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- * 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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Disaster Prevention

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Disasters occur in libraries with alarming regularity. Some are caused by natural calamities such as floods, earthquakes, tornados, or storms and others are man-made calamities such as fires, burst water pipes, leaky roofs, and overflowing air-conditioning systems. A disaster does not have to involve huge quantities of materials to be disastrous. Whatever the cause, or the extent of damage, disasters are almost always unexpected, frequently occur on weekends or during the night, and are seriously destructive to all types of library materials.

The most likely type of damage that occurs is water damage; tornados and storms inevitably involve high winds and rain, water is used to douse fires, and plumbing honeycombs a building. Water from a burst water main can quickly soak huge quantities of books or other materials. Book covers will warp and bleed, and archives will stick together in huge clumps. Coated paper stock, widely used in books and serials because of the ease of reproducing half-tones, will permanently fuse together in one mass if not properly and quickly treated. The delicate emulsion/dye layer of wetted photographic materials can separate from the film base. Wet or damp materials of all types are subject to attack from mold and mildew.

Fires can result in total destruction of a collection. They start in a variety of ways—through careless smoking, faulty electrical wiring, defective heating equipment, accumulations of trash, or a workman's welding torch. Library materials constitute a highly combustible, compact fuel that will totally burn. Nearby items not directly engulfed in flames can be irreparably charred. Soot and smoke are deposited on materials within a wide range of the actual conflagration. Heat from a fire causes bindings to shrink and warp, paper to prematurely age, and plastic-base materials to melt. Water used to fight a fire can also cause widespread damage—not only from the water itself, but from the force of high-pressure hoses. A building that has burned cannot be entered immediately, delaying salvage efforts and resulting in additional damage.

Disaster prevention is only the first step that libraries should take to protect their collections. Prevention measures should be followed by development of a disaster preparedness plan and disaster recovery procedures.

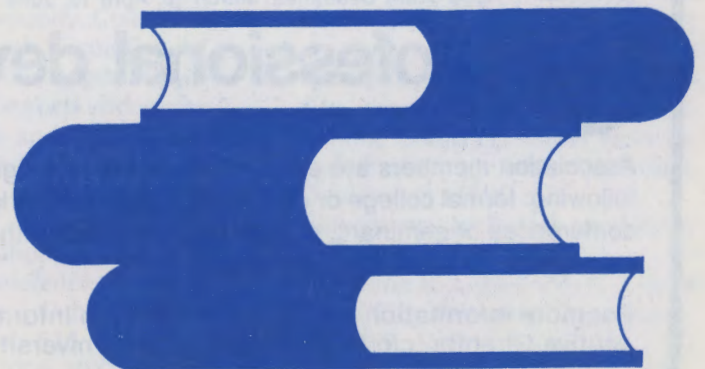
Prevention Strategy

1. Conduct general inspection of the entire library building to identify problem areas.

Ideally, the inspection should be made by outside experts—a fire protection engineer, a structural engineer, a safety specialist, an insurance agent trained in hazard analysis, and a representative of the local fire department. Not all libraries, however, will be able to afford inspection by engineers. Who carries out the inspection will depend on the size of the collection, the particular building, arrangements for insurance, connection to a parent institution or local government, the value of the collection, and the geographic location. At the very least, a careful inspection by library staff of the entire building is necessary. Questions that arise can then be directed to appropriate experts by telephone or by letter.

2. Inspect **specific** areas, systems, and services to identify hazards.

Inspection will uncover problems such as incipient roof leak, worn extension cords, clogged drains or malfunction of a fire alarm. As with the



general inspection, the more expert the persons involved, the more likely that potential problems will be identified. An experienced plumber, for example, would be more likely to notice situations where leaks/burst pipes are possible. Examination of records; dates and descriptions of repairs and improvements; and architects' plans may clarify questions or point to problems.

3. Arrange for improvements to be made and dangerous situations corrected.

Many hazards, especially those involving poor housekeeping practices can be eliminated without much expense. On the other hand, the addition of a modern sprinkler system to an existing building will require planning as well as considerable expense. The cost of installation, however, would be tiny compared with the value of the collection and the building. For most libraries, recommendations for improvements may have to be made well in advance for budgetary consideration. However, the **urgency** of a situation may require quicker action. A formal written report detailing the results of inspections and describing potential disasters is a strong argument for timely action.

4. Determine a schedule and assign responsibility for periodic inspection of the building, its systems, and hazardous areas.

Maintenance is an ongoing task. Problems arise as facilities age or stressful situations occur. Filters clog, tar on roofs deteriorates, and trash accumulates. A winter with a particularly heavy snowfall may encourage roof leaks during the spring thaw. New plumbing and an increase of water pressure could cause additional strain on old plumbing. Depending on the library and its arrangement for security/custodial services, a watchman or janitor could make routine daily checks of coffee pots, electric heaters, ashtrays, etc. Staff assigned to building maintenance should make other periodical inspections. A watchful attitude on the part of the whole staff will help identify problems before they become disasters.

Prevention Principles

1. The presence of automatic systems for fire and water detection and fire extinguishment are the **best** guarantee that damage will be minimal.
2. Good housekeeping practices are an essential part of disaster prevention.
3. When new construction is in progress, or a building is being renovated or repaired, **extra** diligence is required.
4. Stack areas should **only** be used to store library materials.
5. Vital records, important or special collections, and irreplaceable materials should receive extra protection.
6. Compartmentalization will help contain a fire and limit destruction to smaller areas.
7. The building's physical plant/systems should be isolated from stack areas.
8. Any vertical opening will encourage the spread of fire by creating a chimney effect.
9. Wherever there is water, there is potential for water damage.
10. Each individual library presents its own set of unique problems.

Prevention Checklist

What special dangers are unique to your library by virtue of location; age, design, or layout of the building; availability of fire fighting services, etc.? Has someone on the staff been assigned disaster prevention responsibility? Is the building and its systems periodically checked by this person? Do the card catalog and special collections receive additional protection from fire and water?

Is a walking check made of the premises before closing each day?

Roof

Is the roof in good repair? Are drains and down-spouts unobstructed? How old is the roof and how long was it projected to last?

Housekeeping Practices

Is trash removed from the building daily?
Are solvents, cleaning supplies, paints, etc. stored safely?
Are stack areas used for collection storage only?

People

Are staff members aware of the disaster hazard? Are smoking rules strictly enforced?
Are space heaters, coffee pots, hot plates, or tacking irons used by staff? How is their use supervised?

Building Systems

Is the heating plant isolated from collection storage? Are flues, pipes, filters, and pilot lights checked regularly?

Is there ample clearance between heating equipment and combustible materials?

Are vertical openings such as stairways or book elevators enclosed to prevent the spread of fire?

Can the ventilation system be shut down to prevent the spread of smoke? Is the electrical wiring in good shape? Is there old wiring which really should be replaced?

Are extension cords worn or placed where people walk on them? How old is the plumbing? Are galvanized pipes connected to copper pipes and showing signs of corrosion?

Are their water lines over stack areas? How quickly could the water be turned off in an emergency?

Are the water overflows on air-conditioners/humidification systems checked regularly?

Are rooftop air-conditioners checked for possible overflow, or leaks in the holding tanks?

Fire Protection

Are detection systems in working order? Are they routinely checked? Are detection and extinguishment systems connected to a central alarm at the municipal fire station?

Are sprinkler system control valves routinely checked? Are manual fire extinguishers routinely checked? Do all staff members know how to use them?

Disaster prevention is really just a combination of common sense, observation, and diligence. Its purpose is to prevent, as much as possible, damaging situations from developing. There should be, of course, additional safety and prevention measures practiced to protect people.

Only good luck can indefinitely protect a library from all potential calamities, but a properly designed, well-constructed, and diligently-maintained building will prevent **needless** disasters from occurring.



1988 Grant Deadlines: March 18, April 13, June 15, August 10, October 5, November 16

professional development assistance

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants and mini-grants, both of which may be used for the following: formal college or university classroom work, independent study programs, attendance at workshops, conferences or seminars, or participation in any other activity that will benefit librarians and the library community in our region.

For more information see your Membership Information folder or write: Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Executive Director, c/o I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.

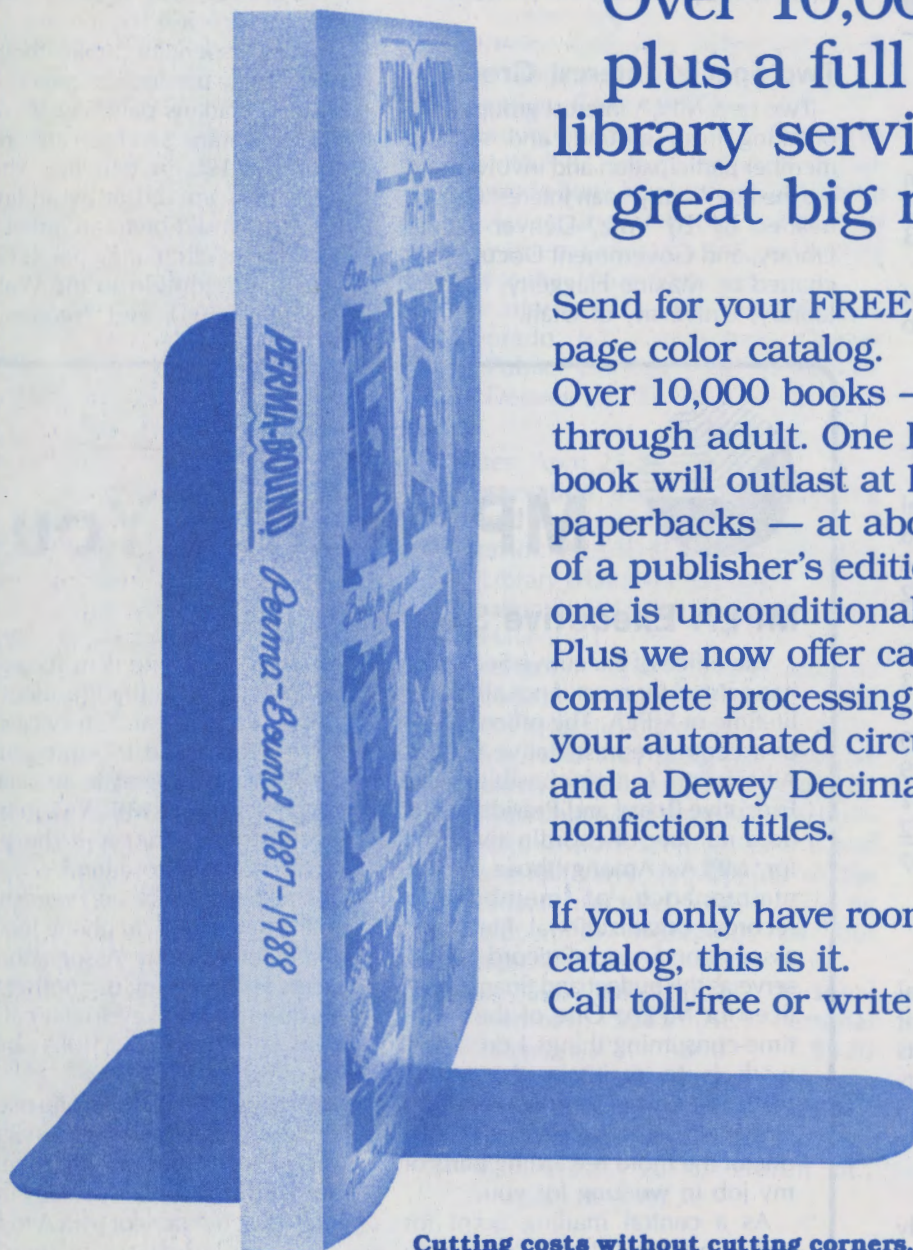
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MPLA News

Tri-Conference Report

Four hundred fifty-five persons attended the Tri-Conference meeting in Bismarck, hosted by MPLA, SDLA and NDLA in September. Of those, 233 held memberships in MPLA.

The conference had a profit of \$17,871, with \$7,506 distributed to MPLA.

Membership Statistics

MPLA begins 1988 with the following record of memberships:

	Personal	Institutional
Arizona	61	6
Colorado	133	14
Kansas	134	12
Montana	59	3
North Dakota	82	13
Nebraska	80	13
Nevada	40	4
South Dakota	118	19
Utah	66	9
Wyoming	81	12
Miscellaneous	25	2
	879	107

MPLA Libraries Receive NEH Grants

During 1987 the Division of General Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded 226 grants to various institutions for projects designed for the general public.

Three of the projects were in the MPLA region:

Tucson Public Library

Open Spaces, City Places: A Study of Contemporary Southwestern Literature. \$67,431

South Dakota Library Association

Centennial Reading and Discussion Series \$215,210

Utah Library Association

Reading and Discussion Program in Utah's Libraries \$136,350

MPLA Conference Video Available

"Collection Development: Use of Selection Tools," a talk given at MPLA's 1987 annual conference in Bismarck by Shirley Flack, City Librarian, Scottsbluff, NE, may be borrowed from Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. This 50 minute 1/2-inch VHS videocassette was produced by MPLA's Continuing Education Committee.

Two Special Interest Groups

Two new MPLA interest groups now breaking fresh ground, and seeking member participation and involvement are the Interlibrary Loan Interest Group, headed by Ed Volz, Denver Public Library, and Government Documents, chaired by Maxine Haggerty, Marriot Library, University of Utah.

Around the Region

Colorado

Statistics Prove Libraries a Bargain

To support the argument that Coloradans receive \$100 in value for every tax penny spent for public libraries, the state library produced a paper showing that Coloradans paid \$11.90 each for public library services and received some \$1,190 in benefits. The latter figure was arrived at by adding what the cost would be to an individual for six popular circulating books (\$109), a year's subscription to the Wall Street Journal (\$101) and frequently-used



MPLA and You

MPLA Executive Secretary

The office of Executive Secretary has existed for most if not all of the lifetime of MPLA. The office is one of a central representative for the Association. I am responsible to the Executive Board and President and do a number of coordinative jobs for MPLA. Among those is the maintenance of membership records, organizational files, and association financial records. I also serve as the budget and financial officer for MPLA. One of the more time-consuming things I do in my work is to maintain the MPLA Jobline and its job listings. However, as it happens it is also one of the more rewarding parts of my job in working for you.

As a central mailing point for MPLA business, I am responsible for sending out and receiving applications for such things as the Professional Development Grants, pre-conference State Association grants, and other special mailings that require a central location for receipt.

Much of what I do is in support of the program that the President carries out each year. On occasion I have been asked to represent the president at other state association meetings where MPLA visibility is deemed important and the president is unable to attend.

I respond daily and sometimes many times a day to phone requests made by various Association officers for one thing or another, and frequently make logistical arrangements for MPLA board meetings.

All in all the office is one of coordination, centrality and service for the various needs of the membership, officers and day-to-day things that must happen for MPLA to function effectively. The work is challenging and enjoyable. So, when YOU need something from MPLA and do not know where to start, call your Executive Secretary (605-677-6082).

—Joe Edelen

reference material (World Book Encyclopedia, \$499 set, and New York Times Index, \$475 a year). In pointing out that "Colorado's public libraries are an important economic asset to the state" it was indicated that libraries purchase over \$26 million annually from publishers or distributors doing business in the state, pay \$17 million for utilities and other operational needs to Colorado businesses, and workers in libraries pay some \$2.4 million in state income taxes and \$1.7 million in state sales taxes. (Urban Libraries Exchange, December 1987)

"FRANNY" Awards to Denver Public

The Denver Public Library's Cable Television Department recently won two Front Range Access Network Awards (Frannys) for the best staff-produced documentary in news form and best staff-produced innovative short form.

Trash or Treasure: Searching for Our Western Heritage is a documentary about the library's search for historic publications and records that many think of as junk. **If Started With A Kiss** is a 30-minute history of the censorship of films. (NEXUS, Fall 1987)

Boulder Gets Tax Increase

A November 3 sales tax increase proposal for the library received approval from 62% of Boulder's voters, the largest margin for a sales tax increase in Boulder's history.

Approval means there will be adequate funds with which to increase the book and materials collection and operate the library, and bonding authority to finance capital improvements, including the construction of more space in the form of a main addition to the Library.

According to Library Director, Marcellee Gralapp, increases in personnel and the book collections will be phased in over a three-year period. Construction on an addition to the main library will start in 1989.

Boulder's library now has less than 200,000 volumes in its collection. This represents just under 2.0 volumes per capita. Gralapp and the Commission have established a goal of 3.0 volumes per capita. (The Public Bridge, Winter 1987/88)

Colorado PLUS Business Breakfast

Over 175 business persons and literacy concerned Coloradans met on October 21 to hear Governor Romer discuss literacy and the workplace over breakfast at the Ramada Inn. The business breakfast was a Denver Metro PLUS literacy event, one of 350 held nationwide.

Business CEOs were told by the Governor that for economic growth and development, we must have a literate workforce. PLUS certificates of appreciation were distributed to Governor Romer, Channel 9 - KUSA, Rocky Mountain News, Alpine Capital Management, Inc., and Current, Inc.

Rocky Mountain News printed the tabloid for this year's breakfast entitled "Literacy and the Bottom Line" which lists Colorado's 23 literacy programs and 77 literacy related programs, plus articles about several successful students. (Centennial State Libraries, November 1987)

Metro Denver Facts

The CARL (Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries) Newsletter announces that a new database, Metro Denver Facts, is available on the PAC. It is a statistical summary of metropolitan Denver's growth and assets as a business location. It includes statistical tables of information such as

Entrepreneurs Can Access U.S. Patents

The regional U.S. Patent Depository Library at the Denver Public Library offers materials and services important to independent inventors and companies interested in developing and protecting new ideas, designs, and products.

Patent and Trademark Office publications, not otherwise easily available in the Rocky Mountain region, may be used for patent development and research in the Business, Science and Technology Department of the Central Library. The Denver Public Library is one of the 53 Patent Depository Libraries in the United States—the only one in the Rocky Mountain Region. It is a unique resource in that eight of every ten patents contain technical information not reported elsewhere in non-patent literature. The microfilmed U.S. Patent material at the Denver Public Library includes utility, reissue, design, and plant patents and defensive publications, many from issue number 1. Also, other materials valuable for the effective use of the patent collection are maintained such as indexes, manuals, and the Classification and Search Support Information System (CASSIS) which provides electronic access to basic patent search tools without charge.

Manuals, definitions, listings, and data bases are available to establish a field of search for patents. An individual may make a preliminary search or more in-depth search to:

- determine whether a patent previously has been issued for the unique aspects of an invention;
- prepare a list of prior art to be cited by the patent applicant;
- avoid duplication of research and development; and
- capitalize on practical commercial process information.

The staff assists individuals in using the various manuals, definitions, listings, and databases; in locating abstract or the full text of each patent wanted; and in providing photocopies of the full text of patents owned by the Library. The staff does not make the actual patent search or interpret patent law. Staff assistance in using the materials is provided without charge; however, there are fees for photocopies by patrons and higher fees for phone and mail requests for photocopies of specific patents.

As a referral point for the community, librarians can make local businesses and entrepreneurs aware of this unique service. Contact the Business, Science and Technology Department of the Central Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 571-2346 from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday; and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday. (By Maureen Crocker, in Centennial State Libraries, October 1987)

climate, construction permits and costs, cost of living comparisons, employment, and population growth. A research department of the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce provides the information. (NEXUS, Fall 1987)

NTIS Ordering Program

The University of Colorado's Norlin Library is participating in a two-year NTIS (National Technical Information Service) Ordering Program. Librarians will help patrons identify documents needed using sources provided by NTIS, then accept payment and order the documents for them. Besides extending services to patrons, the library will also earn credits toward purchase of NTIS documents for its collection. (NEXUS, Fall 1987)

Kansas

School Libraries Eligible for Online Database Search Grants

The Kansas Network Board now offers grants of up to \$1,000 to school libraries interested in providing Kansas students with access to online database search services, and to encourage school libraries to participate in interlibrary search sharing.

Online database search services such as DIALOG, BRS and others are vendors which offer special reduced-rate packages for school libraries. (News release)

Telefax Grants

The Kansas Library Network Board awarded eight \$2,500 grants for the purchase of telefacsimile (fax) machines. In June 1988, the Board plans to award additional grants for the purchase of fax units. (Kansas Libraries, January 1988)

Paper Competition Announced

"What is the impact of information technologies on libraries?" will be the topic for the Third Annual Kansas Library Association Papers Competition. The competition is open to library school students and library professionals with fewer than ten years of work experience in the states of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma.

Winners of the competition will pre-

sent their papers at the KLA Tri-Conference in Kansas City, MO, March 24-25, 1988. Each of the three winners will receive a \$150 stipend to help defray the cost of attending the conference.

For details about the competition contact Charlee Glinka, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont, Lawrence, KS 66044, (913-843-3833). The papers competition is sponsored by Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, Junior Members Roundtable, and Social Responsibilities Roundtable. (News release)

Montana

Students Raise Funds Selling Buttons

The Associated Students of the University of Montana are attempting to raise money for the University Library, so the library can stay open longer and have funds to keep and add to the number of periodicals received.

They have started the "L.U.S.T. Campaign," and with the help of student volunteers hope to raise enough funds to meet these goals. They are selling buttons featuring the face of a glamorous woman and the wording "L.U.S.T. Library Under Stressed Times." Buttons sell for \$2.50, with \$2.15 going to the library. (News release)

Are We To Be A Nation Exhibit

Pamly Billings Public Library will be one of 30 libraries in the U.S. to house a New York Public Library travelling exhibit titled "Are We To Be A Nation?" (MPLA Representative report)

Nebraska

Business Aware

The Omaha Chapter of the Special Libraries Association is preparing a "Business Aware" packet to be presented to area businesses targeted by the membership as candidates for special libraries. (River City Reporter, Fall 1987)

Afghanistan Collection Dedication

On October 2, 1987 the Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection was dedicated at the University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The Afghanistan Collection was begun in 1974 with a donation of more than 1,000 items from the personal collection of Arthur Paul (1898-1976), a Philadelphia businessman, who, under the auspices of the San Francisco-based Asia Foundation, served as an economic advisor to the government of Afghanistan during the 1960's. The collection continues to grow at a rapid pace, currently numbering well over 3,000 monographic volumes, 1,000 pieces of microfiche, more than 400 reels of microfilm, and hundreds of periodicals, newspapers, maps, papers, documents, reports, and posters. (The Library User, Autumn 1987)

Talk to Me

At their 1987 Nebraska Library Association annual conference, first time convention attendees received, as part of their registration, "Talk to Me" buttons, which helped to stimulate conversation. (MPLA Representative report)

What's Up Doc?

In the fifteen years since its founding, the collection of the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse (at the Nebraska Library Commission) has grown to more than 50,000 state documents and 250,000 federal publications including newsletters, reports, surveys, maps, guides, statistics, handbooks, and manuals. All are available to Nebraska libraries through interlibrary loan.

Prior to the creation of the Clearinghouse there was no existing system to organize Nebraska state documents.

Two publications are produced at the Clearinghouse. The **Nebraska State Publications Checklist** is the official catalog of state government publications. It is comprised of two parts—an index which makes it possible to find publications by author, title, subject, series, or issuing agency, and an abstract section which briefly describes each publication.

The **Checklist** is computer-generated, searchable online, and is produced bimonthly on microfiche. The **Guide to State Agencies**, a companion to the **Checklist** provides order and classification information.

What's Up Doc? is a popular, informal publication listing state publications and selected federal documents received during the current month at the Clearinghouse. (Overtones, December 1987)

Creighton Welcomes PALS

Ten years ago Creighton University entered a new era when its Bio-Information Center began to provide information services to health professionals in a special environment designed to be maximally responsive to client needs.

In the intervening years substantial changes in use and volume of use of services have been recorded. What factors have contributed to these changes? The BIC Director/Assistant Vice President for Health Sciences communicates directly with staff regarding issues, policies, and procedures impacting on

information providers and consumers. Staff has accepted the challenge of managing new services while at the same time continuing to maintain the BIC's reputation for excellence.

Marketing surveys and statistical studies were conducted to identify unmet needs and to determine which services should be curtailed, eliminated, or added.

Active marketing and educational programs were begun to inform and to encourage clients to use onsite and off-site services especially designed to meet unique information management goals.

Immediate linkage with information centers, vendors, and brokers has minimized the need for onsite storage of infrequently used resources. The staff now depends almost completely upon computer terminals for the management of daily operations.

Although planning for an online system began before the Bio-Information Center opened its door for the first time, the prospect of acquiring it seemed unlikely until Creighton University library administrators in July 1986 viewed a demonstration of PALS as developed, tested, and installed at Mankato State University.

In fall 1986, the decision was made to acquire PALS because it met these criteria: affordability, user responsiveness, compatibility with University computer equipment, currency of files readily maintained, marketed by a vendor with a proven track record, and history of managing satisfactorily data from a broad spectrum of academic disciplines.

Has PALS been accepted? As the staff continues to work toward fuller implementation of PALS (circulation and acquisition functions) this question is best answered by a client who was heard to say, "It would be difficult to do my research without PALS!" (NLAQ, Winter 1987)

Names Policy

(The following appeared in the December 11, 1987 issue of the Omaha Public Library's **From The Director's Desk**.)

Sometimes I am surprised by issues which generate controversy in the library. Recently there has been considerable discussion in one Main Library department about whether or not staff members should give their names to the public.

The answer is yes.

I understand the concern that some staff members have about wearing badges with their names. While I think they are wrong to be afraid to show their names to our customers, the fear is widespread enough that we have respected their wishes in this case.

The same concerns do not apply to direct exchanges with customers. When customers ask your name, you should give it. This is true whether the request is by phone or in person. It is up to you whether to use first name only, or both, but you must give your name if asked. There are many situations when it would be even better if you volunteered the information. If there is the remotest chance, for example, that the customer may need to call back or make a return visit for follow-up information, it will be

very helpful if he or she can ask for you or tell whoever is on duty who it was who helped him or her before.

Use of names helps create an atmosphere of warm, personal service. In many businesses it is common practice, for example, to answer the phone by identifying yourself. If you are comfortable with a form such as "Willa Cather Branch—Mrs. Glenn speaking," please feel free to do so.

There is also the issue of accountability. Very frequently, people call or write to tell me about the good service they have received. Often they do not know the name of the person they are praising. Sometimes through physical descriptions and the process of elimination we can figure it out, but sometimes we can't. Less frequently, customers have complaints. Then, too, it is important to be able to identify who handled the transaction so that necessary steps can be taken to resolve the problem.

I am very proud of the quality of the library staff and of the work that you do. No one here needs to hide behind a wall of anonymity. You should give your name with pride, and it is the library's policy that you must do so.

Nevada

Kerschner Recognized for Information Service Work

Joan Kerschner, Nevada State Librarian, was named the recipient of the Council of State Government's prestigious Charles McCarthy award for leadership in information services.

The award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to information programs in state government, was presented to Kerschner in Boston December 9 at the Council of State Government's annual meeting.

"Joan has worked tirelessly and effectively to forge partnerships among library interests in-state and around the country and has been the leader in coordinating the efforts of all the state's libraries," said Governor Richard Bryan. "I am particularly proud of her work in linking the computer systems of the public, community college and university systems together. This is one of the most comprehensive networks in the nation and has allowed Nevadans who live in rural areas to have access to information statewide."

Washoe County Library Opens Branch

The Reno/Sparks area is the second largest in Nevada and until November was served by only two main libraries—the Reno central library, and the Sparks Branch Library. There is also in Reno a small Senior Citizens Branch Library, the Stead Branch Library 10 miles north of Reno, and the Incline Branch Library at Lake Tahoe. Finally, Reno got a new, badly needed branch library in a shopping center, and by all reports, is an instant success. Named the Sierra View Branch Library, the 400+ people who turned out for the grand opening were able to see the Sierras from the parking lot; however the library overlooks the shopping mall. It houses 10,000 books and its staff of 7.55 is headed by Erin Townley. The new branch is now open more hours per week than the main library or the Sparks Library. (MPLA Representative report)

More Nevada Construction

Nevada public libraries are in the midst of a building boom including 28 new or expanded facilities around the state worth approximately \$35 million. Two bond issues, \$10 million for statewide matching funds, and \$15 million provided by local voters for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, are the impetus behind the projects. (MPLA Representative report)

Carlyle in Nevada

The University of Nevada System has contracted with Carlyle Systems, Inc. to install automated systems in its libraries. Installation will be in Reno and Las Vegas, 450 miles apart. The Reno installation will serve the University of Nevada-Reno, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada Community College, and the Desert Research Institute libraries. The system in Las Vegas will include the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the Clark County Community College libraries. Access to both systems will be available at either end of the state through the university system's telecommunications network; telecommunications within each campus will be provided by the Sytek campus cable networks.

The Las Vegas campus has contracted for circulation, online catalog, authority control, cataloging input/edit, OCLC interface, acquisitions, and

serials control modules. Initially a system with a 50-terminal capacity will be installed; in a later phase, the system will be upgraded to handle up to 100 terminals.

The Reno system will include circulation, online catalog, authority control, and cataloging input/edit modules, as well as an interface to RLIN. The Reno campus elected to interface its system to Innovative Interfaces' INNOVACQ acquisitions and serials control systems. This interface, developed jointly by Carlyle and Innovative Interfaces, transfers data between the two systems, which will make INNOVACQ serials and acquisition data available to users of the Carlyle online catalog.

Using their existing terminals, most of the public libraries in the state will have access to the Carlyle systems through the statewide Doelz microwave network. (Information Technology and Libraries, December 1987)

North Dakota

Free Medical Information

Easy-to-understand medical information is free and available to citizens anywhere in the state through the UND School of Medicine in Grand Forks, according to Dave Boilard, director of libraries for the school.

"People can obtain understandable information on medical topics such as specific diseases or conditions and where to find a particular type of medical specialist and health facilities offering specialized services through MEDINFO, a consumer health information program," he said. The program is funded through a \$10,000 grant from the North Dakota State Library.

MEDINFO services include loan of consumer health books, copies of articles from periodicals, bibliographies, and reference information. (Flickertale, December 1987)

Disaster Preparedness Manual

The North Dakota Library Association has published **Disaster Preparedness Planning for North Dakota Libraries**, a 52-page manual that outlines emergency procedures for preserving collections. Included are guidelines for establishing a disaster plan and procedures for salvaging water damaged materials. (Flickertale, December 1987)

InfoMaster Info

North Dakota's EasyLink libraries now have the world's most comprehensive electronic information source through Western Union EasyLink. EasyLink InfoMaster gives immediate access to vital business and technical information such as:

- Corporate financial statements
- Census data
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Access to InfoMaster has been improved with the introduction of the new InfoMaster database directory. Organized by subject and completely updated it is now available online at no charge. The free database directory is available online via FYI News service. (Flickertale, December 1987)

South Dakota

South Dakota Library Network

The South Dakota Library Network is one step closer to reality. In 1986 the PALS automation system was installed at only one library in the state. By July of 1988 ten libraries may be on the system. Governor George Mickelson has agreed to a proposal by the Unisys Corporation to install the PALS automation system in ten South Dakota libraries, including the state colleges and universities and the State Library.

Under terms of the agreement Unisys will upgrade the computer currently being used to operate the PALS system in the library at Black Hills State College, so that it can provide statewide services. Additional libraries are to be brought online in January 1988. Approval for funding of the project will be sought from the 1988 legislature. If legislative funding is not granted, Unisys will be expected to retrieve the system with only minimal costs to the state. (MPLA Representative report)

Miracles

South Dakota's small school and public libraries have been faced with tough economic times. Several have worked "miracles" to cope with these financial difficulties. Two examples are the efforts of the Douglas School System and the Dewey County Library.

Candy Krosschell, the librarian at South Shore schools, tells about learning to communicate successfully with an administration to get equipment and budget increases. Jocelyn Baker, Instructional materials Center director for the Douglas School System near Rapid City, brought in a consultant and the result was a \$30,000 appropriation to the district's libraries from unencumbered funds last June.

The Dewey County Library Board worked together with the Timber Lake and Area Historical Society to make the dream of a new library building a reality with some creative fund-raising.

A 500-pound heifer calf named "Miss Liberty Fund" netted \$4,650 through tickets, donations and bids for the new Dewey County Library Fund. Donated by Ralph and Helen Pederson of Broken Heart Ranch, Miss Liberty was the highlight of a recent fund-raiser at which cowboy poet Roy Miller entertained and volunteers from the Timber Lake Historical Society served a meal to over 230 people.

Reading about the library/historical society fundraiser shows that the local businesses, artisans, community organizations, former residents, ranchers and farmers have been involved in the project. The Dewey County Library Board and the Historical Society are working to raise \$20,000 in funds to match an LSCA grant for construction of the new library. Donations totaled \$15,500 as of mid-November.

Dewey County Librarian Patricia Koughl says that a December raffle will feature a Missouri Breaks quilt, a lamb-skin rug donated by the South Dakota Sheep Growers Auxiliary and a framed Frank Caudill print. (BookMarks, November-December 1987)

Utah

Project IMPACT

The Provo City Library and the Provo School District have joined to form a library computer network.

Titled Project IMPACT, it is one of

two programs of this type in the nation.

Currently the Provo City Library and the media centers at Provo and Timpview High Schools, Farrer and Dixon Middle Schools, and Sunset View and Westridge Elementary Schools share an on-line common data base. From a terminal in any one of these sites a student or library patron can access information on available materials, and determine where they are located and if they are currently on the shelf or checked out.

Then by filling out a simple interlibrary loan request, the students or library patrons can have the book delivered to the site that is most convenient for them, at no charge. Books are usually delivered within two days of the request.

The project was begun in the fall of 1985. The main frame computer in the city library is linked to terminals in each school by dedicated phone lines. Books are delivered by the school district shuttle bus that added the city library to its existing route.

The cost of the project has been minimal because the computer hardware and software for the project was funded by grants from the Utah State Board of Education, the Ultimate Corporation and the Eyring Research Foundation. As funding allows, other schools in the district will be added to the network. (Provo Daily Herald, November 4, 1987)

Marriott Gets Grant to Share Files

The University of Utah's Marriott Library has received a \$41,340 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to make social science data files more accessible to researchers at 300 U.S. and foreign universities.

Librarians will compile a comprehensive set of catalog records for tapes of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. The consortium was established in 1962 to enable researchers who had collected data to deposit their computer tapes for use by others. The ICPSR collection contains more than 1,300 tapes.

About 300 universities in the United States, including the U., and in 14 foreign countries belong to ICPSR.

With the grant, Marriott librarians will purchase all ICPSR code books. They will also collect existing OCLC catalog entries, identify data files for which no catalog record exists and

create records for them. OCLC will sell the set to libraries at low cost.

Marriott won the grant because it has a track record of "doing national projects cheaply and well," said Dr. Robert P. Holley, Marriott assistant director for technical services. (Deseret News, October 30, 1987)

Children's Library Proposed

Preliminary ideas for a new and separate "Children's Library" in Orem were discussed in October by the Orem Public Library Board. The board said it hopes federal grants and private donations will fund the new library.

"Over one-half of our customers are kids," said Dick Beeson, library director. "The other half are bringing the kids in." The library is becoming more overcrowded because of the large number of children in the area.

A new children's library would cost an estimated \$1.5 to \$2 million.

The new library would be built on the grass area north of the present library. The preliminary plan is for a two-story building that would be compatible with existing trees and landscaping.

Beeson told board members that he sees the library as a fun "Alice in Wonderland" setting. He described a "secret reading garden" nestled in among trees and shrubs. "Maybe we'd even have a little slide like the one Alice chased the hare down," Beeson said.

All furnishings would be built to scale for children.

Plans also include an outdoor amphitheater for summer shows and story hour presentations.

The children's section is presently located in the library basement. If plans for the new library become a reality, the basement would be turned into a "homework center." (Orem Geneva Times, November 11, 1987)

Wyoming

Twelve Books for Christmas

The Laramie County Library Foundation has undertaken a new fund-raising event. The "Twelve Books for Christmas" was designed to encourage books as gifts for pre-schoolers through pre-teens. Twelve titles are available for sale at the library and at the local mall two consecutive weekends. Board

members helped to man the booth at the mall. Proceeds from the sale will be used in the children's department. (The Outrider, December 1987)

Solinus Society, North American Chapter

Ed Byers convened the Solinus Society, North American Chapter, during last Fall's WLA Conference in Gillette.

Solinus Society members gave serious attention to the two papers presented.

Nora Van Burgh and Corky Walters devised the "Bibliophiles' Lexicon of Amplified Terminology" or BLOAT Guide (printed in the December MPLA Newsletter), and presented it to the state as a public service.

The staff of the Sweetwater County Public Library presented a joint paper, "Stress Reduction in Library Personnel Management Using New Age Methodology and High Fiber Content."

Though some groveling was noticed, the jury did accept both papers and the new members were formally inducted into the Society. The pins identifying members of the Solinus Society are chunks of iron pyrite, better known as Fools Gold. No better symbol could have been designed. (Wyoming Library Roundup, Fall, 1987)

County Libraries Reduce Hours

Wyoming libraries are open 6000 fewer hours than they were last year at this time.

In a survey conducted by the Wyoming State Library the hours were compared between 1986 and 1987 and the total went from 138,250 to 132,250.

Decreases in operating hours can be attributed to budget reductions.

County systems showing the greatest decrease were Fremont, Teton, Natrona, Park, Laramie and Albany. (The Outrider, January 1988)

LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund

It's a source of funds for librarians who have been dealt with unfairly

It's been called "the non-501(c)(3), non-ALA trammled, ready-assistance mechanism."

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The Merritt Fund initially was established in 1970, as an arm of the Freedom to Read Foundation, to provide direct financial aid for the support, maintenance, medical care, and welfare of librarians who are or have been "threatened with loss of employment or discharged because of their stand for the cause of intellectual freedom, including promotion of freedom of librarians to select items for their collections from all the world's written and recorded information."

In 1975, the Merritt Fund became a separate entity, governed by three Trustees elected by its member contributors. At this point, its scope was broadened to include, in addition to the above purpose, librarians "discriminated against on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, color,

creed, age, physical handicap, or place of national origin, and/or denied employment rights."

The Merritt Fund, established in memory of a staunch defender of intellectual freedom, is supported solely by donations from concerned groups and individuals. Because direct financial aid is given to individuals, contributions do not qualify as tax deductions for donors.

Hundreds of persons have donated to the Merritt Fund, to support colleagues in need; thousands more should.

Contributions, and applications for aid, should be sent to:
The Trustees
LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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- _____ *Communicating With International Students*
Virginia Packwood, NDSU, Fargo, and Betsy Koiser, SDSU, Brookings, both international student advisors, talk about the differences in cultures and how to better communicate with these people who comprise a growing number of college and university students.
- _____ *Fighting Censorship*
Reverend Charles Bergstrom, People for the American Way, talks about his organization and national trends in censorship and intellectual freedom.
- _____ *Fighting Sexism in the Stacks: The Library Response to Women's Studies*
Susan Searing, Women's Studies Librarian, University of Wisconsin System, talks about academic library collections in Women's Studies.
- _____ *Keynote Address*
Gary Strong, California State Librarian, talks about the status of illiteracy in America, examines potential library responses to this condition, and offers practical suggestions for involvement of libraries and librarians.

Send orders to: Mary Carter, NDSU Library, Fargo, ND 58105.
We will invoice you, or make checks payable to MPLA, c/o Mary Carter, NDSU Library, Fargo, ND.

BCR Annotated Demonstration Disk List

The second edition of the **BCR Annotated Demonstration Disk List** was published on floppy disk in December. The listing is free for BCR members and \$5 prepaid for non-members. Since the listing is on a PC/MS DOS formatted disk, you may request a paper copy of your own Apple computers instead.

The listing describes over 300 demonstration disks of software which are offered to libraries wishing to review software before they buy. The collection includes library, business, personal, utility, and educational packages as well as shareware programs.

The demonstration disks are loaned to a library for a two-week period. Reviews and product literature are included with the demo disk. A charge of \$10 (\$13 for non-members) is required for each demo title loan to cover shipping and handling. In addition, return shipping expenses are paid by the borrower.

To request the **Disk List**, contact Jane Frasier at BCR (303) 691-0550, or write to BCR, 1777 S. Bellaire, Suite 425, Denver, CO 80222.



About You

Dale Alger, librarian for the Roundup (MT) Central Elementary School, is the chair of the School Library Media Division, Montana Library Association.

Brenda Bailey, Public Service Librarian, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, is the new editor of the award-winning **Colorado Libraries**.

Brian Beattie, former Bradford Memorial Library director, El Dorado, KS, is the new director of the Wichita Public Library's business and technology section.

Janice Boyer, formerly Head Librarian for the Union Pacific Railroad Marketing and Sales Library, was appointed Assistant Director for Administrative Services at the University of Nebraska at Omaha library.

Jay Burnett, formerly Director of the Lamar Public Library, has moved to Tacoma, WA, to join his wife Elizabeth Maglia.

Deborah Byrne, a Member Services Librarian for the Bibliographical Center for Research, has taken the position of Technical Services Coordinator with the Adams County School District, Northglenn, CO.

Nancy Deyoe, formerly Special Projects Librarian for the Wichita (KS) Public Library, is now principal cataloger at Wichita State University's Ablah Library.

Sandra Donovan, Director, Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, WY, is the new president of the Wyoming Library Association.

Anne Marie Falsone, former head of the Colorado State Library, died in the crash of a commuter aircraft near Durango, CO.

Rosario Garza is now Senior Member Services Librarian for the Bibliographic Systems & Services program at the Bibliographical Center for Research.

Christine Hamilton-Pennell recently resigned her position as Executive Director of the Colorado Library Association to become Consultant, Education Resource Center, Office of Library and Adult Services for the Colorado Department of Education.

Nancy Hudelson is the new children's librarian at the Teton County Library, Jackson, WY.

Betty Keefe, Media Specialist, Bellevue (NE) Public Schools, won the 1987 Mad Hatter Youth Service Award from the School, Children's and Young People's Section of the Nebraska Library Association.

Paula Koritnik, previously Automated Services Librarian at the Rock Springs (WY) Public Library, is the new head librarian at the White Mountain Library.

Clara Rottmann, Director of Library Media Services, Lincoln (NE) Public Schools, received the Distinguished Service to the Media Profession Award at the Nebraska Education Media Association conference.

Jim Swan, Director of the Great Bend Public Library and Administrator of the Central Kansas Library System, was honored at a surprise luncheon on October 19 for his 10th anniversary serving both institutions.

SPECIAL JOBLINE INFORMATION

The MPLA **Jobline** lists jobs available within our ten-state region at no charge to institutions within this region.

Jobs from institutions outside the MPLA region can be listed for \$10/week.

The **Jobline** updates its listing each Thursday evening.

Send listings to Joe Edelen, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.

JOBLINE #s

The following numbers may be used in calling the MPLA **Jobline**:
605/677-5757 nationwide
800/356-7820 MPLA member state outside South Dakota
0-677-5757, dial tone or operator, then 8765—within South Dakota (free call)

NEWSLETTER JOBLIST

MPLA Institutional members may place job advertisements in this newsletter's **Joblist** section at no charge.

All other institutions may list jobs at \$1.25/line.

Send **Joblist** ads to Jim Dertien, MPLA Newsletter, Sioux Falls Public Library, 201 N. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57102.

Jean Thompson, head librarian, Rock Springs (WY) Public Library, since 1986 and an employee since 1976 has retired.

Carol White, University of Wyoming, has been named to a three year OCLC Cataloging Advisory Commission appointment representing BCR.

MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Elizabeth Agar, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne

Southeast Community College, Beatrice, NE, Catherine Barringer, Librarian

Charlotte I. Bernt, Kearney (NE) State College, Calvin T. Ryan Library

Janice Boyer, University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Larry C. Bradley, Fort Scott (KS) Community College

Doris Y. Bray, School District #14, Manitou Springs, CO

Judith A. Brown, Jefferson County Public Library, Lakewood, CO

Phyllis Brunken, Educational Services Unit #7, Columbus, NE

Esther V. Clabaugh, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia (KS) State University

Betty A. Gard, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Sue H. Jackson, Iverson Memorial Hospital Library, Laramie, WY

Rachel Johnston, Trustee, Converse County Library, Douglas, WY

Betty Keefe, Leonard Lawrence Elementary School, Bellevue, NE

Alice L. Lane, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries, Lincoln, Ne

Robert Lawrey, Grand Island (NE) Public Library

John Mayeski, Kearney (NE) State College, Calvin T. Ryan Library

Mary D. Nash, Reinert/Alumni Library, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Ann Pederson, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Charles Perry, Idaho State University Library, Pocatello

Charlene Peterson, United Tribes Technical Center, Bismarck, ND

Gene Raetz, Rapid City (SD) Public Library

Toni Reese, LaVista (NE) Public Library
Marcus Schlichter, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia (KS) State University

Gene Stortz, University of Phoenix, Aurora, CO

Jeff Taylor, Williams Library, Northern State College, Aberdeen, SD

Robbe Sokolove Tucker, Lincoln (NE) City Libraries

Judith A. Votisek, Executive Director, Colorado Library Association

Katherine L. Walter, Love Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Cheryl J. Warkentin, Student, Emporia State University, School of Library and Information Management

Jane L. Watterson, National Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder, CO

Shari West, USD Minuteman Graduate Center Library, Box Elder, SD

Diane H. Wilkison, Montana State Historical Society Library, Helena, MT

Dorothy B. Willis, Midcontinental Regional Medical Library Program, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

Ann Zimmerman, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jamestown, ND

Newly Minted

EIC Linkletter, the job and career information sharing newsletter about the W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded Public Library Association Education Information Center projects, is available prepaid for \$3 or \$12 per year from PLA/EIC Newsletter at ALA.

Growing Up Native American, a selective, retrospective list, appears in the November 1, 1987 issue of **Booklist**.

Guidelines for the Use and Transfer of OCLC-Derived Records, free from OCLC, MC 202, 6565 Frantz Rd., Dublin, OH 43017.

Handbook for Small, Rural, and Emerging Public Library, Anne Gervasi and Betty Kay Seibt. Oryx, \$27.50.

LITA Newsletter, the quarterly newsletter of the Library and Information Technology Association (ALA) is now available by subscription. \$15 from ALA Subscription Department.

Managing Libraries in Transition, by Jennifer Cargill and Gisela Webb. Oryx, \$29.50.

Marketing/Planning Library and Information Services by Darlene E. Weingard. Libraries Unlimited, \$23.50.

Motivating Today's Library Staff: A Management Guide, by Dana C. Rooks. Oryx, \$27.50.

Museum of Science and Industry Basic List of Children's Science Books, \$8.95 from ALA.

The New York Guide to Intellectual Freedom in Libraries: A Manual for Library Professionals, Staff and Trustees, 1987. \$3 from New York Library Association, 15 Park Row, Suite 434, New York, NY 10038. Payment must accompany order.

On-the-Job Training: You've Been Doing It All Along, a 20-minute videotape demonstrating training principles. \$130 from ALA Video.

The One-Person Library: A Newsletter for Librarians and Management. Monthly, \$45/year. OPL Resources Ltd., P.O. Box 948, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

Online Reference and Information Retrieval, 2nd edition, by Roger C. Palmer, Libraries Unlimited, \$25.

Online Searching for End Users: An Information Sourcebook, compiled by Fred Batt. Oryx, \$37.50.

Report on Library Cooperation, 1986 compiled and edited by Nancy Wareham in cooperation with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies. \$25 from ASCLA Publication, ALA.

Retrospective Conversion Guidelines for Libraries, free from OCLC, 6565 Frantz Road, MC 142, Dublin, OH 43017. 1-800-848-5878, ext. 4372.

Standards and Guidelines for Client Library Services in Residential Mental Health Facilities. \$10 from ASCLA/ALA.

Storytelling: Art and Technique, 2nd Edition, by Augusta Baker and Ellin Greene. Bowker, \$24.95.

Storytime Science features 27 lesson plans incorporating simple science experiments into story hours. \$10 from Sources, 26 Hart Ave., Hopewell, NJ 08525.

Teen Pregnancy Crisis: Libraries Can Help is a packet prepared by ALA/YASD. \$12.50 from ALA/YASD. Orders under \$15 must be prepaid.

Well-Acquainted with Books: The Founding Framers of 1787. \$6.95 plus \$2 shipping from Library of Congress, Information Office, Box A, Washington, DC 20540.

William Allen White Children's Book Award poster. \$5.25 from Friends of the White Book Award, P.O. Box 293, North Newton, KS 67117.

William Allen White Children's Book Award, Books on the Master List 1952-53 through 1987-88, \$3.60 from W.A. White Children's

Book Award Program, William Allen White Library, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801-5092.

Wisconsin Library Media Skills Guide contains updated information on such skills as computer use and on-line database searching. \$13 from Wisconsin Library Association, 1922 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705.

Continuing Education

Dates: October 19-22, 1988

Tri-Conference: Mountain Plains Library Association/Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association

Location: Omaha, NE

Date: April 9, 1988

1988 May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture

Sponsor: Association for Library Service to Children, ALA

Location: University of Oklahoma at Norman

Description: John Bierhorst, author of over 25 books and articles for children, young people, adults and scholars, has been selected to present the lecture. His topic is "Pushing Up the Sun a Little: The Aztec Tradition in Children's Literature."

Contact: Free tickets available from Kathy Latrobe, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma, 401 W. Brooks, Norman, OK 73019.

Dates: April 17-19, 1988

Design and Evaluation of Computer/Human Interfaces

Sponsor: Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Location: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Description: This clinic will focus on the interface requirements of two main user groups: the professional and staff "behind the desk" and the patrons "in front of the desk." Sessions will examine the issues surrounding the design, selection, and evaluation of computer/human interfaces found in libraries. In addition to the presentations, a "hands-

on" workshop, using a number of different interfaces, will be provided. Cost: \$275, which covers two lunches, the reception, refreshments and a copy of the proceedings.

For more information contact: Annetta Holt, GSLIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 410 David Kinley Hall, 1407 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801.

Date: April 22, 1988

19th Annual Interlibrary Loan Conference

Sponsor: Colorado Interlibrary Loan Committee

Location: Boulder, CO

Description: Program will feature an MPLA ILL survey, Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, OCLC Group Access, the MARMOT database for western Colorado, and much more for the 100+ attendees.

For information contact: Ed Volz, Colorado ILL Committee, Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203.

Dates: April 21-23, 1988

Preservation Microfilming Planning and Production

Sponsor: ALA/RTSD/Reproduction of Library Materials Section

Location: Yale University Library, New Haven, CT

Description: This institute will introduce librarians and archivists to the key issues in planning, implementing, and managing an effective preservation microfilming program. Registrants will meet in five half-days sessions spread over two and one-half days. In addition to the plenary lectures, there will be preparation workshops on four topics.

Cost: \$260 (ALA RTSD Personal Member), \$285 (ALA Personal Member), and \$320 (Non-members).

For more information contact: Preservation and Microfilming Institute, ALA/RTSD, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Dates: April 28, 1988

Principles of Strategic Planning in the Library Environment

Sponsors: Academic and Special Libraries Division, Montana Library Association & ACRL

Description: A national ACRL grant makes this workshop possible,

featuring presenter Mary Ellen Jacobs. It is applicable to all types of libraries and is open to all.

Contact: Jean Bishop, Montana Tech Library, Butte, MT 59701.

Date: May 6, 1988

Microcomputer-Based Automation of Small Libraries

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science

Location: Ironmen Inn, Coralville, IA

Description: A one-day workshop designed for library automators from libraries with 75,000 or fewer volumes. The instructor will be Robert Walton, Director of Data Processing for the Texas State Library in Austin. Enrollment will be limited in order to allow ease of interaction with the presenter. CEU certification (0.6 Continuing Education Unit) is available. The registration fee of \$45 includes lunch and refreshment breaks.

For more information, contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242. (319) 335-5707.

Dates: June 6-10, 1988

Trends in Library Administrative Use of Microcomputers

Sponsor: University of Wyoming

Location: University of Wyoming Laramie

Credit: The course may be taken for one credit from the University of Arizona (credit which may be applied toward the ALA accredited MLS degree there) or it may be taken for one credit from the University of Wyoming (credit which may be applied toward a Masters of Science degree at UW).

Description: A two-day course prerequisite is offered May 21-22 for those needing microcomputer basics. Students may enroll to use either an Apple or IBM lab for the course.

Registration: \$63 for University of Arizona credit; \$33 for the University of Wyoming credit, plus \$25 lab fee (dorm and food service available at reasonable rates). Enrollment will be limited and those enrolling for University of Arizona must complete admission procedures by March 1.

Contact: Wyoming State Library Continuing Education Office, 307/777-7281.

Dates: July 15-17, 1988

Cataloging Course for Paraprofessionals

Sponsor: Emporia State University

Location: Emporia, KS

Description: Designed for people whose library positions now include some cataloging but who have never had training. It will include OCLC training and should be of interest to people from all types of libraries.

Cost: Tuition will not exceed \$80 and dormitory housing is available.

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

Dates: April 5-8, 1989

Building on the First Century

Sponsor: ACRL

Location: Cincinnati, OH

Description: This is the fifth national conference of ACRL, which is held during the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the College Library Section of ALA.



Eight Library/Book Fellow Positions

Applications are now being accepted for the 1988-89 Library/Book Fellows Program. The joint program of the American Library Association and the United States Information Agency will place approximately eight U.S. citizens overseas beginning in September 1988.

While 12 positions are listed, funding will permit approximately eight placements:

Zomba, Malawi: University of Malawi

Kampala, Uganda: Makerere University-East African School of Librarianship

Monrovia, Liberia: Liberian Bar Association

Caracas, Venezuela: Simon Bolivar University, Graduate Program in Management of Information Services

Buenos Aires, Argentina: Argentina National Commission for Popular Libraries

Bangkok, Thailand: Asian Institute of Technology

Manila, Philippines: National Library of the Philippines

Paris, France: American Library in Paris

Umea, Sweden: Public Library of Umea and the Vasterbotten County Library

Sanaa, North Yemen: Sanaa University Library

Khartoum, Sudan: University of Khartoum

Cairo, Egypt: Egyptian Society for the Dissemination of University Culture and Knowledge.

Stipends are \$23,000 per year. Travel expenses (fellow and dependent) to and from will be reimbursed and health and life insurance coverage are provided. Some hosts will assist with housing. Eligibility requirements: U.S. citizenship; command of the language of the host country desired; education and experience in library or information science, publishing or other fields directly related to the interests and needs of specific projects, with demonstrated competency as required.

For more information contact: Robert P. Doyle, Director, Library/Book Fellows Program, ALA, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. 1-800-545-2433.

ACRL/PLA Accepting Applications for NEW Workshops

The Association of College and Research Libraries and the Public Library Association are accepting applications for two additional workshops on developing and funding humanities projects in libraries. The workshops are sponsored and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Each application for the workshop must be submitted by a librarian/humanist team. Preference will be given to teams composed of one academic librarian, one public librarian and one humanities scholar.

The project goal is to encourage public academic librarians and humanities scholars to work on cooperative humanities programming projects and seek funds for appropriate humanities activities.

The 2½ day workshops will be held March 23-25, 1988 in Burlingame, CA and October 12-14, 1988 in Chicago.

For an application form, including workshop objectives and application criteria, contact Sandy Donnelly, ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Joblist

Deadline: March 11, 1988

Librarian, Acquisitions Social Sciences

Salary: \$20,000

Library: University of Arizona

Duties: The University is seeking a librarian to serve as bibliographer in the areas of social and behavioral sciences; e.g. anthropology, business, economics, education, geography, psychology, physical education/sports, sociology, statistical sources, and women's studies with responsibility for overall collection development in these areas. Reports to head of acquisitions.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, excellent bibliographic skills, knowledge of book trade, acquisitions or collection development background, knowledge of any western European language, and demonstrated written and oral communication skills.

Send letter of application, resume, and names of three references to Shelly Phipps, Acting University Librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, AZ 85721.

EEO/AA employer

Deadline: March 15, 1988

Assistant Director

Salary: \$27,000-\$30,000 DOQ

Library: Laramie County Library, Cheyenne, WY

Duties: System serves library of 70,000. Assistant director shares in management of daily operation of library system. Special responsibility for public relations and personnel.

Qualifications: MLS and public library experience indicating considerable initiative, achievement, and public service orientation. Supervisory/management experience, excellent communication skills, demonstrated PR abilities, and the ability to handle multiple concurrent responsibilities are indicated.

Send resume with cover letter and names and address of three professional references by March 15, 1988, to Edward Byers, Director, Laramie County Library System, 2800 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001-2799.

Deadline: March 15, 1988

Circulation Librarian

Salary: Commensurate with qualifica-

tions and experience.
Library: Wayne State College, NE
Duties: Coordinate circulation services and provide online database searching assistance.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, 2-3 years varied professional experience including automated circulation.

Educational Media Services Coordinator

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Library: Wayne State College, NE

Duties: Coordinate audiovisual ser-

VICES, teach educational media course, and supervise technical assistants.

Qualifications: Masters in educational media/library science and 2-3 years academic experience.

Both positions open July 1, 1988.

Send letter of application, transcripts, and three letters of reference to: Library Search, c/o Provost, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE 68787.

EEO employer.

Deadline: March 15, 1988

Librarian, Library Instruction

Salary: \$20,750-negotiable

Library: University of Arizona

Duties: Works under direction of head library instruction librarian coordinating ongoing programs. Primary responsibility for administering the library skills program, a course-related workbook program which teaches library research skills to approximately 4,000 students enrolled in freshmen composition classes.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, strong interest in library instruction, a broad knowledge of academic library reference sources and the ability to communicate effectively with individuals and groups, both orally and in writing.

For more information or to apply send letter of application, resume, and names of three references to: Shelley Phipps, Acting University Librarian, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, AZ 85721.

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Deadline: March 31, 1988

Library Director

Salary: \$28,000-\$31,000

Library: Brookings Public Library

Duties: Administer library serving county-wide population of 25,000 in university community. Collection of 70,000, annual circulation of 190,000, \$350,000 budget, staff of 10, OCLC. Two projects underway: building addition and automation.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and three years library administration experience.

Send letter of application, resume, and names of three references to Mary K. Cecil, Brookings Public Library Board of Trustees, 515 Third St., Brookings, SD 57006-2077.

EEO/AA employer.

Deadline: April 18, 1988

Assistant Director for Public Services

Salary: \$40,000 range

Library: Colorado State University Libraries

Duties: Provides creative leadership in planning, developing and administering the public services division, which consists of four departments: social sciences and humanities, sciences and technology, interlibrary loan and access services, and is comprised of 18 professional librarians and 31 support staff positions. Coordinates and evaluates ongoing programs of reference, bibliographic instruction, database searching and book selection; interlibrary loan; and general access services including circulation and preservation.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, five years' appropriate professional public services experience; demonstrated managerial skills particularly in budgeting, planning, staffing and supervision with substantial knowledge/experience in relevant area; knowledge/experience with bibliographics utilities, automated systems and online services. Leadership ability. A record of achievement sufficient to meet the requirements for appointment to the rank of associate professor or professor is desirable.

Submit letter of application, resume, evidence of ALA-accredited degree and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to: Libraries Personnel Office, Colorado State University Libraries, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

Deadline: Not indicated.

Children's Librarian

Salary: \$18,755-\$23,000

Library: Rapid City Public Library

Duties: Progressive library in the beautiful Black Hills seeks dynamic, creative professional to expand children's services (including collection development, programming, staffing, publicity, reader services, and liaison to other agencies). Department Head.

Qualifications: MLS and experience preferred.

Send resume and references to: City of Rapid City, Personnel Department, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701.

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bases its success on an active, enthusiastic, sharing membership. Where our people are so few and distances so great, each librarian and each library is a vital resource to be shared.

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