



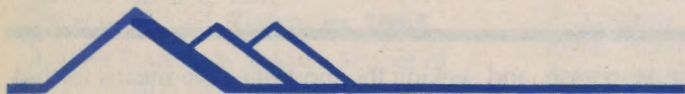
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50 years: A salute to BCR



BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH

In May the Bibliographical Center for Research celebrated its 50th year of library cooperation. In 1935, a Carnegie grant of \$30,000 and a dream of Dr. Malcolm Glenn Wyer, librarian of the Denver Public Library (1924-51), began the activities of the center with the development of one central collection of many of the principal country and subject bibliographies and the compilation of a union catalog of the libraries in the region to form a clearinghouse for the location of books and to facilitate interlibrary loan.

The history of the Bibliographical Center for Research and the Mountain Plains Library Association have been closely intertwined, such that BCR recognized MPLA for its support during its 50th anniversary activities. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge BCR's thanks by presenting below a chronology of our support.

For nearly forty years the **MPLA Newsletter** served as the official publication for the Bibliographical Center for Research, a natural in that it found that most of its members were members of MPLA, and that the aims of MPLA were much the same as BCR. Because of these common interests both organizations provided seats on their executive boards for each other's representatives.

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Miriam E. McNally, the first regular editor of the **MPLA Newsletter**, wrote in the November, 1956 issue, "By this power they (the region's librarians) have built a cooperative library agency (BCR) that has been of such practical help to the people of the Mountain-Plains region that it has since become a model of regional library cooperation around the world. Having established the Bibliographical Center, these same librarians—using this same power and these same pioneer qualities, established a regional library association. The purpose was, of course, to carry forward and extend the power of cooperation to other fields."

In a previous year, 1954, the Bib Center's annual report discussed the competition relating to percentages of members by various types of libraries and the Director suggested "that the Center be sold to the Mountain-Plains Library Association during her term as president." This was an obvious show of loyalty and trust between the organizations.

Since its inception in 1948 at an Estes Park conference, the Presidents of MPLA regularly addressed their concern for support of the Bibliographical Center for Research. In 1957, President Lora Crouch wrote: "MPLA should work together for. . . The Bibliographical Center for Research (a model of

cooperative enterprise)." At a Bozeman conference she asked members for project suggestions to use in securing foundation grant support. She noted, "The majority of the suggestions were for some expansion of the services of the Bibliographical Center for Research." Work continued on that with Ms. Crouch continually taking an aggressive role in seeking results.

When Ford Rockwell was MPLA president in 1960 he reported that a "committee will study the relationships between MPLA and the Bibliographical Center to see in what ways MPLA actually supports this Center and in what ways MPLA can implement and strengthen what the Center does. Regarded as one of our prime interests, we seek ways to increase the stature of the Center in its bibliographical resources."

In the Fall, 1960 issue of the **Mountain-Plains Library Quarterly**, in which the above remarks were published, it was interesting to find this note from the minutes of the Center's 1960 annual meeting: "To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Bibliographical Center, Mrs. Chapman expressed regret that Dr. Wyer was not able to be present, and displayed a cake in the form of a Bib with a silver lace fringe to represent one of the Director's famous hats. This cake is to be presented to Dr. Wyer with thanks for his vision in proposing and developing the Bibliographical Center."

In 1961, Mrs. Victoria S. Barker, Librarian, Boulder Laboratories Library, National Bureau of Standards, presented the officers and executive committee members of the Center thirteen proposals emerging from an analysis of the Center's 1960 annual report. Proposal number 11 read: "That the sponsorship by state and regional library associations be codified by a statement of their responsibilities and privileges." She explained, "This proposal recognizes MPLA as a sponsor of the Bibliographical Center, and that the Colorado State Library Association includes the Director on its Board of Directors. There are members from each state covered by MPLA in the Bibliographical Center. . . ."

Stuart Baillie, President of MPLA in 1961 reported in the Fall, 1961 **Mountain-Plains Library Quarterly**, "The relationship between MPLA and the 'Bib Center' should be explored seriously. The 'Bib Center' and its Executive Board have spent long hours during the past year in assessing its aims and purposes. Miss Phoebe Hayes will begin October as the new Director of the Bibliographic Center for Research. Throughout these deliberations MPLA was represented by President Ford Rockwell and other members. By Executive Board vote, one thousand dollars of MPLA funds were given to the 'Bib Center' to help support its program. The 'Bib Center' and MPLA need more than the present thin extra-legal connection. The Director of the Center should be a permanent Executive Board member within MPLA and MPLA should have legal representation on the 'Bib Center' Executive Board."

"Miss Bib," Eulalia Chapman, was respectfully praised upon her retirement in an editorial written by Miriam McNally in February 1961. She was especially thanked for her service to MPLA as a past-president.

The Center's annual report for 1961 notes, "The Center has been given official representation by the Mountain-Plains Library Association on the latter's Executive Board. . . ."

Continued emphasis and concern on relationships with the Center showed up in the work of an MPLA Committee on the Bibliographical Center which worked for two years on recommendations which were later addressed by revisions in the constitution and by-laws. The result of the committee's work

was continued recommendation that MPLA work hard to promote and support this valuable resource.

MPLA's loyalty to the Center showed up in the recommendations of Russell Swank, Dean, School of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley, following a survey of the Center: "That the Mountain-Plains Library Association reaffirm its official sponsorship of, exchange Board memberships with, and contribute to the financial support of the Center, and that consideration be given to using the Center as headquarters of the association and for implementing its cooperative programs." (Note: Before the **Quarterly** moved to its new home in Wichita, KS, the official address was that of BCR, once referred to as a "permanent home.")

In 1973 a Conference on Interstate Interlibrary Cooperation was held, jointly sponsored by state library agencies, the Bibliographical Center for Research, and MPLA.

In 1973 and 1974 MPLA worked hard on a master plan for the future of its organization and regional cooperation. Master plan recommendations were made to BCR, encouraging OCLC affiliation, studying means of accessing new resources outside

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—Miriam McNally

of the region, and seeking the most effective means for providing bibliographic access to items within and outside the region. In addition, the plan suggested that MPLA work with BCR to share executive and office support functions, an idea that failed to materialize.

During these many years minutes and annual reports of the Bibliographical Center for Research regularly appeared in the **MPLA Newsletter**, the Center frequently held its membership meetings during MPLA conferences, and both organizations maintained very direct communications. However, as the responsibilities of BCR expanded beyond its regional affiliation the closeness of the two organizations began to weaken. BCR has grown to become a sophisticated business providing a variety of technical products useful to a library community not limited to the geographical boundaries of the traditional MPLA region.

Leadership on the Bibliographical Center's various executive bodies is no longer a reflection of the leadership that guides MPLA.

The closeness is gone, but the historical precedent set in 1948 when MPLA was organized continues to prevail as a bond that weathers the recent changes. MPLA is still intent upon promoting library services in its region, and it recognizes the Bibliographical Center for Research as a vital organization serving this purpose. MPLA congratulates BCR for its superb record, takes pride in its years of association with BCR, and wishes the Center the best of luck for the years to come.

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A Challenge Met: Confidentiality Of Library Records Law Passed In North Dakota

Among the many resolutions passed at the 1983 NDLA Convention was one which was intended to initiate a change in the state's "open records" law to provide protection of library circulation and registration records. The existing law, NDCC 44-04-18, provided in part: "Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all records of public or governmental bodies, boards, bureaus, commissions or agencies of the state, or organizations or agencies supported in whole or in part by public funds, shall be public records, open and accessible for inspection during reasonable office hours. Violations are punishable as an infraction."

In an opinion solicited from the state Attorney General by the State Library and dated December 13, 1982, it was clearly stated that an existing library board policy (Bismarck's) was clearly contrary to this statute. This meant that throughout the state, existing library board policies were in trouble! State law did provide, however, for the establishment of an "administrative procedure" to govern release of library records. At best this allowed for a bureaucratic slowdown in giving release, requiring the use of properly signed forms which would then be reviewed by the librarian. It was wholly inadequate because it could not stop release of records.

What came as a real shock to many in the library community was the reality that the recommended ALA policy on confidentiality is not an absolute, grounded for certain in U.S. Constitutional law. Instead of being based upon specific legal precedent, it is based upon what is perceived to be protection in the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The only realistic option available to the North Dakota library community was to seek change in the existing state statute, and this task was initially perceived as an uphill challenge given heavy state precedent in favor of open records.

NDLA took up the challenge, and appointed a committee to draft legislation

which would be agreeable to the library community. Both the State Library's FLICKERTAIL NEWSLETTER and NDLA's publication THE GOOD STUFF reviewed the matter at length from the historical and practical perspectives. While to the library community-at-large it may have appeared that the process for change was well underway and in the competent hands of the appointed committee, all was not going smoothly! The committee itself split into two, almost permanently fracturing over the intended format of the proposed legislation. One group favored a draft which specifically mandated the confidentiality of library records and included a provision for a civil suit for damages to be brought by the library patron whose records were violated. The other members of the committee preferred a draft which provided an exception to the existing open records law without any penalty. The latter group prevailed after a couple of tense meetings, perhaps because those who conceded thought the draft would be changed during the anticipated legislative struggle.

As approved by the committee, endorsed by the 1984 NDLA convention, and passed without change by the 1985 ND Legislature, NDCC 40-38-12 reads as follows:

"Any record maintained or received by a library receiving public funds, which provides a library patron's name or information sufficient to identify a patron together with the subject about which the patron requested information, is considered private and is excepted from the public records disclosure requirements of section 44-04-18. These records may be released when required pursuant to a court order or a subpoena."

In this form the ND Confidentiality of Library Records law places the burden of maintaining confidentiality on the library community. The exception for not disclosing library circulation and use information is provided in statute but not mandated. NDLA has already endorsed the ALA "Statement on Professional Ethics" which reads in part: "Librarians must protect each user's right to privacy with respect to information sought or received, and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired." The association now will actively encourage all librarians and trustees to put the espoused ethical standard into practice.

Actual passage in the legislative arena proved to be not as difficult as initially perceived. Carefully laid groundwork can be credited for this. Well before the session began in January 1985, contact was made with the North Dakota Newspaper Association which might have been a formidable opponent. Copies of the proposed bill draft along with a couple of key periodical articles providing perspective and explanation of the intention of the bill were provided to that association's key lobbyist for sharing with an executive board of editors. The editors did some investigating which included a call to South Dakota where similar legislation was passed previously. The Newspaper Association decided to take a neutral stance, and then maintained it throughout the session. The "live" media of radio and television ignored the issue.

Prime legislative sponsor was Representative Michael Unhjem (MPLA Legislative Award winner in 1981), a member of the majority party in the House. The Senate sponsor was Gerald Waldera, representing the minority party in that chamber. The library community once again worked at the grassroots level to inform legislators. The bill passed both houses without any active opposition and by wide majority.

The passage of H. B. 1270 is certainly seen by many in the North Dakota library community as a victory for intellectual freedom. It was also a positive vote for libraries and what they represent! Also and without a doubt, the positive mood generated for this bill's passage did assist in maintaining continued and solid support for passage of the financial bill which refunded the State Library and State Aid to Public Libraries without cuts in a year of drastic budget curtailments. (Report by Tom Jones)



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Just and Sufficient Alternatives: Public Libraries and the Property Tax in Utah

(A summary of the ULA Pre-Conference Workshop, May 1, 1985, Utah State Capitol. Co-sponsored by the Mountain Plains Library Association.)

On May 1, 1985, the Utah Library Association, with a \$500 pre-conference grant from the Mountain Plains Library Association, sponsored a full-day workshop on "Just and Sufficient Alternatives: Public Libraries and the Property Tax in Utah." The workshop was attended by thirty participants, including MPLA President, Dorothy Leigl. In addition, five discussion group leaders and five ULA members serving as discussion group recorders attended. Discussion group leaders included a professor of philosophy and a vice-president from the University of Utah. Participants heard from three main speakers—Nancy Zussy, Deputy Director of the Washington State Library; Thayne Robson, Director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah; and Dr. David Kiefer, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Utah. Following their talks, the speakers fielded questions from the participants. Two discussion group sessions of one hour each were held during which participants examined alternatives to the property tax, methods for stabilizing the property tax as a library funding source, the relationship of libraries to the state legislature and other decision-making bodies and the role of library boards in the funding process.

Nancy Zussy delivered the keynote address of the workshop. She provided an excellent and thoroughly researched appraisal of the effects of the property tax revolt on public libraries across the country. She examined causes of the tax revolt, methods which libraries can use to defend their funding and ways in which cutbacks have been dealt with when they could not be avoided. Ms. Zussy paid particular attention to the program budgeting method, as implemented by the Washington State Library, as compared with the tradi-

tional line item budget. She expressed a strong preference for the former because the price of an entire program can be examined and the decision to keep or cut the program made accordingly. By contrast, across-the-board cuts from line item budgets—e.g., 10% from staff, 10% from materials, etc.—tend to weaken the library while hiding the total impacts as each program continues to struggle on.

Thayne Robson provided the workshop with an overview of the tax structure and of the economics and politics of taxation in Utah. He is one of, if not the most influential of economists in the state. His talk made it clear why he is so influential. He displayed an exceptional knowledge of all aspects of taxation and presented his points forcefully. Mr. Robson began by observing that public libraries in Utah, both city and county, appear to receive a relatively consistent 3% of the expenditures of their respective government units. He proceeded to focus particularly on the administration of the property tax, especially at the state level. He sees very little hope for a major shift from the property tax for library support, except perhaps for city libraries which may have some access to sales tax revenues. But in general, libraries will continue to rely on the property tax in Utah and the library community should, in his view, work to improve the administration of the property tax both to make it appear more fair to the public and to increase the revenue which it yields. Mr. Robson reminded the workshop that the property tax is among the most disliked of taxes because it is perceived as unfair. Whatever libraries can do to change that perception will, Mr. Robson suggests, protect library revenues.

In his talk, Dr. David Kiefer explored the question, "Why do we have public services at all?" He explained the economist's view of efficiency and equity. In defining efficiency, Dr. Kiefer distinguished it from what is normally meant by efficiency, such as in "an efficient industry." In the economist's definition, efficiency relates to the way in which taxes distort choices—that is, for example, individuals or companies choose to not do something, such as move into a city, because the taxes associated with that choice are too high. Equity he defined as a fair alignment of costs and benefits. Property taxes may appear unfair because those who pay them may not perceive a fair return on their taxes in terms of

benefits. Dr. Kiefer brought to the attention of the workshop the fact that the property tax is very visible in that it is assessed in a single lump sum, whereas the sales tax is less visible because it is charged in numerous small amounts. Finally, Dr. Kiefer explored philosophical issues related to taxes in terms of a just distribution of wealth. He noted the range of thinkers on the issue of the distribution of wealth from Adam Smith and Jeremy Bentham to John Rawls and Karl Marx. Overall, Dr. Kiefer invited the workshop to consider the effects of each type of tax on the way that individuals make choices and the fairness of particular taxes being used to support specific services.

The discussion groups and the question-and-answer session with the main speakers covered a very broad range of topics. Notably, issues related to the following areas of concern were addressed:

- bonding and laws related to bonding;
- direct state aid to local public libraries;
- the institution of a state-wide library card;
- methods for strengthening the image of libraries in the community;
- the use of a "weighted pupil" type formula, similar to that used in school funding;
- the advantages and disadvantages of user fees;
- the justness of user fees;
- improved training for local library trustees;
- ULA support for the State Tax Commission;
- the employment by ULA of a professional lobbyist; and
- librarians taking their role in the political process more seriously.

Clearly, the discussion groups were very productive. This may be the first time that members of the Utah library community have discussed in a significant way the issues related to their main source of funding. And while the discussion reflected concern, it also reflected hope and a new awareness of the need for action.

The workshop concluded with an outline of what is now to be done with the workshop output. It was agreed that the main talks should be transcribed from tape recordings and made widely available along with summaries of the discussion groups. The legislative committee, after examining the materials will make recommendations to the ULA Executive Board for further action.

National Library Week Theme Announced

"Get a head start at the library" was announced today as the theme for National Library Week 1986. The annual observance will be April 6-12.

Theme posters will portray real-life "winners" from the playing field and board room. Radio public service announcements and print ads will also promote the library as a training ground for success.

The announcement was made by Linda K. Wallace, director of the ALA Public Information Office, at the National Library Week Workshop at Annual Conference.

Libraries wanting to get a head start on their planning can order a "Get a head start at the library" year-at-a-glance wall planner for 1986. The calendar notes dates of key library events such as Annual Conference, also birthdays and other events lending themselves to special library promotions.

The ALA 1986 Graphics Catalog and Publicity Book giving ideas for promoting National Library Week and libraries will be published in the fall.

The wall planner can be ordered at a special introductory price of \$8 before Sept. 15. Also, free copies of the

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The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy In Vietnam by Huynh Quang Nhuong (Whoyen Kwang Newwong) has been named the winner of the 1985 William Allen White Children's Book Award according to Dr. Henry R. Stewart, director of the William Allen White Library at Emporia State University and Executive Director of the White Award Program.

This is the thirty-third annual William Allen White Children's Book Award presented by Emporia State University. More than 41,000 children in the fourth through eighth grades in Kansas schools participated in the voting for this year's award. The boys and girls voted for their favorite book from a master list chosen by the White Award Book Selection Committee representing educational and professional organizations in Kansas. The Award was founded by Ruth Garver Gagliardo, a specialist in children's literature,

to honor the memory of one of the state's most distinguished citizens by encouraging the boys and girls of Kansas to read and enjoy good books. Ruth Garver Gagliardo dedicated and inspired leadership guided the White Award Program from 1952 until her death on January 5, 1980. The White Award, which was the first statewide reader's choice award, is directed by Emporia State University. The White Award Program is supported in part by the Trusler Foundation.

The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy In Vietnam, which was published in 1982 by Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc. of New York City, is a collection of stories based on the author's memories of his childhood years spent in a small hamlet in the central highlands of Vietnam before the war. The stories portray the social life and customs of a small Vietnamese community where the people earn their livelihood by farming during the six-month rainy season and hunting in the jungle during the dry season. Animals are central to the stories and the author

recounts exciting adventures with predatory wildlife such as tigers, wild hogs, crocodiles and horse snakes.

The Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, named **The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy In Vietnam** as a 1982 Notable Children's Book. **The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy In Vietnam** was selected for inclusion on "Children's Reviewers' Choice '82", a bibliography of titles selected by the children's book reviewing staff of **Booklist**. The book was also listed in "Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies" for 1982, a bibliography which was selected by the Book Review Subcommittee of the National Council for the Social Studies-Children's Book Council Joint Committee.

The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy In Vietnam is Huynh Quang Nhuong's first book. He is currently writing other works. He is a contributor to **Midlands**, a literary journal published by the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Microcomputers. . How Libraries Use Them

How are libraries using microcomputers? The Cooperative Library Agency for Systems and Services (CLASS) in San Jose, California sent out a questionnaire asking this question and received responses from 156 libraries willing to have details of their applications made public. Results were published in the **Directory of Microcomputer Applications in Libraries** and included:

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 - management
 - ordering
 - teacher education
 - text editing
 - tracking of charges
 - against deposit account
 - transaction card input
 - vertical files (Spanish)
 - video tape files
 - word processing

Washington Library Network Goes Western

The Washington State Library (WSL) announced today that their computer division, the Washington Library Network (WLN), is officially renamed the Western Library Network.

"The name was changed to 'Western' to better reflect the Network's service area," Roderick G. Swartz, WLN Executive Officer said. "WLN has participating members in eight western states and provinces, and licenses its library automation system worldwide."

WLN has been operating an on-line computerized library system since 1977 and now services over 200 Participants. The Network began licensing library computer system software in 1979 and has several prestigious national and academic libraries participating as Software Licensees.

ALA Young Adult Services Division Wins NEH Project Grant

The Young Adult Services Division (YASD) of the American Library Association (ALA) has been awarded \$227,284 by the National Endowment for the Humanities for an 18-month project titled "Library-Based Programming in the Humanities for Young Adults."

The goal of the project, set to begin in October 1985, is to encourage young adult librarians working with scholars to develop a number of library-based humanities projects to attract young people. The accepted proposal outlines a series of four regional workshops across the country to train librarians who work with young adults to design and implement humanities programs.

Principal outcomes of the project are: 60 trained teams of librarians/scholars; production of special materials related to project theme/concept to be used in a number of ways; and a new national program of services for YASD members, including replication of workshops, and dissemination of project materials through ALA and YASD.

For more information write Evelyn Shaevel, Library-Based Programming in the Humanities for Young Adults, ALA/YASD, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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Montana Contributes to WHCLIST Fund

The Montana Library Association has just donated \$100 to MPLA's White House Conference on Library and Information Service Taskforce fund, money which MPLA holds on behalf of member states to support regional participation in this national effort.

Conference Information Correction

The correct date for the BCR preconference "Managing Online Searching Services" and "Microcomputer Software Packages—Library Applications" is Thursday, September 12, the date shown on the registration form, and not September 11, as shown on the program in the April MPLA Newsletter.



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"Censorship and Libraries" Exhibition Includes Regional Sites

The itinerary for "Censorship and Libraries," a traveling exhibition organized by the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF), has been confirmed.

The two-and-a-half-year tour, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, opened March 18 in Providence, R.I., and will go to Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Denver, Kansas City (Kan.), Dallas, New Orleans, Miami, Atlanta and Baltimore.

Key censorship problems in American libraries during the past 20 years are examined through the use of graphic panels, books and audiovisual materials. The exhibition was a part of the New York Public Library's 1984 censorship program.

The dates and locations in the MPLA region for the "Censorship and Libraries" tour are: Salt Lake City Public Library, July 3 - August 17, 1986; Denver Public Library, September 9 - October 19, 1986; Kansas City (Kan.) Public Library, November 6 - December 21, 1986.

Further information about the "Censorship and Libraries" tour can be obtained from the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Grants Made By "Let's Talk About It" To Four MPLA States

Library organizations in 10 states have been awarded grants of up to \$18,500 to sponsor "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion groups at local libraries.

Receiving cash awards are the District of Columbia Public Library; Hawaii Library Association; Idaho Library Association and State Library; Maine State Library; Montana Library Association; Nebraska Library Association; North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of State Libraries; Rhode Island Department of Library Service; Tennessee Library Association; and Utah Library Association.

The Alabama Public Library Service, Kansas State Steering Committee on Humanities Programming in Libraries and Washington State Library will

receive technical assistance for consultants to come to their states and develop programs.

"Let's Talk About It" is a three-year nationwide project sponsored by the American Library Association with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to assist some 300 U.S. public libraries.

The discussion groups bring together book lovers and scholars to explore themes of contemporary life and culture through a mix of classic and popular literature.

Programs are already under way in libraries in Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Wisconsin and Delaware. Grants will be awarded to 15 more states this year.

For more information, write or call "Let's Talk About It," American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; 312/944-6780.

Colorado and Kansas To Receive "Let's Talk About It" Grants

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLS) has just announced new grants to 15 states to sponsor "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion programs in local libraries. MPLA regional organizations receiving cash awards with this announcement are the Colorado State Library and the Kansas Library Association. (ALA news release)

Regional Winners in National Photo Contest

Grand prize winners were announced July 6 in the "Nation of Readers" national photography contest sponsored by the American Library Association. Thirteen winners were selected from more than 1,200 entries. Photos submitted were the top winners in contests sponsored by 606 local libraries in 49 states during National Library Week (April 14-20, 1985).

First prize (\$1,000) in the Adult, Black and White division was won by William Kuntzman, of Powell, Wyoming, an amateur photographer who hopes to turn his hobby into a second career. He said his portrait of 8-year-old daughter Brenna clasping a book of horse stories was true to life—"She loves horses and she loves to read—all the horse stories she can get her hands on."

Another regional winner, receiving honorable mention, again in the Adult, Black and White division, was Vic Zimmerman, "Knowledge of Tomorrow," Brookings (SD) Public Library.

A "Nation of Readers" traveling exhibition, featuring these photographs, will open in the fall at the Library of Congress and be available for showing at libraries nationwide.

ESU Library School

The School of Library Information Management at Emporia State University received full accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association on July 9th. This action is retroactive for one year.

Large Print Recognition to Kansas and Wyoming Libraries

The second annual G. K. Hall Large Print Community Service Award was awarded to the Northland Library Cooperative, Alpena, Michigan.

However, the Bradford Memorial Library of Eldorado, Kansas was the first runnerup, and the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Sheridan, Wyoming was ranked as a finalist.

The award is presented annually to the library or librarian demonstrating the most creative methods and comprehensive efforts in increasing the awareness, availability, and use of Large Print books. (G. K. Hall news release)

Colorado

Future of Denver University Library School

As chair of a task force charged with finding a home for the DU Library School at a state university, Anne Marie Falsone, Assistant Commissioner of Education, commented, "The issue is not 'dead' as mentioned at a seminar at DU recently. A problem exists due to several factors."

Although a new president has been recently selected for the University of Colorado, the Chancellorship of the University of Colorado at Denver is filled by an interim appointment.

For the first time, the General Assembly has placed an enrollment cap on UCD. This has increased the difficulty of starting a new graduate program.

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The former Colorado Commission on Higher Education has been disbanded. A new CCHE board was appointed by Governor Lamm to take office July 1. Since there is no legal entity to approve a change or expansion until after July 1, it will be impossible to implement a library school program in time for the fall semester.

Accreditation would be lost because UCD would not be able to demonstrate program continuity.

Ms. Falsone explained that under current plans, the earliest a program could begin at UCD would be September, 1986.

She remarked, "I hope that the Colorado library community will be supportive of the attempt to begin a new accredited program. This will take a great deal of effort on everyone's part, but I think that the alternative of having no accredited program is not something that we can accept." (Colorado State Library Newsletter, June 1985)

Combined Libraries Increase

Colorado has a small but growing number of combined or joint libraries. Most of these libraries are jointly run by a public library and a public school.

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Mountain Plains Library Association

President's Report by Dorothy Liegl

The past 18 months as President have been both challenging and fun. Some of the highlights have included traveling to Arizona and New Mexico to attend their annual conferences and to personally invite them to visit us when we meet in Las Vegas in September. Another high was an invitation to attend the Pacific Northwest Library Association meeting in Billings, Montana. There the possibility of a joint meeting between PNLA and MPLA at some future date (maybe 1989?) was discussed.

The many accomplishments of MPLA this past 18 months could not have happened without the dedication and conscientiousness of all of the members of the Executive Board and the committees. In addition to the elected and appointed "officials", aid and assistance was received from many other members of MPLA as well. Thank you all for a job well done.

In the area of membership promotion, a major emphasis for the past 18 months, I attended annual state association conferences in Utah, Nevada, and Colorado. I wrote numerous letters to

members all over the region, incurred huge phone bills, and talked to as many people in person as possible about joining MPLA.

Although I was warned that the position of President was time consuming, I was not totally prepared for the amount of time that would be required. Looking back over the past 18 months, most of it was fun and every minute spent was worth it.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you as President and for the chance to grow and develop professionally while working for you. This association has much to be proud of. It is one of the finest regional associations in existence. I hope that each and every one of you will continue to work with me and your elected officers to help our association to continue to grow and develop as it serves our needs as individuals.

Saying goodbye is always sad, but as I leave the office of President I feel not only sad but also proud. I am proud to have been able to serve you as President. I am proud that MPLA is the great association that it is. And, I am proud of each and every member of MPLA for the excellent support that has been

given to both me and the other members of the Executive Board.

When we gather in Las Vegas in September, I hope to be able to thank many of you personally. For those of you who cannot attend, I want to extend my thanks now. Your support when I called you with a question or traveled to your state to attend a meeting was much appreciated. Without your help, MPLA could not have accomplished as much as it did during the past year and a half.

I hope that you will continue to provide that same level of support to Tom Jones and the new Executive Board throughout the coming year.

Thank you all.

Vice-President's Report

by Tom Jones

My major responsibility since taking office has been to work cooperatively with representatives of the Nevada Library Association in planning and developing the 1985 conference: LIBRARIES AND THE LEARNING SOCIETY. I have been the MPLA coordinator and information liaison in a process which has gone very smoothly

thanks to the fine cooperation of the various program planning sections.

In addition, as a preliminary step to appointing committees for next year, I have asked the members of the Executive Board which includes state and section representatives for their input and recommendations for MPLA Goals/Directions for the 1985-86 term in the areas of: continuing education, professional development, conference program planning, publications, awards, and public relations both within and outside of MPLA. I also queried for any suggestions as to current MPLA efforts which should be trimmed for more effective use of our limited resources.

Finally, as representative of the current President Dorothy Liegl, I attended the Montana Library Association meeting in Lewistown in early May.

All in all, it has been a good year of "preparation" for me.

Past-President's Report

by Donna Jones

My duties as Past-President have consisted primarily of serving as the resource for any and all questions. I

worked closely with President Dorothy Liegl. I've also chaired the committee on convention manual revisions. Most of all I've enjoyed another year of working with many of you and helping MPLA continue to be one of the strongest regional associations in the country.

Executive Secretary's Report

by Joe Edelen

1984 was another good year for MPLA. Our 1/2 price offer for new members became a more or less permanent part of the Association's attempt to attract new members with 96 people taking advantage of it.

MPLA sponsored a special program at the Montana Library Association conference. At the end of the year membership in MPLA in the State of Montana has reached 43 individuals.

Our financial assets continue to be quite strong (because of the large membership and good conferences) which allows the Association to offer programming and other activities of benefit to the membership which may not otherwise have been available.

Other services which continue to be available to the membership are the **Newsletter**, **Membership Directory**, **Professional Development Grants**, the **Jobline** and more. 1984 also saw an excellent conference in Cheyenne. This conference was a great financial success also and I believe was the one which provided more revenue for the work of the Association than any other conference we have held. At the end of the year we had 694 personal and 87 institutional members.

Newsletter Editor's Report

by Jim Dertien

My report is more of a request than a report. The **MPLA Newsletter**, like its parent organization, thrives on member involvement. Since it is a newsletter it depends on the receipt of news, articles, photographs and other items from members and member libraries.

If you have not placed the newsletter on your mailing list for news releases and copies of your library's newsletter, please do so now. Send to my address, as listed on the back page of the **Newsletter**. Special articles, photographs, and unusual stories are also welcome. And don't forget to use this publication to brag about yourself, to list job openings, or to place classified advertisements.

One other favor: take note of the advertisers found in the **Newsletter**, and even if you do not buy from them, please mention seeing their advertisement, and thank them for their support of MPLA.

WHCLIST Report

by Dorothe Mahoney

Through the continuing work of the White House Conference on Library

and Information Services Taskforce network of 100,000 people, 55 of the 64 resolutions passed at the 1979 Conference have been implemented.

The 64 resolutions adopted by the 1979 White House Conference Delegates were purposely long range, the implementation has been occurring and continues to occur at various levels.

Resolutions which have been implemented include supporting and promoting the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States through local library initiatives and American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Office; urging the United States Department of Education to support literacy programs which have resulted in the establishment of the Coalition for Literacy with \$50,000 from the Department; through petition and testifying, a Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of Education has now reorganized and is head of the Center for Libraries and Education Improvement; and of particular interest to the midwest area, Joint Congressional Hearings on Rural Library and Information Needs are underway at this time.

These are just a few of the resolutions which WHCLIST members and other library persons are responsible for implementing. Two-thirds of the delegates to the 1979 Conference were lay people, thus creating a strong public awareness program for library issues. Many of these people for the first time became personally involved in library issues and helped to promote library needs at the local level.

A complete update of the five-year review of progress made toward implementation of the 64 resolutions has been prepared. You may receive a copy by writing to:

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State Representatives

Colorado

by Gail W. Dow

At the close of the Colorado Library Association Annual Conference in October 1984, Gail M. Dow replaced Dorothe Peterson as the MPLA Representative from Colorado.

Efforts to salvage an ALA-accredited library school within the State of Col-

orado collapsed in May, when severe cutbacks in state-supported higher education budgets forced the discontinuation of talks to transfer the Graduate School of Library and Information Management from the University of Denver to the University of Colorado-Denver Campus. The school is slated to close on August 16, 1985. MPLA is to be commended for its support of attempts to relocate the school.

MPLA was awarded a plaque at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Bibliographical Center for Research on May 10, 1985 in appreciation of its long-standing support of BCR.

Activities promoting MPLA membership among Colorado librarians continue to receive full attention.

Plans are progressing to hold the 1986 MPLA conference in conjunction with the Colorado Library Association annual conference. The conference is scheduled for October 11-15, 1986 at the Inn at Silver Creek, a beautiful mountain resort hotel between Winter Park and Granby, Colorado. Plan now to attend!

Kansas

by Melanie Miller

The Interlibrary Loan Development Plan, a statewide cooperative resource development program conceived by Duane Johnson, Kansas State Librarian, was approved by the Kansas Legislature for initial funding of \$600,000. The impact of communications by Kansas librarians and library supporters was described by the Governor as follows: "The support expressed for this program to my Office by constituents throughout the entire State over the past two years has surpassed any response we have ever experienced during my Administration." The Plan, a coordinated acquisitions program, provides for \$11 million over a five-year period to help Kansas library collections meet minimum state and national standards.

The State Library sponsored the Kansas Automated Library Network Conference from August 22-24, 1984. Vendors from CLSI, Data Phase, Gaylord, and OCLC gave presentations to over sixty participants.

The Kansas Library Network Board published a directory of newspaper holdings housed in Kansas libraries and information centers.

Kansas Library Association officers for 1984-85 were: President - Louise Snyder, First Vice President/President Elect - Rachel Senner, Second Vice President - Jane Hatch, Secretary - Laura Wayne, Treasurer - Rowena Olsen. Newly elected officers for 1985-86 are: First Vice President - Leroy Fox, Second Vice President - Robert Grover, Treasurer - Marcella Ratzlaff.

The 1985 KLA-KASL-KAECT Conference (March 27-30, Wichita) entitled "The Pendulum Swings" focused on

the exploration of diverse techniques for dealing with the complexities facing the professional library and education fields today.

Junivee Black, Children's Librarian at Hutchinson Public Library, was awarded the ALA Public Library Association's distinguished Allie Beth Martin Award.

Montana

by Bunny Morrison

At the 1985 MLA Annual Conference held in Lewistown, which is the center of agriculture in Montana, a pre-conference workshop sponsored by MPLA was held. This workshop was attended by several rural librarians and library patrons. "Sowing the Seeds of Power: Library Services to Farmers" was presented by Tom Hennan with Gerry Sopher, National Council of Library and Information Services, also presenting a portion of this all day workshop.

At the State Conference, I gave an oral report regarding the forthcoming convention of MPLA in Las Vegas and urged Montana librarians to join MPLA and attend this regional conference. The MPLA booth was set up during the Convention which featured the "Free" membership drawing. In addition, I hosted a strawberry and champagne reception and handed out brochures and informed people about the special membership price.

In the November issue of "Library Focus," our state association newsletter, I had a full page information letter regarding advantages of belonging to a regional library organization and what it costs to belong to MPLA.

I have distributed membership forms at the continuing education meetings and other library meetings that I have attended this past year. I have attended the MLA Executive Board meetings throughout the year and gave a report about the activities of MPLA.

In May I sent a letter to delinquent members urging them to renew their membership in MPLA, and again reminded them of the forthcoming convention in Las Vegas.

Nebraska

by Carol Connor

At the end of the Nebraska Annual Conference in October 1984 I assumed the duties of the Nebraska Representative to MPLA. Since that time my major focus has been on continuing education. Specifically I assisted the NLA Conference Coordinator in obtaining a pre-conference grant for the October 1985 meeting. At meetings I have attended I have encouraged MPLA members to participate in MPLA's continuing education activities and have encouraged attendance at the annual conference in Las Vegas.

I have submitted reports regarding activities and issues in Nebraska to the other MPLA Board members and have presented reports regarding MPLA activities at NLA Board meetings.

North Dakota

by Diane Caley

North Dakota librarians have been alerted to MPLA activities through reports in the North Dakota Library Association's newsletter, *The Good Stuff*. At the annual North Dakota Library Association in Williston in September, 1984, the MPLA exhibit was prominently displayed and attended to. This display featured half-price membership for new members and a drawing for a free membership in MPLA. MPLA members attending the conference received MPLA ribbons for their name tags.

As a state representative, I have given reports on MPLA activities at each NDLA executive board meeting, and at the annual conference.

Also, as ND representative to MPLA, I have checked each name on N.D.'s printout of members and past members and contacted those members who had not renewed their membership. I updated the information about each member (some had retired, quit, moved, changed jobs, etc.). In several cases the librarian renewed their membership.

In addition, this year I have promoted Continuing Education and Professional Development grants from my own experience as a recipient. I wrote an article describing my involvement for the *MPLA Newsletter* and *The Good Stuff*. ND received three of the six grants awarded in 1984!

Efforts were made to inform newcomers to the state about MPLA and its activities, through letters and phone calls. Of course, it's always easier to maintain visibility in a state when there already exists a strong group of confirmed MPLA supporters - including next year's MPLA President, and the Chairs of the Public Library/Trustee and the Technical Services Sections, and the Constitution and Bylaws, Continuing Education, and Nominating Committees!

And finally, I made my library's toll free number available to all MPLA members in ND, so I could answer their questions on any problem concerning MPLA at no cost to them.

South Dakota

by Dorothy M. Liegl

During the past year, South Dakota has again worked hard on membership recruitment. As state representative I gave a report on MPLA activities at the annual conference and at each of the SDLA Executive Board meetings. Mailings were made to all previous members, to potential new members, and to anyone who seemed the least bit interested.

A MPLA Pre-Conference Planning Grant has been applied for and approved for a program featuring George D'Elia. This program will be a pre-conference at the annual SDLA conference in Spearfish in October, 1985.

South Dakota MPLA members continue to take an active part in the Association through running for office and serving on committees. We are looking forward to the Tri-Conference in Bismarck in 1987.

Utah

by Mary Petterson

Utah Libraries have had a good year. Several new buildings and additions have been built and services expanding around the state.

The State Library has been very active in several areas, as has the Utah Library Association. ULA's Legislative Committee and Intellectual Freedom Committee have been especially active.

A reading and discussion program, "Let's Talk About It", funded by the Utah Endowment for the Humanities, started in April, and the programs are scheduled through the summer and fall in small public libraries.

"Project Upgrade", a program to help public libraries determine their levels of adequacy and formulate plans to reach their goals and objectives, was initiated with four libraries acting as pilots.

The Utah Network of Cooperative Libraries, (UNCL) was organized and two incentive programs, a net-lender reimbursement program and an OCLC telecommunications support program were approved.

Dorothy Liegl, MPLA President, was an honored guest at ULA conference, in May. MPLA funded an excellent pre-conference on Alternative Funding for Public Libraries. This help was greatly appreciated by ULA.

ULA and the new MPLA Representative, Doug Hindmarsh, are planning a special combined membership drive this fall, for both MPLA and ULA.

Utah Librarians are rooting for a president for MPLA from Utah, and we are counting on Dennis Day to come through for the Beehive State.

I have greatly enjoyed my four years as Utah's Representative to MPLA. We are gaining new members and expect to have many Utahns at Las Vegas this September. See you then!

Wyoming

by Helen E. Higby

MPLA has continued to make its presence felt in Wyoming during the year following the WLA*MPLA*WAECT Triconference. Reports of the Association's activities have been published in WLA's *Roundup*. I received several requests for information about and the telephone number of the Jobline. MPLA membership has increased in the state both because we hosted the annual conference and because Wyoming was one of the states targeted in last year's membership drive.

Using MPLA's Professional Development Grants as a model, WLA in-

stituted a "Development Grants" program of its own. During its first year in existence seven applications were received and five grants totalling \$1,000 were awarded.

Sections

Public Library/Trustee Section

by Jerry Kaup

Activities of the section included the 1985 conference program and election of officers.

The nominating committee chaired by Dennis Page produced an excellent slate of candidates for the offices of Vice President/President Elect and Secretary.

This year's program focuses on library programming in a learning society. Bill Heuer and staff from Fremont Co. Library (Lander, Wyoming) will present the program "Dynamic Library Programs for Libraries."

Technical Services Section

by Mary Carter

The focus of the section's activities was on the conference program. Those attending the Las Vegas conference will have the opportunity to hear Brian Aveney speak on the impact of electronic publishing on technical services, a topic that will eventually effect most members of this section.

The nominating committee, Susan Podrygula and Carol White, produced an excellent slate of candidates for section officers. Thanks to them and the candidates for agreeing to run.

JMRT Section

by David Jacka

The MPLA/JMRT Section cooperated with the Academic Section in co-sponsoring the pre-conference on Harassment at the MPLA Conference in Cheyenne featuring Dr. Thomas Ennmett.

MPLA/JMRT secured permission to participate in the Grassroots Grant program sponsored by Baker and Taylor. Mary Jensen, a library science student at BYU, was selected as the first recipient. She received a \$250.00 grant from Baker and Taylor to attend the MPLA Conference as well as a plaque which was presented at the JMRT Section Meeting. I am pleased to announce that this year we will be presenting the Second Annual MPLA/JMRT & Baker

and Taylor Grassroots Grant. Lysa Wegman-French, Vice Chair of the JMRT Section, will be conducting the Grassroots Grant search and coordinating the grant.

The JMRT Section will be co-sponsoring a program with the UNLA section, "Learning to Lobby: Lobby for Learning", at the annual conference in Las Vegas. The JMRT Section will also be operating a "Job Board."

The Nominating Committee, Chaired by Cynthia Berner has submitted an excellent slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

I would like to thank Lucy Cook for serving this year as MPLA/JMRT Secretary and Lysa Wegman-French for serving as Vice Chair of the Section.

Academic Libraries Section

by V. Sue Hatfield

The major concerns addressed this year were the program for the upcoming conference in Las Vegas and the resignation of Tom Tollman as chair elect.

Dorothy Rice, chair of the nomination committee, in consultation with Joe Edelen, asked if I would consent to serve an extended term carrying through the 1986 convention in Colorado. I agreed to do so upon approval of the section as a whole. This action will be voted on at the Las Vegas business meeting.

Program planning has been exciting and I believe we have come up with an impressive program. F. Wilfred Lancaster is our featured speaker. Dale Schrag will be our luncheon speaker, and he will offer a reaction to Dr. Lancaster and the "electronic library." Together these speakers should inspire the academic librarian to ponder the future of the 'library.'

Children's and School Section

by Judy Zelenski

For the first time, the Children's and School Section has By-Laws. Drafted by previous section chair, Honey Lou Bonar, they were approved at the section meeting at the Cheyenne Conference. At the same meeting, members suggested program needs for the section.

The section is sponsoring several programs for the Las Vegas Conference including a pre-conference and a computer program with Connie Champlin of the Omaha, Nebraska, Public Schools; a program on the challenge of change with Pat Wagner of the Open Network, Denver, Colorado (co-sponsored with the MPLA State Agency Section); an author luncheon with noted poet Jack Prelutsky (jointly sponsored with three children's and school's sections from the Nevada Library Association); and a creative participatory program relative to hogs and frogs with sharing by people throughout the region who work with children.

Committees

Finance Committee

by Duane Johnson

The 1984-85 activities of the MPLA Finance Committee included (1) evaluation of the ongoing activities of the association which have fiscal considerations, (2) discussion with as many as possible of officers and unit chairs about the needs and aspirations of the association in their activity area, (3) organization of a proposed 1985-86 association budget and assistance to the Executive Board in the consideration of the budget, (4) and proposal of association policy related to financial support of the President's MPLA-related travel and also related to the holding and use of a bank credit card in the name of the association.

Committee members in 1984-85 have been: Phyllis Baker, CO; Ed Byers, WY; Hailie Gunn, NV; Russ Robertson, UT; Henry Yaple, WY; and Duane Johnson, KS, chair.

Intellectual Freedom Committee

by Heather McNeil McQuarie

The MPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee continues to work in an advisory capacity, keeping informed on challenges throughout our nine-state area and providing names of contacts for legal, monetary, or historical help. Some of the 1984-85 cases include: 1) Castle Rock, CO. Douglas County Board of Education banned **Albert Herbert Hawkins—The Naughtiest Boy in the World** and **Albert Herbert Hawkins and the Space Rocket** from elementary school libraries.

2) Minot, N.D. A School board member formed a committee to review "the libraries and what's in them." The committee is not an official body of the school board.

3) Denver, CO. The 69-store King Soopers supermarket chain pulled the June, 1984 issue of **Cosmopolitan** because several customers complained the semi-nude model on the cover was offensive.

4) Salt Lake City, UT. The **Deseret News** refused to print three days of "Doonesbury" in October, 1984 because the comic strip joked that God was part of President Reagan's reelection campaign.

5) Casper, WY. Two parents challenged books by Judy Blume and Lois Lowry in the school libraries, stating they are "subtle and filthy."

6) Littleton, CO. Twenty-seven signatures accompanied a letter objecting to the romance novels at the Bemis Public Library, because "romance novels are PORNOGRAPHY, plain and simple."

Besides keeping track of intellectual freedom issues, the committee also organized a program for the conference entitled, "Government, Religion, Pornography and You: Influences on Censorship in Libraries."

The committee thanks each of you who have helped to keep us informed on intellectual freedom issues. Please let us know what we can do to help you.

Continuing Education Committee

by Mary Carter

The committee approved four pre-conference workshops grants for \$500 each to:

Utah - Public Libraries and the Property Tax, May 1, 1985

Kansas - Planning for Cooperative Library Automation in Kansas, March 27, 1985

South Dakota - How to Conduct a Library Use/User Survey, October 2, 1985

Nebraska - Approaches and Opportunities for Fundraising, October 16, 1985

Additionally, the Montana Library Association received funding for a pre-conference workshop on May 1, 1985 on "Sowing the Seeds of Power: Library Service to the Farmers". This workshop was supported in order to encourage membership from our newest member state in MPLA. It was well attended and highly rated.

A CE survey appeared in the August, 1984 **MPLA Newsletter** but the response was not significant enough to warrant any action based on the results. Future CE workshop topics and locations were discussed several times, with the committee eventually agreeing to pursue another direction: videotaping a workshop and distributing it throughout the region. This will be accomplished within the year.

Professional Development Grants Committee

by Cynthia Berner

Although the number of applications for Professional Development Grants decreased in 1984 from previous years, both the quality and variety of the proposals remained excellent.

Applications were received from the following states: Kansas-2; North Dakota-3; and Wyoming-1.

Six regular grants were awarded by the committee. Grant recipients included Paula Koritnik, Sister Bernadine Pachta, Sharon Ailsieger, Jerry Kaup, Mary Elizabeth Carter, and Diane Caley. These association members participated in programs ranging from "English Libraries and Librarianship" to the "Midwestern Rural Library Conference" and from "Fund Raising for Libraries" to "Managing Student Workers in Academic Libraries."

Several of the recipients were encouraged to develop their Evaluative Reports into articles for publication in the **MPLA Newsletter**.

Awards Committee

by James Swan

MPLA presented three awards on May 3, 1984 at the conference in Cheyenne. Recipients were: **The Howells Journal** for NEWS MEDIA SUPPORT; **L. M. "Bud" Cornish** for LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP; and **Peggy Simson Curry** for LITERARY CONTRIBUTION.

The Howells Journal received its award for support of a fund drive that resulted in the construction of a new library in Howells.

Bud Cornish received his award for ongoing work in the Kansas Legislature, and especially for work in 1983 legislation which resulted in a mill levy increase for library systems in Kansas.

Peggy Simson Curry received her award for her vivid characterization of people of the MPLA region.

The Awards Committee anticipates presenting five awards at the 1985 convention in Las Vegas.

Bylaws Committee

by Jerry Kaup

By the September Executive Board meeting the Bylaws Committee will have completed the procedure manual for their approval.

One addition to the bylaws is being proposed to the membership this year. The amendment will require that Association Officers, section officers, and committee chairs reside within the MPLA Region and/or work in the MPLA Region. The ballot for this proposed change will be mailed with the ballots for election of officers.

Nominating Committee

by K. L. Janeczek

The list of nominees for the various MPLA offices appeared in the June 1985 Newsletter. As chair I wish to thank the members of my committee and all the various section officers for their cooperation in this effort.

Mountain Plains Library Association 1985 Budget

INCOME

	1985 budgeted	1984 budgeted	1984 actual
Membership Dues	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$14,860
Conference Income	6,000	4,000	10,358
Newsletter	3,000	3,000	3,273
Cooperative Cont. Ed.	1,000	1,000	
Interest	4,500	4,500	3,526
Miscellaneous	250	250	1,210
WHCLIST	1,000	1,000	450
Cash Reserves	10,195	10,517	
TOTAL INCOME	\$40,945	\$42,267	\$33,677

EXPENSES

Conference	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$ 851
Newsletter	6,500	5,000	5,555
Organization Dues	125	135	125
Insurance and Bond	300	475	224
Jobline	400	350	353
Telephone	300	300	102
Postage	1,500	1,500	1,217
Printing and Supplies	4,000	3,000	3,754
Audit	500	500	
Secretarial	500	500	
President's Travel	2,500	3,308	2,136
Executive Board	4,000	4,600	4,373
Sections	100	100	12
Committees (General)	100	100	3
Awards Committee	750	500	626
Prof. Dev. Grants	5,000	7,000	2,896
Prof. Dev. Grants Comm.	500	500	125
Continuing Education Committee	2,000	2,000	
Cooperative Cont. Ed. Activities	1,000	2,000	
Pre-Conference Grants	2,000	1,500	500
Public Relations Comm.	500	500	2,145
Nominating Committee	120	120	100
Voluntary Recognition Service Comm.	-0-	400	104
Executive Secretary	4,165	3,000	3,000
Social Security	585		
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,075	1,746
WHCLIST	1,000	2,300	665
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$40,945	\$42,267	\$30,612

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Joint libraries are usually located in a public school. Staffing is provided by the school and the public library board. Both parties contribute to the materials budget and share in other costs.

Advantages of the joint library are many. Public library patrons have service available in remote or fast-growing areas which would otherwise not have library service. The combined library library is about to have a larger collection. The school has public library materials readily available. The public often has media and equipment available.

Funds from LSCA grants can be available to joint libraries. In the past, the following combined public/school libraries have received LSCA funds: 1) Sheridan Branch of Arapahoe Regional Library, 2) Dolores County Public School Library in Dove Creek, 3) Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary School Branch of Durango Public Library, 4) Ft. Lupton Public/School Library, 5) Horizon Middle School/Public Library in Aurora, 6) Jefferson County Columbine Branch in Littleton, 7) Manzanola Public/School Library, and 8) Franklin Ferguson Memorial Library in Cripple Creek.

Other libraries have quietly served their areas without outside funding. Some of these include 1) Sargent Public/School Library, 2) Creede Public/School Library, 3) Highlands Ranch Public/School Library, 4) Deer Trail Public/School Library, and 5) Ridgeway Public/School Library.

Two joint libraries are in process of forming: Battle Mountain High School Branch of Eagle County libraries and Guffy School Branch of Park County Public Library.

At least one joint library does not serve a public school. Aurora Public Library has a joint agreement with Aurora Community College. (Colorado State Library Newsletter, June 1985)

IRVING Project Now Started

The IRVING project is "up and running" with the establishment of a successful linkage between the Jefferson County (Lakewood) Public Library's Sperry-Univac-based system and the Aurora Public Library's CLSI system.

The IRVING project, first announced in early 1984, has as its goal the linkage of incompatible standalone library systems through a common network language. Vendor software is not affected in any way, and the network

software, based on the Open Systems Interconnection concept, is separate from either vendor system. The user is required to learn only the protocol of the network language in addition to his system language. The network software requires a front-end microprocessor in front of the local host system; currently a DEC 11/73 is used.

In addition to the Jefferson County and Aurora libraries, the Denver Public Library and Boulder Public Library are also participants in IRVING. Jefferson County and Aurora were selected for the first linkage because they were the two most difficult interfaces and, if successful, would prove the workability of the concept. If funding is secured, interfaces to Boulder's Eyring system and Denver's CARL-Tandem-based system will be established by fall or early winter.

The system is currently designed for bibliographic inquiry and is available for use by both staff and the public. The project is attempting to obtain funds for an interlibrary loan application.

About five other Sperry-Univac systems and two other CLSI systems in Colorado, as well as some Geac and Dynix systems, have asked to be connected to IRVING. If successful, the system will be the basis for a statewide network.

The only project similar to IRVING is the Library of Congress' Linked Systems Project. There has been frequent contact with the Linked Systems Project to insure that the developmental work on IRVING would be compatible. (Advanced Technology/Libraries, July 1985)

Kansas

Regional Systems Twenty Years Old

July 2, 1985 marks the twentieth anniversary of regional library systems in Kansas. On that date in 1965, Sheridan and Thomas Counties became Kansas' first regional system planning grant area. At that time approximately 600,000 people in the state were without local or regional library service and 1.5 million citizens had substandard library service.

The development of regional systems of cooperating libraries was an out-

growth of a Kansas Public Library Survey of 1964 authorized by the Kansas Legislature.

In 1965, LeRoy G. Fox, the state librarian, established the seven regions eligible for planning grants under Title I, LSCA, to provide each region with opportunity to plan cooperative services and develop a system. A further measure of this new spirit of cooperation among Kansas libraries was demonstrated on September 27, 1965, when the Kansas Information Circuit (KIC) began operation. KIC, a teletype network designed to broadcast unfilled book requests from one library to another, was established in Topeka.

From those infant beginnings twenty years ago, regional systems of cooperating libraries in Kansas have come a long way. Clearly, even dramatically, the regional systems have been a strong, positive force in the improvement of library service in Kansas. Citizens of all ages, in all life situations, have enjoyed the benefits. We have been enriched as we have invested. (Kansas Libraries, July 1985)

Book Award Receives Endowment

A victory fair and barbeque was held on May 17 in the Memorial Union at Emporia State University, marking the successful conclusion of the five-year \$7 million Major Endowment Campaign. More than \$9.5 million in pledges and contributions was raised during the five-year campaign.

One of the major accomplishments of the Major Endowment Campaign was the permanent endowment of the William Allen White Children's Books Award Program.

Automation Consultant Selected

Robert Walton & Associates of Austin, Texas has been chosen as automation consultants for the \$1.7 million expansion program of the Hutchinson Public Library. The library will get an 18,000 square foot addition and will automate its circulation, acquisitions, and catalog. (Library Hotline)

McNally Honored

A retirement reception in honor of Crystal E. McNally, Director of School Library Media Services for the Wichita School District was held on May 19. The reception was hosted by the staff

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Crystal McNally has been a member of the William Allen White Children's Book Award Book Selection Committee since 1952 when the White Award Program was established by Ruth Garver Gagliardo to honor the memory of William Allen White by encouraging the children of Kansas to read and enjoy good books. She served as the Chairperson of the William Allen White Children's Book Award Book Selection Committee from 1976 through 1984. She has served as a member of the William Allen White Children's Book Award Executive Committee since 1976.

More On The Tenth Street Bookies

Well, the Topeka Public Library's Tenth Street Bookies (the softball team mentioned in an earlier issue) hasn't exactly had a winning season. But for an expansion team in an experienced, tough league, they can't exactly be called losers either. Although the season's scores are kept strictly confidential, according to Coach Tom Robb the BOOKIES have had fewer shut-outs than losses their first season in the big leagues with the likes of Bob's Car Wash and Seabrook Tavern - and some real close innings.

Looking forward to next season, Robb is encouraging Department Heads to hire new employees who are athletic, have played something besides chess, preferably in the Big Support MPLA Advertisers

Eight or the Big Ten, and who look mean.

He says wonderingly of this year's BOOKIES opponents, "I have never seen such big, tall, fast softball players. They were all at least 6 ft. 5 in. and weighed 190 lbs. - and those were the women! But seriously we're looking forward to the end of the season and fall training. I've always told my players, 'It's not the winning or the losing - but how you lose that's important.' And we've lost well!" (Tidbits Newsletter, July 1985)

Montana

Permanent Annual Conference Sites

Faced with continual problems relating to the need to attract conference exhibitors and the great distances members have to travel, the Montana Library Association membership has voted to hold future annual conferences (beginning in 1988) at only two sites, Helena and Billings, beginning with Helena and alternating thereafter. (Library Focus, June 1985)

Book Search

The Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology Library is try-

ing to locate a book titled "Johnson's Materials of Construction," by M. O. Withey and James Aston. We are interested in the seventh edition, published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc. of New York in 1930.

If you have a copy of this and are willing to part with it, please contact Dena Fracolli Stepp, Montana Tech Library, Butte, MT 59701, or call 406/496-4284.

Statewide Continuing Education Committee

The State Library Commission has established a statewide Continuing Education Committee. It will prepare a plan in order to coordinate the work of the several continuing education suppliers in Montana. (Montana State Library News, May/June 1985)

Legislative Action

State Librarian Sara Parker reports that it was good legislative session for libraries. She credits the work of the Montana Arts Advocacy, its lobbyist Brenda Schye, MLA Legislative Committee Chair Debbie Schlesinger, and the support of the library community for the legislative successes. Passed were:

SB 332, confidentiality of library records, became law.

All three bills affecting the budget of the State Library were successful. HB 203, the budget amendment bill for 1985, provides for FY 1985 LSCA grants to libraries. HB 206, the 1985 supplemental bill, provides for the

Crabtree settlement. HB 500, the appropriation bill for fiscal years 1986-87, provides current level funding for the State Library. The budget modification to replace WLN terminals with the new model is to be funded with coal severance tax funds.

The Natural Resource Information System/Natural Heritage Program received good support. \$375,000 will fund this new program for the biennium. It will be housed at the State Library. (Montana State Library News, May/June 1985)

Nebraska

LBPH Friends Group Being Established

The Nebraska Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and its Advisory Committee, in a joint venture, are forming a Friends of the Library group. This organization will not replace the library's volunteers or the Advisory Committee. Instead, it will serve three unique functions: 1) Fundraising for special needs of the library which are outside of its budgeted resources; 2) Promoting the services of the library in order to attract new readers and to make the needs of the library known; and 3) Working for state and national legislation of benefit to library service for the print handicapped. (Overtones, May 1985)

Microcomputer Selection Policy

The Nebraska Library Commission has adopted the following policy regarding the selection of microcomputer equipment for Nebraska libraries.

"Among the recommendations of the King Research Report is that the Library Commission adopt the IBM-PC as the 'preferred' microcomputer for Nebraska libraries. The factors that led to the selection of the IBM-PC include its adoption by OCLC for the M300 workstation, the growing body of library software that is being developed for the PC, and the generally recognized emergence of the IBM-PC as a 'de facto' standard for business and general support software.

"The recommendation that a 'preferred' microcomputer be designated is intended to facilitate development of

compatible statewide databases, services and resource-sharing arrangements. The feasibility and affordability of such developments will be greatly enhanced by adoption of statewide standards for equipment.

"In view of the King recommendation, and the factors identified above, it will be the policy of the Library Commission to encourage libraries purchasing microcomputer or communications terminal equipment to select IBM-PC or IBM-PC compatible units." (Overtones, May 1985)

All Aboard the Reading Railroad

"All Aboard the Reading Railroad" summer reading materials were dispatched in May from the Library Commission to a record number of participating libraries. 83,459 items had been sent out by June 1. Included were:

- 75,776 stickers
- 44,400 bookmarks
- 22,000 reading record folders
- 14,300 award certificates
- 8,124 balloons
- 6,175 letterhead stationery
- 6,017 engineer caps
- 4,189 buttons
- 786 iron-on decals
- 668 posters
- 410 banners
- 347 mobiles
- 222 program manuals
- and 45 rubber stamps.

(Overtones, May 1985)

Afghanistan Special Collections

With the occupation of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union at the end of 1979, the Library's Afghanistan Special Collections was effectively cut off from its sources for obtaining Pushto and Dari language materials about Afghanistan, especially those bearing Kabul imprints. These had regularly come through Kabul University and UNO's International Studies and Programs. Since that date, however, the Library's Collection Development Department has continued efforts to procure published information on Afghanistan from any source it can identify. **Kabul Radio Pashto News Monitoring** and **Kabul New Times** continue to arrive (though with considerable time lag). Recently ordered from the Library of Congress are microfiche copies of Afghanistan materials, many of which are listed in **L.C.'s Accession List of South Asia**. (The Library User, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Spring 1985)

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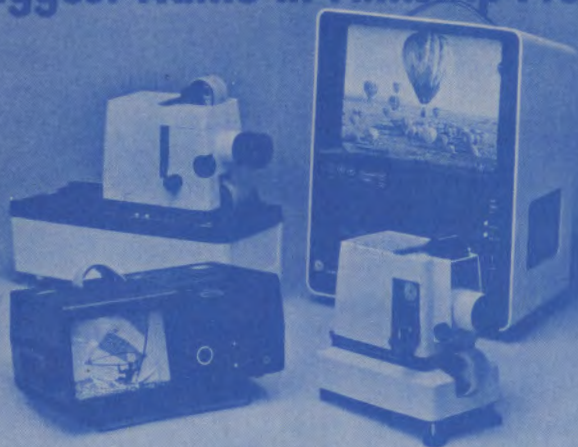
Budgets of both the University of Nevada-Reno and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas included increases of \$200,000 each for books for the biennium. What started out as an attempt by the Governor's budget office to reduce the UNR book budget resulted in legislative action to remove money from athletic programs and placing it in the book budgets of both university libraries. (Dateline, April, May, June 1985)

Archives Receives More Recognition

The Nevada State Division of Archives and Records has received more recognition and funds from the State Legislature this year. A bill was passed early in the session changing the name of the Nevada State Library to the Nevada State Library and Archives to

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gain more public recognition for the archival function of the department. The name change will become effective on July 1, 1985. Also approved this session were two new positions and a capital improvement appropriation of \$162,800. The two new full-time positions are that of State Records Manager and Archivist III (Archives Processor), and capital improvement funds are for the purchase of compact shelving for the archival records. The new shelving will triple the storage capacity of the present facilities. (Dateline, April, May, June 1985)

Bond Issue for Las Vegas-Clark County

In an election which saw a school and county courthouse bond question go down in defeat as the trend toward fiscal conservatism seemed to strengthen, voters in the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District approved a local bond question that will provide up to \$15 million in library construction funds. Passage of the local issue also qualified the District to receive an additional \$4.7 million in state library Support MPLA Advertisers

construction funds raising the total for District construction to almost \$20 million. These funds will be used to build six new libraries, including a new central library, and Discovery, the children's museum, and to expand existing branches.

The library bond victory May 7 marked the latest success the Library District has achieved in its push toward building a better system. Based on the theme, "The Next Step," the bond question captured 57 percent of the vote. It followed six months after the successful statewide "It's Long Overdue" bond issue campaign which provided construction funds for districts that could provide matching funds. (Clark County Library District news release)

Utah

Amnesty Pays Off

A weeklong amnesty against paying fines for overdue books and other

materials paid off for the Salt Lake County Library System. Guy Schuurman, Director, indicated that during the week of April 15-20, National Library Week, the system recovered between \$330,000 and \$350,000 worth of overdue books, and lost only \$483 in fines what would have been paid by patrons. (Horsefeathers, June-July 1985)

"Let's Talk About It"

The "Let's Talk About It" Utah Project is now in full-swing with one program already underway and nine more scheduled for summer and fall.

Fillmore Public Library began the reading and discussion program in late April with the theme "Not for Children Only." Participants are reading several children's books and meeting every other week to listen to a scholar lecture on the book for that session and then discussing it. Scholar Katie Parnell, from Spring City, introduced the series by noting three reasons why adults should read and be interested in children's literature. First, adults serve as examples for children. If children see adults reading, they too will read. Second, adults can help children become enthusiastic readers by helping to guide them to books they will enjoy. Third, and most importantly, some of the best literature published is published under the guise of children's literature. (Horsefeathers, June-July 1985)

Salt Lake City Circulation Increases

Those who believe we are not a nation of readers are mistaken when it comes to readers at Salt Lake City Public Libraries! A recent circulation report indicates system-wide borrowing has increased 25% since last year for the representative month of May. The addition of two new branch libraries has increased availability of service to previously unserved areas of the city while established city libraries have continued to experience a rise in circulation.

Of total circulation, 70% of materials are borrowed from the Main Library while 30% of system-wide borrowing is generated from the branch libraries.

The number of new patrons registered at City Libraries has also increased. Since last May's figure, the

system has issued 25% more library cards to those interested in using City Libraries.

Reflecting this increased interest in reading and library services by its constituents, the Salt Lake City Council has responded by raising the mill levy to the lawful maximum of 3.75 for the Salt Lake City Public Library System. (News release)

Wyoming

DRAT Plan Activated

Oh, DRAT! That was the exclamation of the day in the Converse County Library when a roof leak was discovered.

DRAT is the acronym for the state's Disaster Recovery Action Team which went into operation to help the library.

Sandra Keller, Converse County Library director, said heavy wet snow leaked through the roof and onto the Western Americana section where the bulk of the water damage occurred. The water also dripped through the floor and into the basement causing damage to some stored supplies.

When the library opened the morning of April 26, Sandy Keller immediately called Wayne Johnson, state librarian, who put the plan into effect. "Within a few seconds he had Martha Hanscom on the phone giving us instructions," said Keller. Martha Hanscom, from the University of Wyoming libraries, is the state DRAT coordinator.

Of the 60-70 which were affected, only 20 books were badly damaged and placed in the deep freeze of a local grocery store. Staff members began handling the rest of the books by inserting paper towels between the pages to absorb moisture. Fans were used for 2-3 days to assist in the drying.

Keller said none of the books will be sent out for further treatment and the roof is now fixed again.

In the event of a major disaster Hanscom or one of the other members of the team located around the state would make an on-site visit to assist with the clean-up operations.

Five years ago the State Library developed the statewide disaster prevention and recovery plan. This was done to aid and encourage librarians at the



MPLA welcomes these new members

Cheri Bergeron, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT

Elmer F. Curley, Reference/Bibliographer, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Shelly Heaton, Online Services Librarian, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Mildred Herren, Trustee, Vermillion (SD) Public Library

Patricia L. Jarvi, Librarian, Whitefish (MT) Public Library

Warren Keeler, Trustee, Bellevue (NE) Public Library

Mrs. Clyde E. Newton, South Central Kansas Library System, Hutchinson

Linda Switzer, Trustee, Bellevue (NE) Public Library

Lucetia A. Watkins, Research Specialist, Davis County (UT) Library

Mary Allen, Weber County Library, Ogden (UT)

Linda Ellingson, Minot Public Library (ND)

Helma Hawkins, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)

Elizabeth Pope, Brigham Young University, Provo (UT)

Adele Greenleaf, Weber County Library, Ogden (UT)

Carol Klein, Trustee, Sioux Falls, Public Library (SD)

Margaret Lab, Billings Senior High School (MT)

Beverly Lusey, Bellevue Public Library (NE)

Betsy Porter, Auraria Library, Denver (CO)

Nancy White, Trustee, Sioux Falls Public Library (SD)

Brenda Wilson, Weber County Library, Ogden (UT)

Lincoln Public Schools (NE)

local level to develop a plan specifically for their individual institution. Copies of the plan were distributed to libraries throughout the state and in 1983 the plan was revised and updated. Continuing education classes have been scheduled periodically for librarians as well. (The Outrider, May-June 1985)

Consultant Training

Fulmer Library (Sheridan) Director Alice Meister is one of several librarians who recently returned from Riverton where she participated in a Wyoming State Library Consultant Training Program. Once the proposed program is established, the newly trained library consultants will be available to help libraries tackle building, personnel, financial or other problems as they arise throughout the state. The State Library will coordinate the consulting services by reviewing grant proposals submitted by troubled libraries and dispatching the consultant most capable of helping to reach a solution. The program is expected to be in operation within a year. (SCFPL Newsletter, June 1985)



About You

Ann Birney is newly elected president of the Alumni Association of Emporia State University's School of Library & Information Management.

Virginia Boucher, Head of Interlibrary Loan at the University of Colorado, Boulder, has been appointed to



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the Interlending and Document Delivery Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Clarence Coffindaffer, State Librarian for South Dakota since 1981, has resigned effective August 1. He will attend the University of Pittsburgh to work on his Ph.D. and do library consulting work.

Diane Coover, Manager of Reference Systems & Services at BCR, has resigned to accept a position as Supervisor of Information Services at J and A Associates, Golden, Colorado.

Diane Johnson, Consulting Librarian for the Central Colorado Library System, has resigned in order to move to Seattle, Washington, where she will be doing independent consulting.

Duane Johnson, Kansas State Librarian, was married recently to Norene Allen, a sales representative for UTLAS. Duane has also been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Western Council of State Libraries. He will assume the presidency in July 1986.

Donna Jones, Director, Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby, KS, is the new Director, Arkansas Valley Regional Library System, Pueblo, CO.

Bob Malinowsky, has joined the University of Illinois at Chicago as Associate Professor/Bibliographer for Science and Engineering. He is also President of the Special Libraries Association.

Anne McGowan, library manager and editor at the Department of Economic Planning and Development, Cheyenne, Wyoming, has been elected secretary of the Council of Planning Librarians. She will serve a two-year term. "Land Use Planning for Natural Hazards" by Stephen Achter and Anne McGowan was awarded a first place in the Council of Planning Librarians' Best Bibliography for 1984.

Amy Owen, Deputy Director, Utah State Library, was recently elected to the Utah Endowment for the Humanities Committee for a three-year term.

Connie Scofield, South Dakota State Librarian, will be joining the library staff at the University of Wisconsin Center - Marinette.

Rachel Senner, Library Services Director, Hesston (KS) U.S.D., is the new president of the Kansas Library Association.

Edith Siegrist, Associate Professor and Learning Resources Laboratory Librarian at the University of South Dakota, has retired after 24 years of service.

Mary Urschel died March 30, 1985. She had been a life member of MPLA since 1961, and was the former librarian at Boettcher School, Denver.

Barbara Wagner, Consultant, Colorado State Publications Depository and Distribution Center, has been elected Vice-President, President-Elect of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, Special Libraries Association.

Newly Minted

Guide to Research on North American Indians, by Arlene Hirschfelder, Mary Byler, and Michael Dorris, was named an "Outstanding Academic Book" for 1984-85 by the editors of CHOICE magazine. It includes annotations for over 100 books, articles, and government documents, all in English, divided into 27 fields of inquiry. ALA, \$75.00.

Research Guide to Philosophy, by Terrence Tice and Thomas Slavens, another CHOICE magazine "Outstanding Academic Book", includes essays which review philosophy historically and by major areas of inquiry. Also included is an annotated list of reference sources. ALA, \$40.00.

Effective On-the-Job Training, by Sheila Creth, is a practical guide for the library supervisor, covering every aspect of employee training. It pays particular attention to the latest issues in job training: for example, the effect of technology on the work environment and the training program. ALA, Winter, 1985 (price unavailable).

Guide to Reference Books, 10th edition, edited by Eugene P. Sheehy, will be available from ALA in October, 1986.

Poetry Anthologies for Children and Young People, by Marycile E. Olexer, introduces librarians and teachers to 300 collections of the finest poetry for children from preschool to junior high. The annotated entries are grouped by age level. The descriptions capture the flavor of the poetry as well

as its particular subject matter and style. ALA, \$40.00.

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Keyguide to Information Sources in Agricultural Engineering, by Bryan Morgan, identifies the essential reference aids relating to worldwide information sources on agricultural engineering, and explains how they may best be used. Mansell, \$39.

Idea Exchange Handbook II, just released by the Pennsylvania Library Association contains over 70 new programming ideas for children and teens. Information is provided in the same format as the original C.Y.P.S.L. **Idea Exchange Handbook**. Ideas range from infant story hours to young adult fairs to school-related activities to quality time programs for parents. To order, send check payable to Pennsylvania Library Association for \$8.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling and a self-addressed mailing label to Idea Exchange Handbook II, Pennsylvania Library Association, 126 Locust Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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Authority Work: The Creation, Use, Maintenance, and Evaluation of Authority Records and Files, by Robert H. Burger, is the first monograph on the subject. It examines the processes that help create, maintain, use, and evaluate authority records and files. Burger believes that authority is the key to bibliographic control, and consequently, to the access to knowledge that is the basis of effective librarianship. Libraries Unlimited, \$23.50.

Salt Lake City Public Library: Meeting the Public's Needs - A Long Range Plan for 1985-1990 is available for \$5.00 payable to the Salt Lake City Public Library System. Order from: Sally Patrick, Community Relations Director, Salt Lake City Public Library System, 209 East Fifth South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

Reference Sources for Small and Medium-Sized Libraries, 4th edition, edited by Jovian Lang and Deborah Masters, identifies and annotates reference sources of particular value to public, academic, and high school libraries, and serves as a useful selection tool and collection evaluation checklist. ALA, \$40.00.

Planning The Small Public Library Building, By Anders C. Dahlgren, introduces librarians and library trustees to the complex process of planning, designing, and constructing a new library facility. The book provides a common starting point for the diverse groups which must work together during the library building project. ALA, \$5.00.

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Dates: September 12-15, 1985

"Libraries & The Learning Society"

(MPLA Annual Conference)

Sponsors: Mountain Plains Library Association & Nevada Library Association

Location: Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

Description: See April 1985 issue of **MPLA Newsletter**

Dates: September 30 - October 3, 1985

Symposium '85 For Video Disc Developers

Sponsor: Nebraska Center for Continuing Education

Location: Lincoln, NE

Description: Latest applications in area of point-of-purchase videodiscs, surrogate travel discs, stillframe audio for large database applications, plus a library marketplace.

Cost: \$375.00

Contact: Robert Mortenson
402/472-2844

Date: October 3, 1985

Library Bill of Rights in 1985

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science

Location: Iowa City, IA

Description: This one-day conference will feature a keynote address by Judith F. Krug, discussing the philosophical foundation and historical evolution of the document, as well as its relevance for library service today. Fran McDonald of Mankato State University will discuss the present environment of cultural diversity and look ahead to future concerns in relation to changing technologies. Afternoon sessions will be devoted to the following topics: providing all points of view; responding to challenges; problems of access; and the question of social responsibility.

Cost: \$31.50 which covers sessions, exhibits, refreshments, and lunch.

For a program brochure and registration form, write to Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242, or call 319/353-3644.

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Date: October 16, 1985

Approaches and Opportunities for Fundraising

Sponsors: MPLA & the Nebraska Library Association

Location: Bennett Martin Public Library, Lincoln, NE

Description: This is a pre-conference workshop associated with the Nebraska Library Association annual convention. The speaker will be Flo Green of Green, Scribner & Company, Santa Monica, CA. Topics covered will be preparing fundraising plans, identifying prospects, upgrading current donors, designing a marketing plan, deferred giving, and plans for annual events.

Cost: MPLA member - \$7.50; MPLA Non-member - \$10.00.

Contact: Susan Kling, Nebraska Library Commission, 1420 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Date: October 26, 1985

17th Annual Festival of Books for Young People

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science

Location: Iowa City, IA

Description: "Transitions: Child to Young Adult" is the theme, which will be introduced by Gordon Cantor, Professor of Educational Psychology at The University of Iowa, who will speak on the developmental task of childhood and adolescence. Dorothy M. Broderick, coeditor of **VOYA: Voice of Youth Advocates**, will discuss fundamental differences in selecting books for children and young adults. Also speaking will be Lois Duncan, popular author books for young people.

Cost: \$26.50, which includes all sessions, exhibits, coffee, and lunch.

For a program brochure and registration form, write to Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242, or call 319/353-3644.

Schedule of State Conferences

Sept. 26-28: North Dakota Library Association, Minot

Oct. 2-5: South Dakota Library Association, Spearfish

Oct. 12-15: Colorado Library Association, Copper Mountain

Oct. 17-18: Nebraska Library Association, Lincoln

Joblist

Deadline: October 10, 1985

Position: **Serials Librarian**

Salary: \$18,000

Library: South Dakota State University

Duties: Search reopened. Holds administrative responsibility for a serials department with 3,200 current subscriptions and three support staff plus part-time students. Trains and supervises staff in serials, maintains serials records and automated serials holding list, supervises bindery preparation, and recommends procedures for further automation. Duties may also include serials cataloging and/or some reference responsibilities (depending upon qualifications).

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, two years' academic or research library experience either as a professional or as a paraprofessional involved appropriately with serials, and demonstrated communication skills. Desirable qualifications include second master's, experience with online cataloging systems and with cataloging serials, reference experience, and working knowledge of a modern foreign language.

Contact: Send resume and have academic credentials and three recent letters of recommendations sent directly to: Gary Hudson, Chair, Search Committee, South Dakota State University Library, Box 2115, Brookings, SD 57007.

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Will sell to best offer, F.O.B., Sioux Falls, SD. Contact George Lang, North American Baptist Seminary, 1321 West 22nd, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. 605/336-6588.



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