



# MPLA Newsletter

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## WHAT KANSAS PIONEERS READ

By Roy Bird

In 1840, the year before the first transcontinental overland emigrant wagon train departed from Westport, MO for California, census takers reported that 90 percent of white Americans could read and write. Although considering today's much higher rate of functional illiteracy and the fact that the nine-out-of-ten figure seems disproportionate to modern researchers, this census report intimates that many pioneers could and did read. But for Kansas pioneers, lugging books to log cabins or sod houses was often not a serious priority.

Nevertheless, the family Bible, and in some cases Shakespeare, were warranted valuable enough to not only make the trip but also to assume an honored niche on the mantle. Emigrants additionally often carried published reports or memoirs of previous journeys or lengthy "emigrant guides" by real estate boomers, many already well-thumbed by the hearths in America's East or in Europe.

As soon as a frontier community mushroomed at any spot in Kansas, an enterprising journalist-cum-printer started issuing a newspaper—usually a weekly. At about the same time the postal service, however erratic, was established. The mail and constant arrival of new pioneers brought Eastern newspapers; magazines like **Harper's Weekly**, **Frank Leslie's Monthly**, and **Century**; and books, old and new, to Kansas settlers.

When trains began puffing across the prairies and the high plains in the mid-1860s, the railroads became a new link in the delivery chain for the latest reading material. This new literature included the blood-and-bravery dime novels, many with heroes such as Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok, which were sold at most of the large depot newstands and bookstalls.

Some of the earliest Kansas pioneers did manage to bring or accumulate impressive personal libraries. Popular columns in these infant collections included the Bible, prayer books, hymnals and classic British authors the ilk of Shakespeare, Bacon, Spenser, Ben Johnson, Coleridge, Shelley and Keats. Those of a Southern background often included the novels of Sir Walter Scott.

Biographies of famous early Americans such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson or Andrew Jackson were also popular. And a few early American authors could be found represented among the more liberal pioneer readers—novelists such as Washington Irving, Edgar Allen Poe and Herman Melville; essayists, the best-known of whom was Henry David Thoreau; and poets like Walt Whitman or James Whitcomb Riley.

### The Bible

Fond mothers, sisters and wives frequently prayed that the Bible which they pressed into the hands of departing loved ones would be sources of strength during the trying times on the frontier. Countless young fortune hunters, railroaders, freighters, cowboys, sobbusters and soldiers went forth admonished to read the Bible some female relative or friend had given at parting. And even considering life in the construction camps, on the trail, in bunkhouses and on military post



*Literary societies were forerunners of modern Kansas public libraries. (Photo courtesy of Kansas State Historical Society.)*

barracks, some apparently complied with the requests. Indeed, a museum in Monroe, MI, contains a Bible that belonged to Captain Thomas Ward Custer—General George A. Custer's younger brother—worn, dog-eared, with hand-written notes in the margins, it was obviously faithfully read, its passages marked and pondered after being given to him by a sweetheart in the East as he embarked to join the famous Seventh Cavalry at Fort Riley.

### Emigrant Guides

One type of book that was eagerly read and re-read was the emigrant guide written by either a previous traveler or a real estate promoter. Zealous potential settlers avidly perused regional guides describing counties, land tracts and specialized colonies. Some of these pamphlets proved to be bald-faced promotional, while others were decidedly accurate. A Kansas Pacific Railroad flyer widely circulated in Northern Europe issued exaggerated descriptions of land it had for sale in the hopes of attracting unsuspecting emigrants to the desolate plains totally unlike the homes they knew in Germany, Scandinavia and Russia. On the other hand, an emigrants' guide to the Shawnee County of the 1850s compared each portion of the vicinity to areas with which possible pioneers might be familiar.

### Newspapers and Magazines

As the success of the travel pamphlets and emigrant guides makes clear, Kansas travelers thirsted for information. When they arrived at their destinations in the Sunflower State, this thirst was quenched by newspapers which seemed to well up, as one chronicler put it, wherever Americans pitched their tents. However, the desire for news in Kansas rarely outpaced the arrival of a printing press. Journeymen printers and profiteering journalists often showed up before any genuine settlers arrived. Sam Wood—politician, entrepreneur and erstwhile printer, editor and publisher—actually precipitated a bloody county seat war in Stevens County. He staked out a town named Woodsdale—in which his newspaper was the sole business at first—at the expense of Hugoton, the only existing town in the country. Wood hoped to make a fortune selling lots in his town once he and his newspaper attracted the county seat.

As the settlements developed, mail became both more regular and more frequent. Inhabitants of the frontier hinterlands received newspapers and magazines from the East. The influence of these periodicals can be seen from the fact that a town—Horace—and a county—Greeley—were named after the New York City newspaper editor, Horace Greeley, who once advised young men to "go west." And Joanna Stratton pointed out in her book **Pioneer Women** that Kansas homesteading housewives pored over popular women's journals such as **Godey's Lady's Book** and **Ladies Repository**, studying the far-away fashions and adapting them as well as they could.

### Dime Novels

Kansas was settled at the time when the highspeed, steam powered rotary printing press was coming into use and when public education opened the covers of books to the poor and middle class. Publishers found themselves with the means of producing large numbers of books, with a mass audience eager to snatch up lively, colorful stories and with plenty of hack writers ready to romanticize the Old West. Thus was born the inexpensive, fast-paced, action-packed dime novel. These mass production equivalents of the modern paperbacks fueled the imaginations of not only stay-at-home Easterners but also

emigrants with their primarily frontier themes.

No records exist of how many dime novels traveled west to Kansas, but the small, slim paperbound books could be easily carried and were very popular in the East. Obviously some of the dime novels appeared in the state because the editor of the *Dodge City Times* on August 3, 1978, complained that visitors to his city expected to find "a land of booted and whiskered desperadoes, armed to the teeth with bowies and six-shooters."

### Literary Societies

As the merits of dime novels—or their lack of merit—were being hotly argued, many stalwart inhabitants of frontier towns were busy constructing libraries and filling them with treasured volumes of culture. By the time the frontier closed, Westerners had access to a wide range of reading materials—and many had the leisure to enjoy and appreciate the once-scarce printed world. It may have been that dime novels had something to do with the topic of a debate in the Bow Creek Literary Society in Rooks County: "Resolved, that the reading of fictitious literature is injurious."

Historian Craig Miner very briefly mentioned literary societies in his book, **West of Wichita**. Unfortunately, Miner made the mistake of treating western Kansas literary societies as social organizations instead of as the impetus to reading and the moving force behind the establishment of literally hundreds of free public libraries all across the state that they really were. He did, however, come close to the literacy issue when he quoted the editor of the **Larned Chronoscope** who said on December 11, 1878, that more attention to reading and discussion, even after a long day in the fields, was necessary unless Kansas planned to allow public opinion to be swayed by "artful demagogues and skillful word-patchers, to inventors of slang phrases, and contrivers of by-words," who could easily influence illiterate persons.

That literary societies had a major impact on the formation of public libraries can still be seen in the names of those libraries in small towns today—names such as the Barnes Reading Room in Everest or the Friday Reading Club Library at Thayer or the Hesperian Library at Cawker City. Altogether, 37 Kansas towns organized libraries—most of them from lyceums, reading clubs and literary societies—between 1859 and 1900. Thirty of these were tax-supported and seven were subscription libraries.

### Traveling Library

As historian Frederick Jackson Turner was declaring the frontier closed as of 1890, the State Library of Kansas was becoming directly involved in the development of local public libraries and making books available to rural Kansans. The movement for traveling libraries was started in May 1897, and exactly one year later, little collections of books (50 books were considered a library) were gathered and distributed. The state legislature passed a law in 1899 formally establishing the Kansas Traveling Library Commission. An appropriation of \$1,000 per year was made for its support, and some books from the State Library were made available for use with the traveling library development.

The Kansas Traveling Library Commission brought the state's readers into the 20th century. The traveling library organized on July 1, 1899. It consisted of 3,000 books and 34 cases for shipping. Complete libraries of 50 books were donated by 16 clubs and organizations. Over 200 individuals made contributions. The largest donation received was 250 books. With the shipment of these collections, readers all over the state had

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What sort of reading matter did the early Kansas libraries contain? Of course, Shakespeare was popular, as were classics of Greek and Latin literature. English authors were immensely popular, and so too were some American writers of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Temperance literature could be found in many collections. The majority of books were for adults because children's collections were virtually unheard of. A handful of the ever-present McGuffey's Readers were often the best youngsters could expect.

As the pioneer era drew to a close, contemporary authors became more common. Stephen Crane, Bret Harte, Mark Twain, Artemis Ward, William Dean Howells, and Joel Chandler Harris could be found in public as well as private libraries. Histories of America and of local communities (many of them very slim volumes since the communities were very young), biographies and scientific works made up the bulk of the nonfiction titles.

Of course, Kansas authors were becoming popular, too.

Craig Miner speaks of one settler who had to borrow money to save his homestead but liked books and in 1883 bought A.T. Andreas's history of Kansas for \$12.50. A 1900 publication titled **Kansas in Literature** listed almost 200 published authors who lived in the state or who wrote about Kansas.

Prominent among them was E.W. Howe of Atchison, whose novel, **Story of a Country Town**, was a modest bestseller in 1885. Other literary lights of the 19th century were poets Eugene F. Ware ("Ironquill") and John J. Ingalls (who wrote the state motto, "Ad astra per aspera"), as well as nonfiction authors Nobel L. Prentis and Henry Inman. And the list also mentioned rising stars Charles M. Sheldon (**In His Steps**) and William Allen White.

Some of the virtues of Kansas pioneers have been criticized lately as being Victorian and idealistic, but substantial facts indicate that a great number of the people who settled the frontier could and did read. These readers sometimes devoured everything on which they could get their hands. While the 90 percent figure reported in the 1840 census seems extraordinarily high, it also appears obvious that most of the newcomers to Kansas during the entire 19th century recognized the importance of reading. The lesson of which they were so well aware might be applied by modern Kansans in the fight against illiteracy.

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## MPLA News

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### Tri-Conference Schedule Changes

The **Cooperative Collection Development** program shown on the schedule appearing in the June issue will be moved from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20 to 1:30-2:45 p.m. on the same day.

Below is the schedule of activities for Saturday's Meet the Author Post Conference (**Authors & Illustrators**):

7:30-8:30 a.m. - Registration, Coffee, Book Sale

8:30-5:00 - Post Conference

Speakers: Authors Gary Paulsen, Gloria Miklowitz, Alden Carter, Bruce Degen and Eve Buting.

Cost: \$30 for MPLA members (made possible through an MPLA grant); \$40 for non-members of NLA, NEMA or MPLA.

8:30-9:30 - Rule 1: Don't Lie to the Kids!, Alden Carter

9:30-10:30 - From Idea to Published Young Adult Novel, Gloria Miklowitz

10:30-10:45 - Break

10:45-11:45 - Fiction: Enhanced Truth, Gary Paulsen

11:45-1:00 - Lunch Break - on your own

1:00-2:00 - Reaching Them All - From Tots to Teens, Eve Buting

2:00-3:00 - Writing and Illustrating Children's Books, Bruce Degen

3:00-5:00 - Author Reception, Autographing Session, Book Sale

### Tours Offered at Tri-Conference

Thursday, October 20, 1988

**Tour A** — Historical and Technological Tour — Morning Tour

8:00

Leave hotel.

8:30-9:15

Start at the **Millard South High School Library/Media Center** to see the newest technology including a computerized catalog and circulation system, book detection system, satellite television, and a VHS video editing system.

9:45-11:00

**Boys Town**, founded in 1917 by Father Flanagan, is a refuge for homeless and troubled youth. Today it is a complete community including three schools, two churches, farmland, a post office, visitor center and 60 family homes for 500 boys and girls. The tour will include a stop at the new **Hall of History**.

11:20-12:00

**Beveridge Junior High** has entered the computer age. The collection may be accessed by Computer Cat, and materials may be checked out by computer. In addition, the Computer Cat system has been networked to twelve classrooms and the staff room.

12:30

Arrive at hotel.

**Tour B** — Arts and Learning Tour — Afternoon Tour

1:00

Leave hotel.

1:20-1:50

Enter **Field Club School** to observe a computerized library in action with elementary students and to tour one of the newest facilities in the Omaha Public Schools.

2:20-3:00

The tour of the **McGoogan Library of Medicine** at the University of Nebraska Medical Center will provide a brief introduction to LEON, the integrated library system. In addition, such services as the Consumer Health Information Resource Service will be highlighted.

3:30-4:30

**Joslyn Art Museum** is the premier cultural center for the visual and performing arts in Nebraska. Come see Remington, Russell, Bodmer, Rembrandt, Monet, Degas, Pollock, Wood, Benton, Steir and many more. Native American, Harry Fonseca, will have prints, drawings, and paintings on exhibit during the conference. Museum admission is \$2.00.

5:00

Arrive at hotel.



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## Around the Region

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### Arizona

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#### Pace Setters

Trendy Scottsdale library lovers, be they Friends and/or Trustees, have created some very high standards this past year. For one thing, their Board won the ASLA annual award as "Outstanding Library Board for 1987." For another, both Friends and Trustees rallied in support of their librarian, Linda Saferite, during a censorship dust-up last fall. And for a third, the Friends introduced the first in a series of author receptions by honoring Robert McCall and Clive Cussler in the early fall. (Arizona Library Friends Newsletter)

#### What Is An ARIC?

ARIC is a reference referral center under contract to the Department of Library, Archives and Public Records. This program is funded by LSCA monies and administered by the Tucson Public Library. It is located in the Main Library of the Tucson Public Library and provides reference services for any public library in the state of Arizona. It is part of the State Library's Arizona Resource Sharing Programs and works closely with the Arizona Interlibrary Loan Center and State Research Library.

ARIC provides a full range of research and referral services. These include online database searching, document retrieval and delivery, in-depth research, title/author verifications and

general subject fact finding searches. The ARIC office does not have any reference materials, therefore, the collections of the Tucson Public Library, University of Arizona, Health Sciences Center and various other special libraries in the Tucson area are utilized. In addition, some questions require contact with professional associations, governmental offices, and subject specialists around the country. Online databases are used frequently. There is no charge for the service. (ASLA Newsletter, June 1988)

### **New Directions Focus**

The ASLA Executive Board has focused on NEW DIRECTIONS in approving three discretionary projects. This concept was introduced by our guest speaker, Dr. Louis Weschler, Dean, College of Public Programs at ASU, at the November Strategic Planning session and briefly outlined in the November/December ASLA Newsletter. We were challenged to take a risk by setting aside a discretionary fund and encouraging creative project proposals. The proposals were presented and approved at the ASLA February Bisbee Executive Board meeting and are now on their way to becoming a reality.

### **Rural Arizona "Card with a Charge" Campaign \$2,000**

The American Library Association originated program encourages every school-age child to obtain a library card, promotes the value of reading and educates the public about library resources. The Department of Library, Archives and Public Records will be spending \$5,000 to obtain 180 packets for all the public libraries in the state and to promote the program. The ASLA funds and the Department of Education's \$1,000 will fund the packets and promotion of the program to a potential 73 school districts and 71 public libraries in rural Arizona.

### **Arizona Center for the Book \$2,000**

The Center which is a national concept endorsed by the Library of Congress to support and promote books, readers and reading is coming to life in Arizona. The ASLA funds will purchase a portable display unit that will travel throughout the state to explain and promote this exciting concept which brings together book sellers, authors, publishers, educators, humanists, librarians, and lay people.

### **Intellectual Freedom Program \$2,000**

Public Libraries Division members Sarah McGarry and David Gunckel have attended the ALA Intellectual Freedom training session. Their responsibility now is to train Arizona library personnel to handle censorship challenges; ASLA funds will enable this roadshow to focus on rural Arizona and the non-metropolitan areas. (ASLA Newsletter, June 1988)

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## Colorado

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### **Encyclopedia Database on MARMOT**

The Academic American Encyclopedia from Grolier Electronic Publishing is now available on CARLS's Public Access Catalog. The CARL staff is developing indexing levels and screen displays.

The CARL database is a menu item on MARMOT, making the encyclopedia available to online and dial-up users of the MARMOT system without incurring additional long distance charges. (SWIRLS, May-June 1988)

### **... And We're Worth It**

May 6 was Tax Liberation Day. Taxpayers spend January 1 to May 5 earning what they will pay in federal income taxes for the year. Our paychecks are our own for the rest of the year.

Let's apply this same idea to local library funding in Colorado:

Figures on local library funding and adjusted gross income for the state indicate that Coloradans spent just three hours earning the taxes that will support public libraries for the entire year. Regional Library Service System Tax Liberation takes about 45 minutes and Colorado State Library Tax Liberation takes a little less than half an hour.

Puts it all in perspective, doesn't it? (from Keith Lance, Colorado State Library, as reprinted in No Silence, June 1988)

### **Boulder Foundation Mini-Grants**

Each spring service to library patrons is enhanced by grants from the Boulder Public Library Foundation. The Foundation is an organization dedicated to support of the Library, and it awards mini-grants to library personnel to improve existing programs or to begin new ones. A total of fifteen grants were given out in 1988.

The Children's Department received two grants through staff members Judith Volc and Richard Varnes. Eight weeks of live summer programs will return this year as will "Storytime for Children" on Channel 28. The grant will fund twelve 30-minute programs.

Madeline Anderson of the Carnegie Branch for Local History will be able to complete indexing of the Boulder County Assessor's records and to store them in archival quality boxes.

A commitment to the arts was shown by supporting three grants from Barbara Weiger Lepke, Director of the Concert Series. The first will underwrite the popular "Library Concerts on the Lawn" this summer. Secondly, it will sponsor the Young Artist Competition. The third grant will underwrite The Brown Bag Concert Series for Fall, 1988 and Spring 1989!

Computers, too, received funding from the Foundation. Ron Abbott obtained two personal computers to help train library staff, and Fran Grzenda acquired funds to upgrade the microcomputers available for public use.

The Tuesday Night Topics authors series will continue thanks to a grant to Carla Gustafson-Reardon and Melinda Mattingly of Circulation, and the Film Program, through a grant to Chuck Lomis, film program coordinator, will run a Tribute to Leading Men of the Silent Screen. (The Public Bridge, Boulder Public Library, Summer 1988)



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# Kansas

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## Salina Wins Library Funds in Road Rally

Participants in the Great American Race that passed through Salina June 27 confirmed what most Salinans already knew—it's a "Great American City."

The road rally pitted the drivers of 120 antique cars and trucks against each other in a test of precision driving, not of speed. The drivers were to pass designated locations at certain times and were penalized for each second faster or slower than the instructions specified.

The vehicles stopped in 40 cities along the coast-to-coast route, and of the 40, Salina was voted No. 1 by a panel of 20 of the drivers in the road rally. The rally started June 22 at Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and ended Sunday in Boston.

Salina's prize is a \$2,500 donation from Hemmings Motor News to the Salina Public Library. (Salina Journal, 7/5/88)

## School of Library and Information Management Receives Grants

Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management has received two federal grants totaling \$15,000.

The School received \$10,000 to develop a minority recruitment program and \$5,000 to fund research and provide materials on the role of libraries in economic development. The Kansas State Library awarded the grants from federal funds provided through Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act.

The School will use funds to bring minority librarians to campus to conduct seminars and meet with students. The School will train teams of minority recruiters to go to other schools to recruit minorities, and it will develop a series of minority recruitment publications.

The \$5,000 grant will fund the development of materials for a conference on "The Role of Public Libraries in Local Economic Development Projects" scheduled for this fall in Hutchinson. The School of Library and Information Management will use

the funds to conduct research on the topic and create resource materials for the conference. The Community Analysis Research Institute, which is housed in the School of Library and Information Management, will direct the research on the economic development project. (News release)

## PROFS Installed

PROFS, an electronic mail system, replaced the bug-riddled Kansas Information Circuit (KIC) software on August 1.

The new system will allow the initial addition of 35 new libraries to the Kansas Information Circuit. The present system had 45 libraries linked while the new one will have 80 by the end of September.

PROFS is a well-established electronic mail system used by the State of Kansas and the United States government. Several state agencies use PROFS, making it possible for libraries on the network to query the Extension Departments, etc., for information.

The PROFS system is based on a mainframe computer in Topeka. Additional libraries can be added in a simple manner. It is easily possible to have 200-300 libraries on the network in a few years. (Exchange, July 1988)

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# Montana

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## State Librarian Resigns

The Montana State Library Commission "accepted with regret" the resignation of State Librarian, Sara Parker at a June 22 commission meeting in Helena. Parker, whose resignation became effective on July 29, will become the new Pennsylvania State Librarian on August 15. The size of her staff will increase from 38 in Montana to over 100 in Pennsylvania.

Parker has directed the Montana State Library since 1982. She was an instrumental force in implementing the Natural Resource Information System, which links information on natural resources in public and private Montana concerns. She also helped make Montana part of a four-state \$5,000,000 Kellogg-funded project to deliver information to rural communities.

Debbie Schlesinger, director of the Lewis & Clark Public Library in Helena, has been asked by the State Library Commission to serve as acting State Librarian from the time Parker leaves until a new permanent person is hired. (Montana State Library News, July 1988)

## Literacy Grants

Five Montana libraries will receive a series of Library and Construction Act grants through the federal Department of Education totalling over \$120,000 to further literacy efforts in the state. The recipient libraries are Sidney Public Library, Flathead County Library in Kalispell, Bitterroot Public Library in Hamilton, the Polson City Library and the Montana State Library in Helena. (Montana State Library News, July 1988)

## "Documents West" A Centennial Event

"Documents West" is a cooperative effort among the six northwestern states celebrating their centennials in 1989 and 1990. The traveling exhibit documents America's westward growth. It includes the Louisiana Purchase agreement and the 1803 agreement with France that deeded the territory extending west from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

Also included in the exhibit will be Indiana treaties and documents related to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Some of the documents in the exhibit have never before traveled west of the Mississippi.

The plan is for "Documents West" to travel to all six centennial states: Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Washington and Idaho. (Montana State Library News, July 1988)

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# Nebraska

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## Library of America Grants

Nebraska public libraries with limited resources have the opportunity to acquire the Library of America series, the definitive collection of America's greatest writers, at the lowest price ever through grants from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities in partnership with the Cooper



Foundation (Lincoln), the Woods Charitable Fund (Lincoln), and the Library of America (New York). The effort is made possible with a matching grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. It is co-sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Library Association.

A \$10,000 grant from the Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, Cooper Foundation, and the Woods Charitable Fund will supplement matching grants to forty Nebraska libraries so each qualifying library will pay only \$250. The \$2.3 million national grant program has already helped more than 1,400 libraries (including sixteen in Nebraska) acquire the sixty-volume sets of the Library of America. (*Overtones*, Vol. 15, No. 5, 1988)

### Library Foundation Gets Gifts

The Omaha Public Library Foundation has recently received gifts totalling \$65,000, designated for the purchase of an automated circulation and catalog system.

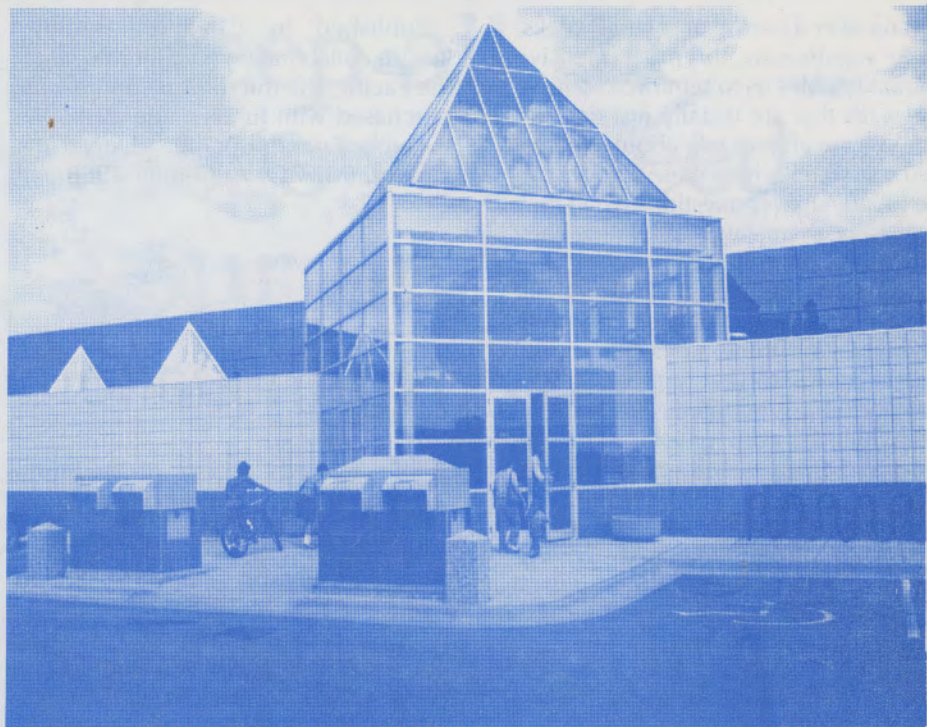
The Union Pacific Foundation presented \$40,000 to the Library Foundation as a grant to be used toward matching a quarter of a million dollar Peter Kiewit Foundation grant for the automated library system.

The Friends of the Library gave \$25,000, of which \$11,000 came from their annual booksale held in June.

The total cost of the proposed system is \$900,000. Fund raising efforts have resulted in pledges of \$429,721 so far. The remaining \$484,049 must be raised by December 31, 1989. (News release)

### Bibliographic Instruction for the Older College Student

The Reference department at the University of Nebraska-Omaha offers many different types of bibliographic instruction. Bibliographic instruction for older college students is offered as part of the New Start program. The New Start program was initiated at UNO in 1975 to focus on the needs and concerns of nontraditional students. For New Start purposes, a nontraditional student is a person at least 25 years old who has been away from formal education for at least three years. As an urban university, UNO attracts a large number of students who



### Abrahams Branch Opens in Omaha

The newest branch in the Omaha Public Library system opens in April, named for former Library Board President Milton R. Abrahams. The branch will serve northwest Omaha.

The public has been quick to use its new library. Within the first week over 11,000 items circulated.

The branch, which has 20,000 square feet of space, was designed to fit the library's vision of the future of public library service. White ceramic tile and glass are the chief building materials. The interior is decorated primarily in gray and black with splashes of red furniture. Large neon signs in red mark the general areas of the library. The sculpture "Sunburst" by Harry Bertioia graces the entrance of the building in a glass atrium. The atrium can be seen from the street and will be lit at night to show off the

sculpture. "Sunburst" was loaned to the library by the Joslyn Art Museum.

The children's section has several low bins for easy selection by young children, a toddler's pen, and a moveable wall which can be closed to become a room for storytelling and crafts.

The opening day collection included 38,000 volumes, 500 videotapes, 225 periodicals, and approximately 3,000 music cassettes and compact discs. When fully stocked the library will hold 80,000 volumes. There are viewing or listening stations at the main circulation desk for the videos, CD's and cassettes, as well as a station to view slides.

The total cost for the project, including materials was \$2,890,000. (Omaha Public Library news release)

do not fall into the "traditional" 18-22 year-old age group. Since nearly 50 percent of the students at UNO are over 25, there is clearly an audience for such a program.

The largest single block of New Start time—25 percent of the class sessions—is spent on instruction on the use of library resources. The library classes are taught by at least two librarians.

The library section of the New Start

program consists of four classes, each one and one-half hours in length, taught over a four-week period. Each student receives a workbook explaining in more detail topics covered in all sessions. During class time students complete a worksheet requiring them to use the reference sources discussed that day.

New Start offers librarians the chance to get to know students in the library

setting over a period of several weeks. More significantly, this more intensive format enables us to reinforce some of the skills that are usually just described. We are able to talk about sources, show students where these sources can be found, answer questions while they are using them, and verify that they have used them correctly.

We have described one program which we have found to be very well-received, but there are some special factors involved. That is, the New Start program has recruited people who recognize the need for some extra support, and are at least potentially receptive to our efforts. We view our New Start efforts not as the answer to all the needs of all nontraditional college students, but rather as one approach that we have found to be very successful. (NLAQ, Summer 1988)

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## Nevada

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### Senior Review Program

Senior citizens in Nevada are helping libraries obtain current titles through participation in the Senior Review Program initiated by Ann Maius, Rural Editor of **The Senior Times**. Ann has arranged with book publishers to supply copies of new books to seniors who read the books and write reviews for **The Senior Times**. The books are then passed along to the local library. Several rural newspapers are also running book reviews provided through the program. (Dateline, April-May-June, 1988)

### John Muir Papers Added

The University of Nevada-Reno Library has acquired the extensive microform edition of the papers of John Muir, one of America's most prominent conservationists. The collection contains nearly all surviving papers of John Muir from 1858-1957. After Muir's death in 1914 only two scholars had access to the papers, which remained under family control until 1970. This collection, which brings together the family papers and others from repositories across the United States, provides a rare insight into the origins and development of the environmentalist movement in America.

Published by Chadwyck-Healey, Inc., in collaboration with University of the Pacific, the microform edition was purchased with funds made available through Friends of the University Library. (MEMO, April-June 1988)

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## North Dakota

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### PEAQ-LEND and DIALS

Easy access to library materials has dominated North Dakota's library world this past year. The Library Planning Task Force appointed by Governor Sinner has drafted a plan referred to as DIALS (Direct Access Library System) to link all types of libraries in the state. At the same time the North Dakota Library Association proposed a coordinated, statewide union catalog. This effort is known as PEAQ-LEND (Partnerships to Enhance Academic Quality-Library Excellence for North Dakota). The proposal includes a timeline for automating "key" card catalogs throughout the state with links to the South Dakota State System, the Minnesota State University System and multiple dial-access ports for other libraries and the public. (MPLA representative report)

### Dakota Radio Expands

Dakota Radio Information Service, a radio reading service for the blind and physically disabled individuals unable to read standard print, has expanded for the third time in the four years of its existence. On July 11, DRIS began broadcasting in the Dickinson area. The broadcasts are carried on a subcarrier of Prairie Public Radio and special closed circuit receivers are needed to receive the signal. The receivers are loaned, free, to eligible persons.

DRIS has been described as a "public library reading room" for persons unable to use standard print because of visual or other physical disabilities. Part of the funding comes from LSCA. It is one of 100 radio reading services in the United States and the only one originating in North Dakota. (Flickertale, July 1988)

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## South Dakota

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### The Business Disc

The Sioux Falls Public Library has been selected by the Small Business Administration for pilot placement of a new computerized training program for persons trying to start a new business. The program, "The Business Disc", assists people in developing a business plan. It takes a person through the basic tasks of deciding which type of business to plan, how to choose a location, and many other details associated with business operation.

This program was designed with public library placement in mind, and will soon be available for placement by Small Business Administration offices all across the nation.

The Business Disc program was developed by MITEC, Maryland Institute of Technology, which is associated with the Maryland Department of Education and Maryland Public Television. The system utilizes an IBM InfoWindow computer system, a laser disc player and a printer. The combination of computer and laser disc player is known as interactive disc technology. The interaction comes from the user seeing and hearing information through the monitor and responding by putting his or her own information into the program. The laser disc data or video elements then respond to the user's input, going to any point on the disc instantly. The printer provides the user with good quality hard-copy suitable for presentation to a lender.

The program is designed for the novice business operator as well as the seasoned small business person, giving information on record keeping, setting up cashflow sheets, working with depreciation tables, choosing insurance, writing a business profile, and creating a personal financial statement.

At the beginning of the program users are taught first how to use the computer and the program. Users are then asked to provide their own computer diskette upon which they can store all private information relating to the business plan they prepare. Throughout the program users view video frames featuring talks by bankers, small business operators, accountants and others. The video is mixed with text and data information provided by the computer program.

The Business Disc and accompanying hardware were purchased by the Office of Veterans Affairs of the U.S. Small Business Administration. One system was bought for each of the 10 SBA Regions in the United States, and the system then travels within the Region. It is available for purchase should a site wish to retain it. Sioux Falls SBA officers are seeking funds to place one permanently in Sioux Falls and for loan throughout South Dakota. (News release)

### **Bush Foundation Grant**

Augustana College Library, Sioux Falls College Library, North American Baptist Seminary, and the Sioux Falls Public Library have been awarded a challenge grant of \$120,000 by The Bush Foundation for a joint automation project. The four libraries are the largest libraries in Sioux Falls, and plan to automate by joining a statewide automation system, including the ten state-owned libraries in South Dakota.

The South Dakota Project for Automated Libraries System (PALS) recently became operational, and provides information on over one million holdings available at participating libraries.

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## Utah

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### **Museum, Libraries Offer Workshops on Fossil Excavation**

The Utah Museum of Natural History and Salt Lake City libraries sponsored free dinosaur fossil excavation workshops this summer for children 4 or older.

A docent from the museum conducted workshops at six different libraries. Children observed a mini-dig, explored the types of dinosaurs that roamed Utah, and viewed fossil replicas and equipment used for excavation. (Deseret News, June 26, 1988)

### **Electronic IRS Filing**

The Electronic Filing Program, which allows taxpayers to file returns through a computer via telephone without paper returns, has been expanded nationally to 48 districts. The Odgen Service Center will be responsible for 24 of these districts.

The Weber County Library and the Salt Lake City Library are providing seminars on how to use the Electronic Filing Program. (The Daily Spectrum, July 2, 1988)

### **Marriott Library Crisis Puts U's Excellence at Stake**

The University of Utah's Marriott Library is chronically short of space and money. Unless the state can come up with more of both, and soon, the library's quality will continue to decline, and with it the excellence of the university as a whole.

Specialists in several fields are complaining that the publications they need to remain contemporary on developments are no longer available at the Marriott Library. At best the situation is annoying; at worst it makes advancement impossible. The university will not long be able to maintain its academic standing on the cutting edge of learning if the situation is not rectified.

Some comparisons with the other member institutions in the Association of Research Libraries are instructive. There are 106 such libraries in the United States and Canada. In terms of operating expenditures for 1985-86, the University of Utah ranked 90th. Ranked ahead of the U. are the University of Hawaii (53rd), Brigham Young University (61st), the University of New Mexico (62nd), and Washington State University (80th)

In terms of salaries, the Marriott Library ranks even lower, 97th. Utah's median salaries for librarians is \$3,900 below the ARL figure and \$8,500 below that of the U.'s peer institutions. The ARL average student-to-librarian ratio is 225 to one. At the U., it's 575 to one.

Among ARL members, the average portion of a university's educational and general budget spent on its libraries is 3.6 percent. In 1986-87, the U. spent 2.3 percent. That figure improved for the following year, but the highest the percentage has been in the past decade is 2.7 percent.

A recent report on the library situation to the University Senate suggests that unless this situation is redressed, the U. must choose between mediocre support of its existing programs and a reduction of those programs to a level that the library can adequately sustain. (Salt Lake Tribune, June 1, 1988)

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## Wyoming

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### **State Joins Statistical Project**

Wyoming has been named one of 12 pilot sites for a special library statistical gathering project.

Jerry Krois, library development officer for the Wyoming State Library, recently attended a meeting in Washington, DC, centered around the Federal/State Cooperative Public Library Statistical Project, to which Wyoming was named.

Krois said that the State Library had for several years been preparing statewide statistical reports from public libraries, but that this was the first year an attempt had been made to compare the statistical reports with other state libraries.

A taskforce has been established to develop a nationwide reporting system for public library statistics. Out of the taskforce, 12 pilot sites were chosen to submit their state's public libraries statistical reports.

"The 12 pilot sites, the American Library Association and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science got together with representatives from the federal government to determine what statistical information is needed, how this information is best attained, and how best public libraries may be supported within the 'need' area," Krois said.

Additionally, Krois said that the goal of the project members is to have all 50 states participating in the national database within the next two years. (The Outrider, May-June 1988)

### **Large Print Award to Sheridan**

Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library has been awarded runner-up honors in G.K. Hall's Large Print Community Service competition. A scrapbook was submitted detailing the Vision Van and special library services program at the Library. The Library received a beautiful plaque for its efforts. (SCFPL Newsletter, August 1988)

### **Telefax Project Funded**

A pilot project to test telefacsimile equipment in selected Wyoming libraries has been funded by the State Library, Archives, Museums and Historical Board.

The board approved \$16,000 for equipment to be used at several sites and the Wyoming State Library.



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## About You

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**Glenda Bell**, District Library/Media Specialist, Billings (MT) Public Schools, received an Honorary Life Membership from the Montana Library Association.

**Honey Lou Bonar** has resigned as children's librarian at the Hastings (NE) Public Library to teach English and journalism at Hastings High School.

**Bonnie Campbell**, Staff Development Officer and Project director of the Kansas Center for the Book, was promoted to Personnel Services Division Director.

**Mona Carmack**, former Director of the Great River Regional Library, St. Cloud, MN, is the new Director of the Johnson County (KS) Public Library.

**Gail Egbers**, former Reference Librarian at the U.S. Conn Library, Wayne (NE) State College, has joined the staff of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries as a user education specialist.

**Mary Fenlon**, former Associate Librarian at Benedictine Library in Atchison, Kansas, is now Serial Reference Librarian at the Johnson County (KS) Public Library.

**Dr. Verne Haselwood**, Professor, University of Nebraska-Omaha, has received the Library Educators Centennial Honor Roll Award from the American Library Association.

**David Jacka** has resigned as Director of the Bellevue (NE) Public Library.

**Jean Johnson**, Head of Extension Services, Coe Library, University of Wyoming, wrote "Off-Campus Library Services and the Smaller Academic Library" which is included in **The Smaller Academic Library**, a management handbook just published by Greenwood Press.

**Betty Keefe**, media specialist for the Bellevue (NE) Public Schools, is the recipient of the Nebraska Literacy Council's 1988 "Celebrate Literacy" award.

**Don Riggs**, University Librarian, Arizona State University, has had his title changed to Dean of the University Libraries.

## MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Rollah Aston, Graduate Student, Library Science, University of Arizona

Patricia A. Auflick, Rural Health Office, University of Arizona, Tucson

Diana Backhus, Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado Springs, CO

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Mona Carmack, Johnson County (KS) Public Library

Brenda Carroll, Student, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia (KS) State University

John Chapple, Mitchell (SD) Public Library

Linda Councilman-Lempe, Maricopa Unified School District, Maricopa, AZ

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Barbara Cruea, Niobrara County High School, Lusk, Wyoming

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Marolynn Watson, Kanab City (UT) Library

Judith L. Yeo, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne

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## Newly Minted

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**Academic Status: Statements and Resources**, summarizes faculty status of academic librarians

today and brings together supportive information. ALA, \$8 (\$6.50 to ACRL members).

**AIDS**, a new pamphlet published by the Association for Library Service to Children. Available in quantities of 100 copies for \$20 from ALA Graphics. Single copies are 50 cents with a ssae from ALSC/ALA.

**Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, Second Edition, 1988 Revision.** ALA. Paperback, \$22.50; hardcover, \$29.50; ring-binder edition, \$40.

**Annual Reports for College Libraries.** CLIP Note #10, compiled by Kenneth J. Oberembt. ALA, \$20 (\$17.50 to ACRL members).

**Ask a Professional,** 1989 Library Publicity Campaign Book. \$6 from ALA Graphics, ALA.

**At the Interview,** VHS, Beta, 3/4" formats. A practical look at the ground rules supervisors need to know to make personnel interviews positive and productive for everyone involved. ALA, \$130.

**Audiovisual Material Glossary,** by Nancy B. Olson, defines unfamiliar terms and resolves many inconsistencies in terminology. OCLC, \$8.50.

**Automation Manual** of the University of Arizona College of Law Library, which outlines procedures in both Technical Services and Public Services. Copies available at cost. Inquire: Bob Genovese, University of Arizona College of Law Library, Tucson, AZ 85721.

**Basic Guide to Online Information Systems for Health Care Professionals,** by Ronald Albright. Information Resources Press, \$29.95.

**Booktalk! 3,** by Joni Bodart-Talbot, offers approximately 500 booktalks as entertaining as they are persuasive. H.W. Wilson, price to be announced.

**Congressional Publications and Proceedings, Research on Legislation, Budgets, and Treaties.** 2nd edition, by Jerrold Zwirn. Libraries Unlimited, \$27.50.

**Fast Forward: Libraries and the Video Revolution,** by the ALA-Carnegie Video Project, demonstrates that video is a valuable source of information as well as entertainment. VHS, Beta, 3/4" formats. ALA, \$79.95.

**The Future of the Public Library: Conference Proceedings.** OCLC, \$13.50.

**The Librarian's Video Primer: Establishing and Maintaining Your Video Collection,** by the ALA-Carnegie Video Project, helps you map out a strategy for creating a circulating video collection in your library. VHS, Beta, 3/4" formats. ALA, \$79.95.

**Library of Congress Engagement Calendar,** 1989 edition. \$10.95 from Galison Books, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036.

**The Library Trustee,** 4th edition, by Virginia G. Young. ALA, \$25.00.

**Marketing Library Services: A Nuts-and-Bolts Approach,** by Barbie Keiser and Carol Galvin. \$65 (\$55 prepaid) from Riverside Data, Inc., P.O. Box



545, Sudbury, MA 01776 (publisher of **MLS: Marketing Library Services** newsletter).

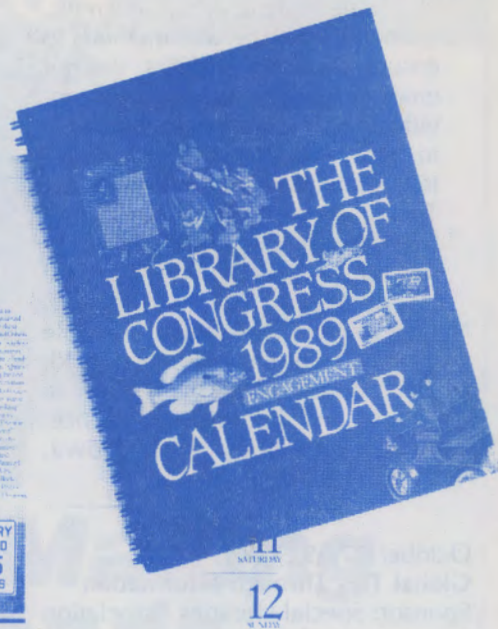
**On the Frontlines,** by Charles Salter and Jeffery Salter. How librarians can cope with the increasing number of emotionally disturbed and homeless individuals who seek refuge in public and academic libraries. Libraries Unlimited, \$19.50.

**Planning in OCLC Member Libraries,** edited by M.E.L. Jacob, summarizes the range and diversity of library planning discovered in a survey by OCLC and the Users Council in 1987. OCLC, \$16.50.

**Researching the Germans From Russia,** by Michael M. Miller. \$21.50 from North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, Box 5075, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58105.

**When the Lights Go Out, Twenty Scary Tales to Tell,** by Margaret Read MacDonald. H.W. Wilson, \$28.

**Your Old Books,** a 14-page pamphlet describing the characteristics of rare books, gives tips on getting books appraised and includes a bibliography for further reading on collecting and evaluating books. Quantities of 50 for \$20 from ALA Graphics. Single copies are \$1 with a ssae to "Your Old Books," ACRL/ALA.



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## Continuing Education

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### September 28-29, 1988 **Economic Vitality: Challenge and Opportunity**

Sponsors: Public Library/Trustee Sections of Kansas Library Association  
Location: Hutchinson, KS

Description: An exploration of the roles libraries can play in economic development—how libraries can have an impact in and what they can do; about it. Speakers will be Dr. Tony Redwood, University of Kansas; Randy Tosh, Kansas Department of Commerce; Kansas State Senator Dave Kerr.

Cost: KLA members - \$20; non-members - \$22; friend/trustee - \$10 (CEU's available)

Contact: Reta Graber, Hutchinson Public Library, 901 North Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501, 316/663-5441

### September 30, 1988 **Shaking the Money Tree: Financial Development for Public Libraries**

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science

Location: Ames, IA  
Description: This will identify how

libraries supplement tax revenues, review the policies and methods to ensure that these efforts do not erode existing tax support, and provide an opportunity to share insight to creative ways to shake the money tree, particularly at the local level. The instructor will be Donald J. Sager, City Librarian and Director of the Milwaukee County Federated Library System.

No registration, with lunch available for \$7.50. Enrollment limited to 50. Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa. 319/335-5707.

October 17-19, 1988

### **Global Ties Through Information**

Sponsor: Special Libraries Association  
Location: Washington, D.C.

Description: The speakers assembled for the program represent the state-of-the-art knowledge on global information and transborder data flow issues.

Cost: \$350 for SLA members and \$475 for non-members.

Contact: Kathy Warye, Assistant Executive Director, Professional Growth, SLA, 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

October 29, 1988

### **20th Annual Festival of Books for Young People**

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science

Location: Iowa City, IA

Description: Author Madeleine L'Engle, whose books are popularly and critically acclaimed, will give the Newsome Lecture on Friday evening preceding the Festival and will be the principal speaker on Saturday morning. Betsy Hearne, editor of the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books and a faculty member in the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago, will open the Saturday program with a twenty-year perspective on children's literature. An afternoon session will feature Ashley Bryan, artist and folklorist.

Cost: \$35 registration, which includes luncheon.

Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, the University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242. 319/335-5707.



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Sponsors: South Central Kansas Library System & Friends of the Hutchinson Public Library

Location: Hutchinson, KS

Description: A variety of children's authors and illustrators present programs geared for librarians, school teachers, and others who work with children, detailing their work and their lives. Speakers: Chris Crutcher, Lynn Hall, Thacher Hurd, Glen Rounds, and Lois Ruby.

Cost: SCKLS members - \$7 each day session, \$15 for banquet; non-members - \$25 each day session, \$15 banquet. (CEU's available)

Contact: Terry Christner, Public Information Officer, Hutchinson Public Library, 901 North Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501. 316/663-5441

November 6-9, 1988

### **Conserving and Preserving Materials in Nonbook Formats—Thirtieth Allerton Institute**

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

Location: Champaign, IL

Description: The institute will take the form of a series of presentations by practitioners, preservation specialists, conservators, vendors and suppliers. There will be demonstrations and exhibits of preservation techniques and opportunities for both formal and informal discussions.

Cost: \$200, which covers registration and includes one dinner, three luncheons, and refreshments.

Contact: Allerton Institute, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 410 David Kinley Hall, 1407 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801.

### **SLA Seeks Applicants for \$26,000 in Scholarships**

The Special Libraries Association is accepting applications for six scholarships totaling \$26,000 to be awarded for study in the 1989/90 academic year.

The scholarships available are:

- Three \$6,000 SLA Scholarships for graduate study leading to a master's degree.

- One \$6,000 SLA Affirmative Action Scholarship for graduate study leading to a master's degree.

- A \$1,000 Institute for Scientific Information Scholarship for a beginning doctoral candidate.

- A \$1,000 Plenum Scholarship for graduate study leading to a doctoral degree for students who have received approval of their dissertation topic.

Preference will be given to those applicants with an interest in special librarianship. All recipients must study at recognized schools of library or information science in the U.S. or Canada and must be citizens of either country. The deadline for submitting applications is October 28, 1988.

Applications are available by writing: Scholarship Committee, SLA, 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

## New Directions Conference

The Arizona State Library Association/Arizona Educational Media Association Conference **NEW DIRECTIONS** will be held **October 4-8, 1988** at the Phoenix Plaza in Phoenix. The **NEW DIRECTIONS** theme encompasses 110 programs ranging from state of the art technologies to conversations with well known authors.

ASLA membership is "free" with conference registration. The total con-

ference registration is \$35.00 for members and \$60.00 for non-members. The membership fee of \$25 is an exceptional buy. Your membership pays for itself when you register for the conference.

The newest of the ASLA roundtables on International Librarianship heralds a new direction for the conference. The field of international librarianship is the focus of a number of this year's 110 programs. Librarians can circle the world of librarianship in a mere two days if they follow a careful itinerary.

Contact Jim Johnson (602/971-3885) for complete conference information. (News release)

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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.

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605/677-5757..... nationwide  
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# Joblist

Deadline: September 30, 1988

**State Librarian, Montana**

Salary: \$33,321-\$43,211

Library: Montana State Library Commission

Duties: Has responsibility for statewide library development and services, for coordination of library federations and federal programs, for the Natural Resource Information System, and for representing the interests of the agency on state and federal levels.

Qualifications: Must possess professional knowledge of library skills and trends, proven management and leadership abilities, demonstrated competency to relate in an articulate manner to staff, the library community, the state legislature and to the public. Must have ALA/MLS plus five years' progressively responsible experience in library administration.

Applicants must submit State of Montana application form PD-25; letter of application; and resume, including names, addresses and phone numbers of five references. Send applications to: Mary Hudspeth, Chair, Montana State Library Commission, 1407 Cabinet Avenue, Libby, MT 59923.

Position Available: January 3, 1989

**Social Sciences Librarian**

Salary: \$20,000

Library: Eli M. Oboler Library, Idaho State University

Duties: Librarian to act as faculty liaison and supervise collection development in the social sciences. Assist in database searching and participate in reference desk assignments, including some evenings and weekends.

Qualifications: Require ALA/MLS, an undergraduate degree in business or a social science field.

Send letter of application, resume, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to: Dr. Charles Perry, Public Services Director, Eli M. Oboler Library, P.O. Box 8089, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID 83209-0009.

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