Changing Academic Library," was the title of an October 6-7, Denver conference, sponsored by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Colorado State Library, through the Colorado Academic Library Committee.

In May 1982 a **Colorado Academic Library Master Plan** was endorsed. This conference was organized to discuss and to build upon the concept that on most campuses an expanded role is required of academic libraries, not only because of the demands placed upon us by the information society but also because of current goals, needs, and programs of higher education. How can the library help to prepare people to be effective information consumers, and How can libraries support the goals of higher education in the State? were but two of the questions addressed at the conference.

Academic vice presidents, library directors, and faculty members from each institution participated in the conference. The keynote address, "Educating People for the Information Society" was given by Dr.

Harold Hyman, the William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice University. (Colorado Libraries, September 1983)

World's Largest Booksale

On Saturday, September 17, libraries all along the Colorado front range combined forces to produce a mammoth booksale spread out among three cities: Ft. Lupton, Denver and Colorado Springs.

The local sponsors were the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District, the Arkansas Valley Regional Libraries, the Plains and Peaks Library System and the Security Public Library. All proceeds of the sale were to benefit the participating libraries.

The "World's Largest Booksale" was primarily sponsored by the Colorado Library Association's Friends' Roundtable and the Englewood Public Library Advisory Board. Cost of the project was underwritten by the Independent Order of Foresters.

It was estimated that approximately 60,000 books were sold in the three cities in which the sale was held, which was estimated to be about 12 million pages of reading material, or stacked on top of each other, the books would reach a mile and a half tall. (Tipsheet, September, 1983)

Victorian Room Added to Library

Grand opening festivities for the new "Leadville Room" addition to the Lake County Public Library in Leadville were held on June 5. Nearly 300 guests enjoyed such delicacies as Baby Doe cream puffs and Champagne a la Prospector. The room, described as a Victorian beauty, is richly appointed in authentic furnishings and decor of the 1880's. Included in the addition, which has been a year in construction, is a small conference room, also in period style, boasting a massive oak conference table with ten high-backed chairs, known as the Baby Doe Room.

The entire project was designed, built, and furnished by Gilbert & Associates of Leadville at a cost of about \$150,000, most of which was raised by Lake County Commissioner Carl Miller through gifts from sources such as Climax Molybdenum Co., ASARCO, Day Mines, and the Boettcher Founda-

tion. No local tax revenue was used. (Colorado State Library Newsletter, June-July 1983)

Kansas

Women's Clubs Adopt Resolution and Establish Awards

Recognizing that Kansas citizens are faced with a steadily decreasing volume of materials in their local public libraries, and that those materials are not being replaced with more recent, more technically accurate materials, the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs adopted an emergency resolution urging members to "Support libraries in a new book and materials building program by actively telling city and state officials about this library need."

The Federation also established a \$25 library service award to recognize Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs members, clubs and other interested groups and individuals who are working to support Kansas libraries and are involved in developing library programs and projects. The first awards will be presented during the KFWC convention in April, 1984.

Awards categories are: 1. KFWC Library Development Award: an award to a club for support of local library programs or to a library board of trustees for significant development, or to a group, such as "Friends" or other support groups which have contributed significantly to local library development in one or more communities; and 2. KFWC Library Individual Achievement Award: an award to a person, not a member of KFWC, for significant contribution to local, regional or statewide library development.

There will also be two awards for KFWC members only. (FOK'L Point, September, 1983)

Montana

Great Falls Site of Puppetry Meeting

The Great Falls Public Library will be the site this fall for the statewide meeting of the Montana Puppet Group. A full day of performances,

"show and tell" and workshops will be offered on either October 8 or 15. Members of the MPG include professional puppeteers, librarians, teachers, students, church groups and other interested individuals. (MLA President's Newsletter, August, 1983)

Young Reader's Choice Awards

Arlis Bidwell, Box 385, Broadus, MT 59317 needs your lists of the best children's books you have read with a 1982 copyright. The titles are requested from librarians living in the Northwest, and will be used to put together a ballot. The ballot will be used by children in grades 4-8 to select Young Reader's Choice awards.

The Young Reader's Choice award meets several goals:

It recognizes a book which children endorse as a good story.

It promotes good books.

It also give some choices of books to use with children in the classroom and in the libraries. (MLA President's Newsletter, August, 1983)

Nebraska

PELARCON Considers New Lenders Fees

At its June 2 meeting PELARCON (Postsecondary Educational Libraries & Resource Centers of Nebraska) gave considerable attention to interlibrary loan matters with a discussion of the State Advisory Council's recommendation for a cost recovery based fee for interlibrary loans, and a report of the meeting of the regional/resource librarians.

John Mayeski described the proposal under consideration to establish Kearney State College as a reference and interloan switching center for libraries in the Republican Valley and Meridian Library System areas.

Vivian Peterson reported for the ILL subcommittee on net lender compensation. According to committee research, fees paid to net lenders vary from \$1.50 to \$3.50 for each item loaned.

Gerry Rudolph distributed copies of the new UNL fee policy on interlibrary lending and described the

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conditions which had generated it.

The PELARCON Interlibrary Loan Committee will consider changes to the reciprocal borrowing agreement at the October meeting. (Overtones, June-July, 1983)

North Dakota

The Library Connection—NDLA Annual Conference

The North Dakota Library Association held its annual convention in Jamestown, with a program filled with variety.

Dorothy Broderick, founding editor of *Voice of Youth Advocates*, addressed the topic, "Free Access to Information and Reading Materials for All Ages." Stephen Zink, head of the Government Publications Department at the University of Nevada-Reno Library, provided an excellent program on promoting and using government documents. Dennis Elbert, a University of North Dakota marketing professor, presented a preconference, "Contemporary Communications Can Lead to Dynamic Decisions." Phyllis Acker, who is the chief of volunteer services for the Minnesota Office of Volunteer Services, offered a workshop of "Effective Board Membership," stressing the importance of training oneself to be an effective board member and working to strengthen the boards with which we are involved. "Hoof & Mouth Storytelling," a program on using sound effects and music to liven up storytelling, was done by Heather McQuarie, from the Bemis Public Library, Littleton, Colorado. And Darrel Hildebrant, Veterans Memorial Library, Bismarck, talked about the use of books and puppetry for bibliotherapy. (The Good Stuff, August, 1983)

Tom Jones on Confidentiality of Library Circulation

As many of you are already aware, an inherent conflict exists between the professionally endorsed concept of maintaining the confidentiality of library circulation/registration records and the ND Century Code "open records" statutes.

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Memorial Public Library, is now close to adopting a new policy which includes "administrative guidelines" on access to records. Boards in North Dakota do have authority to promulgate such guidelines. The new policy will enable the staff to comply with the state statute as it now exists but also should deter access to files. When approved as a policy, VMPL will share it with interested persons. (Write Tom Jones, Veterans Memorial Public Library, 520 Avenue A East, Bismarck ND 58501)

Nevada

Library Olympics at University of Nevada, Reno

The University of Nevada, Reno Library Staff Association held their Library Olympics Kick-Off bash on July 11, with a gathering of everyone interested in signing up for the activities. Ice cream was sold by the scoop and cookies were 10 cents each. While munching, people signed up, forming 11 Olympics teams. The following are the teams: Buffalo Bill's Chips, Let's Get Physic-III, Structurally Sound, Medical Marvels, Crazy Co-op, 5 Stooges, Biblio-dynamics, Lifers, Daytime Serials, Awesome Athletes, and Circ's Beserks.

Every team worked amazingly hard, with scores into the thousands by the end of the games. Points were given for everything from vigorous gardening, to fence post hole digging, to judo, to fencing with a foil.

The end results of this month-long Library Olympics for the top three teams were: 1. Let's Get Physic-III - 19,940, 2. Awesome Athletes - 16,220, and 3. Buffalo Bill's Chips - 11,358.

The Library Olympics Awards Luncheon took place August 22, with a free salad luncheon, courtesy of the Lavoy-Reimer garden (which grew nothing but lettuce this year), with French bread from Evelyn Wagner's home.

The Olympic prizes this year were pottery. Everyone participating received a pencil holder or mug, decorated with a nose and a pair of eyes, and "1983 Library Olympics" written on the pencil holders. (MEMO, UNR Library, September, 1983)

South Dakota

Variety in Summer Reading Programs

South Dakota's public libraries supported a spicy variety of children's reading programs this past summer. It was "Fun With E.T." in Bowdle, "Super People" at the Minnehaha County Library, "A to Zebra" at Faulk County, "Reading is a Chain Reaction" in Sioux Falls, "Bookopoly" (a take-off on Monopoly) in Mobridge, and "Adventures in the South Seas" in Pierre. The Brookings Public Library elected to emphasize computers using the theme "Books and Bytes," while Beresford's "Summer Yummies" emphasized "bites," not "bytes" using a food-related program.

The Cozad Memorial Library in Chamberlain had, in addition to preschool and elementary-age reading groups, a Reinforcement Reading Program aimed at children needing individual help in reading. The service was designed to supplement and review what students have learned in their school reading classes. (Bookmarks, July-August, 1983)

Dewey (A Computer) Guides Customers

A TRS-80 microcomputer nicknamed Dewey tells customers at the Sioux Falls Public Library everything (well, almost everything) there is to know about the library's basic services.

The computer's program instructs people to simply use the numeric keypad to provide yes and no prompts or menu selections guiding them through a variety of screen information displays covering such topics as how to borrow materials, how to register for a library card, where to find restrooms, what the library hours are, what each department offers in the way of services, and where to locate these collections and services in the building.

Dewey is placed on a table which includes a display of the library's floorplan and a space for explanatory brochures.

A primary reason for putting Dewey to work was the hope that repetitive directional questions asked of staff could be reduced (and

that, hopefully, people who often hesitate to ask a question may find asking it of the computer less of a challenge). It is also hoped that customer involvement with the microcomputer will make later transition to other automated services less of a strain on people.

The Sioux Falls Public Library will gladly share samples of the program with others and provide the name of the young teacher who would be willing to provide a similar program for other libraries. (News Release, Sioux Falls Public Library)

Utah

Vending Machines and "Booktique"

Food vending machines and a book-gift store, the "Booktique," were approved by the Salt Lake County Library Board for installation at Whitmore Library by October, 1983.

The vending machine and store will provide much-requested services to both patrons and staff while raising revenue for the library system. The vending machines will offer hot and cold drinks and a variety of snack foods. Among the items to be sold at the "Booktique" are better condition used books, locally-produced books and other materials, arts and crafts on consignment and library produced items such as catalogs, a cookbook, bookmarks, and calendars. Supplies such as notebooks and pencils will also be provided for the convenience of library patrons. (Added Entry, August 2, 1983)

Marriott Library's Utah Newspaper Project

The Marriott Library of the University of Utah has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for Stage 1 of the Utah Newspaper Project. By funding representative institutions in all 50 states, NEH hopes to bring United States newspapers under bibliographic control and to assure their preservation in microform. In addition, selected libraries with extensive national newspaper holdings will enter records into the CONSER

data base to ensure the most complete coverage possible.

The Marriott Library applied for this grant in part because of its earlier efforts to microfilm copies of all known Utah newspapers. Stage 1 will fund a planning period to develop strategies for identifying items missed during the earlier effort, to prepare for effective bibliographic control (Stage II), to work toward further microfilming (Stage III), and in general to develop a consensus on the importance of Utah newspapers in preserving a record of the State's cultural, historical, and social heritage. (Hatu, September, 1983)

Wyoming

WLA Gets Humanities Grant

The Wyoming Library Association was awarded a \$20,977 grant from the Wyoming Council for the Humanities. The grant was awarded to establish the Public Library Steering Committee for Humanities Programs. The committee will promote, encourage and coordinate humanities programs in public libraries throughout the state. A wide range of topics will be offered to small and large libraries. Janet Meury of Powell has been the project coordinator although the grant was to include a part-time coordinator to set up the programs. (Outrider, September, 1983)

Shake-Downs in Cheyenne

In what would appear to be a shakedown for the Local Arrangements Committee for next spring's tri-conference, Cheyenne hosted no less than five meetings during September. The Executive Boards of the Wyoming Library Association and MPLA met individually and jointly on September 12th and 13th. The Western Council of State Librarians met on September 17-18. The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies met September 19 to 21, and the WHCLIST met from the 21st to the 23rd. The physical facilities are ready to go and hospitality flowed easily; the weather remains the only variable.

The various sections of the Wyoming Library Association have been active through the early fall. The Public Library Section met at the Sublette County Library in Pine-dale on September 9. Heather McQuarrie, Chair of MPLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, presented a program on confidentiality of library patron records. Gwen Rice of the Wyoming State Library spoke on Interlibrary Loan Procedures and Protocol.

On September 14 the Academic and Special Library Section met at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Donald DeWitt, the University's new archivist, discussed the holdings of the University of Wyoming's archives as well as their interlibrary loan, cataloging and acquisitions policies.

The Children's Section met at the Natrona County Library in Casper on September 30. Children's author Louise Jackson addressed the group, and an extensive display by the Children's Mercantile was presented. (News Release, WLA)

About You

Cheryl Bailey, Director of the Mary College Library, Bismarck, ND, has been elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the North Dakota Library Association.

Jan Beck is leaving the directorship of the Southwest Regional Library Services System in Durango to become Director of the Lincoln Trail Libraries System in Champaign, Illinois. Jan has been a very active MPLA member, and we wish her the best of luck.

Ann Birney, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, is the new Chair-Elect of the Omaha Area Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Diane Caley, Director of the Ward County Library, Minot, ND, was elected by the North Dakota Library Association as their new MPLA Representative.

Bob Carmack, Dean of Library Services at I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, was

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elected to a four-year term as Chapter Council Director-at-Large in ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

Charles Gardner, director of the Hastings College Library in Hastings, NE, has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the School of Library and Informational Sciences at the University of Missouri.

Jeanne Goodrich has left the Nevada State Library where she was Assistant Librarian for Planning and Development to become Director of the Public Library for the City of South San Francisco, CA.

Jerry Kaup, Library Director of the Minot (ND) Public Library, is the new President of the North Dakota Library Association.

Lisa Kinney, director of the Albany County Library, resigned August 31 to pursue law studies and politics. Kinney expressed her hope to become an attorney and have a joint legal practice with her husband Rodney Lang. She also plans to run for the Wyoming Legislature in the next election.

Shirley Krotz is the new director of the Glasgow City-County Library and Coordinator of the Golden Plains Federation in Glasgow, MT. She had been director of the Kimball, NE, Public Library since 1980.

Jane Larson, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, won a free MPLA membership at the South Dakota Library Association's annual convention in Yankton.

Stanna Meyers has left the Silverton, CO, Public Library, where she was director, to work as head of adult/young adult services at the Durango Public Library.

Ed Nickel, formerly director of the Northwest Kansas Library System, has joined the Colorado State Library as Senior Consultant, Library Automation.

Marjorie Sellers formerly associated with Park College and A.T.I.S. Associates, married Tom Patterson on September 2. The couple will reside in West Chester, PA.

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1984 AIT Catalog of Educational Materials is a 158-page illustrated catalog including program summaries for 2,000 individual programs in some 118 series available from the Agency for Instructional Television, Box A, Bloomington, IN 47402.

O*N*L*I*N*E, is a 14-minute videotape discussing advantages of automated circulation systems with five "automation pioneers," experienced clerical staff who have "converted" to an online system. The intended audience is circulation staff who are just beginning to go online although the program can be used in discussion groups with all types of staff. For further information contact: Library Video Network, "Blue Sky" Studio, 1811 Woodlawn Dr., Baltimore, MD 21207.

DAYS ONLINE: Coping With Automated Circulation Systems, is a 14-minute videotape using a series of typical library situations to present options for staff on dealing with the public while dealing with the computer. Each scene presents a "bad" and "good" scene on staff-patron interaction to encourage discussion. For further information contact: Library Video Network, "Blue Sky" Studio, 1811 Woodlawn Dr., Baltimore, MD 21207.

Guidelines for Young People's Library Service in Nebraska aims to provide public librarians and library boards with "realistic goals" for service to communities of all sizes. Write Nancy Chu, Children's Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, 1420 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Directory of Information Management Software for Libraries, Information Centers, Records Centers (1983 Edition) is now being distributed by ALA. The directory provides a comprehensive variety of information about fifty-five software packages, plus information pertinent to begin a cost-effectiveness study. \$45 from Order Department, ALA.

Online Searching Technique and Management, edited by James J. Maloney, is a complete guide on the organization and practice of reference service using online searching. The first part of the book treats the techniques of online searching, while the second covers management of the service. \$25 from Order Department, ALA.

Presidential Election: Keep Track of the Leaders is a colorful red, white and blue poster for the 1984 Presidential election for library staff to use in filling out election results from the 1st primary down to election day in November. It is designed to provide an attractive way of giving patrons an excellent campaign education by graphically depicting the entire election process in action. For more information or to order (\$5.75) write: Creative Information Services, 7460 Cortina, Atascadero, CA 93422.

The Basic Business Library: Core Resources, edited by Bernard Schlessinger, lists and describes the most important materials needed for business libraries or business reference collections. The first part contains a list of 156 basic sources with several useful indexes. The second part is a bibliography of recent literature on business reference, with abstracts. \$32.50 from Oryx.

Special Libraries and Information Centers: An Introductory Text, by Ellis Mount, provides a brief history of special libraries and information today, followed by a nine chapter management section. User services receives considerable attention. Also included is a chapter on editorial services. \$25 from Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003.

Success Stories: How 15 Libraries Raised Money and Public Awareness is the title of a 52-page booklet describing 15 library development projects submitted for the 1983 ALA/Gale Research Company Financial Development Award. This is ideal for libraries considering raising additional funds or wanting to plan special events. Order for \$4 from Public Information Office, ALA.

Microcomputers and Library Services to Children and Young Adults, Part 1 & Part 2

are two special 44-page reprints from the Spring and Summer 1983 issues of Top of the News which focus on easing the discomfort and general terror of technology. The two reprints can be ordered for \$10 from the Young Adult Services Division of ALA. The parts can be ordered separately for \$5 each.

Telebits, a telecommunications newsletter for librarians, published by Infocon, is edited by Brigitte Kenney. Volume 1, number 1, to appear this fall, will begin coverage on telecommunications, telematics, local area networks, fiber optics, interconnects, AT&T divestiture, value-added networks, modems, multiplexing, and much more. For information write: Infocon, Inc., 400 Plateau Pkwy., Golden, CO 80403.

Directory of Library and Information Professional Women's Groups is now available for \$2.00 prepaid from the ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, ALA. The purpose, type of membership, dates and locations of meetings, and contact persons are presented for each group.

South Dakota Library Association Intellectual Freedom Manual, now available as a 50-page manual, suitable for inserting in a three-ring notebook, can be purchased for \$4.00 from the South Dakota Library Association, P.O. Box 673, Pierre, S.D. 57501.

Continuing Education

Date: January 5-6, 1983

The Urban Electronic Library in the Communications Era

Sponsors: Urban Libraries Council and The School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh.

Location: Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC

Description: The goals of this seminar are: 1. To inform public library directors and municipal officials about key trends in new information technology; 2. To identify and explore new opportunities for urban public libraries in local area computer networking, distributed processing, municipal information resource management, data base marketing and public sector-private sector joint ventures; 3. To examine the legal, political, fiscal and staffing implications for public library managers in responding to new technological opportunities; and 4. To provide an opportunity for urban library directors to exchange views and share experience in small group sessions.

Contact: Alex Ladenson, Executive Director, Urban Libraries Council, 425 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Date: January 5-7, 1984

Educating Information Professionals for the Future: Strategies and Options

Sponsor: Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)

Location: Washington Hilton, Washington, DC

Description: Initially the conference will address the topic, "Who are We Now? Who Shall We Be?" Then proceed to focus on Library and Information Science Education, followed by an examination of Professional Practice.

Contact: Janet Phillips, Association for Library & Information Science Education, 471 Park Lane, State College, PA 16803.

Dates: February 28, 29 & March 1, 1984

Contemporary Issues in Academic and Research Libraries

Sponsor: California State University, Long Beach, University Library

Location: Hilton Hotel, Boulder, CO

Description: This Fifth International Conference will address issues of immediate concern to academic librarianship, such as: 1. Issues of program area contracts and fee-based services; 2. Issues of aux-

iliary funding sources; 3. Management issues such as financial planning, impact of collective bargaining, impact of automation on funding sources; and 4. Future directions in mainstreaming academic and research library programs.

The conference will provide a unique opportunity to extend educational perspectives of upper and middle management librarians, professional librarians interested in administration, and university officials.

Contact: Dr. Peter Spyers-Duran, Conference Chair, University Library and Learning Resources, California State University, Long Beach, CA 90840.

Library Management Skills Institutes

Dates: Basic -Miami, March 18-21, 1984

-Chicago, October 16-19, 1984

Advance -San Diego, February 12-17, 1984

-Washington, DC, November 4-9, 1984

Sponsor: Office of Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries

Description: Focusing on the specific concerns of librarianship, OMS Management Skills Institutes develop the supervisory skills of staff in order to contribute to the overall performance of the library organization. The laboratory approach builds on a learning model that suggests adults learn most effectively from direct activity and experience, followed by reflection, generalization and conceptualization of ideas and learnings. Finally, participants explore how their learnings can be applied in their own work settings.

Basic 3½-day institutes are geared for professionals in academic, public or special library settings who have some managerial, administrative or supervisory responsibilities, as well as those interested in library management careers.

Contact: Donna Reilly, Office Manager, OMS, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20036.

Joblist

Deadline: December 15, 1983

Position: **Head of Public Services (Librarian III)**

Salary: \$20,580 - \$24,937

Library: North Dakota State University

Duties: Responsible for the administration of all public service operations. Coordinates public services' activities with other library divisions and with the Tri-College libraries. Reports to Library Director and participates in general policy formation and

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Qualifications: No less than 5 years progressively responsible professional experience in an academic library including automation and supervisory responsibility; comprehensive knowledge of and experience in public services; strong leadership and management skills; ability to work effectively with university community; **degree from accredited MLS program or equivalent.**

Contact: Submit letter of application, resume, and 3 current references to: Personnel Office, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58105. An EEO employer.

Deadline: Not indicated

Position: **Children's Librarian**

Salary: \$13,536-\$14,076

Library: Elko County Library System, NV

Qualifications: MLS required. Good rapport with children of all ages, willingness to work hard to stimulate reading habits in young people. 35 hour work week.

Contact: Hailie Gunn, Director, Elko County Library System, 720 Court St., Elko, NV 89801: 702/738-3066.

Deadline: November 15, 1983

Position: **Library Director**

Salary: \$18-20,000

Library: Albany County Library, Laramie, WY

Duties: Position to be open in early 1984 directing county library with new 28,000 square foot building and four small branches: 2½ professionals; 18 FTE's, 34 staff members; 1983-84 budget \$309,000; 5 appointed board members.

Qualifications: MLS from ALA-accredited library school; five years experience in administration of public library preferred; ability to get along with wide variety of people; skill in surviving with a small budget and not many resources; grant-writing and budget background requested.

Benefits: 22 days vacation; no state income tax; 3% sales tax; health insurance; excellent staff; supportive board; terrific location for skiers and lovers of outdoors.

Contact: Joy Surdam, Chair, Albany County Library, Board of Trustees, c/o 310 South 8th,

Laramie, WY 82070. Potential interviewing at Midwinter.

Deadline: November 10, 1983

Available January 1, 1984.

Position: **Assistant Reference Librarian - Intern**

Salary: Minimum \$12,500

Library: South Dakota State University

Duties: Performs general reference service and shares responsibility for bibliographic instruction and online bibliographic searching. Assists in ILL verification and reference collection development.

Qualifications: ALA-M.L.S. required (earned by December 31, 1983). Preference given to recent library school graduates with training and/or experience in online searching and/or an academic background in the natural sciences.

Contact: Send resume, academic credentials and three current letters of recommendation to: Clark Hallman, Reference Librarian, South Dakota State University Library, Box 2115, Brookings, SD 57007. An AA/EEO Employer.

Deadline: November 10, 1983

Available January 1, 1984

Position: **Serials Cataloger**

Salary: Minimum \$15,200

Library: South Dakota State University

Duties: Responsible for cataloging of serials/periodicals in all subject areas; limited work with monographs and retrospective conversion project. Possible assignment up to ten hours per month at main reference desk. (Annual non-tenure tract appointment, renewable up to three years.)

Qualifications: ALA-M.L.S. required. Working knowledge of Dewey and LC classifications and AACR 2 desired. Preference given to candidates with two or more years serials cataloging experience using OCLC. Twelve month appointment with standard benefits.

Contact: Send resume, academic credentials, and three current letters of recommendation to: Iqbal Junaid, Catalog Librarian, South Dakota State University Library, Box 2115, Brookings, SD 57007. An AA/EEO Employer.



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