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Some suggestions for improving the quality of the catalog at the present time.

by Susan M. Simpson

(Ms. Simpson, Head of Public Services, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, WY, presented this paper at the annual meeting of the Solinus Society of North America, Wyoming Chapter, May 2, 1984.)

It was determined, after serious cogitation, that it was desirable to ascertain the degree of utility of our catalog. What was discovered was astounding, earth-shattering, and, best of all, publishable.

The methodology first. The catalog was moved from its old location to a new one, right by the reference desk. Thus a duck blind or a patron blind was created.

At randomly selected times for several months patrons were observed by staff members who had hidden under the reference desk behind an arm chair and a garbage can. Patrons were interviewed as they left the study area to verify the observer's findings.

Unfortunately staff members found it somewhat uncomfortable sitting under the desk for three hours at a time, and one of the first difficulties the project encountered was a sudden decline in the number of people willing to conduct the research. Fortunately, this speaker was acting director at the time, and this problem was solved quickly.

A checklist had been developed before the project commenced outlining the behaviors the study team expected to see. Obviously the checklist included such items as selecting a drawer, examining it, replacing it, the number of locations a patron would investigate, etc. A tally was to be kept of these behaviors. Follow up interviews included questions like "Was the object of your inquiry readily ascertained?"

It was soon apparent that the checklist was bootless. A

free observation form was devised.

At approximately the same point in time, another problem arose. Some staff members were so impetuous and judgmental that they were incapable of sitting quietly and observing; they had to interfere with the patron's free access to the catalog. These staff members were withdrawn from the study as quickly as their behavior merited.

It was obvious to us all that any patron coming to the library with a small child found the catalog an invaluable and free babysitter. A good flat resting place is provided by its upper surface for the babe in arms— or I should say out of arms. The child of two to four years finds the drawers an endless source of interest—out and partially in, out and partially in. The five-to six-year old had graduated to flipping cards back and forth idly while his older brother or sister had discovered that the rods withdraw and opened up for himself and his friends a larger world of self-entertainment, particularly if they are Zorro fans.

Teenagers find the catalog a superior gathering place. Teens up to about fifteen can, under the pretense of searching for a title, stand closely to one another and whisper, giggle, point, and ogle members of the opposite sex. The teenager of fifteen or above is more frequently found standing next to a person of this opposite sex; examining a drawer closely provides an excellent opportunity for what can only be called public kanoodling.

Many patrons regard the catalog as a convenience. Not only do they place their children on it, but they will frequently pull a card out to use as a book mark or scratch card or tear off the class number to take with them when looking for a specific book. This catalog is also a handy place to leave one's car keys, pencils, gum wrappers, and chicken bones.

Thus our observations are briefly summarized. What follows are the conclusions.

It is perfectly obvious that libraries are failing in their duty to their patrons at the present time.

Using the card catalog as it is currently arranged is not easy. One example is the current dependence on correct spelling.

Another problem is librarians: Their attitude towards the catalog tends to be too proprietary and narrow. Seeing a patron tearing out a card to use as a tooth pick tends to enrage the shortsighted among us. We should be happy to help that patron, not demeaning him with loud accusations of vandalism.

What should be done?

The catalog must do far more than provide information about subjects, titles, and authors. Libraries should be providing such items as teething rings, chewing gum, and tooth picks in the catalog to help support our patrons in the variety of their needs. After all, the library should be serving the whole person, not just an isolated part—the mind.

We have found a way to make the catalog more valuable to the patron. This has been done by adding cards; our study has shown that our patrons prefer the new system to the old and our usage figures have been increasing correspondingly. What have we done? A variety of new information bits were added to the catalog, specifically jokes, messages, and advertisements.

The jokes are selected so that ones offensive to every ethnic group, religion, sex, political belief, and professions are included. They are arranged by subject: jokes about Chinese food are under "Cookery, Chinese."

Messages left for someone by name are filed in the author-title catalog. *Cri de coeur* and other anonymous outpourings are placed in the subject side. We find this had alleviated the problem of "Johnny loves Bobbi" scrawled into dictionaries. It also stops staff from having to search for patrons when telephone messages come in; they are just filed in the catalog.

And, of course, in these financially troubled times, advertising geared to both the author-title and subject catalogs can raise thousands of dollars. Think too of the

satisfaction of asking a county commissioner running for re-election for money to pay for his ad and receiving the sum you requested with no argument.

Catalogers need to think far more seriously about their patrons' needs when using the catalog. We need catalogers of vision and imagination who can step into patrons' heads and discover how many ways it is possible to spell Michener or Cujo. No longer should the illiterate be denied the pleasures of reading.

In addition, as it is now designed, the card catalog is not suitable for patron use. For one thing, the rods are dangerous. A child playing with one could easily put out an eye. For another, very small children find it difficult to reach the drawers. In addition, the catalog as it is now designed does not help secure that privacy that junior and senior high students so need and desire. Neither is it the right height for all senior citizens to lean on and chat. Nor are the drawers big enough to hold all the larger items of debris that our patrons may wish to discard. The shape of the entire catalog needs to be redesigned, just as its contents do.

I should say too that adding these enhancements to the catalog strengthens the library's position as the heart of the community.

The public access on-line catalog will be just as unsuitable as the current card catalog if not more so. Small children will not be able to reach it at all, and the round top is not comfortable for leaning, placing babies or purses, or leaving debris. This is the challenge that the profession must face up to immediately. After this study, we can no longer hide behind our ignorance and pretend the problem does not exist. Are catalogs for patrons or are they not?

It is incumbent upon us that libraries not falter now as they stand on the verge of the threshold of the twenty-first century, but instead that they go forth boldly where no library has gone before to serve all the needs of all the patrons at all times. We can no longer cling to the Victorian ideal of the catalog as an organized listing of author, title, and subject. That view is too small for the present and the future we face. Let us provide our patrons with the catalogs they deserve!

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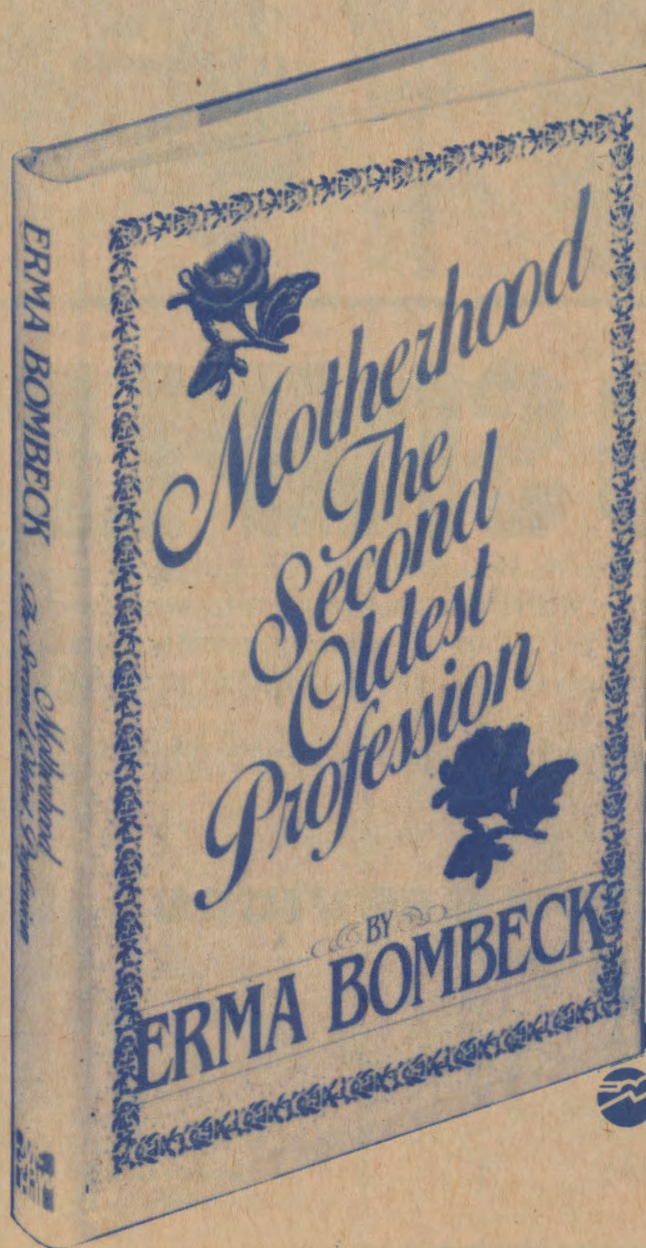


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The Literary Contribution Award was presented to Peggy Simson Curry, Casper, WY, in recognition of published writings deemed highly significant for furthering appreciation and understanding of the Mountain Plains Region. Her contribution to the literature of the region is demonstrated by her writings in several genre and her vivid characterizations of the people of the region.

The News Media Support Award went to the Howells Journal, Howells, Nebraska, in recognition of Larry and Pat Langhorst for their continued interest and support of the Howells Public Library and especially for their editorial comment and news coverage of a fund drive that resulted in the construction of a beautiful new library for the people of Howells, Nebraska.

The Legislative Leadership Award was presented to L. M. "Bud" Cornish, Topeka, KS, in recognition of his effective leadership in forwarding the cause of libraries in Kansas. His skillful involvement in the legislative process has generated awareness of library needs that resulted in significant legislation beneficial to Kansas libraries.

WHCLIST Report

Books—our reference, our entertainment, our joy and our Friend... but only if we can read them.

White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) members from Puerto Rico to Hawaii are building literacy coalitions and giving workshops to train tutors to teach adults to read.

These actions by members carry out the WHCLIST '84 theme of "A Nation of Readers".

During April Legislative Days, many members organized activities in their own state capitols and several traveled to Washington, DC to visit with national leaders.

WHCLIST brings together the professional librarian and the lay person interested in libraries in a way that gives both a definite direction to promote libraries. Each state has two delegates to WHCLIST which was formed in 1979 at the direction of the President of the United States.

MicroSystems & Services Introduced

The Bibliographical Center for Research has announced the inauguration of a new operational area, MicroSystems & Services, managed by Jim Hensinger, formerly Member Services Librarian in BCR's OCLC Services Department. In general, MS&S will coordinate BCR's internal data processing, will assist the other operational areas with support for hardware and software, will provide workshops and other educational services for libraries, will seek out ways of saving libraries money on hardware and software purchases, and will attempt to develop microcomputer products and services for libraries and other networks.

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Network Node

The Park County Public Library at Bailey and the Cripple Creek School-Franklin Ferguson Memorial Library are the sites for testing the Network Node Project funded by LSCA funds.

Both sites have microcomputers. These will be equipped with modems which will make it possible for them to dial Maggie's Place, the computer operation at the Penrose Public Library in Colorado Springs. This will allow Bailey and Cripple Creek library users access to more than 400,000 book titles available to them on inter-library loan.

The Node Project will also seek to automate the interlibrary loan process so that requests for materials from member libraries will be handled more efficiently and statistical data will be collected without intensive manual record-keeping. In addition, the Project will provide for automated booking of films in the Pikes Peak Region. The Project will also provide a data base of human resources, including storytellers, puppeteers, book reviewers and instructors of handicraft, arts, music and more. (Plain Speaking, April 1984)

Jazzercise Included in Meeting

The Membership Council of the Plains and Peaks Regional Library System had its very own jazzercise session at its April 24 meeting at the U. S. Olympic Training Center. After completing her report on State Library activities, Ruth Foley, Coordinator of Colorado's Regional Library Service Systems, changed into a Wonder Woman costume and led the Council in ten minutes of jazzercise. She was accompanied by a background tape prepared by Ruth and her staff at the State Library.

The Council also toured the Olympic Complex and the Sports Medicine Library. (Plain Speaking, May 1984)

Kansas

Kansas Union Catalog Maintenance Center

The Kansas State Library has established a Kansas Union Catalog Maintenance Center, which will serve as a central reporting agency for KUC difficulties that Kansas libraries are unable to correct through their own efforts. The Center will address major KUC maintenance difficulties such as (1) missing records input on OCLC which never appear on the KUC; (2) additions and/or corrections; (3) deletions of items withdrawn from holdings; and (4) name authority control. (Kansas Libraries, April 1984)

TELENET Offers Library Science Course

TELENET, an audio teleconferencing network, will be offering a library science course during the Fall 1984 semester at its 36 Kansas sites. The course is being offered by Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management. This course will look at the influence of past and present philosophies on the role of the information professional in society. (Kansas Libraries, May 1984)

Nebraska

Paraprofessional Group to Form

At a January meeting the Executive Board of the Nebraska Library Association voted "to encourage and support" the development of a group designed to meet the needs of library paraprofessionals which are not otherwise met by NLA. The group is in no way meant to segregate paraprofessionals or to compete with currently established sections of NLA.

Some proposed objectives for the group are: 1) to encourage paraprofessional involvement in NLA for the betterment of the library profession, 2) to advance the status of paraprofessionals, 3) to serve as a clearinghouse for information relating to paraprofessionals, 4) to promote continuing education for
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paraprofessionals, which might include the organization of workshops or seminars dealing with paraprofessional needs or interests, and 5) to encourage the advertisement of paraprofessional employment opportunities in such statewide periodicals as **NLAQ** and the Nebraska Library Commission's **Overtones**. (NLAQ, Spring 1984)

Training Grants Available

Individual librarians in Nebraska may now apply for grants of up to \$750 to cover the cost of participation in nationally offered professional level continuing education opportunities. The grants may go to public library personnel to improve and develop their professional skills, with all grants funded by a \$7500 Library Services and Construction Act allocation. (Overtones, April 1984)

Noted Nebraska Bookmark

A series of twenty bookmarks identifying Noted Nebraskans with a brief bibliographic listing of resources on their lives has been published by the Lincoln City Libraries. The bookmark series was created by Scott Stewart, Reference/Information Services (Lincoln City Libraries) with assistance from library staff in the Reference/Information Service and the Heritage Room. Original art work for the bookmark series is by Scott Stewart also.

The Noted Nebraskans in the current series of bookmarks are: Harold Lloyd, Gerald Ford, Willa Cather, G. C. Alexander, Henry Fonda, William Jennings Bryan, Johnny Carson, Mari Sandoz, Fred Astaire, George Norris, Malcolm X, Marlon Brando, Bess Streeter Aldrich, Hoot Gibson, Father Flanagan, Harold Hanson, Standing Bear, Susette LaFlesche and Buffalo Bill Cody.

The bookmarks in the current series are being issued two each month and are available at the public service desks throughout the library system—or the complete set of twenty bookmarks may be purchased for \$3.00 plus tax in the Heritage Room of the Bennett Martin Public Library. (Lincoln City Libraries news release)

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Technology at the Capitol

The Nebraska Library Commission took part in a special telecommunications exhibit at the State Capitol March 21-23, "Communications & Information Technologies: A Golden Opportunity for Nebraska." The exhibit presented examples of new technologies demonstrated by 40 separate organizations, including state agencies, state institutions of higher education, the telephone, cable, media, and radio paging industries, and Nebraska's manufacturers of telecommunications products.

The Library Commission's display showed how libraries communicate electronically through NeLCMS (Nebraska Library Communications System). NLC Reference staff demonstrated dial-access to OCLC, DIALOG, BRS, and NeLCMS on the Commission's recently acquired OCLC M300 computer equipment. (Overtones, March 1984)

Nevada

Morehouse to Qatar

University of Nevada Reno Library Director Harold Morehouse was a consultant to the University of Qatar for three weeks in May. Qatar is a small country on the Persian Gulf, oil rich, with a brand new university campus and a new library building under construction.

His task was to advise them about how to go about moving their existing five separate libraries into the new library building, and how to arrange the collections there. The new building, while expensive, spectacular, and of excellent workmanship (they used a Korean construction firm), is almost impossible to make functional as library. It is divided into many dozens of octagonal modules, on four different levels.

Morehouse reported that men and women students are kept completely separated from each other, so they have planned separate undergraduate libraries with largely duplicate collections, each with its own reference and circulation collections. The serials collection and a

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The library now has a backlog of 30,000 uncatalogued items, plus another 10,000 volumes being held by Blackwell's in England awaiting payment of 94,000 pounds sterling owed to them by the University. It seems that the university's Finance Department bureaucratic wheels grind so slowly that they haven't managed to make a payment to Blackwell's in more than a year. When payment is received, Blackwell's will ship all 10,000 volumes at once!

There are a few bright and fairly competent people on the library staff, but also some in positions of responsibility who are agonizingly incompetent. All of them lack sufficient training. And they want to automate everything. (Memo to the Staff of UNR, May 1984)

Montana

Microcomputer Produces Union Catalog

The Golden Plains Library Federation now offers its members a union catalog in book form of audio-visual materials owned by the federation. The headquarters staff, using an Apple II+ microcomputer and DB master software, produced the catalog which contains a listing by title, author, subject, interest level, and ownership. (Montana State Library News, March 1984)

Long Range Planning—A Centennial Goal

The Long Range Planning Committee of the Montana Library Services Advisory is currently preparing a draft five-year plan for library development, 1984-1989, "Visions Statements for 1989" (Montana's centennial year). The plan will focus on cooperation, the library as community center, technology, collection development, and education, both professional and public. (Montana State Library News, March 1984)

Montana Legislation

The two major pieces of library legislation that passed the 1983 session were H. B. 212 which will increase the mill levy limit for libraries, and H. B. 508, which will increase the size of the State Library Commission from five to seven members. (State Representative's report, May 1984)

North Dakota

Easy Link

North Dakota libraries will initiate a new telecommunications system known as Easy Link System, July 1, 1984. To date fifteen public and academic libraries are ready to go online, with others still awaiting connection.

This electronic mail approach will replace existing teletype systems, and will allow libraries to send messages and interlibrary loans more efficiently. (North Dakota State Representative news release)

South Dakota

Krug on Censorship

Speaking to an audience recently at South Dakota State University, Judith Krug, Director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, described three sources of current censorship pressures affecting not just librarians but all Americans as well.

Krug notes a marked increase in forms of government censorship, such as tightening the control of publication of information important to an informed electorate; the broadened restrictions on the Freedom of Information Act; and the National Security Directive 84, which would demand that government employees agree to prior security of every form of public speech they might make throughout their lives. The directive, which has yet to be sanctioned by the Senate, has temporarily been withdrawn.

Krug attributes the growth of government suppression of free speech to the philosophy of the Reagan administration.

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Another threat to intellectual freedom is the advent of new technologies that produce physical forms by which the flow of ideas and the preservation of those ideas is affected. Computer storage and microforms pose two problems for historians and librarians: the information can be easily manipulated or changed and the materials on which it is stored have extremely short life spans. It is Krug's fear that libraries will not have a history to pass on.

Pressure from individuals and groups to remove materials they find distasteful remains a threat to intellectual freedom. But, according to Krug, the ploys of these groups is changing. They now ask, not that materials they oppose be removed, but rather that materials they favor be added. In answer to the demand for "balanced" collections, librarians should strive for "diversity," urged Krug, so that all views and all nuances of those views can be represented as they become available.

As part of our traditional roles of acquirer, preservers, and disseminators of information, Krug encourages librarians to think of ourselves as "gatekeepers of the marketplace of ideas." (Bookmarks, March-April 1984)

Fossil Discovery in Library

Proving once again that there are more than books in libraries, John Pinsof, a graduate student of paleontology at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, discovered the remains of an animal never before found in South Dakota in the Canton Carnegie Public Library.

Pinsof was referred to the fossil collection in the Canton Library and there he found the back half of a skull and attached antlers of *Cervalces scotti*, a stag mooselike animal that became extinct at the close of the glacial period some 10,000 to 15,000 years ago. Specimens have been found in other states, but this is the first South Dakota find.

The fossil was originally collected in 1874 at Long Creek in Lincoln County by Earl Boyce, a pioneer who gathered fossils, rocks, and antiques. When he died, his collection was placed in the basement of the Canton Library. (Bookmarks, March-April 1984)

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Utah

Statewide Performance Measures

In March the State Library and the Utah Library Advisory Committee for Library and Information Services formally announced the launching of PROJECT UPGRADE to Utah public librarians. The project, a further implementation of the 1979 Utah Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, will implement a planning and evaluation process for the state's public libraries which is based on measuring library "outputs" or services. The results will be used by public library boards to plan for improved services in their communities and by the State Library to define "levels of adequacy" for public library services on a statewide basis.

Utah is one of only five states who are currently planning for the development of statewide performance measures. (Horse-feathers, April 1984)

Wyoming

Campbell, Sheridan Win John Cotton Dana Awards

Two Wyoming libraries have received the 1984 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award.

Campbell County Public Library won the award for carrying out a sound and thorough plan for motivating new and long-term residents to use the new library by means of attractive graphic materials, intriguing special events, broad media attention and entertaining tours of the building. Karen Hill is the public information director at the Gillette library.

Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library received a Special Award for a well-documented, noteworthy, first-time public relations effort that was successful in increasing library visibility and gaining community support. Kathy Monroe was the public information officer. This was the fifth time that the Sheridan Library received such an award. (Outrider, April 1984)

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Patricia Jarvi, Whitefish (MT) High School librarian, won a free year's membership in MPLA at the Montana Library Association's annual conference.

Roberta Olson, Fremont County (WY) Library, won a free year's membership in MPLA at the Wyoming Library Association's annual conference.

Mary Jensen, a student at the BYU School of Library and Information Sciences, won the Baker & Taylor MPLA/JMRT Grassroots Grant allowing her to attend this year's MPLA conference in Cheyenne.

Barbara Fraley, Johnson County (WY) Library, received the Wyoming Library Association's Outstanding Librarian for 1984.

Sunny Munns, a student at the BYU School of Library and Information Sciences, won the Baker & Taylor WLA/JMRT Grassroots Grant allowing her to attend this year's Wyoming Library Association conference.

Henry R. Stewart, Jr. is the new Director of the Emporia (KS) State University Library.

JoAn Segal, Susan Simpson & William Van Arsdale were accepted as new members of the Solinus Society of North America, Wyoming Chapter. All three presented research papers at the Society's annual meeting in Cheyenne.

Glenda Rhodes has resigned as Director of Public Services, Salt Lake City Public Library, to move to Sioux Falls, SD.

John Olsgaard, a former documents librarian at the University of South Dakota and winner (1980) of the MPLA Beginning Professional Award, has finished his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, and is the new Assistant Dean, College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina in Columbia.

JoAn Segal, currently executive director of the Bibliographic Center for Research in Denver, will become ACRL executive director on September 1, 1984.

Paul J. Hawkins, formerly reference librarian at Salina (KS) Public Library, is the new Associate Director of the Great Bend (KS) Public Library.

Mary Dalton Murphy, who was head of the Lawrence (KS) Public Library's reference department, died this March at age 65.

Morel Fry, Nebraska Library Commission, is serving on the Steering Committee for the establishment of a Nebraska State Government Chapter of the National Management Association, a committee sponsored by Governor Kerrey.

Carol White, University of Wyoming, will serve on the cataloging advisory committee of the national Geac Users Group.

Jean Johnson, University of Wyoming, had her article, "The Wyoming Experience with the ACRL 'Guidelines for Extended Campus Library Services'" published in the February, 1984 issue of **College & Research Libraries**.

Anne McGowan, Director of the Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development Library, had her bibliography "Economic Development for Small Local Governments," published by the Council of Planning Librarians.

Amy Owen, Utah State Library, will participate this year at ALA on a panel discussing cooperative resources for rural library service. She has been a moving force in developing a grant proposal to the Kellogg Foundation on behalf of

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Newly Minted

The Organic Public Library, by Darlene E. Weingand, emphasizes the role of the library as a dynamic center for individual coping and development in the information age. Discussed are such topics as the library of the future, planning, marketing, technology, advocacy, accountability, human development, measurement and continuing education from both conceptual and pragmatic perspectives. \$23.50 from Libraries Unlimited.

The Electronic Library: The Promise and the Process, by Ken Dowlin, Director, Pikes Peak (CO) Library District, points out the importance of electronic information storage and retrieval systems in shaping the library. It also emphasizes the importance of developing the skills needed to organize access to information in a technological environment—and to insure free access to that information. Neal-Schuman Publishers, \$24.95.

State Publications on School Library Media Facilities is an annotated bibliography of publications concerning school library and media center facilities available from 33 states. About one-fourth of the publications are totally devoted to library media facility design, equipment, and furnishings; the remainder include sections or chapters on these topics along with information on all other aspects of school library media programs. \$3.50 from LAMA, American Library Association.

Library Acquisition Policies and Procedures, edited by Elizabeth Futas, presents complete collection development policies. Support MPLA Advertisers

from fourteen public and ten academic libraries located throughout North America. It includes key portions of the policies of more than sixty other public and academic libraries. This is a new, second edition of the original text, available for \$38.50 from Oryx Press.

Library Buildings Award Entries for the 11th biennial Library Buildings Award Program, held in 1983, are now available summarized in a checklist and also as microfiche of individual entries. Entries include all types of libraries, and include new buildings, additions, renovations, conversions to library use, and interior redesign and refurbishing. To identify required microfiche copies of individual entry folders, a checklist may be ordered from LAMA, American Library Association.

Snoopy Poster Now Available in Spanish. "Me encantan los finales felices" (I love happy endings), beams Charles Schulz's Snoopy, on a Spanish READ poster now available from the American Library Association for \$3.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Write: Public Information Office, ALA. Orders under \$15.00 must be prepaid.

Women As An Underserved Population, a 17-minute color slide/tape program, can help librarians become more aware of stereotypes and barriers to providing women with effective library services. Using various types of libraries, it identifies information and service needs of women from all walks of life. The package, including 110 slides, cassette and transcript is available for two weeks' rental for \$15 plus postage from ALA Headquarters Library.

Media Center Management With An Apple II, by Janet Noll Naumer, offers a hands-on approach for establishing an efficient media center management system using a microcomputer. More than fifty examples of database, statistical, and word processing programs, with walk-through instructions are provided. \$19.50 from Libraries Unlimited.

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Censorship: A Guide for Successful Workshop Planning, by Linda Schexnaydre and Nancy Burns, provides complete directions for conducting effective censorship workshops or training sessions for library staff, school personnel, and community members. \$18.50 from Oryx Press.

On Account of Sex: An Annotated Bibliography on Women in Librarianship, 1977-1981, compiled by Kathleen M. Heim and Katharine Phenix, list materials which contribute to an understanding of women's evolving status and position in the library and information science professions. \$25 (paper) from ALA.

Libraries and Telecommunications Law and Policy: An ALA Conference Videotape, is an update on legislative and regulatory developments effecting telecommunications and the accessibility of information which was presented at ALA's 1984 midwinter conference. To obtain a copy of this approximately sixty minute program send a blank ¾" videotape cassette and \$25 (\$50 without blank tape) to Paul Kobasa, ALA Publishing Services.

Mapping Your Business, by Barbara Shupe and Colette O'Connell, is a guide to the millions of cartographic products published each year—sheet maps, aerial photos, space imagery and computerized cartographic data. This guide helps you find out about what maps exist, who publishes them and how to buy them, with over fifty pages listing publishing agencies. \$14.50 from the Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003.

Her Way: A Guide to Biographies of Women For Young People, by Mary-ellen Siegel, is an update of Siegel's first edition of this work. It adds 322 new titles and deletes 125 superseded titles. This second edition now contains annotated listings of biographies of 1,100 historical and contemporary women. \$35 from ALA.

Merlin's Magic: A Reading Activities Idea Book for Use With Children, edited by Carol H. Thomas, is based on a phenomenally successful summer reading program used in public and school libraries throughout Wisconsin. This text presents it in an expanded version for year-round use in school and public libraries, media centers, and classrooms. \$12.50 from Oryx Press.

OCLC: A Decade of Development, 1967-1977, by Kathleen L. Maciuszko, is a comprehensive history of the first large-scale computerized library system and bibliographic utility in the country. Many previously unpublished historical documents are included in an appendix. \$45.00 from Libraries Unlimited.

The Fisherman's and River Runner's Map/Guide to the Upper North Platte River in Colorado and Wyoming has been reissued. The map shows access points, 4-wheel drive roads, trails, river easements, rapids, put-in and take-out sites, campgrounds and other features along 200 miles of river and adjacent land. \$4.95 plus \$1 for postage and handling from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne.

HSIN Manual for Health Sciences Libraries: Suggested Policies and Procedures for the Small Health Sciences Library, by Ruth A. Boettcher & A. James Bothmer, can be ordered for \$20 (with binder) or \$13 without binder from Health Sciences Information Network, University of Wyoming, Science and Technology Library, P.O. Box 3262, University Station, Laramie, WY 82071.

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The Landscape of Literatures: Use of Subject Collections in a University Library, by Paul Metz, has been published by the American Library Association as number 43 in the ACRL Publications in Librarianship series.

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Contact: Bonnie Campbell, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, KS 66801.

Dates: August 22-24, 1984

High-Tech/High-Touch, 1984 Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference.

Location: Billings, MT

Contact: Jane L. Howell, 1029 N. 31st St., Billings, MT 59101.

Dates: September 4-7, 1984

Collection Management and Development Institute

Location: University of California, Irvine, CA

Description: To provide an overview of important issues and trends in the planning, development, and management of library collections; to identify techniques and strategies designed to maximize the use of financial and human resources; to provide up-to-date and practical training in selected areas of collection development.

Contact: RTSD, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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Location: Chicago

Description: Participants will (1) gain an understanding of Library of Congress subject headings from a historical perspective as well as current developments; (2) learn to use the **Library of Congress Subject Headings** with greater understanding of what it contains; (3) become familiar with the impact of AACR2 on subject headings; (4) learn how to interpret and apply model subject headings; subdivisions, and geographic names; and (5) be introduced to the current status and future plans of the automation of subjects and subject authority records.

Contact: RTSD, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Dates: November 1-3, 1984

Midwest Archives Conference

Location: Kansas City, MO

Contact: Sharron Uhler, 816/276-1539

Dates: April 2-5, 1986

Public Library Association National Conference

Location: St. Louis, MO

Contact: PLA Office, American Library Association.

State Conference Calendar

Sept. 20-22 North Dakota Library Association — Williston

Contact: Cynthia Schaff, Williston Community Library, 1302 Davidson Drive, Williston, ND 58801

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Deadline: Immediate opening
Position: **Head of Cataloging**
Salary: \$18,636-\$19,092
Library: Johnson County Library
Duties: Cataloging in library with
1985 collections budget of
\$725,000. Dataphase ALIS II
system

Qualifications: M.L.S., 3-4 years ex-
perience, competent in catalog-
ing and serials, experience in
automated systems, able to com-
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Contact: Send resume to Johnson
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Librarian, 8700 W. 63rd St., P.O.
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Position Open: June 1, 1984
Position: **Documents Librarian,**
Librarian II
Salary: \$18,415 -

Library: Nevada State Library,
Technical Services Division

Duties: Under supervision of the
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sible for development, organiza-
tion and maintenance of the
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lection and U.S. Census Bureau's
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Qualifications: ALA-accredited
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Contact: Send resumes to Joyce C.
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Deadline: July 13, 1984
Position: **Coordinator of Online
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Salary: Mid- to upper-teens
Library: University of Nebraska at
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Duties: New position created to
develop and publicize online
search services beyond current
level, perform online searches,
maintain liaison with natural
science departments, participate
in collection development for
these departments, provide
bibliographic instruction and
work reference desk.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited
M.L.S. and two years online
searching and library reference
experience. Undergraduate
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Contact: Send resume and three
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Deadline: August 1, 1984
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Deadline: July 15, 1984

Position: **Librarian**

Salary: \$25,000-\$35,000

Library: National Indian Law Library

Duties: Responsible for meeting the information needs of attorneys involved in litigating Indian law matters by providing a clearinghouse for legal opinions, briefs, rulings and orders. Serves NARF staff attorneys as well as tribal, legal services and private attorneys and scholars around the country. Supervises in-house on-line database of holdings and publishes the **National Indian Law Library Catalogue**.

Qualifications: MLS degree or at

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Deadline: July 18, 1984

Position: **Librarian II** (Childrens and Rural Library Service Coordinator).

Salary: \$17,784-\$26,052

Library: North Dakota State Library
Duties: Need energetic, enthusiastic person to develop quality of children's and rural library service.

Qualifications: Masters Degree in Library Science from accredited library school and minimum of 3 years experience in public libraries.

Contact: Mrs. Cindy Larson, Business Manager, North Dakota State Library, Liberty Memorial Building, Capitol Grounds, Bismarck, ND 58505.

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Deadline: August 1, 1984

Position: **Social Sciences Reference Librarian**

Salary: Mid-teens

Library: University of Nebraska at Omaha

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Qualifications: ALA-accredited M.L.S., academic library experience, online experience, and coursework in psychology and sociology preferred.

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