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- * Support of regional bibliographic efforts;
- * Sponsorship of an annual convention to provide a forum for personal contact among members and with national leaders in the profession;
- * Joint annual conferences with member states;
- * Recognition of outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services;
- * Publication of an annual membership directory;
- * Access to JOBLINE, a telephone-accessed listing of library vacancies in our region;
- * Special Project Grants, to fund research on ways to develop and improve library services;
- * Grants to states for pre-conference and continuing education programs.



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LIBRARIAN WANTED

"Terribly creative, energetic, personable, and self-actuated human being."¹ Life experiences required in leading others to find information, improve research skills, and enjoyment of reading as a lifelong habit. Ability to promote and preserve the cultural and historical qualities of the region, as well as the technologies of the future. Continuous completion of courses, workshops, or other practical means to perfect and maintain standards on the leading edge of current progressive library service. Gender and age not important. However, those need not apply who seek library work as a quiet scholarly retreat shielded from the unwashed masses and clamour of the real world of this late 20th century. A Bachelors Degree in any field of study is necessary because you need an MLS from an ALA accredited Library School.

For this wonderperson we are willing to pay a starting salary of \$18,400² or up to \$23,400³ with experience. Unfortunately, library support in our region ranges from a "50% cut to a slight increase"⁴ despite a national gain (adjusting for inflation) of 7.2%.⁵

by Corky Walters, Continuing Education Officer
Wyoming State Library

The above help-wanted notice was inspired by recent reading of several articles commenting on the possible demise of the MLS as the license to practice librarianship and on the increasingly limited number of qualified candidates for open

library positions. Because I have listed the qualifications of a good librarian in priority order, you will know that I suspect the MLS to be not as important as other qualities that we seek in job applicants in our libraries. As illustration, my own MLS

represents just three quarters of coursework and one quarter of "practice" as an intern—all completed over 15 years ago in the infancy of OCLC and entirely before the invention of microcomputers and AACR2. Then, too, I can also count a great many very fine librarians who have no MLS not only in our region, but as personified by the past decade's Librarian of Congress.

Even supposing that one is lucky enough to take time and money out from life to go off to library school (perhaps one of the three in the ten-state mountain plains region), how many quality students can we hope to attract with such abysmal beginning salaries? In reality we are in competition with far more lucrative and prestigious fields opening up increasingly to ambitious young women.

Although every opportunity is seized to communicate to accredited schools a plea to adapt their programs to the needs of those eager and qualified people who are already working in libraries, a great many either do not care to listen or are bound by accreditation views better suited to Eastern schools and geography; or by their own university's regulations. Only a very few are beginning to recognize the potential of this untapped pool of recruits.

Once recruited, students' enthusiasm must not be allowed to atrophy in a stodgy curriculum; but challenged through an array of dynamic courses constantly revised and directed to

improving the knowledge and skills that are reflected in the opening lines of our help-wanted ad. The result must be that curious blend of the librarian we seek, both humanistically traditional and technologically innovative.

Actual instruction must be both inspiring in philosophy and practical in content. In quest of these qualities, some schools have even dared to augment regular faculty with outstanding working librarians to help instruct some of their library courses.

Either we must make it logistically easier, more relevant, and more financially attractive for our own library people and others to join the MLS "union," or the union card will not much longer be one of the pre-requisites to the title of "librarian."

¹Manley, Will, "Facing the Public," *Wilson Library Bulletin*, Nov., 1986, p. 36.

²An average of beginning salaries of job vacancies listed in the Oct. 1, 1986 *Library Journal* and the June 1986 *MPLA Newsletter*.

³Ibid: an average of salaries of vacancies requiring up to three years of experience.

⁴"Revenues fall; Library Budgets Tighten," *The Outrider*, July-Aug., 1986, p. 1.

⁵Jones, Kay F., "Sex, Salaries, & Library Support," *Library Journal*, Sept., 1986, p. 146.

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Election Corrections

Your editor wishes to correct several errors in his reporting of election results. I apologize to everyone, especially the persons who were actually elected for my mistake and any confusion that might have resulted.

What follows are the correct election results:

MPLA Secretary

Jean Johnson

Academic Section Secretary

Deborah Iverson

Technical Services Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Patricia Eskoz

Secretary

Rosario Garza

JMRT Section

Secretary

Elizabeth Lang

Children's & School Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Merilyn Peterson Grosshans

Awards Nominations Requested

Recognizing excellence in its members and associates is the special privilege and responsibility of a professional organization. Nominations are now open for the 1987 MPLA awards for outstanding achievement.

The Mountain Plains Library Association has established five categories in which to recognize excellence. These categories and the qualifications for each are:

Beginning Professional Award: To recognize an MPLA member, who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as

innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award: To be given to the individual or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by constant conscientious endeavors toward libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

Distinguished Service Award: To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

Legislative Leadership Award: To be given to an individual or group (state legislature, city council, board of education, etc.) in recognition of exemplary legislative leadership or support for growth and development of a library or libraries in the MPLA area within the last two years.

News Media Support Award: To recognize the news media organization in the MPLA region making the strongest effort, either in a single presentation or in on-going coverage, within the past two years, to promote libraries and library activities to the community. Criteria will include amount and effectiveness of coverage and manifestation of a positive commitment to generate public interest in a library or libraries.

Nomination forms may be requested from MPLA Awards Committee Chair Honey Lou Bonar, Box 849, Hastings, NE 68901.

Documentation is an essential part of each nomination. Those considering nominating a worthy candidate may request copies of previous nominations to see the format used in the past.

Nominations should be received by Bonar by June 1, 1987.

1987 Professional Development Grants

Major Grants up to \$500 and Mini-Grants up to \$100 are available to MPLA members in 1987. Grants can be used to attend professional conferences, meetings, workshops; to take course work; and to make professional visits to more and more sites.

Grant deadlines for 1987 are: April 15, June 10, August 12, and November 11.

Submissions should be made as early in the year as possible. Grant applications are available from the MPLA Executive Secretary:

Joe Edelen

I.D. Weeks Library

University of South Dakota
Vermillion, SD 57069

The 1987 Professional Grants Committee consists of one member from each of the ten MPLA states:

Arizona: Barbara D. Tooker

Colorado: Elnora M. Mercado

Kansas: Myrna K. Hudson

Montana: Karen Everett

Nebraska: Dick Allen (Chair)

Nevada: Janet K. Mastalir

North Dakota: Jerry Kaup

South Dakota: Judy Johnson

Utah: Sandra A. Collins

Wyoming: Helen E. Higby

Letters

Dear Editor:

Any libraries having problems with new lots of Minolta reader-printer toner, please send a bad print plus the toner lot number to: Laverna Saunders, Head, T.S., UNLV Library, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89154.

Laverna M. Saunders

Dear Editor:

We are asking libraries to send any materials regarding K-12 Library Skills Curriculum plans and/or direct us to other sources of information.

We are in the process of developing our own K-12 Library Skills curriculum and would appreciate the assistance of other librarians.

After finalization of our project for our school district, we would be agreeable to sharing our plan with anyone interested in receiving a copy. We will finalize our plan by late July 1987.

Thank you for your assistance.

Allen Keinert

Dubois School District #2

POB 188

Dubois, WY 82513



Around the Region Arizona

Beyond Bestsellers

"Beyond Bestsellers", TPL's series of Cable 12 television programs are now available for check-out at four regional TPL libraries.

The programs illustrate the wide variety of materials and services available at the Tucson Public Library. Each program features special services or collections on a particular topic, and includes a demonstration from an expert in the Tucson area. (The Friends of the Tucson Public Library newsletter, January 1987)

Reading is Power!

TPL is publishing a "fotonovela" in January, designed to introduce the public library to Tucson's Hispanic community. Available at all branch libraries, the fotonovela consists of a dramatized story told with photographs and dialogue in a comic-book format.

Called **Reading is Power (Leer es Poder)**, the story features a Tucson family whose problems are solved when they make use of the free services offered by the public library. (Friends of the Tucson Public Library newsletter, January 1987)

Library Audio Tour

The University of Arizona Library now has a new audiotape tour of the main library available, complete with two recently purchased Sony Walkmans. The audiotape tour is designed to introduce individual users to the physical layout of the Main Library, and its services, departments and collections.

The development of the audiotape tour was a cooperative project of the Library Instruction Advisory Committee, and took about six months to complete. The narration and production was done commercially, thus presenting a professional image for the library system.

It runs 33 minutes, but takes about 40-45 minutes to complete. (AzU Library Newsletter, January 12, 1987)

New Information Desk

The Main Library at the University of Arizona now features a new Information Desk in its lobby. The Information Desk will serve as the initial contact point for library patrons and its purpose is to siphon off and answer both in person and telephone questions which are directional or "quick reference" in nature.

Information desks of this sort have been used successfully by a number of university libraries including Arizona State. ASU's desk has been in operation since 1979 and answers about 40 percent of the questions. (AzU Library Newsletter, January 5, 1987)

The Issues Forum

The University of Arizona Library Staff Development Committee has introduced a series of programs called "The Issues Forum." The purpose of this series is to give library staff an opportunity to discuss issues in the field of librarianship. Each program will discuss a different topic, and topics are not limited only to current practice in the UA library system.

The first program in the Issues Forum Series is entitled *The Holistic Librarian*, referring to the concept of librarians crossing the great divide between public and technical services. (AzU Library Newsletter, February 2, 1987)

Colorado

Nancy M. Bolt Is State Librarian

Nancy M. Bolt will assume the duties of Colorado's Deputy State Librarian on February 1, 1987. For the past four years, Nancy has been president and owner of JNR Associates, a library consulting firm. She has been an independent consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, several national library

associations, state libraries and associations and regional library systems as well as individual libraries of all sizes and types nationwide.

From 1979-1982 she was Branch Chief for Public Library Development and Services in the Maryland State Department of Education. From 1977 to 1979 she was Director of the Library Humanities Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. (SWIRLS, November 1986)

Ken Dowlin Candidate for ALA President

Ken Dowlin, Library Director of the Pikes Peak Library District and author of **The Electronic Library: The Promise and the Process**, is a candidate for President of the American Library Association. The ballots for the election are mailed to ALA members in the Spring, 1987, with the winner taking office as President Elect for 1988, and President in 1988/89.

In his candidate's position statement, Dowlin states that he stands for ACCESS through his support of strategy to develop a national information policy, his support of the creation of minimum standards for information and knowledge, and his commitment to promote and monitor the development of technological standards for data interchange. He continues that he is committed to ACTION by shifting libraries from a passive role to an active role in access to information and knowledge. He states that he stands for STRENGTH in ALA to support libraries and librarians by supporting the strategic planning process, research and development, the ALA Communications Department, and supporting linking libraries throughout the world.

Dowlin has shown his leadership in the library profession as an ALA Council member, as Chair of the ALA Awards Committee, as Past President of the Colorado Library Association, as Past President of the Bibliographical Center for Research, as Past President of LITA, and as a member of MPLA.

INFOCUS

INFOCUS is the new educational electronic bulletin board of the Central Colorado Library System. It will provide subject access to the top news

stories reported by the **Denver Post** and the **Rocky Mountain News**, and alert users to educational television shows and community activities for young people.

INFOCUS has been funded as a pilot project of the Central Colorado Library System. It can be used by adults as a current awareness service and by teachers to bring current issues on science, government, politics and social studies into the classroom.

Boulder Computer Fair

In November the Boulder Public Library offered two days of class, exhibits and demonstrations designed to delight and enlighten the computer-curious of all ages.

The computer fair provided an "objective and helpful environment" achieved through the efforts of professional local volunteers from the computing and academic community who staffed the activities.

One of the most exciting aspects of the Fair was the opportunity for participants to try different types of personal computers and software programs in a "hands-on" setting. Through the use of a mobile computer lab equipped with 14 personal computers (both IBM and Apple) newcomers could explore a variety of free classes.

The demonstrations featured a special blend of entertainment and information. A demonstration of robotics complete with robots choreographed by Professor Tim Greenshields delighted R2D2 fans. Ray Meester, an educator, dazzled fairgoers with his laser light show. And the ear-pleasing possibilities were demonstrated on a synthesizer by Peter Crysedale.

The Library's bridge walkway was used for exhibits, and during November and December the walkway featured two computer-oriented displays: a history of the computer and information about the ongoing computing resources available in the library system. The Library also featured a film program. (The Public Bridge, Winter 1986-87)

Donations, Anyone?

The Estes Park Public Library received a donation from an interesting source: a successful candidate for political office had some campaign funds left after the election, and he gave a portion to the library. An unsuccessful

candidate there also had a few dollars left, and remembered the library. (No Silence, November, 1986)

Kansas

Incredible As It May Seem

Each year the **MPLA Newsletter** keeps readers informed about the Topeka Public Library's softball team, the **BOOKIES**. Here is the latest story:

"OUR PERFECT record is totally

blemished," mourned player, Tom Robb. It's true, the **BOOKIES** won their first game this season July 2, against the awesome power of an average team, the **SLOAN'S SLUGGERS**. After blowing a six to one lead in the first inning, the **BOOKIES** pulled within one in the ninth scoring two runs to win. Manager Kelly Badke scoffed. "It was just a matter of time, patience, and talent." (eds. note: One out of three isn't bad).

AND PROVING the July game was no fluke, the **BOOKIES** did it again! They won their second season game, August 6, in a major route beating the **NO NAMES 13** to four. (Tid-Bits, August 1986)

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Currently available through the Talking Books Department of the Northwest Kansas Library System are the ten kits made available through a State Library grant: Remembering the fashion; automobiles; schooldays; county fairs; summertime; birthdays; 1924; farm days; the home front; and work life. The other three kits will be available soon through the generosity of a local organization. They are: Remembering fall; train rides; and the depression.

Sheridan County Long Term Care reports that they have neat things happening with the use of the kits. A shy resident who usually doesn't speak without stuttering answered questions asked by 4th graders who were sharing the program without a stutter or hesitation. Donna Farber reports that the kit "The Home Front" was just the beginning of collecting things to bring into the remembering sessions. The local historical society had numerous articles that related to the kit, and an authentic uniform was even found. (Exchange, February 1987)

Lifetime Friends Membership

"Lifetime" is the new category added to the Friends of the Topeka Public Library membership this year. Qualification is by "long and dedicated effort" or contribution of \$1,000 or more. Those in this category receive a permanent metal, embossed Library card. (Tid-Bits Newsletter, February 1987)

Positive Response to Dillons Store Library

Norman Horrocks (now at Scarecrow Press) sends along a clipping from a New Jersey paper, **The Home News**,

with a column by Martin Sloane. Having reported on the installation of a Wichita Public Library branch in a new Dillon Stores, Inc. supermarket, he now says he is getting heavy mail indicating that he struck a nerve in readers of his column around the country. Older people said a library in their supermarket would be easier for them to get to regularly, mothers bedevilled by unwanted shopping help from their children could see a library in the store luring the kids away from the aisles. To all, the idea seemed eminently reasonable.

The Comotara Neighborhood Branch will enjoy free space, as well as free utilities, thanks to Dillon Stores. Wichita's smallest branch, it will nevertheless stock ten thousand volumes in its eight hundred and fifty square feet. Reference materials will be minimal and staff will be part timers; like the store, the library will be open Sundays, the first Wichita branch to do so. (CKLS Post, January 1987)

300,000th Book

The Topeka Public Library cataloged the 300,000th book in its circulating collection in January. The book was **Falling Water: A Frank Lloyd Wright Country House**. Topeka's Public Library acquires approximately 16,500 volumes a year. It has joined three other public libraries in Kansas with collections of this size: Wichita, Johnson County and Kansas City, KS (Tid-Bits Newsletter, January 1987)

Australian Exhibit at Concordia

Beginning December 15, 1986, the Frank Carlson Library in Concordia will host an exhibit, **Aussie Books for Kids**, assembled by the Children's Book Council of Australia. This traveling collection of representative Australian children's books includes picture books, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, stories, and reference materials—nearly seventy books in all.

The exhibit also contains background materials on some Australian authors, a copy of **Reading Time** (the Australian version of **Hornbook**), and an annotated book list of the exhibit. Along with these items will be sent two slide sets from the Australian Information Service: one on Australian wildlife, the other an introduction to the country, people and geography. A tape of bush sound, songs and ballads, and Aboriginal digeridoo music will also be

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An annotated listing of books, including purchasing information, is available to all interested teachers and librarians. To obtain a free copy of the list or to request the exhibit for your library, write to the Australian Connection, P.O. Box 341, Danville, CA 94526. (CKLS Post, December 1986)

Coal Creek Library Brings History to Life

The one-room Coal Creek Library in Vinland, KS is in a building built for it in 1900, and still uses the original shelves and the green window shades which kept the books from fading. It even has the original stove.

The Coal Creek Library was established in 1859—before Kansas became a state—and is believed to be the oldest subscription library in continuous use in the state. Martha Smith, whose ancestors founded the library, has served as its librarian for most of the last 60 years.

For the first 40 years, the library and social events were held in the homes of its librarians. For a time, the books were kept in the Grange Hall.

Library membership peaked between 1880 and 1910, when about 50 people used the facility. At times during the library's early years, Mrs. Smith said, membership exceeded the number of books. "They had to draw lots."

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but closes before Thanksgiving because of the cold. Funding for the library is meager. And books are no longer purchased.

The library contains 3,615 books, and 297 magazines and pamphlets. (*Omaha World Herald* news story)

Montana

Omnibus State Aid Bill

The Montana Library Association's Legislative Committee has introduced into the 50th session of the Montana Legislature an Omnibus State Aid Bill. Many years in the planning, the bill would provide funds for public library, funds for a statewide library card, and funds for increased Federation support. Aid to public libraries would be per capita and based on geographical area. A part of the bill is aimed at recognizing the costs associated with interlibrary loan and the need to reimburse for those costs.

A strong maintenance of effort clause will be included in the bill to ensure that libraries do not experience any decrease in current funding as a result of State aid. (*Montana State Library News*, November/December 1986)

Censorship Packets

The Montana Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee has collected a packet of materials to use in combating censorship in Montana. The materials are available free to anyone in the library community.

The total packet contains approximately 200 pages of information on preventing future censorship problems within your community; preparing for the problems that are going to come anyway; and how to handle them when they arrive. The materials are also useful as background information for preparing programs on censorship to be given to local groups and organizations. (*Montana State Library News*, November/December 1986)

More on Faxnet

The State Law Library of Montana, working with other Helena area libraries, has received a grant from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust Foundation. The purpose of the project is to demonstrate the speed with which

documents can be delivered when information is requested. The program, called the Montana Faxnet Project, will link information sites together by using a telefacsimile unit.

Six sites in Helena will receive initial installations, and will be available during the 1987 Legislative Session.

The intent of the Montana Faxnet Project is to place facsimile units in areas that represent the following sectors: business, legal, education, health and government. After the library network has been demonstrated, machines will be moved to information sites that represent the legal and business sector.

The Faxnet Project is also cooperating with one of the Kellogg sites placing a Faxnet at the Hamilton Public Library for five months because both programs are designing document delivery systems and both are working in rural areas. (*Montana State Library News*, November/December 1986)

Nebraska

Cable From Columbus

A television studio in the basement of the public library and a cablevision channel dedicated to library and local programming have been in operation in Columbus for over one year. The funding for this effort has been possible through the combined efforts of the Columbus Cable TV Advisory Board.

The library studio and equipment are now available to the public during library hours which includes evenings and Saturdays. The library's studio has no editing equipment. Editing must be done at the cable company's studio.

The library regularly tapes a "Children's Story Time" and an "Information Please" program. The city administrator hosts a weekly "Report from City Hall." The library also runs a community bulletin board of local announcements of coming events and of government meetings. This is done using a character generator.

Whereas the library received \$16,500 during the 1985-86 year from the local franchise fee to purchase equipment and to pay the salary of the part-time cable employee, the 1986-87 budget is around \$10,000 to continue the employment of the cable person and to purchase a few other needed

pieces of equipment. Staff time, other than the part-time cable person, runs about ten hours per week. (NLAQ, Winter 1986)

Omaha's Wired Library

Beginning February 20, the Omaha Public Library will have an electronic bulletin board called "Omaha's Wired Library," or OWL for short. Anyone with access to a computer, modem, and communications software will be able to call 444-4873 and select from a variety of subject categories and information. Omaha's Wired Library will be accessible on weekdays from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

OWL will have primarily library subjects: book reviews, best seller lists, library activities, and interesting facts and information. Callers can leave messages, comments and reference questions for later answering, and can download public domain software. Future possible files might include public conferences, Director's Comments, and graphics.

Information on OWL will be changed periodically. For further information concerning Omaha's Wired Library, contact Jennifer Kirchmann, 402-444-4842. (News release)

Task Force To Study Legislative Problems

The State Advisory Council on Libraries recommended formation of a task force to study the legislative problems and needs of Nebraska's libraries. The 10-20 member task force will be appointed by the council following approval by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Within one year of its appointment, the task force will submit a report and recommend action to be taken by Nebraska libraries, library agencies, and organizations regarding revision of state statutes which govern library policies and practices. (*Overtones*, January 1987)

Homework Hotline

Six Omaha public libraries are making Homework Hotline, the televised homework assistance program, available to students on Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Homework Hotline, which is shown on Cox Cable Channel 17, is geared especially toward 7th and 8th graders who have questions about math.



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The show will run from January 19 through May 11 and is being sponsored by a consortium of local educational organizations with funding assistance from Cox Cable. Students may view the program at any of the six branches and the main Omaha Public Library. (News release)

Nevada

New Mines/Engineering Library

The near-term plans for University of Nevada Reno Library expansion centers around the creation of a new, combined Mines/Engineering Library.

Sixty percent of the needed funds are already in hand for the library project. Five million dollars has been appropriated by the federal government for a Strategic Materials Policy Center and Library, which will be housed in an expanded and completely rebuilt portion of the old Mackay School of Mines building. An additional 3.5 million dollars is being sought from foundation sources. Present plans envision 40,000 square feet in this project for the library. (Memo, November/December 1986)

University of Nevada to Link Campuses Statewide

The University of Nevada has embarked on an ambitious plan to link the computer networks of its 14 campuses.

The new network will use broadband cable for local connections and T1 or microwave technology between campuses.

The University has plans to use the network for applications such as video, security, information and research retrieval, interactive graphics and eventually, full voice communication. The plan also calls for the linking of the local automated library systems serving the northern and southern parts of the state. The network will take six years to complete.

North Dakota

State Librarian Resigns

After 14 months as North Dakota's State Librarian, Margaret Stefanak resigned effective February 28. She will assume the position of Director of the Lewis and Clark Library system in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Bev Quamme, Vice-President of the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, stated that the council feels that the State Librarian's position is being used as a "stepping stone" to better jobs elsewhere. This could create problems in relationship to long range planning and stability of the library network to the state. (State representative report)

Guidelines for School Library Media Centers

The **Guidelines** were issued to each school librarian and school administrator in the fall of 1986. This project was initiated by the North Dakota Library Association's Public Planning Committee and endorsed upon completion by the North Dakota Library Association, the North Dakota Curriculum Council and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

The document's purpose is to provide individual school districts, librarians and school administrators with information that is necessary to make decisions concerning the scope, direction and financial support of a quality library media program, and to also identify essential components of a quality library media program. (State representative report)

State Library Fully Staffed

For the first time in five years the North Dakota State Library is fully staffed at 22.5 FTE.

MPLA member Kenneth Behringer, Lander, WY, has accepted the position of Library Development Consultant. Ken has been Assistant Director of the Fremont County Library for the past three years. (Flickertale Newsletter, December 1986)

South Dakota

We The People

The South Dakota Library Association, along with the State Bar Association of South Dakota, has received funding from the South Dakota Committee for the Humanities to hold a series of programs honoring the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The program series, "We The People," features three programs in each of seven communities across the state. Each program concentrates on a different issue of Constitutional law, which is discussed in its historical context by a scholar-humanist. This is followed by a debate using local citizens and public discussion. (News release)

SDLN Funding Looks Promising

Halfway through the 1987 South Dakota legislative Session there appears to be a good chance that funding will be approved to implement the proposed South Dakota Library Network, a statewide automated library system based on the Sperry-PALS hardware and software recently installed at Black Hills State College.

Incoming Governor George Mickelson included the \$550,000 for SDLN in a \$4.7 million economic development research package which he has submitted to the legislature.

If approved these funds will be used to acquire hardware, software and to do data loading for South Dakota's state-operated colleges and universities. The SDLN system can be used by other libraries who have funding for their own hardware and data loading.

SDLN provides the opportunity for libraries to use a central host computer over inexpensive state leased telephone circuits for cataloging, acquisitions, public access catalogs, circulation, serials control and interlibrary communications.

Year of the Reader

At the request of the South Dakota Library Association and the State Library, Governor George Mickelson has declared 1987 to be the Year of the Reader in South Dakota. In a ceremony at the State Capitol SDLA President Jim Dertien presented the Governor with a "Take Time to Read" watch.

SDLA is encouraging libraries to observe the Year of the Reader and "Take Time to Read" themes, and to prepare for the 1987 MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Triconference theme, "Libraries and the Literacy Challenge."

Future Directions

The Executive Board of the South Dakota Library Association met in December and again in February to develop what it proposes to be a practical approach to the needs of its members. Member Sandra Norlin encouraged the SDLA to set major themes of emphasis to guide the association more specifically towards meeting member needs.

The SDLA Board decided to concentrate on continuing education needs of South Dakota's library community during 1987, and to use this major theme emphasis in future years as a planning tool.

Mac Acquired for SDLA Business

Current and future treasurers of the South Dakota Library Association will have access to a Macintosh micro-computer, printer and software for the purpose of maintaining membership and financial records.

The equipment and software was purchased by taking advantage of excellent educational discounts now available.

In the past the association has relied on personnel and main frame equipment provided by the University of South Dakota. It was felt that these services would not always be available and that the association should have more independence in handling these records.

Utah

Shortages Put Utah School Libraries "at risk"

Utah's public school libraries are "at risk" because of shortages in funding, materials and trained library specialists, according to a new report.

Education officials say that inadequate libraries will keep students from reading as much as they should, and won't help them learn how to find and use information from books,

magazines, films or videocassettes.

An analysis of Utah's school libraries, prepared at the request of last year's Legislature, was given to the State Board of Education. 635 public school libraries were surveyed in preparing the report. Of 586 that responded, it was found that a full 68 percent do not meet state guidelines in library staffing, materials and equipment.

Ken Neal, who conducted the study, noted that libraries have suffered in the last few years as school districts have been ordered to make budget cuts. Because most of the money is tied up in salaries, Neal said, officials have little choice but to cut the money for books and supplies.

He concluded his report by recommending that additional money be allocated for public school libraries, and also that the state library guidelines be changed to standards which could be enforced. (Ogden Standard-Examiner press clipping)

1903 Book Club Inspire Provo

The Book Club of 1903, the predecessor to today's Provo City Library, was organized to establish a Provo library and construct a building to house it. That building stands today as the Provo City Library.

Now, 84 years later, the Provo City Library is organizing an adult reading group named the Book Club in honor of those individuals who led the way in a crusade for a public library. (Provo Daily Herald)

Utah Leads in Newspaper Preservation

Utah is now well ahead of most states in preserving newspapers published within its boundaries since settlement, says Dr. Robert P. Holley, assistant director for technical services at Marriott Library. He reported that the library has completed its Utah Newspaper Project, and in the process identified more than 1,000 titles of newspapers published at some time in the state.

Of those titles at least one copy was located of 525 papers. The biggest collection of newspapers is now at Marriott, which holds one or more microfilmed copies of 488 of the 525.

Utah had a head start compared to other states because Marriott had been microfilming daily and weekly newspaper files since 1951. (Richfield Reaper)

Millard Fillmore Library

On January 7, 1987, which is also the birthday of President Millard Fillmore, dedication ceremonies took place in Fillmore City, UT for the new President Millard Fillmore Library.

The facility is in the old hospital building, which required \$450,000 in construction costs to prepare the building for library and city office use. (Progress)

Health Library Gets Computers

Ten new computers have been donated to the University of Utah Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library by AT&T.

The novel use of microcomputers at the U. Health Sciences Center library spurred interest of engineers from Bell Labs, leading to contracts and grants from the National Library of Medicine. The 10 new computers are valued at \$25,000 and will be used as personal computers by students at the library, and as part of the library's indexing and data search system. (Salt Lake Tribune)

Wyoming

Platte County Wins ALA PR Advice

The Platte County Public Library, Wheatland, Wyoming, is the recipient of the free communications audit offered by the American Library Association Communications Department.

Part of an experimental communications project, the free audit was offered last July to public libraries serving a population of 25,000 or less. More than 100 libraries sent letters of application.

In announcing the choice of the Platte County Public Library, Peggy Barber, ALA's associate director of communications, said, "They wrote an excellent letter with a clear statement of challenge, and the town presents a good mix of the ingredients we think will be important for this initial experiment."

"We hope the project in Wyoming will be the first of many, and that we can develop tools and train consultants

to offer the planning opportunity to more small public libraries," said Barber.

The Platte County Library has branches in Glendo, Guernsey and Chugwater, in addition to the headquarters library in Wheatland. The winning letter of application was submitted by Library Director Lesley D. Boughton and Board of Trustees Chairman Jack E. Nixon.

The audit will involve interviews with staff and board members, local media and community analysis; appraisal of library's effectiveness; and development of a public relations/communications plan and materials. Results will be published as a model to assist other libraries. (ALA)

Libraries Go Live On Geac

Two libraries have gone live with the Geac circulation system. Platte County was the first public library and Laramie County Community College was the first academic.

The Geac Wyoming system is up and working on a daily basis. Libraries now have access to the database and electronic mail system for interlibrary loan. As other libraries reach the critical number listing of database of their books, they will start using the circulation system.

There are now more than 600,000 titles in the database and 750,000 holdings symbols attached to bibliographic entries. Currently 55 terminals are in use throughout the state and the longest phone circuit is 410 miles from Cheyenne to Cody. (The Outrider, January 1987)

Nat Hentoff To Speak in Cheyenne

Nat Hentoff will be the first speaker in a series celebrating the U.S. Constitution Bicentennial in Cheyenne in February. Mr. Hentoff will be speaking on first amendment rights, first at Central High School, then at a community program at the Laramie County Library. (The Outrider, January 1987)

Mary Sue Streeper and Dayna Buck to attend Paris Convocation

Mary Sue Streeper, Head of Technical Services at the State Library, was named as one of six Americans to participate in the inaugural convoca-

tion of the Center for French-American Studies in Librarianship, December 8-13, 1987 in Paris.

Theme for the convocation is Public Library Automation, and several well-known American librarians will be presenting papers.

The Center for French-American Studies was organized by the Catholic

University of America and the French Ministry of Culture. Catholic University is sponsoring the meeting and most of the expenses are being paid by the French government.

Dayna Buck, also with the Wyoming State Library, will also be participating in the convocation (The Outrider, November 1986)

MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Rick J. Ashton

Denver Public Library

James L. Beasley

University of South Dakota,
Vermillion

Susan Bogart

Student, Emporia (KS) State
University

David W. Boilard

Harley French Library of the
Health Science, Grand Forks, ND

Diana S. Boone

University of Iowa, Iowa City

Susan N. Bridson

Hayden High School Library,
Topeka, KS

Mary C. Bushing

Parmly Billings Library,
Billings, MT

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Sidney (MT) High School

Kenneth E. Dowlin

Pikes Peak Library District,
Colorado Springs, CO

Lorraine Ettl

Harley E. French Library of the
Health Sciences, Grand Forks, ND

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University of Denver, Penrose
Library

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Arizona State University, Tempe
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Western College, Yuma

About You

Sandra Donovan, Director of the Laramie County Community College, was elected Vice President/President Elect of the Wyoming Library Association.

Morel Fry has left her position at the Nebraska Library Commission to become Librarian at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.

Andy Gibbons has retired from his professorship at the University of Northern Colorado.

Jerry Glenn has been elected Vice President/President Elect of the Idaho Library Association.

Donna Jones, Director of the Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System, Pueblo, CO, has been appointed to the Board of the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities.

Alice Meister, Director of the Sheridan County Library, was elected Secretary of the Wyoming Library Association.

Rachel Senner, has retired from her post as President of the Hesston, KS Unified School District, and has moved to Freeman, SD.

Margaret Stefanak has resigned as State Librarian for North Dakota to become Director of the Lewis and Clark Library System in Edwardsville, IL.

Ronelle Thompson and Glenda Rhodes, Augustana College (SD), authored "Recruitment: A Role for the Academic Library?" in the October, 1986 **College and Research Libraries News**.

Carol White University of Wyoming Libraries, was elected to the executive board of the Bibliographic Center for Research.

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CONSER Editing Guide, a loose-leaf publication prepared by the Library of Congress Serial Record Division, sets forth the policies, procedures and technical guidelines followed within the CONSER Project. \$30 from Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541.

Economics of Managing Library Services, by Bruce Schauer provides administrators with microeconomic models for deciding how to allocate finite resources among infinite choices. ALA, \$49.

Effective On-the-Job Training: Developing Library Human Resources, by Sheila D. Creth, covers every aspect of employee training. Special attention to the latest issues in job training, such as technology and work environment. ALA, \$15.95.

Guide to Reference Books, 10th edition, edited by Eugene P. Sheehy, annotates more than 14,000 reference works. ALA, \$50.

Her Way: A Guide to Biographies of Women for Young People, 2nd edition, by Mary-ellen Siegel, lists editions now available in paperback. ALA, \$20.

Inhouse Use of Materials in Public Libraries, by Richard Rubin, is the first study completed with funding from the Coalition for Public Library Research. \$15 from Publications Office, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois, 249 Armory Building, Champaign, IL 61820.

Meeting the Challenge: Library Service to Young Adults presents 15 original papers by practicing school and public YA librarians. ALA, \$15.

Nebraska Intellectual Freedom Handbook 1985 is available for \$3 from Nebraska Library Commission, 1420 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1683.

Online Searching: An Introduction to WILSON-LINE is a 28 minute VHS videotape explaining and demonstrating the actual online searching procedures. H.W. Wilson, \$89.

Adults Only! Program Ideas for Your Adult Patrons, a new publication from the Public Library Association gives details on 10 programs for adults in small and medium-sized public libraries. Includes guidelines and a worksheet for planning programs and sample evaluation forms. \$11.20 for PLA members, \$12.60 for ALA members and \$14 for nonmembers. Order from

PLA Order Department, ALA.

Wyoming State Publications, 2nd edition, includes over 300 titles from 61 Wyoming state agencies and the University of Wyoming. \$4 from Wyoming Library Association, POB 304, Laramie, WY 82070.

Library Services to Rural Children: Perspectives and Observations is a summary report on a conference held in March 1986 sponsored by the State Library of Iowa. Send \$1 to Marilyn Nickelsburg, State Library of Iowa, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

An instructive five-point guide to gaining "self-assurance in the stacks" appeared in the September **Seventeen**. Entitled "Surviving in a College Library," the article was written by Paul Frantz, coordinator of library instruction at the University of Nebraska/Lincoln.

The One-Person Library: A Newsletter for Librarians and Management is an eight-page monthly publication created specifically for the librarian who works alone. Publisher Guy St. Clair has twelve years of experience as a one-person librarian. \$45/year. Prepaid orders to: OPL Resources, Ltd., Dept. PR1, POB 948, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

Proceedings of the Symposium on Public Access to Federal Government Information have been published by the Utah Library Association Government Documents Round Table. \$8.25 from ULA GODORT Symposium, Documents Division, Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

Proposals and Contracts for Library Automation, by Edwin M. Cortez, discusses each step in developing requests for proposals and contracts. ALA, \$29.

Children's T-shirts, printed with the demand "Read to Me!" have been produced by The Center for the Book to encourage reading at home. They are available from the Library of Congress, Information Office, Box A, Washington, DC 20540. The cost is \$6 for toddler sizes, \$7 for youth sizes, and \$2 must be added for mailing.

Directory of Microcomputer Software for Libraries, by Robert A. Walton and Nancy Taylor, offers detailed information on some 250 programs together with criteria librarians can use for selecting and evaluating microcomputer programs. Oryx, \$37.

The Library of Congress and CBS Television book project **Read More About It** began a new season in September. 1987 has been designated as the **Year of the Reader**. For a list of programs and the books suggested in connection with each broadcast, write The Center for the Book, LC, Washington, DC 20540.

Spring '87 **Special Libraries** is a special issue on emergency management, including articles on computerizing libraries for emergency management, roles of public libraries in local emergency management, developing a clearinghouse for emergency information in the public library, emergency management and academic library resources, and more. Single copies of this issue are available for \$9 from SLA, Order Department, 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Continuing Education

Date: March 20, 1987

The Inside Track to Disaster Recovery

Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators
This will be held at the Executive Tower Inn in Denver.

Cost: \$165 (non-ARMA members).
For further information, contact Rocky Hergenreder, 303/889-4224.

Date: April 1, 1987

Project Management Techniques for Library Administration

Sponsor: Bibliographic Center for Research
Cost: \$70 (BCR member); \$85 (non-member)
Phone BCR at 303/691-0550 for details.

Date: April 29, 1987

Planning for Automation - The Needs Analysis

Sponsor: Bibliographic Center for Research
Cost: \$35 (BCR members); \$40 (non-members)
Call BCR at 303/691-0550 for details.

Date: May 8, 1987

Subject Cataloging: Issues, Trends, and Updates

Sponsor: School of Library and Information Science, University of Iowa
Description: The workshop will deal with the rapidly changing area of subject cataloging, and will address such topics as controlled vocabulary, online and manual access, classification, and standardization and uniformity. It has been designed to serve practicing librarians in libraries of all sizes, whether they are technical or public service persons—or both.

Cost: \$45 (includes lunch & refreshment break)
For information and registration form write: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242.

Rocky Mountain Collection Management and Development Institute

The Collection Development Institute to be presented by the Resources and Technical Services Division of ALA, co-sponsored by CLAMPLA, and originally scheduled for May 17-20, has been postponed. As soon as it can be rescheduled we will provide this information.

Dates: May 10-12, 1987

Second Conference on Fee-Based Research in College and University Libraries

Sponsor: Michigan Information Transfer Source, University of Michigan

Description: For librarians and information professionals currently operating services of planning for them, library administrators, and others. It will assist in the planning necessary to make collections available in a cost-effective, non-disruptive way. Treats such issues as copyright, malpractice, fee vs. free within an institution, etc.

Cost: \$395, which includes conference, meals, recreation building passes and tour of campus.

For information contact MITS, 106 Hatcher Graduate Library, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1205.

Dates: June 24-26, 1987

Librarians as Colleagues: Working Together Across Racial Lines

Sponsor: SRRT Feminist Task Force, University of California, Berkeley

Description: This preconference is designed to increase participant awareness; develop training for training others; aid in the development of EEO and Affirmative Action planning; and build information links in libraries and library professional organizations.

Cost: Registration, room and board will be \$145.

Contact: Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

Dates: June 25-26, 1987

LSP - The Linked Systems Project and the Library

Community

Sponsors: RSTD, RASD, and LITA
Description: This ALA preconference institute will familiarize the library community with Linked System Project technology and its implications, including its background and the importance of protocols and standards; will explore the LSP's present and future applications in the library environment.

Costs: \$135 for RTSD, RASD and LITA personal members; \$160 for ALA personal members; \$200 for others.

For more information contact: RTSD/RASD/LITA LSP Preconference, ALA, RTSD, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611

Dates: July 20, 1987 (two weeks)

Western Archives Institute

Sponsor: Society of California Archivists, the California State Archives and UCLA.

Description: Meet some of the leaders in the field of archival administration, education, conservation, and the management of special records such as photographs and maps. Visit off-campus sites to observe conservation techniques and records management programs. Faculty headed by Dr. James B. Rhoads and Ann Morgan Campbell.

Cost: \$400 registration, with housing extra through arrangements with University.

For more information write: Western Archives Institute, 1020 O Street, #130, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Dates: September 23-26

MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Tri-Conference

Location: Bismarck, ND

Watch our April issue for more information.

Legal Information Service to the Public

The American Association of Law Libraries has developed a multifaceted program to assist non-law trained librarians in providing basic legal information to all people. AALL services include workshops and consultation. For more information and a brochure, contact: Chair, Legal Information Services to the Public Committee, American Association of Law Libraries, 53 W.

Jackson Blvd., Suite 703, Chicago, IL 60604.

Financial Assistance for Library Education, Academic Year

1987-88 may now be obtained from ALA's Standing Committee on Library Education. The directory gives information on scholarships, grants and assistantships from state library agencies and associations, educational institutions and local libraries. Copies of the directory are available upon request from SCOPE, ALA (send \$1 to cover postage and handling for single copies).

Jobline

Position availability in the MPLA region can be listed in either **Joblist** in this newsletter or **Jobline**, MPLA's phone-in job listing service.

Institutional members may advertise job vacancies in the newsletter at no charge. Others may list for \$1.25/line. Send listings to the editor (address given with our Statement of Publication on the second to last page of this issue).

Jobline is available to callers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. MPLA members access it using an 800 in-wats number, with others using a toll number or subscribing to the 800 number. If you have a professional position open in your library and are in our 10-state region, send a written job announcement to:

MPLA
c/o I.D. Weeks Library
University of South Dakota
Vermillion, SD 57069-2390

The newest listings are at the beginning of our tape and position announcements run one to four weeks.

Joblist

Deadline: March 30, 1987

Position: **Circulation Librarian/Department Head**

Salary: \$21,000 minimum

Library: South Dakota State University
Duties: Plans, organizes, and directs circulation, reserve, and bookstack services.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, professional experience in an academic, public, or special library and/or extensive full-time supervision of personnel; demonstrated effective communication skills. Desirable qualifications include experience with circulation systems; reference desk experience; and a second master's degree. (required for promotion and tenure).

Send resume, transcripts and three recent letters of recommendation to: Clark Hallman, Chair, Circulation Search Committee, South Dakota State University, Box 2115, Brookings, SD 57007.

AA/EOE employer.

Deadline: April 15, 1987

Position: **State Librarian**

Salary: \$31,776 - \$47,340

Library: North Dakota State Library

Duties: Responsible for planning, directing and conducting the library services; develops and administers budgets and library policy; supervises the development of library collections and supervises twenty-two full-time-equivalent library personnel; is a leader in statewide library development, planning, and automation; coordinates library services to public, academic, and special libraries and state government, as well as to the general public.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, and at least seven years of progressively more responsible professional library experience, including five years of high-level management and administrative experience.

Submit application (including three references) to: Mrs. Cynthia Larson, North Dakota State Library, Liberty Memorial Building, Capitol Grounds, Bismarck, ND 58505.

EOE employer.

Deadline: May 1, 1987

Position: **Reference Librarian**

Salary: \$15,403 - \$18,693 (commensurate with work experience and education)

Library: University of Northern Colorado, James A. Michener Library

Duties: Responsible for reference, online computer searching, collec-

tion development, and library instruction. Reports to Coordinator of Reference and Collection Development Services.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, second master's in Education preferred, reference experience in a university, four-year college, or research library preferred.

Send letter of application, vita, and three letters of reference to: Reference Librarian Search Committee, c/o Administration Office, James A. Michener Library, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO 80639.

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