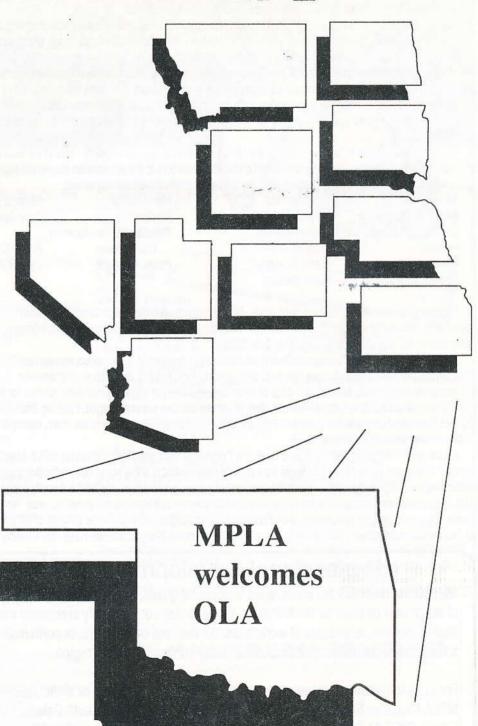


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Expanding Opportunities for Professional Growth

Welcome, Oklahoma! It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new colleagues in the 11th MPLA state. With a special telephone conference meeting on June 15, the MPLA Executive Board unanimously approved the Oklahoma Library Association's request for membership. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship resulting from this new affiliation. What a great way to start a new MPLA year.

A special thanks to the Montana Library Association for an excellent joint conference. Over 550 participants attended this program-packed conference which made choices difficult for many. The social event of the conference was the entertainment

of the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, a superb group of performers.

We thank our hard working committee chairs and Montana hosts, especially Bunny Morrison and Jane Howell (conference co-chairs), Karen Hatcher (program chair), Ed Neroda (exhibits), Bill Kehler and Peggy Smith (registration), Thurman Smith (treasurer), and the many conference committee volunteers.

Since beginning my duties as MPLA President our major goal has been to expand opportunities for members to grow professionally by increasing the educational opportunities at the Omaha and Billings conferences. The variety of excellent programming offered at these two conferences, only six months apart, encouraged members to attend and resulted in high attendance at both conferences. It especially enhanced the opportunities for members of the state associations in Nebraska and Montana.

Though not as visible as our conferences the MPLA committees play an important role in the viability of the association. The contribution of the hard working chairs and committee members to the association during the years 1987-89 is highly appreciated. For the 1989-90 association year, the following chairs have been appointed:

Awards
Bylaws & Procedures
Continuing Education
Finance
Intellectual Freedom

Conference Manual

Albert Winkler
Marcella Ratzlaff
Susan Richards
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Lesley Boughton
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Membership Nominating

Professional Development

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Public Relations

Melanie Miller Judy Zelenski

Randy Olsen Lynette Anderson

All committee appointments have been made. Not all individuals indicating interest in a committee could be appointed. I hope these individuals will continue to make their interests known for future committee appointments, and that they will participate in the Salt Lake Conference May 2-5, 1990.

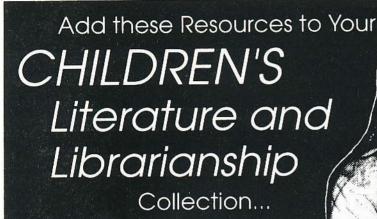
MPLA's main goal is providing continuing education opportunities to its members through our Professional Development Grants program, preconference grants to state associations and our conference programming. It is our goal to encourage more members to take advantage of these opportunities. In 1988, 19 members applied for Professional Development Grants, and \$5,226 in grants were awarded. More applications are encouraged. Funding available in 1989 is \$6,500. Contact Executive Secretary Joe Edelen or Professional Development Grant Committee chair, Randy Olsen, or any member of the committee for applications.

A little over three years ago the Public Relations Committee published our "Report on MPLA Member and Non-member Survey." The report brought out that fewer than 30% of non-members know about our professional development grants, continuing education programs, pre-conference grants for state associations, the MPLA Awards program, and the Jobline. Also, a common response given by non-members, when asked why they have not joined us, was "No one ever asked me." I encourage you to take the time to talk to one non-member colleague and explain the benefits of MPLA membership. Please let them know that first-year membership is available at one-half the regular membership rate. —Jerry Kaup

Professional Development Assistance

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all 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 libraries and the library community in our region.

For more information see your Membership Information brochure or write: Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Executive Secretary, c/o I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069, 605/677-6082. **Next Deadline: December 15**



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The Oklahoma **Library Association**

The Oklahoma Library Association is an active and aggressive professional with a great deal of visibility in the state of Oklahoma. It is an organization which has always prided itself on its effectiveness in the political, educational, and cultural arenas.

Boasting a membership of over 1,000 and a budget of \$100,000, the Oklahoma Library Association is composed of five divisions representing academic, public, and school libraries as well as library educators and trustees, and ten roundtables organized around subjects such as reference, automation, and social responsibility. The executive board, divisions, and roundtables are supported by nineteen various committees which carry out tasks such as the conference program planning, naming of award recipients, and enhancing intellectual freedom.

The business of the Oklahoma Library Association is conducted by the nine-person Executive Board composed of the President, Present-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, ALA Councilor, and the chairs of the academic, public, school library, and library educators divisions. There are also five non-voting members of the Executive Board as well: the Federal Relations Coordinator, chair of the Trustees Division, State Department of Education Coordinator, and the

Executive Director of the Association.

The Oklahoma Library Association is particularly proud of its Sequovah Book Awards given annually to the authors of a children's and a young adult book. The Sequovah awards. named for a well-known Cherokee Indian chief, are somewhat unique in that the selections are made by the school children of the state; grades three through six vote for the children's award and grades seven through nine vote for the young adult award. The children's book award, first given in 1959, had a record 65,000 students participate in last year's election.

A recent OLA development was the adoption of an ethics statement and the establishment of an Ethics Committee. We believe our ethics statement to be the first such to be adopted by a state association. The purpose of the Ethics Committee is to increase the awareness of ethical practices and professional conduct for members of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Performance standards for public libraries is another area in which the Oklahoma Library Association has taken the lead among state library associations. Based on the Public Library Association's planning process, OLA and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries first issued such standards in 1985 with the publication of Levels of Library

Development, A second OLA/ODL standards committee is completing work on a revision of the 1985 standards and will shortly be publishing its report.

The Oklahoma Library Association also has been active in the legislative arena. Our most recent accomplishment was the passage of an Oklahoma Confidentiality of Library Records Law in 1985.

The 72 years which OLA has been in existence have seen the development of an excellent professional association, one which has represented well the interests of both libraries and librarians. Those of us who are part of the Oklahoma Library Association take a great deal of pride in our organization and its accomplishments. (Information prepared by Stephen C. Skidmore, Immediate Past President)

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Send to: Jim Dertien, MPLA, Sioux Falls Public Library, 201 North Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57102-0386. Fax number: 605-335-4312.

MPLA News

Awards Nominations Requested

The MPLA Awards Committee is seeking nominations for awards to be presented at the May 1990 conference.

There are five awards. The Literary Contribution Award is for anyone who has made a significant literary (poetry. fiction, history, etc.) contribution to the area covered by MPLA. The Distinguished Service Award is to recognize members of MPLA for their contribution to that organization and librarianship in general. The Legislative Leadership Award is for the legislator or political activist who has made significant efforts on behalf of libraries. The Beginning Professional Award is to recognize the contributions of young professional librarians (usually employed for less than five years). The News Media Support Award is for media centers (radio, television, newspapers, etc.) who have actively

aided libraries.

Please send nominations including appropriate documentation, such as resumes, bibliographies, letters of recommendation, and newspaper clippings, to Albert Winkler, MPLA Awards Committee chairman, Room 5030 HBLL, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 64602, by February 1, 1990

CE Grant Availability

The MPLA Continuing Education Committee has money to give away. Grants of up to \$500 are available to State Associations for pre-conference programs. If you state does not offerpre-conference programs, you can be awarded a grant for a presentation of comparable significance during your conference.

While planning your state meeting, think about applying for a preconference grant. The application process is simple and the reward may be great. The deadline for spring awards is January 1; for fall 1990 awards it is May 1.

Application forms and quidelines can be obtained from Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary. Take advantage of this membership benefit.

ULA Pre-conference Grant Report

In February the following two programs were presented at the Utah Library Association annual conference as a result of an MPLA grant:

Nancy Kranich, Deputy Director, New York University Libraries, spoke on "Less Access to Less Information," in which she outlined and discussed the various restrictions to government information. Some of the issues and conflicts covered were: national security vs. civil liberties; the growing percentage of government documents which are being classified; accountability vs. protectionism: the impact on the Freedom of Information Act; trade issues vs. protectionism; private vs. public sector; privatization of information; the FBI Library Awareness Program: budgetary restrictions vs. the real political issues; and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

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Ms. Kranich made many librarians in our state aware of the increasing restrictions being placed on government information and how the library community and other groups are responding to combat these issues.

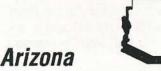
Linda Wallace, Director, ALA Public Information Office, presented a program, "Ask a Professional, Ask a Librarian-Promoting Libraries and Librarians." She offered information developed by ALA to promote National Library Week 1989, outlining the various materials available. This informative session gave librarians an opportunity to preview these materials and go meet the ALA staff member in charge of developing public relations programs. This program was successful in that it provided southern Utah librarians from many smaller libraries the opportunity to meet Ms. Wallace and build their enthusiasm for promotions using the NLW theme. (Report submitted by Rebecca Webb)

\$1.75 Million for WHCLIS II-\$4.25 to go

The June passage and signing of the emergency supplemental funding bill gave WHCLIST \$1.75 million in funding. Thanks needs to be given to Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and other committee members. It is important that everyone urge your congresspeople to include \$4.25 million (the rest of the \$6 million authorized) in the FY '90 budget.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee Chair is William Natcher (D-KY). If a member of either committee is from your state your calls and letters will be especially valuable.

Around the Region



Medical Journal Exchange Begins

To address the need for current health information, particularly in rural Arizona, the Rural Health Office at the University of Arizona is coordinating a medical/health journal exchange. This is a superb opportunity for "Have-Nots" to acquire these costly materials for the price of postage alone. Meanwhile, the "Haves" can enjoy the satisfaction of extending the usefulness of dearly purchased but no longer needed items.

A list of available materials will be published quarterly. (Newsweek Arizona Libraries, August 28, 1989)

Colorado

On-Line Jail Library

The Boulder County Jail
Library has just moved to a new
location. Thanks to a generous
donation from the Boulder Public
Library Foundation, the Library was
able to open with a personal computer
with on-line dial-up features to access
BPL's Jail catalog (DIAL PAC) and
IRVING/EYRING. Jacquie Arnold,
Librarian, may now access subject,
title, or author from a library's
collection on the PC screen and print
the information from the screen onto
the library's printer.

An inmate recently asked for information on the Solomon Islands

(faraway places are always popular!). The librarian was able to print out an article on the Solomons from the online encyclopedia available on the new IRVING dial-up feature on DIAL PAC. The inmate was thrilled to receive his own print-out on a subject he was searching. One female inmate has been gathering information on child abuse and the librarian accessed various bibliographies for her through the computer catalogs. The jail library at the Boulder County facility may be the only jail library in the U.S. to have an on-line access to its local public and college libraries, as well as the online encyclopedia.

The American Library Association and American Corrections Association have developed joint guidelines for the operations of coorectional facility libraries. The primary goal for all ACA/ ALA oriented facilities is to replicate a small branch public library's services and collection. Included in these at Boulder County are: periodicals, recreational reading (fiction and nonfiction), ready-reference services, audio-cassette listening (music, literature, meditation, and self-help tapes), an extensive legal collection geared to the inmate population.

Without the ongoing help from volunteers and staff at the Boulder Public Library, paperback and hard back book donations, and the generous cash donations of the BPL Foundation, the trip to the Jail Library would not be the highlight of many an inmates' day. (The Public Bridge, Summer 1989)

Kansas



Hays Rejects Request to Remove Book

After a request to remove The Headless Cupid by Zilpha K. Snyder, both the Hays school board and the Hays Public Library decided to keep the book on the shelves. Below is an editorial on the matter.

— from *The Hays Daily News*, May 10, 1989:

Request to remove book handled well

Few events attract media attention as quickly as a good book banning - or even an attempt to ban a book. That's why news that the Hays Public Library board refused to pull a book from the shelves spread across the state in a matter of hours.

The *Daily News* wrote the story and supplied a copy to the Associated Press. Television news reports originating from Wichita at 10 p.m. repeated the story. *The Wichita Eagle-Beacon* used a short version and in the headline turned an innocuous children's novel into a "book on occult."

All the attention makes one wonder what would have happened if the library board, or officials of USD 489, had acted as requested and had removed the book *The Headless Cupid* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder.

Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of the situation is the calm, sensible manner in which school and library officials responded to the request . . .

They reviewed the request and the book, used the proper channels, made a decision, and gave [the petitioner an] answer.

The public was saved from those who would rather cave-in than raise a stink; it was saved meaningless yelling about First Amendment rights.

In some circles, [the petitioner] will be criticized soundly for attempting to have a book removed from the schools and library. But [he] was only exercising his rights as a citizen when he made his request.

The goal of every good government – even at the level of library boards and local school districts – should not be to eliminate every challenge to authority, but to handle challenges in a prudent and responsive manner. That

is what the school district and library board have done. For that, the community has reason to be proud of itself. (CKLS Post, June 1989)



Big Sky Telegraph

Big Sky Telegraph and Western
Montana College are offering a service
to rural teachers who need information
or resources not readily available in
their communities. Ann Eifert and
David Olson of the Western Montana
College Library and Big Sky Telegraph
announced the new service to assist
teachers with acquiring current
information for a science lesson,
materials to supplement a student's
report, or advanced materials for a
gifted student, for example.

Big Sky Telegraph is a computer network which can be accessed with a modem. Teacher may use Big Sky to request information, books, magazines or to search the ERIC database for education journal articles.

There are also special files available for use in rural schools. Subject matter includes peace education, dinosaurs, the Montana Centennial, and Christmas plays. More files are planned, as well as topical bibliographies. (Montana State Library News, May 1989)

A survey of Nebraska libraries identified preservation education as a primary interest.

The Council has submitted a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Under the terms of the proposal, the Nebraska Library Commission will serve as the umbrella agency to coordinate funding of preservation projects. In the meantime, an effort to raise aawareness and to offer educational programs has begun. (Overtones, May 1989)

Nevada



Nevada State Library and Archives Facility Approved

The planned construction of a new 130,000 square foot facility for the Nevada State Library and Archives will now be a reality after years of effort on the part of numerous State Library and Archives staff with the support from many librarians around the State and elected officials. In the current session, special appreciation goes to Governor Bob Miller for recommending the financing of the \$20.3 million facility. Ground breaking for the construction of the Library and Archives, Supreme Court and Parking Garage could come as early as Nevada Day. (Dateline, April-June 1989)

Nebraska -

Seeking Preservation Solution

The Nebraska Documents
Preservation Advisory Council plans to
investigate unmet needs for preserving
paper collection in Nebraska, including
books, historical archives, and
government records, and to seek
funding for a statewide preservation
program.

North Dakota



Legislative Wrap-Up

The Centennial Legislative Session was a long and difficult session for legislators. They had to deal with the effects of the 1988 drought, declining energy revenues, a proposals intended to increase state revenues. The North Dakota library community continued to provide excellent support for the State

Library and for library issues facing the legislature.

The final budget for the State Library included \$1,000,00 in state aid to public libraries for 1989-91, and an increase in operating expenses to provide two new staff positions. The State Library, however, must reduce operating expenses by 18.6% for the next two years.

Administrative responsibility for the State Library was shifted from the Director of Institutions to the Department of Public Instruction. The bill provides for the autonomy of the State Library under the Department of Public Instruction and includes the provision that the State Librarian will report directly to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and that the State Library will retain a staff and budget separate from the Department of Public Instruction. (Flickertail, May 1989)



How Much is Four Million?

The Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, has teamed with Dairy Queen Braziers to celebrate two 4 million milestones. This is the first time in its 24-year history that the library system has circulated 4 million books in one fiscal year. Also, in June, Dairy Queen served its 4 millionth customer for the year. Contests, performances and Dairy Queen treats highlighted the celebration on June 22. (Library Hotline, 7/3/89)

Online 24 Hours A Day

The Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, will implement a Community Online Access Program on September 1. To use the system, patrons must have a valid MLS borrower's card, no unpaid fines and non materials 60 or more days overdue. Access to the program will be

via library card number. Users will be able to review the library's catalog, place reserves, and review their record of currently borrowed materials. Two full-text "Information Bases" will also be included in the program. One outlines selected community agencies and organizations and their services. the second offers a broad range of recipes provided by the Friends of the Library. The program will be available 24 hours, seven days a week. Lee Browner, MLS's executive director says one-time, start-up costs for the program is only \$3,324 and the annual amount for operating six phone lines is estimated at \$3,600. He sees several benefits to the program. In addition-toallowing patrons to conduct library business on their schedule, it will relieve some of the pressure of increased demands for service during library hours. Services can be added at very low cost. They also hope the service will encourage people who have never been registered borrowers to become regular users of the library. (Library Hotline 7/31/89)

South Dakota



Copyright Workshops

To assist libraries and school districts in untangling the maze of copyright law and how it applies specifically to photocopies, use of video tapes in the school and off-air taping, the South Dakota State Library is offering a two-hour workshop on copyright law and fair use. Staff members will go to school districts and present the workshop to an entire faculty, administration and board members. (Bookmarks, July-August 1989)

PALS Users to Set Directions

At a recent meeting of the South Dakota Library Network Advisory Committee, it was reported by chair Ed Erickson (Black Hills State University) that UNISYS has indicated it will respect the wishes of the international PALS User Group to set the future direction and priorities for delivery of products and services. A meeting to set these proposed wishes will be held at ALA Midwinter.

Utah



Telephone Book Statement

Statement to the Utah Public Service Commission on Telephone Books in Local Libraries May 1, 1989:

"This statement addresses a US WEST public service policy that deals with access to information. For public libraries, the breakup of the Bell Telephone Company into seven distinct regions had an unforeseen and expensive result: charges for telephone books. In the past, the telephone company provided libraries with the telephone books of their choice at no charge. As a public service, the telephone company fulfilled a societal and ethical obligation and established positive public relations by supplying telephone books to libraries for use by the public.

"Telephone books have always been a vital source of community and local information. Librarians traditionally use the directories to answer questions from patrons about names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons and businesses around the nation and the world. Business people use out-of-state Yellow Pages to develop leads for their products. Telephone books provide additional information about the communities they cover ranging from street maps to calendars of events to emergency numbers of consumer health to local history.

"When directory assistance became a fee-based service in many places and provided less information than before, such as addresses corresponding to telephone numbers, even more people turned to their local libraries for telephone information. The telephone company publicly encouraged the use of libraries and in some cases advertised that libraries provided access to them. I quote from the 1987/ 88 Greater Atlanta White Pages. 'Telephone directories of major United States cities may be available for your use at local libraries.'

"Two years ago, US West, the regional telephone company serving Utah, notified the Salt Lake City Public Library that it could no longer provide. free of charge, telephone books published by the other six regional companies. The Library was informed that the new policy of charging for other regions' telephone books was because of pressures to make a profit. To obtain all the directories of cities with over 100,000 population, a library would need to spend from \$4,000 to \$5,000 annually—a significant amount of most libraries' book budgets but a relatively insignificant amount in the overall revenues of US West.

"The telephone book collection at the Salt Lake City Public Library is heavily used by a cross section of people in the community, the state and the nation. The City Library has one of the most complete telephone book collections in the state and is committed to retaining and keeping the collection up-to-date. Due to a nogrowth budget for 1989-90, funding for domestic telephone books will come out of the Library's book budget which means less money to buy books for people to read. Many other libraries have had to decrease or eliminate their domestic telephone collections because of the lack of funds.

"With the reduction of information provided by directory assistance and the lack of access by the public to outof-state telephone books from US West, the public library is willing to be a partner in supplying the reduced information service. Since the

telephone company has publicized that libraries provide access to telephone books, it should be willing to furnish libraries with free of charge materials to provide the service.

"Efforts to reverse charging libraries for regional telephone books have been successful in California where the California Institute of Libraries lobbied the California Public Utilities Commission to continue distribution of free telephone books from other regional telephone companies. The Utah State Library Division, the Utah Library Association and other libraries in the state join the Salt Lake City Public Library in protesting US West's policy of charging for other regions' telephone books."

Respectfully submitted, Merna L. Smith, Associate Director, Public Services, Salt Lake City Public Library (Directions for Utah Libraries, June-July 1989)

Floods At Parowan

Steve Decker, Librarian at Parowan Public Library, reported two floods in the library during May. The first happened when somebody pushed a water hose through the library's book drop and turned it on. The water flowed about 10-12 hours before discovery on a Monday morning. Only a few books were damaged but the library carpeting was extensively damaged and some structural damage may have occurred. The second flood came from the outpouring of help from the community in helping move books, newspapers, and other materials from the shelves.

At last report the library was open and almost all the carpeting relaid. (Directions for Utah Libraries, June-July 1989)

Reaccreditation Received

The American Library Association's Committee on Accreditation recently announced the continuing accreditation of Brigham Young University's

School of Library and Information Science and its program leading to the Master of Library and Information Science degree. (Utah Libraries/News. June 1989)

Wyoming



Coe Joins CARL

The University of Wyoming's Coe Library is the newest member of the CARL System, adding 600,000 bibliographic records and opening the fall semester with full CARL PAC and circulation. (NEXUS, Central Colorado Library System, May/June 1989)

WSL Collection Downsizing

Major changes are ahead for the Wyoming State-Library and the most immediate one is the downsizing of the book collection.

In action at their quarterly meeting the State Library, Archives, Museums and Historical Board authorized shifting from a general resource collection used by all types of libraries to a collection designed for the programs and informational needs of state government.

In a letter to library directors and interested parties, Jerry Krois, acting state librarian, said the unprecedented action was taken to allocate space for the Supreme Court and implement the State Library's Long Range Plan. He also noted the availability of resources through the statewide bibliographic database as another reason for shifting direction.

The State Library is also proceeding with plans to change the government publications depository status from regional to selective. However, this cannot take place until another Wyoming library accepts the regional status or a non-Wyoming contract is signed to provide the service. (The Outrider, May/June 1989)



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- Guide for Written Collection Policy Statements. Collection management and Development Guides, No. 3. ALA, \$5.
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- Unlimited, \$32.
- Managing Electronic Information Products. \$24.95 from Riverside Data, Inc., P.O. Box 545, Sudbury, MA 01776.
- Managing Small Library Collections in Businesses and Community organizations: Advice for Nonlibrarians, by John A. Moorman. ALA, \$7.50.
- Music Cataloging, by Richard P. Smiraglia. Libraries Unlimited, \$35.
- Pay Equity: An Action Manual for Library Workers, by Carolyn Kenady. ALA, \$24.95.
- Recommended Reference Books for small and Medium-Sized Libraries and Media Centers 1989, by Bohdan S. Wynar. Libraries Unlimited. \$32.50.
- Reference and Adult Services Speakers and Consultants Directory. ALA Order Services Dept., \$15 (\$12 for RASD members)
- Rushdie Poster. Copy of the New York
 Times ad of February 22 supporting free expression in connection
 with Rushdie's "The Satanic
 Verses." Printed on heavy
 newsprint. Send \$5 (payable to
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 Office for Intellectual Freedom,
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- Serials Cataloging handbook: An Illustrative Guide to the Use of AACR2 and LC Rule Interpretations, by Carol Leong. ALA, \$50.
- Statistics for Managing Acquisitions. Acquisitions Guidelines #6. ALA, \$5.

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Doug Birdsall leaves North Dakota State University in Fargo to become Associate Director of Libraries for Information Access and Systems at Texas Tech University, Lubbock Virginia Boucher, Head of Interlibrary Cooperation at the University of Colorado, Boulder, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Colorado ILL Committee Phyllis J. Brown, Head of the Acquisitions Department, Eli Oboler Library, Idaho State University, has been appointed Northwest Regional Director of the Council on Library/Media Technicians . Midge Colaianni, Head of the Serials Department, Eli Oboler Library, Idaho State University, has been appointed regional director for the Northwest region by the North American Serials Interest Group . . . Karen Cole, Director Forsyth Library, Fort Hayes (KS) State University, is the new president of the Kansas Library Association Barbara Dovle-Wilch, former Colorado State Library Systems Coordinator, became Director of the Library at Augustana College, Rock Island, IL on September 1 ... Charlene Grass, Associate Dean, Kansas State University Farrell Library, is the new secretary of the Kansas Library Association . . . Charlie Hurt, Director, UA Graduate Library School, is the new ASLA Representative to MPLA Jeanne Layton, Director, Davis County (UT) Library, received a 1989 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor award ... Bernard Margelis, Director, Pikes Peak (CO) Library District, was elected to a 1989-93 term on the ALA Council . . . Joe McKenzie is the new Director of the Salina (KS) Public Library . . . Merrilyn Ridgeway, Arizona State School Library Media Consultant, is the new President-elect of the Arizona State Library Association ... Marcella Ratzlaff. Assistant Director, Hutchinson (KS) Public Library, is the new Treasurer of the Kansas Library Association . . . Don Riggs, Dean of University Libraries, Arizona State University, was elected to a 4-year term as Councilor to LITA . . . Susan Simpson, formerly Associate Director for Public Services, is the new Library Director for the Albany County Public Library in Laramie, WY . . . Martha Stucky, former director of the Bethel College (KS) Library, has retired . . . Glenn Sundvold, Director of the Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD, and MPLA member from 1974 to 1985, died on April 14 . . . Carol White, Head of Cataloging, University of Wyoming, was recently appointed by OCLC to a newly formed Cataloging and Database Services Advisory Committee Dee Yost. formerly assistant director, Hasting (NE) Public Library, is the new administrator of the Republican Valley Library System, Hastings, NE.

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Research Library, Buffalo Bill

Historical Center, Cody, WY

Isabel Buschman, Coe Library,

University of Wyoming, won a free one-year membership at the annual Wyoming Library Association conference.

Continuing Education

September 14 October 12 November 16

Changing Roles and Realities: Librarians on the Path to Empowerment: 1st Annual Nebraska Library Commission Colloquium

Location: Lincoln, NE

Librarians are involved in a continuous process of defining and re-defining roles for their organizations, and therefore themselves, based on limited resources, shifting community expectations, and turbulent change. This process can become overwhelming and stressful as we are inundated with information and opportunities. The NLC Colloquium is fashioned to bring librarians together through readings, stimulating addresses by keynote speakers, and a chance to exchange thoughts in discussion so that we may begin "to think the world together." September 14-Librarians: Weak Link or Key to the Information Chain, Dr. Joan C. Durrance, Associate Professor, School of Information and Library Studies, University of Michigan. October 12-Librarians and Change: Managing Organizations in Transition, Dr. Joan R. Giesecke, Associate Dean and Associate Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries. November 16—Developing Visions of the Future: Librarians and Transformational Leaders, Dr. Martha Hale, Dean, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University.

Cost: \$150 (Registration is limited)
Contact: Tim Lynch, Nebraska Library
Commission. 402/471-2045

September 18-19

Preventive Care of Historic Photographic Prints and Nega-

tives: 2nd Annual Utah Preservation Consortium Workshop

Sponsor:Utah Preservation Consortium

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

At this workshop, Debbie Hess Norris will present an abridged version of a week-long institute she is doing for the Getty Conservation Institute. This will provide considerable information of a practical nature, plus meet the information and decision-making needs of administrators,, curators, and conservators.

Cost: \$35

Contact: Randy Silverman, 6216 HBLL, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602

October 4-5

"Authortalk/Booktalk" Children's Author Symposium

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

Location: Hutchinson, KS

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 will be Loran Balian, Alden Carter, Paul Fleischman, Sid Fleischman, and David Melton.

Cost: SCKLS members—\$7 each day session, \$15 banquet; non-members—\$25 each day session, \$15 banquet.

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

October 12-14

Nevada Library Association

Annual Conference

Theme: Nevada Libraries: Pure Gold Boulder City, NV Contact: L. Hendrickson, 1501 S. 9th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89104.

October 18-22

Access to Excellence

Fifth National Conference and Exhibition of the American Association of School Librarians

Location: Salt Lake City, UT Contact: AASL/ALA, Fifth National Conference Registration, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611

October 28

21st Annual Festival of Books for Young People

Sponsor: University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science Location: Iowa City, IA

Poetry, Prose and Picture is the theme of this year's conference. Nancy Willard, winner of the 1982 Newbery Medal for her poetry collection A Visit to William Blake's Inn will speak, as will Gary Paulsen, author of the Newbery Honor Books Dogsong and Hatchet. Pat Cummings will present a session on the creative process of the artist. She won the 1984 Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration for My Mama Needs Me.

Cost: \$36, which includes lunch.
Contact: Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242. 319/335-5707

October 29-31

Ethics and the Librarian: 31st Allerton Institute

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

Location: Robert Allerton Park, Monticello, IL

The 1989 Allerton Institute will provide a form to allow participants to discuss a wide range of ethical issues facing the library profession today..

Formal papers will be presented plus a group of ethical case studies.

Cost: \$350

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.

October 29 - November 3

Advance Management Skills Institute

Sponsor: Association of Research Libraries

Location: Denver, CO

The 5-1/2 day Advanced Library Management Skills Institute focuses on the individual's ability to have a positive influence on the overall performance of the organization. Through simulation of a library organization, participants are able to observe the effects of various interventions on the system as a whole. This institute emphasizes skill-building and proficiency in observing, diagnosing, and action planning for solving organizational problems and for capitalizing on organizational opportunities.

Cost: \$550 (Note: Delta Airlines will be giving participants a 40% round-trip airfare discount.)

Contact: Susan Jurow, ARL Office of Management Studies, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. 202/232-8656

November 2-3

Crossing Borders: Arizona State Library Association/Arizona Educational Media Association Annual Conference

Location: Tucson

Contact: Carrie Russell or Sharon Scott, University of Arizona Main Library, Building 55, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. November 3-4

New Directions in Library Binding: Life After "Class A"

Sponsor: ALA Association for Library Collections & Technical Services. Preservation of Library Materials Section

Location: Portland, OR

This institute will teach how to administer, evaluate, and improve their operations to provide an effective, preservation-conscious binding program. The curriculum will provide a detailed understanding of the changes in processes and materials used by library binders and will focus on providing sound guidelines for the appropriate use of binders' services under the new Standard.

Cost: \$200 for ALA/ALCTS personal members: \$235 for ALA personal members, and \$260 for non-members of ALA.

Contact: JoAnn King, ALA/ALCTS, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. 1-800-545-2433.

November 3-6

Colorado Library Association Annual Conference

Theme: Forward to the Basics! Location: Red Lion Inn, Colorado Springs

Program will include presentations by ALA President Patricia Wilson Berger, and by Toni Carbo Bearman, William C. Roselle, and Pat Mulholt. Also: literary iam sessions, a masquerade disco and tours of NORAD.

Contact: Judy Votisek, Executive Director, CLA, P.O. Box 4636, Englewood, CO 80155. 303/779-1115

May 2-5, 1990

MPLA/Utah Library Association Joint Conference

Salt Lake City, UT

Joblist

Deadline: Until filled.

Life/Health Science Librarian

\$26,000/year minimum

Eli M. Oboler Library, Idaha State University

Duties: Innovative librarian sought to develop Health Sciences Library, act as faculty liaison and supervise grants and other external funding opportuni-

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/

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 (from MPLA member states outside South Dakota); 0-677-6767, 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.

ties, proivde specialized reference service, including database searching. Qualifications: ALA-MLS, bachelor's degree in the life or health sciences. experience with online searching, excellent oral and written communications skills. Desired: graduate study in the life/health sciences or health-related professions, familiarity with academic library operations and services. and supervisory experience. 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, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID 83209-8089, Applications from women and minorities are especially sought.

EO/AA employer

Deadline: October 18

Associate Dean of University Libraries for Library Services

\$60,000 minimum Arizona State University Duties: Responsible for the leadership and management of Access Services, Acquisitions, Bibliographic Records, FIRST, Government Documents Service. Instructional & Information Services, Interlibrary Loan, Original Cataloging & Special Languages, Reference Service, Library Technology & Systems, Architecture & Environmental Design Library, Music Library, and the Noble Science & Engineering Library. This library executive will be second in command in the University Libraries and play a prominent role in overall library planning and policy formulation and execution. Requirements: ALA-MLS; successful administrative experience at the department head level or above in public or technical services in a university library; a record of progressively responsible experience in an academic/

research library; demonstrated leader-

ship qualities; effective interpersonal

and communication skills; successful

supervisory experience; demonstrated

ability to create, implement, and coordinate public or technical service programs in a diverse and complex environment: knowledge of latest trends in academic librarianship; experience with online systems and knowledge of emerging information technology; evidence of professional development, service, and participation in professional associations: must be able to qualify for continuing appointment and rank of Associate Librarian or above. Preferred: Successful leadership in both public and technical services. Benefits: TIAA-CREF, VALIC, or state retirement plan; annual paid leave of 22 days vacation, 12 days of sick leave, and 10 holidays; tuition reduction for employee and family at any of the three Arizona universities. Librarians serve on university governance committees and are eligible for continuing employment status (tenure) and sabbatical leave.

Procedure: Recruitment will remain open until position is filled. To ensure consideration, applications must be received by October 18, 1989. Send letter of application, resume, supporting documents, and list of four recent references to: Dr. Donald E. Rigg:s. Dean of University Libraries, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-1006. Phone: 602/965-3950. Minorities are encouraged to apply. EO/AA employer

Deadline: November 15 **Library Director**

Low \$30's for minimum qualifications Campbell County (WY) Public Library Duties: Director needed for one of Wyoming's most progressive public libraries. The Campbell County Public Llbrary is centered in the northeast corner of the state within one hour of Devil's Tower, the Bighorn Mountain Range, "Hole-In-The-Wall" country, and the Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. The City of Gillette (approx. 20,000 pop.) is situated in Campbell County, the oil producing hub of the Rocky Mountain Region and the nation's leading producer of surface mined coal. As such, it generously supports a \$1.2 million budget, an architecturally attractive new main library, 2 branches, and over 50 employees. The library supports a myriad of services, equipment, and facilities not commonly found in most communities of comparable size, and utilizes OCLC and Geac computerized circulation. Stability of staff and director's position is indicative of the community support the library has earned and eniovs.

Requirements: Applicants must be

community oriented with 5 years increasingly responsible library experience, including at least 3 years in management. They must be competent in working with trustees, employees. and county officials, and experience in preparing budgets. ALA-MLS required. Send letter of application, resume, and three references to: Mr. Joel Ohman, Chairman, Search Committee, Campbell County Public Library, 2101 4-J Road, Gillette, WY 82716.

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