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President's Report

by Jerry Kaup

Since becoming president in 1988 my main theme has been the professional development of our membership. The major vehicles for this professional development have been the emphasis on the quality and the variety of conference programming and the promotion of our professional development grants program.

The last three conferences (Omaha, Billings, Salt Lake City) have emphasized the need to provide those attending a wide variety of programs to select from during every program time period. In addition, post conferences have been encouraged as well as the traditional pre-conferences, giving members additional incentive to attend the conferences. Each program committee for these three conferences is to be congratulated for their excellence in programming.

Professional Development Grant requests have increased substantially during the first four months of 1990 with over 12 requests received. Our promotion of these grants at state conferences, in the Association newsletter, in state newsletters and through personal contacts have made more of our members aware of the opportunities available to them.

Last June the executive board accepted Oklahoma's request for membership in MPLA, making it the eleventh state member. We look forward to this growing relationship in the southern plains and the many new colleague connections we will make.

In a new initiative the board approved the establishment of a chapter relations committee (Blaine Hall, chair) for the purpose of encouraging MPLA area librarians and trustees and ALA members from the region to run for ALA Council.

Officers 1989-1990

Jerry Kaup	President
J. Dennis Day	Vice-President/President-Elect
Duane Johnson	Past President
Nancy Knepel	Secretary
Joe Edelen	Executive Secretary

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And now...our new president

Good morning!

I am proud to have the opportunity of serving as your President for 1990-91. Over the last year, many people have worked hard to support our Association. While many deserve significant credit, I would like to spotlight three individuals for their specific contributions.

Jerry Kaup

Jerry has been an outstanding President for our association. He has served his term and filled in for Sarah Parker when she was asked to serve as the Pennsylvania State Librarian. He has served his two-year term with commitment, but at the same time, with a sense of joy.

Merna Smith

Merna served as the Conference Planner for the 1990 MPLA/ULA Joint Conference. I feel it was one of the finest and best organized conferences that I have ever attended.

Joe Edelen

MPLA operates as an effective association because of the quality and commitment of our members. The reason the Board, committees and sections can get on with their work is because we have the good fortune of having Joe Edelen as our Executive Secretary. Joe does an outstanding job for us, and I am pleased with the opportunity to work with him.

Our 1991 conference will be held in conjunction with the Arizona library community, and may be the largest in our history. Circle October 30 to November 2, 1991 NOW on your planning calendar.

*—Dennis Day
President, 1990-91*

MPLA members have assisted petition candidates in seeking signatures. The names of ALA council candidates from the MPLA region were published in the MPLA Newsletter and on a flyer sent out with the conference mailing. Some petition candidates were inadvertently left off the list, and were included in a later mailing and on a flyer distributed with the Salt Lake City conference program packet. ALA members in the MPLA region are encouraged to give these candidates for ALA Council their full consideration when voting.

Also, the executive board approved the formation of the MPLA WHCLIS Committee (Duane Johnson, chair), with the charge of coordinating a regional consensus on member state issues and concerns for the White House conference on Library and Information Services. By gathering the resolutions from member state conferences and noting common concerns and issues supported by state resolutions, our collective

state delegations can have an impact on the outcome of the National White House Conference.

Since becoming president in 1988, I have had the opportunity to attend conferences in 8 of the 11 MPLA states. I have enjoyed meeting with members of state associations both in conference programs and in social settings. All state associations gave me time to promote MPLA's membership benefits and provided excellent hospitality. It was with enthusiasm and commitment that state conference planners and local arrangements committees went all out to provide their memberships with substantive educational and social experiences. These committed individuals made a difference for their professional colleagues.

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Special thanks goes to Joe Edelen, Jim Dertien, Dennis Day, Merna Smith and Duane Johnson for their support and counsel during the last twelve months.

I am looking forward to the Salt Lake City conference and the passing of the gavel to president-elect Dennis Day. He has done an excellent job in planning the 1990 conference and will serve us well as president in the year ahead.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Executive Secretary's Report

by Joe Edelen

1989-90 was another banner year for MPLA. We accepted our 11th state as a member, Oklahoma. At the time of this writing they have 46 members in MPLA (great for a first year).

During the year we took in 159 new members. Already in calendar year 1990 we have taken in 190 new members.

The conference in Billings again proved to be a great success, due in no small part to those individuals in that city and state who worked so hard to make everything work properly. The program planners again did an excellent job of making the content outstanding.

The Jobline continues to attract more and more calls. In the calendar year just completed, there were 3,124 incoming calls. We had 280 separate jobs listed, with 575 of them listed more than once.

Your association is only as good as the individual efforts each of us puts into it. I know that not everyone who volunteers for a committee assignment gets one because there are many more volunteers than slots, but that information is very valuable to the incoming President in making appointments. Continue to express your interest—MPLA needs that ongoing involvement.

If there are changes you would like to see in your

Association, or different directions you would like to see MPLA take, please let one of the officers know of those ideas.

Editor's Report

by Jim Dertien

MPLA's editor, like its Executive Secretary, tends to be a jack-of-all-trades position. I function as newsletter editor, advertising manager, exhibit shipper and maintenance person, annual conference exhibit set-up person, and chief advisor to the Executive Secretary on matters ranging from letterhead format to Jobline procedures and membership directory production (he keeps my phone warm with early morning calls).

In 1989 I changed the format of the newsletter, using a typestyle that allowed reduction of page size while retaining the same content quantity. The format will continue to change ever so slightly during the coming year until I resolve a few quality matters.

At the request of the Executive Board I acquired a completely new exhibit system for use at state and regional conferences. It is similar in design to what we have used in the past, but much easier to assemble and has a change of color.

Advertising revenue continues to be a problem for the newsletter. Two mass mailings to vendor marketing directors in 1989 and 1990 were made, encouraging them to advertise in our newsletter. So far, no takers. However, H.W. Wilson and Ebsco, two stalwart MPLA supporters, continue to advertise. Members are encouraged to ask vendors they do business with to consider advertising.

While I continue to receive an excellent variety of newsletters and news releases from some states, there are several that contribute very little to the newsletter. Members are asked to place me on their mailing list for local, in-house, and area publications, plus news release mailings. This will make it possible for me to share your news and ideas with others.

State Representative Reports

Arizona

by C.D. Hurt

The annual Arizona State Library Association (ASLA) conference was a success beyond expectations. Attendance was higher than projected and a number of librarians from Mexico attended, leading their expertise and insight.

Cathy Chung was the first librarian to travel to Japan under the auspices of the Horner Exchange Fellowship offered through ASLA. Cathy visited Japan this last October, and this March a group of Japanese librarians were greeted by ASLA in return.

The Arizona State Department of Education initiated a committee to investigate the criteria of school library media certification. The committee has completed its work and the

report is now in the hands of the Department of Education. The recommendations call for a masters degree and specific coursework.

The ASLA midyear meeting is scheduled for April 20. The theme of the conference is **Decision 2000: Moving Beyond Boundaries**. The conference will be held in Chandler, featuring as the keynote speaker, Patricia Holt, Book Editor for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Planning for a statewide conference as a prelude to the White House Conference was initiated by the Department of Library Archives and Public Services. Teleconferencing is planned to link various areas of the state to discuss libraries and public policy, the major themes of the statewide conference.

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was recently noted in a forthcoming article in *Library Journal* which examines the productivity of schools of library and information science. Using the data from the study, the GLS ranks 11th in the country.

Colorado

by Jo Ann Kruglet

It was a busy, productive year for Colorado libraries. We now have a set of public library guidelines entitled Building on the Blueprint: Guidelines for Public Libraries in Colorado. The purpose of the guidelines is to serve as a tool to identify and assess areas of library activities that need development, and as a resource to assist in that development.

Emporia State University's Graduate School of Library and Information Management's Degree program in Denver got off to a great start in early September. Approximately 150 students applied for enrollment. Even though we are still pursuing an M.L.S. program within the State, Emporia has agreed to provide an accredited library degree program for Coloradans for another year.

Several exciting things took place in the State Legislature this past year. Funding of a new building for the Colorado Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Denver was approved by legislators. In addition, after many hours of hard work and lobbying efforts, a revised Colorado library law is now on the Governor's desk for signature. This law gives greater strength to library boards and is clearer in the language. "Access Colorado", another bill that is pending, will allow any library with a computer and modem local dial-up access to Colorado's large data bases.

Plans are well underway for the Governor's Conference

in October with the theme, "Colorado Information Connection." Speakouts and several regional conferences will help us determine what citizens want in terms of libraries and services. All of these activities will serve as a prelude to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1991.

Kansas

by Melanie Miller

1989-90 Kansas Library Association officers were: Karen Cole, President, Judy Druse, Vice-President, Charlene Grass, Secretary, and Marcella Ratzlaff, Treasurer. Kansas Association of School Librarians President was Betsy Losey, and Kansas Association of Education and Communication Technology was Nancy McFarland.

The 1990 Kansas Tri-Conference, "Partnerships in Literacy," was held in Wichita and enjoyed an attendance of 845 with 105 exhibitors. MPLA President Jerry Kaup was the conference's distinguished guest.

The College and University Libraries Section of KLA chose library history as the theme for its annual fall conference. The Public Library and Trustees fall conference explored the dynamics of working with and serving on library boards.

State aid for public libraries increased in 1989 and 1990. Funding for the Interlibrary Loan Development Plan, a coordinated collection development plan funded by the Legislature in 1985 was increased by \$50,000. Sub-regional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped received an additional \$137,000.

Several library automation networks sprouted in late 1989 and early 1990. The Kansas Information Circuit Study Team selected cc:Mail software to replace the more costly

ALANET for its statewide electronic interlibrary loan network. KICNET operates as a wide area network with a file server at the State Library. The microcomputer calls network libraries at preset times during any 24-hour period of the week. The Kansas Library Network Board also funded a 23-library statewide fax network called KANFAX.

KARENET (Kansas Regents Network) allows dial access to computerized Regents library catalogs across the state. In the city of Hays, Fort Hays State University Library created the opportunity for the Hays Public Library to develop an online catalog and a fully integrated automated system as an additional licensee to their NOTIS system. Hays schools have enjoyed dial access to the university library since 1989.

Montana

by Kathleen Bartlett

Montana has had many things happening this past year. The state-wide centennial celebration featured a variety of activities. The activities ranged from very small events to nationally televised events such as the cattle drive. Libraries across the state were involved with their communities.

The state Center for the Book has been organized in Helena, and the official sanctioning will take place in Washington, D.C. during the month of April.

There have been a large number of vacancies in libraries throughout the state. We have seen librarians shifting within the state while many others have left the state. We have new librarians coming into the state to fill the vacancies.

The annual state association conference is being held in Great Falls, April 22-25. We are looking forward to having the new MPLA booth there for that conference. Hopefully we shall be able to attract more people and get more memberships at this conference.

The funding for libraries in the state isn't very positive right now. The last legislature did pass a bill which allows state aid for libraries, but the Governor vetoed all of the bill except some relief for the Federations and some reimbursement for those libraries which loan materials to other Montana libraries. The library community is beginning to make plans for the next legislative session. There is a need for alternatives to property tax which currently remains frozen.

Nebraska

by Dick Allen

In October the Nebraska Library Commission issued its long-awaited Strategic Plan, developed by a Steering Committee, Ray Means, Creighton University, Chair, with the assistance of task forces on Continuing Education, Funding, Communication, Collection Development, and Resource Sharing.

October also saw a very successful joint NLA/NEMA annual convention in Lincoln.

Long-time volunteer NLA Executive Director Ray Means announced his desire to step down from his position, pending the finding of a replacement. The position is now

being advertised and includes a small stipend. An ad hoc committee chaired by NLA President-Elect Maggie Harding is working on a long-term solution to the problem of the NLA positions of executive secretary, lobbyist, and journal editor.

Another NLA ad hoc committee has been working on a revision of the Nebraska Interlibrary Loan Code.

An NLA Louise Nixon Scholarship Fund has been established by NLA. It has been determined that awards, when sufficient funds have been collected, will be made to support graduate level work on an accredited MLS or accredited Master's program in library media.

For the first time a joint NLA/NEMA membership directory was issued and distributed to members of both associations. This is another example of the spirit of cooperation that exists between the two associations.

The dedication of the Nebraska Center for the Book (pending Library of Congress authorization) is scheduled for June 1 in Omaha.

Nevada

by Bill Strader

As Nevada began celebrating its 125th anniversary of statehood, the Nevada Library Association thanked Chuck Manley for his hard work and dedication towards advancing the association's goals as he ended his term as President. The Boulder City conference, "Pure Gold," was well attended, including a visit by MPLA President Jerry Kaup. Everyone enjoyed the informal atmosphere and noted the wonderful boat excursion on Lake Mead just as the sun was setting. Appreciation was extended to Duncan McCoy, MPLA member, who along with his staff and library board at Boulder City Library provided excellent local arrangements. 1990 NLA officers are Lynn Ossolinski, President, Danny Lee, President-Elect, Joyce Lee, Executive Secretary, and Karen Albrathsen, Treasurer, all who are MPLA members as well. The next state conference will be in Ely on October 3-6 with J. Dennis Day, MPLA President-Elect, scheduled to give the keynote address under the conference theme, "Towards the 21st Century, Dawning of a New Age." This year's fun night will put conferees on an 1880 train ride into Nevada's past and feature a literary tour of famous authors who have made this state home at one time.

Acting Governor Bob Miller recommended to the state legislature the construction of a new 113,000 square foot facility to house the State Library and Archives. The legislature responded with bipartisan support and an appropriation of \$20.3 million. The library's design will cover and enclose the old historic 1885 state printing building which now houses the state archives and will serve to further enhance the Capitol Complex Masterplan. New library facilities are underway in the cities of Wells, Round Mountain, and Mesquite. Construction has begun on the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's new multimillion dollar main library and discovery museum project.

Continuing education activities expanded across the state over the year, and featured such events as the LV-CCLD sponsored Know Show, with John Berry as opening

speaker. Art of the Children's Book brought out many to see and hear children's and YA authors like E.L. Konisburg. And leading business author, Carolyn Corbin led a workshop entitled "How to Prosper in the Information Economy" with the support of the statewide CE Committee.

The academic libraries received added support by way of the Hawkins Foundation gifts of over \$200,000 and have been recent recipients for an expanded fax network between UNLV and UNR with the community colleges like NNCC in Elko coming online. The academics have renewed their interest in efforts towards coordinating collection development and have channeled these efforts into the CAPTAIN and made it a part of the state association. MPLA member, Laverna Sanders, has taken a leadership role in this effort along with Milton Wolff.

This was a big year in school library automation with Jody Gehrig, consultant with the Department of Education and MPLA member, bringing the state's school districts into participation in the statewide CD-ROM union catalog of holdings. With much activity and an ever growing understanding of the current critical situation school libraries find themselves in, the Governor's Conference on the Future of Libraries is certain to focus attention and efforts toward remedying the needs of school libraries and new technologies. Also likely to come out of this conference is a serious examination of the library and its role in lifelong learning. This was on one of the preconference Issues Forums and Library Speakout topics which kicked off Nevada's efforts towards the White House Conference on Libraries planned for July of 1991.

We wish Joyce Lee, outgoing MPLA state representative, every success in her new expanded role as Assistant Director at the State Library and Archives, and know her dedication to MPLA will see her making more contributions in the coming years.

North Dakota

by Marcella Schmaltz

The ODIN library automation network is up and running in most four-year colleges, at the State Library, and at Grand Forks Public Library. Jamestown College is in the process of joining the network. The mainframe for ODIN is located at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

The 1989 Legislative Session was affected by the results of the on-going drought. The State Library budget was again targeted for some cuts, but the NDLA Legislative Committee lobbying efforts restored some budget support. The Legislative Session was determined to combine agencies wherever it seemed logical (or unlogical)! The State Library was moved to the Department of Public Instruction to be effective by 1991. The State Library, under the direction of Patricia Harris, continues to direct library resources towards "unserved" areas, encouraging and supporting statewide efforts in the development of long-range plans.

Bismarck's Veterans Memorial Public Library held its grand opening of the new addition and renovation in the fall of 1989. The beautiful openness of the circulation area, the much-needed children's section, and exhibit area are but a

few of the new completed features. The lower level meeting rooms are to be completed during the next year.

Minot Public Library has completed its renovation project.

The North Dakota Periodicals Index, Michael Miller, editor, has now completed the indexing of North Dakota periodicals from 1981 through 1987. The North Dakota Centennial Commission awarded the Indexing Committee a grant of \$17,000 which made it possible to continue with the project through 1988 and possibly 1989.

The New Directions Task Force organized through the Legislative Committee began its task of reviewing and planning a multitype library service. It was apparent to North Dakota librarians that funding for libraries on all levels was going to be a serious problem. The Task Force is in the process of conducting a statewide survey which will be part of information presented to the 1991 Legislature.

Oklahoma

by Robert H. Patterson

The library community in Oklahoma saw during the past year a number of accomplishments, with more anticipated in the near future. Across the library community it was sensed that progress, long delayed and frustrated by the state's poor-but-improving economic situation, was moving forward. Much of the year's good news was technology based, while some was of a political nature.

In technology, highlights of the year included the installation of FAX machines in 23 public libraries, a project supported by ODL; the near-completion of a state-wide higher education telecommunications network that will be operational mid-year, supported by the State Regents for Higher Education; under the aegis of ODL, the creation of a state-wide OCLC Group Access Capability; and concurrently, a plan for development and state-wide distribution of a CD-ROM product using bibliographic records from the state's public schools, under the State Department of Education.

Political/fiscal developments included, from the State Regents for Higher Education, a resolution of strong support for state-wide networking activities directed primarily at public institutions, but of moral support to others in the state wanting to link to the emerging state library network; a plan for the sweeping reform of public education in the state promised greater support for public school libraries, but was delayed in the legislature as it included tax increases (the greatly feared "T-word" in Oklahoma). Time will tell if knee-jerk reaction and partisan politics will continue to delay long-needed change.

Special note should be made of the success made by a joint resource-sharing task force created in mid-'89 between the state's three comprehensive institutions, two public (University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University), and one private (University of Tulsa). In its short life, the group has produced a system of shared access and circulation privileges, expedited inter-library loan and a courier serve for the three library systems as well as for faculty of the University Center at Tulsa, a TU/OSU USOE

Title II-D records conversion grant proposal, the beginnings of a shared collection development plan, a convergence of preservation interests, an evaluation of CD-ROM products with the goal of sharing bibliographic data with one another and the rest of the state, and the creation of a platform for long-term resource sharing arrangements. Other developments included accelerated activities on the preservation front. Long a hot-bed of preservation zealotry, Oklahoma appeared to be moving closer, under the leadership of ODL, to the creation of a state-wide plan that would represent a variety of constituencies. Several meetings were held in March and April to develop a strategy that would include among other activities, a federal grant proposal.

The Oklahoma Library Association celebrated its 1990 annual conference in Tulsa on April 18-21, with the theme "Oklahoma Libraries" Reaching New Horizons." Notable speakers included J. Dennis Day, incoming MPLA president, and Michael Weiss, (*The Clustering of America*).

South Dakota

by Mary Caspers

The Dakota Book Rush Reading Program was included as part of centennial celebrations at libraries around South Dakota. The successful program concluded with the drawing at the state fair for prizes for Governor Mickelson's South Dakota Centennial Reading Challenge.

Several significant resolutions were passed at the SDLA annual conference. SDACT, the state affiliate of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, was granted SDLA section status. On the recommendation of the SDLA Task Force on a Minimum Salary the association also approved a resolution to support a minimum starting salary for a professional librarian working in South Dakota of no less than \$20,000 per year.

The South Dakota Library Network continues to expand. Holdings for 2 private colleges and 2 public libraries were added in November. A total of 19 institutions—special, public and academic libraries—now display their holdings in the SD PALS database. 16 SDLN libraries starting using the interlibrary loan subsystem in January, and training of other libraries continues as they join the network.

The 1990 South Dakota Legislature passed a sales tax exemption for library copying charges. An attempted change in the obscenity laws, opposed by SDLA, passed the Senate but was tabled in the House.

Beginning in June of 1990 Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management will offer a summer intensive MLS program on the campus of Black Hills State University. The 42 credit hour MLS program can be completed in five summers.

During 1990 an SDLA task force on state aid to public libraries is studying ways and means to solve the problem of inadequate state support to public libraries in South Dakota.

The Health Science Section of SDLA is sponsoring the Midcontinent Chapter of the Medical Library Association meeting in Rapid City, SD in 1991.

Utah

by Doug Hindmarsh

ULA's Legislative Committee sponsored a reception at the State Capitol during AASL's National Conference. We felt it was a good first step in seeking support for ULA's legislative priority list, especially in light of the anticipated budget surplus of an estimated \$200 million and the number of agencies which will be asking for all or part of it.

Priorities for ULA Legislative Action 1990: Support of the State Library Division's operating budget request including building block requests; Continued support for the recommendations of the statewide library study conducted in 1988; Support for Utah State Office of Education's request for \$7 million from the state surplus to fund school library/media collections; Support for the State Library Division's request for \$30,000 from the capital facilities budget to support planning for a new state library building; and continued monitoring of bills and initiatives.

ULA 1989 Awards: Distinguished Service—Blaine H. Hall, Librarian of the Year—Eileen B. Longworth, Special Service to Libraries—Board of Directors, Salt Lake City Public Library, Special Recognition—Amy Owen, Baker & Taylor/JMRT Grassroots Grant—Robert C. Shupe, LART Distinguished Service—Kent Slade.

The Marriot Library, University of Utah, was awarded a "Milestone Award" from OCLC for having sent the 11 millionth ILL request.

Librarians and Boards made a preliminary self-assessment of the UPGRADE Process. The timetable for the phased implementation of Utah's Public Library Service Developed Ladder is approaching an end. In the fall of 1989, public librarians and boards, assisted by State Library Division consultants, made a preliminary self-assessment of local progress in meeting the full UPGRADE Process service standards. This informal review, using the Checkpoint 1990 checklist, is intended to be a dry-run evaluation of progress on the standards in preparation for a full dress review and formal certification of library service to be made one year later, in the fall of 1990. Jurisdictions will then be classified as providing Community Reading Room Service, Certified Public Library Service, or Striving for Excellence in Public Library Service.

The ULA sponsored project, The Book Group: Exploring Literature in Company, has received a grant of \$192,027 from the National Endowment of Humanities to fund the program for the next two years. The Book Group is a project to organize and promote literature discussion groups throughout the state and the intermountain region.

The Utah Endowment for the Humanities recently awarded a \$5940 grant to the Utah State Library Division to support projects in Utah which relate to the "Year of the Young Reader."

Wyoming

by Corky Walters

Library networking has assumed an ever larger proportion of library operations in Wyoming. The statewide database, now called the WYLD Network, links all Wyoming County

and College libraries. during 1989, CARL, a network of Colorado libraries, was introduced to the state by the University of Wyoming, and is now accessible by many of the state's libraries. Several multiple library projects share OCLC access in the state.

The Wyoming Library Association earned note in the national library media by a vote of its Executive Board not to support the proposed White House Conference, a move softened after the year's end in support of a Wyoming State Library plan to participate with emphasis on written and phone surveys to be reported in open meeting. The

Association also moved for the first time in its history to hire a professional lobbyist to monitor library legislation.

The Wyoming State Library was the subject of an intensive study, ordered by the legislature, to investigate the possible "merger of the State Library with the University of Wyoming Libraries." The result, though not recommending a merger, did specify some extensive change in the State Library's mission, emphasizing greater service to state government. Suzanne LeBarron was appointed Wyoming's new State Librarian at year's end.

Section Reports

Academic

by Randy Olsen

The membership of the section was surveyed to determine what topics should be addressed in the 1990 conference and what meeting formats were preferred. Thirty responses were received with widely varying ideas. Four respondents were asked to work with officers of other MPLA sections and members of the Utah Library Association to plan conference sessions.

A record twenty-two proposals were submitted for the 1990 Academic Section Research Forum. The difficult assignment of selecting papers to be presented at the form was undertaken by four library school faculty members: Dr. Marsha Broadway, Brigham Young University; Dr. John Budd, University of Arizona; Dr. Mary Lockett, University of Oklahoma; and Dr. Edward McGlone, Emporia State University. Eleven papers were accepted to be read, although only eight appeared in the proceedings due to publishing constraints. The diversity of topics addressed in the forum reflected the active research interests of librarians in the Mountain Plains Library Association.

The section's nominating committee including Dora Biblarz, Arizona State University; Sandra Donovan, Laramie County Community College; and Dorothy Rice, University of Nevada/Reno. The election results are posted elsewhere in this publication.

Children's/School Media

by Lynn Ossolinski

Congratulations to all school and children's librarians for their outstanding efforts in supporting MPLA's work to research accreditation standards for school libraries. Dorothea West's committee finished its work and the results were distributed to contact persons in each state.

"The Best for the Patron" MPLA/ULA conference in Salt Lake City includes excellent programming for school and children's librarians. Lynn Komlos of the Utah State Library Association assisted in program planning to bring the best to librarians who serve children and young adults. Pat O'Brien's presentation on "Planning a Children's Library: The Dallas Experience" is a highlight of the program. An authors luncheon, folktale talk, and the best in reference books are other sound programs.

School librarians found guidance and projections in Information Power. This powerful, slim publication outlines the mission of school librarians.

School and children's librarians participated in activities leading up to the White House Conference on the Future of Libraries. State activities pointed up the needs of latchkey children, school library facilities, staffing, and funding. Childcare was identified as a key issue in the 1990's. School libraries and children services need to expand their role in the childcare arena.

The publicity efforts of school and children's librarians on behalf of the "Night of a Thousand Stars" included participation as "stars", committee work, and local programs.

New Members Round Table

by Selma Dunham, Chair

The members of the Junior Members Round Table (JMRT) voted to become the New Members Round Table (NMRT). This name change is to make the section's purpose clearer and to draw more members from people who graduate from library schools in their 30's, 40's and 50's, who may not want to join a "Junior" section. The American Library Association is also changing their section name from JMRT to NMRT.

The Baker & Taylor and NMRT/MPLA Grassroots Grant winner was Lynda Larremore of Provo, UT.

A NMRT member won the MPLA Beginning Professional Award, Arlene Wright of Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD.

NMRT sponsored a program at the Utah conference by Jean Beyers called "Star Graspers." Jean Beyers was a dynamic speaker with many insights on how to manage your life more effectively. NMRT also cosponsored an opening night social with the Utah New Perspectives Round Table.

Two mailings were sent to NMRT members. The subjects included the section name vote, information about nominating individuals/organizations for MPLA awards, asked members to send job listings to the MPLA Jobline or use it themselves, and information about the MPLA Professional Development Grant program (including application forms).

A mailing was sent to over 240 MPLA members who joined in the past two years. The new members were

encouraged to join NMRT if they were eligible (under 35 years old or graduated from library schools within the past ten years), told about the MPLA Jobline, MPLA awards, and the MPLA Professional Development mini-grants.

The new chair of NMRT is Gail Egbers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln vice-chair/chair-elect is Mary Sand, University of North Dakota, and secretary is Gretchen Holten, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Preservation

by Katherine Walter

The section is now finishing its second year. A key effort of the section has been featuring preservation educational opportunities in the region through informational mailings to members. Two such mailings have been sent in 1989-90. The first mailing highlighted a Utah Preservation Consortium program on preserving photographic collections. The most recent mailing described three programs on preservation to be held at the MPLA/ULA convention in Salt Lake City.

In keeping with the October 1989 resolution of the MPLA Executive Board "to encourage cooperative preservation efforts in the region," the Preservation Section is seeking information on cooperative preservation efforts in the Mountain Plains states. This information will be shared with MPLA members through the *MPLA Newsletter* sometime in 1990. Some very enthusiastic responses to inquiries have been received, and this promises to be an exciting project for the section.

Bylaws have been drafted for the section, which has been operating without any to date. These are to be considered by members at the annual business meeting in Salt Lake City. Copies of the draft bylaws were mailed to members of the section along with program information in March. Finally, the nominations committee for the section successfully put together a very strong ballot.

Special thanks to all section members who volunteered their time to these efforts.

Public Library/Trustee

by Eloise Fasold

The primary task of this section is to plan and sponsor a variety of programs on interest to public librarians and trustees at the annual conference. The Chair of the section takes responsibility for the program planning. In support of

program planning, the incoming Vice Chair/Chair Elect head the nominating committee to propose names for new officers. The Secretary is responsible for the annual business meeting minutes and for assisting in any special mailings to the membership that may be required during the year.

In addition to agreeing to cosponsor several programs at the Salt Lake City conference, the Section has planned two programs and one post conference. The first program is a presentation by Ginnie Cooper, former director of the Alameda County Public Library, headquartered in Fremont, California. In the wake of Proposition 13, Alameda County increased their circulation by 45%, opened several branch libraries, and completed a major new library and headquarters building.

The second program, targeted for trustees and directors, will deal with the subject of how trustees and directors can work together in the evaluation of a library director. It will be presented by the section chair, Eloise Fasold, and is based on an ALTA annual conference program in which she participated several years ago.

The four hour post conference will be a seminar taught by Dr. Beverly Title entitled "Constructive Conflict Management." It will deal with techniques to turn conflict into an opportunity to build stronger, more satisfying relationships, both personal and professional.

Gail Dow (Colorado) was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Sandi Long (Utah) was elected Secretary. Gail will take over her duties as Chair at the business meeting in Salt Lake City.

Technical Services

by Susan Allen

The section has been quiet this past year. The most important item completed was revision of the section bylaws, which I am pleased to report was accomplished by the immediate past chair, Patricia Eskov, with input from Ann Kuntzman and myself.

The Salt Lake conference, which is scheduled for May 2-5, will provide us with the opportunity to co-host with the Academic Section, the program "The Future of Library Utilities: OCLC and RLG."

Following its annual business meeting, the section will have a short program on the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) Bar Code system for serials.

Committee Reports

Awards

by Albert Winkler, Chair

Four awards were granted by the committee. They were presented at the Awards Banquet during the MPLA/ULA Joint Conference in Salt Lake City.

The MPLA Distinguished Service Award was presented to Michael M. Miller, North Dakota State University Library, Fargo. This award is given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has

furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.

The MPLA News Media Support Award was presented to the Rock Springs (WY) Daily Rocket-Miner, and accepted by its Editor and Publisher, Charles Richardson. This award recognizes a news media organization in the region making the strongest effort, either in a single presentation or in

ongoing coverage, within the past two years, to promote libraries and library activities to the community.



*Michael
Miller*



*Charles
Richardson*



*Arlene
Wright*

The Beginning Professional Award was given to Arlene Wright, Coordinator of Public Services, Williams Library, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD. This recognizes an MPLA member, who as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service.

The Literary Contribution Award was presented to William Kloefkorn, author of *Voyages to the Inland Sea* and *Uncertain the Final Run to Winter*. Mr. Kloefkorn was not present to accept his award. This award is given to an author whose published writings are most successfully furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region.

Bylaws and Procedures

Marcella Ratzlaff, Chair

At the direction of the President and Executive Board, the committee reviewed the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and looked for any actions that might imply policy. These actions will now be included in the MPLA Handbook for future reference to board members.

Continuing Education

by Susan Richards, Chair

In 1989-90 the Committee awarded two preconference

grants. The Colorado Library Association received a grant for a preconference entitled, "Budgeting," which was held on November 3, 1989 in Colorado Springs. The committee awarded a second grant to the Utah Library Association for their preconference, "Planning a Library Building," which is being held in conjunction with MPLA in Salt Lake City in May.

We advertised the preconference grants in the MPLA Newsletter and sent letters to each state representative in an attempt to stimulate more grant applications.

As a joint project with the State Agency Section, the committee is sponsoring a session at the annual meeting in Salt Lake City, entitled "Building CE Connections." Designed to be a forum for idea-exchange and a source of future directions for the committee, the session will be chaired by Corky Walters of the Wyoming State Library. The committee anticipates setting some long-term goals as a result of the session.

My thanks to this year's committee: Mary Nash (Nebraska), C.D. Hurt (Arizona), Diana Graff (Utah), Ann Birney (Kansas), Dee Hopkings (Wyoming), Mary Bushing (Montana), Kathryn W. Ziegler (Colorado), Paulette Nelson (North Dakota), and Gary Schultz (North Dakota).

Convention Manual Ad Hoc Committee

by Sarah Watson

An ad hoc committee was formed to prepare a manual covering the planning for the annual convention. Members of the committee have been active in planning the last three MPLA conventions or their state conventions. They were Bunny Morrison, Jane Howell, Merna Smith, and Diane Caley. They provided examples and ideas for the manual and finished it in less than 4 months.

The committee used the local arrangements manual prepared by Sarah Watson after the 1988 convention and program planning manuals from MPLA, Nebraska, and North Dakota as the basis for the final manual. The manual has general directions for program planning, notes for the Convention Coordinator (local arrangements) and specific directions for each local arrangements committee. Time lines have been written to accommodate both fall and spring conventions. Forms used for the 1990 convention will be added to the manual for examples.

The manual will be presented to the Board at the annual convention. I recommend that the MPLA Executive Secretary have some copies to loan to other states in addition to those needed for the next convention being planned.

Finance

by Bruce L. Bumbalough, Chair

The Finance Committee is charged with preparation of the budget for the Mountain Plains Library Association. It also has the responsibility for accepting or rejecting certain project reports.

The North Dakota Newspaper Index project final report was unanimously approved as the first duty of the committee.

The budget for 1990 was prepared and presented at the

December 9 board meeting in Denver. It was rejected because it called for excessive use of association reserve funds. Plans for the creation of a budget based on actual expenditures in recent years were made. The revised budget was to be presented at a May board meeting in Salt Lake City.

Despite the rejection of the overall budget, the board approved expenditure of funds for the purchase of a new booth display to be used at various conferences. The booth has been purchased and is in use.

Intellectual Freedom

by Lesey Boughton, Chair

The Intellectual Freedom Committee has been largely inactive during the past year. The chair accepts both the responsibility and the blame for this.

During the past year we received an inquiry from a school librarian in North Dakota regarding MPLA's position on Whittle Channel 1. The committee will be meeting on May 2 and will be discussing this and a variety of other intellectual freedom issues.

I have accepted reappointment as chair of the committee and recognize the need to articulate a role for the committee within the association. I appreciate that the committee for 1990-91 has been formed and hope many of the members will be at the annual conference. We welcome comment and instruction from the Executive Board regarding future activities of the committee.

Professional Development Grants

by Rosemary S. Talab, Chair

1990 started out with an excellent response to President Jerry Kaup's notices about grants. As of April 10, we have accepted 5 evaluative reports and evaluated 12 applications for grants. We have evaluated nearly as many applications in one quarter of the year as reached in an entire year previously. There are three more meetings in June, September and November to evaluate grant applications. Due to the increasing number of applications, the committee

has decided to approve remaining applications by splitting up the remaining money and spending it in allotments, in some cases tabling repeat applications until first time applications have been considered.

We hope that our members continue to remain aware of Professional Development Grants, and submit applications for worthy activities.

Public Relations

by Lynnette Anderson

This committee's major project involved the purchase and distribution of lapel pins designed around the MPLA logo. This project was intended to generate recognition rather than revenue for the association and is awaiting Executive Board approval of it as a budget item.

The ULA Public Relations Committee distributed one-page announcements on the joint conference to state newsletters and press releases to national library journals in cooperation with our committee.

A "generic" press release is being made available to all joint conference attendees at the information table in the conference registration area. Conference attendees are encouraged to modify this release to reflect their individual activities and to send it to their local newspaper. It is aimed primarily at assisting those from smaller institutions and at generating recognition for MPLA.

Interest Groups

Interlibrary Loan Interest Group

by Edward Volz

At the 1989 MPLA Conference the ILL Interest Group drew fifty-one people to a program hosted by Virginia Boucher of the University of Colorado. National and international developments in ILL were discussed, as well as activities in the MPLA member states, with much time given to Montana activities.

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Election Results

Officers

Vice-President/President-Elect	Corky Walters Don Riggs	ELECTED
Secretary	Linda M. Rea Eloise Fasold	ELECTED

Academic Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Laverna Saunders Debbie Iverson	ELECTED
Secretary	Lois Schneberger Steven Kirby	ELECTED

Technical Services Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Allene Goforth Rosario Garza	ELECTED
Secretary	Jane Dotterer Lois Blossmo	ELECTED

State Agency Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Jacqueline Mundell Doug Hindmarsh	ELECTED
Secretary	Beth Marie Quanbeck Paul Hawkins	ELECTED

Public Library Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Carol Connor Elaine Baarson	ELECTED
Secretary	Dennis Page Linda Cumming	ELECTED

NMRT Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Margaret Smith Mary Sand	ELECTED
Secretary	Susan Cuthbertson Elisabeth Thielke Gretchen Holten	ELECTED

Children's and School Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Lynn Komlos Margy Kernan	ELECTED
Secretary	Denna Wright	ELECTED

Preservation Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Karen Jones Sharlane Tyra Grant	ELECTED
Secretary	Kate Adams Nancy Deyoe	ELECTED



Future MPLA Conferences

1991	Phoenix	Oct 30-Nov 2
1992	Wyoming	Fall
1993	Colorado	Fall
1994	Nevada	Fall
1995	South & North Dakota	Fall
1996	Kansas	Spring
1997	Oklahoma	Spring

1990 Professional Development Grants Expire

Members are advised that no more applications will be accepted during 1990 for Professional Development Grants. Eligible applications, according to Professional Development Grants Committee Chair Rosemary Talab, for 1990 far exceeded any previous year, and all budget funds have been committed.

In nearly every previous year, including 1989, MPLA practically had to beg members to apply for these grants. While lack of funds for the remainder of this year will be disappointing, it is significant that members are finally competing for the grants.

Notes on Board Action

At its meetings during the annual conference in Salt Lake City, on May 2 and 6, the MPLA Executive recorded action or discussion on the following:

The Board gave final approval to its 1990 budget, anticipating expenditures and income each totalling \$45,361.

- Approved a recommendation from the Public Relations Committee to produce 500 special MPLA pins to be sold for \$3.00 each.

- Received a report from Blaine Hall, Chapter Relations Committee, on plans to produce guidelines for MPLA coordination of regional chapter relations efforts, including efforts to place more regional librarians on the ALA Council.

- Acknowledged the change in name of the Junior Members Round Table to the New Members Round Table.

- Approved for publication the Convention Planning Manual, an entirely new convention planning tool

Around the Region

Arizona



On, Arizona!

Have you ever wondered which Arizona books Rose Mofford and Sandra Day O'Connor name as their favorites? You can find out in a new guide to reading about this state. The softcover publication includes the choices of sixty notable Arizonans. Also among the respondents are the late Edward Abbey, Bruce and Hattie Babbitt, Barry Goldwater, N. Scott Momaday, and Sharon G. Womack.

On, Arizona! A Readers' Survey of the Grand Canyon State provides a list of over one hundred sixty titles with annotations. The publication was compiled by Marcia Melton and Jeannette Daane, librarians at Mesa Community College. Copies are being distributed to community centers, libraries, museums, and high schools. The project received support from the Arizona Humanities Council. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, Dec. 18, 1989)

Happy Hundredth to Flagstaff PL

The citizens and staff of the Flagstaff City-Coconino County Library recently celebrated the library's 100th anniversary. The library clearly holds a special place in the hearts of Flagstaff citizens, evidenced by a three-page feature in the *Arizona Daily Sun*, including the entire front page of the February 7 extra edition, replete with a red screamer in the banner headline. A small sidebar to the story lists members of the original 1890 library board alongside current members. It was interesting to note that, in an unintended—but profound—commentary on the importance to libraries of deeply rooted community support, both the 100-year old list and the current one included a member of the same family, the Babbitts. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, February 26)

Cherry Pit Spit

Even in its ninth year, the Mesa Public Library's Cherry Pit Spit still receives its fair share of press attention.

"Proving that great spitters are born and not made," said Mesa Tribune writer James Achenbach. In addition to his feature story and accompanying photos, the Cherry Pit Spit provided a "photo op" for "Mesa Newsday" and plenty of fun as just one of Mesa Public Library's summer programs for kids.

From a field of 123 youngsters between 5 and 12 years old, the 9-year-old winner managed to spit his pit 28 feet, 8 inches with virtually no practice. (PR Activity Report, Vol. 3, Nos. 2 & 3)

Meeting Room Policy Challenged

Concerned Women for America (CWA) has filed lawsuits against seven US cities, including Glendale, AZ, claiming violation of First Amendment rights. The suits claim that city policy preventing religious groups from using meeting rooms violates constitutionally guaranteed rights of those groups.

The ASLA Intellectual Freedom Committee has arranged an opportunity to discuss library meeting room policy with respect to the suits filed by CWA on June 7.

The ALA IFC is aware of the situation and is currently developing two new interpretations to the Library Bill of Rights relating to meeting rooms, and to exhibit spaces and bulletin boards. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, May 21, 1990)

Colorado



Cowboy Poet Gathering

Staff at the Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs are roping in cowboy poets for two action-packed days of events in May, 1990. "The Great Pikes Peak Cowboy Poetry Gathering" will feature poetry recitals; an old-fashioned Square Dance/Country Swing Street Dance; Western Fashion Show, modeled by rodeo queens and local media personalities; as well as souvenir and food booths on Friday, May 25. Events held on the following day—Saturday, May 26—include a Western Trade Fair with booths stocking spurs,

saddles, art, and jewelry; a children's program; plus poetry recitations and music. The cowboy poets will be corralled into the Pikes Peak Center that evening for a performance by Baxter Black, Jim Easterbrook, Darrell Arnold, Butch Morgan, Don Wood, and others. Authentic cowboy music will keep everyone's boots tapping.

"The Great Pikes Peak Cowboy Poetry Gathering" is a fund raising project for the Pikes Peak Library District, in memory of Dick Spencer, editor/publisher of *Western Horseman* magazine. Money raised through the Gathering will be used for the greatly needed development of a Western Book Collection in the Local History Department of the library district. (News release)

Colorado Libraries Create and Deliver Own Journal Article Citations

The Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (CARL) has indexed and, in some cases, annotated articles for 7200 journal titles in their UnCover database service. Within a few months, the total will rise to 10,000, according to Rebecca Lenzini of CARL. The UnCover database covers journals collected by member libraries. The technical services staff create records simultaneous with checking in each issue. Records include the journal table of contents with authors, titles, and descriptive sentences wherever available on the table-of-contents page. Searchers can search titles or abstracts by keyword or author name. They can also browse through a journal's table of contents. Most exciting, CARL promises 24-hour turnaround for their indexing. The UnCover database also flags output to library holdings in the CARL system.

According to Lenzini, the consortium plans to market the UnCover database outside of their system. Accessing Uncover will cost non-CARL libraries \$900 a year for unlimited usage. For \$1 per title, libraries can customize UnCover output to their own collections. CARL will offer full fee-based document deliver by next year, with copyright payments to publishers. FAX, print, or fulltext delivery will be available for both CARL and non-CARL

subscribers.

Searchers can access the CARL system now at no charge beyond telephone connections through the CARL number (303) 830-0106 at 1200- or 2400-baud. Set terminals to 8-bit, no parity, 1 stop bit, full duplex. Press keys several times until CARL adjusts to modem speed. Users can also call through the Internet system (address "NIKE.CAIR.DU.EDU" or "130.353.1.14" followed by "CARL"). Other universities and public libraries have installed the CARL system, including Arizona State University, Boulder Public Library, Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs, and Montgomery County (Maryland) Library System. (Database Searcher, Sept 1989)

"Superprint" TDD Answers Phone

The Arvada Branch of the Jefferson County Public Library has installed an updated model TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf), with a new telephone number, for the convenience of the hearing-impaired. The "Superprint" answers the telephone automatically. A pre-typed message then invites the caller to make a request for materials or information, and prints it. When the machine rings, it alerts a librarian to read the printed copy of the caller's request and to search for the information. A response is then made to the patron.

The TDD can be contacted 24 hours a day to leave requests. However, the requests can only be answered during library business hours. (News release)

Mystery Musers

The Boulder Public Library "Mystery Musers" group has met twice a month for the past year to discuss mystery novels. Its one-year anniversary celebration on April 23 featured a change of pace. The Chief of the Detective Bureau, Boulder Police Department, gave a talk on murder weapons, detective methods, and preservation of the scene of a crime. He also shared several real Boulder mysteries. (Library Hotline 5/7/90)

Kansas



ESU Library sponsors NEH project

A lecture series entitled "The Flint Hills and American Symbols," sponsored in part by William Allen White Library, Emporia State University through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, began at Manhattan on Wednesday, November 8 and continues through the spring.

The series will look at Flint Hills History and culture within the broad framework of American history, examine the images and symbols of the Flint Hills cattle culture, examine the relationship between the image and reality of the cowboy and cattle culture, and provide a forum for discussion of Flint Hills history and culture. (Kansas Libraries, Dec. 1989)

Governor's Conference Satellite Link

As planning continues for their November 8-10, 1990 Kansas Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services, the steering committee is investigating the possibility of using satellite teleconferencing communications to link the regional meetings for part of the day's agenda. (Kansas Libraries, February 1990)

Free Aerospace Materials

The Kansas College of Technology, Salina, in May was designated by the Federal Aviation Administration as a resource center for material available from the aviation administration, NASA, the Civil Air Patrol, the military, aviation associations and industry. The information comes in books, pamphlets, puzzles, maps, videotapes, computer discs and lesson plans.

The resource center at the College of Technology will serve a four-state area and is one of nine areas to have the aviation education resource center in the United States.

"We send out materials to anyone who asks," Betty Cramton, coordinator of the resource center, remarked. The materials sent out do not need to be returned.

Write, call or stop in. Aviation Education Resource Center, Kansas College of Technology, 2408 Scanlan Avenue, Salina, KS 67401. 913/825-2375. (System Scene, May 1990)

KACE For MLS Holders

Due in part to the huge success of K.P.L.A.C.E., the School of Library and Information Management and the State Library again cooperate to bring an exciting continuing education opportunity to Kansas librarians who have Master's degrees in Library Science.

Based on the Dean's Seminars, but in a new format, the Kansas Advanced Continuing Education (K.A.C.E.) program will provide an opportunity to discuss with peers the exciting times of libraries and information management now and in the future. It will provide an opportunity for professional to re-energize and re-commit to librarianship as THE profession to be in as we near the end of the 20th century.

Sessions will last from July 19 to July 21. Registration will be \$65, which includes one night double room rate. Enrollment will be limited. An attempt will be made to make the class representative of all types of libraries and some attempt to equalize according to geographic location. (Kansas Libraries, April 1990)

LIST Emphasizes Public Awareness

Topekans can learn about libraries in the Capitol City quickly and easily, thanks to a brochure developed by Librarians in Service to Topeka (LIST). The brochure lists each Topeka library's address, phone number, hours, and collection access policies. The Chamber of Commerce paid for publishing the brochure. (Kansas Libraries, April 1990)

New KU Library Houses Sciences

An open house was held on May 11 for the new Marian and Fred Anschutz Science Library at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. The new \$13.9 million dollar, four-story library finally allows placement of all KU science collections under one roof. Previously science collections were spread across campus in four buildings.

The new 70,000 square foot

Anschutz Science Library centralizes collections for history of science, general science, mathematics, computer science, astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, pharmacy, biological and biomedical sciences. Seating will double to 750 places. The library has 34 online public catalogs, plus a computer network that will eventually allow patrons access to up to 22 databases such as the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE.

Other technological innovations for the new science library include compact stacks, eye-saving indirect lighting, special environmental controls to preserve materials and motion-sensitive devices to turn bathroom lights on and off. (KLA Newsletter, May 1990)

Montana



Center for the Book

Montana became the 20th state affiliate of the Library of Congress' Center for the Book on April 23, with approval of their proposal by the national Center's board of directors. Under the proposal, written by Debbie Schlesinger, chair of the organization committee, and Richard Miller, state librarian, Montana's Center would be housed at the State Library and have satellite centers at the Lewis & Clark Public Library in Helena, the Great Falls Public Library, Parnly Billings Library, and Flathead County Library in Kalispell. (Montana State Library News, January 1990)

Grocery Receipts Paying Off

Glendive, Montana's high school library is the first library reported to the *MPLA Newsletter* as having received enough grocery store receipts to qualify for ordering an Apple GS computer under the special Apple program. Great news! (Media Musings, February 1990)

Bozeman Spends Week Sans TV

A "Turn Off TV Week" was held in early September at the Bozeman Public Library organized by Children's Librarian Cindy Christin. Informal contracts not to watch television during the week were signed by 100 Bozeman

adults and children, and the library sponsored events to help them keep to the bargain.

One night, families gathered at the library to play games and be serenaded by music; another night, four Montana writers read their works to adults. At the same time, local celebrities read stories to children.

Survival kits with suggested things to do instead of watching TV and ways to limit TV viewing in the future were distributed to the participants. Those surviving the week received an award and celebrated at a party. (Montana State Library News, January 1990)

Governor Honors Entire State Library Staff

Gov. Stan Stephens presented an Excellence in Performance Award to the entire staff of the Montana State Library during a ceremony Feb. 20 in the Capitol rotunda. As part of the first annual Employee Recognition Day, the award was designed to honor state employees' commitment to quality public service. The award plaque will be displayed in the State Library reception area. (Montana State Library News, March 1990)

Health Sciences Bulletin Board

Five Montana health science information specialists are providing specialized medical library services through HEALTHCON, an electronic bulletin board developed by the Montana Area Health Education Center in Bozeman. HEALTHCON may be accessed using a toll-free number, and there is a fee to reimburse the library for time, copying, telephone, postage and computer search costs. (Montana State Library News, March 1990)

Buddy Program

The MLA Membership Committee wanted to ensure that new members and/or first-time conference attendees make the most of their annual meeting participation, so they introduced a Buddy Program, matching first-time attendees with experienced MLA members, preferably from their respective divisions. (Library Focus, January 1990)



that any items in the collection that circulate must be free. The law is an at-

tempt to clarify and unify practices across the state. (Library Hotline 5/28)

Second Nebraska Colloquium

A successful 1989 Nebraska Library Commission Colloquium has prompted organization of a second one, in 1990. Titled "Changing Roles and Realities: Re-Membering Our Profession," the colloquium will feature Dr. Herbert White, September 13, Marilyn Gell Mason, October 11, and Dr. Marty Hale, November 15. (NLC Communicator, February 16, 1990)

Bicentennial of Congress Exhibit

The Omaha Public Library will be one of thirty sites across the country for a traveling exhibition commemorating the bicentennial of Congress. The exhibit is sponsored and produced by the Library of Congress with financial support from Commodore Business Machines and coordinated by the American Library Association. The exhibit will be at Omaha Public Library from May 30 through June 26, 1990.

GENISYS

GENISYS is the new integrated library system of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The system will include an online public access catalog, a circulation system, serials control, an acquisition module, and a fund control system. Virtually all functions of the University Library will be automated and the new system will provide information on the library's statistical and managerial reports. Implementation of the new system is progressing in phases. (The Library User, Spring 1990)

What Constitutes Basic Service?

According to LB 1236, passed recently by the Nebraska legislature, free access to basic public library service for local residents is a state requirement. Basic services include, but are not limited to, free loan of print and nonprint materials, and general reference and information service. Fees may be charged for "nonbasic" services including use of library equipment. Although not singled out specifically, there is impact on the circulation of videos in this legislation. The law states

Newly Minted

- ALA Yearbook of Library and Information Services 1989, edited by Roger Parent. ALA, \$85
- Access to Library Resources Through Technology and Preservation: Proceedings of the 1988 U.S.-U.S.S.R. Seminar, edited by Robert P. Doyle. ALA, \$25
- Accessible Library Services: Taking Action to Enhance Public Library Services for Persons with Disabilities, by staff of Skokie (IL) Public Library staff. Order from PLA. \$10 for PLA members, \$13 for ALA members, \$15 for all others.
- CD-ROM Technology for Information Managers, by Ahmed Elshami. ALA, \$35
- Children As Readers, by John Spink. ALA, \$32
- Current Research for the Information Profession 1988/1989, by The Library Association. ALA, \$100
- Developing Leadership Skills, A Source Book for Librarians, by Rosie Albritton and Thomas Shaughnessy. Libraries Unlimited, \$32.50
- First Steps to Literacy: Library Programs for Parents, Teachers, and Caregivers, edited by Nell Colburn and Maralita Freeny. ALA, \$19.95
- Guidelines for Cataloging Microform Sets. Free by sending SSAE to ALCTS/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611
- Guidelines for Packaging and Shipping Microforms. Free by sending SSAE to ALCTS/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611
- Helping Your Child to Learn Geography. Send your name, address and \$.50 to Geography, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.
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- Movie Characters of Leading Performers of the Sound Era, by Robert and Gwendolyn Nowlan. ALA, \$47.50
- Music Coding and Tagging: MARC Content Designation for Scores and Sound Recordings, by Jay Weitz. Solder Creek Press, \$35
- On Account of Sex: An Annotated Bibliography on the Status of Women in Librarianship, 1982-1986, by Katharine Phenix, Lori Goetsch, Sarah Watsein, and Mary Ellen Landry. ALA, \$22.50
- Online Information Services for Secondary School Students, 2nd edition, by Elizabeth Smith Aversa, Jacqueline Mancall, and Diane Oesau. ALA, \$9.95
- Our Books Our Wings: Books Nebraskans Read and Treasure. \$9.95 from Nebraska Library Commission, 1420 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
- Planning Library Service, by Bob McKee. ALA, \$25.
- Process and Politics in Library Research: A Model for Course Design, by Deborah Fink. ALA, \$26.50
- Public Library as Public Knowledge, by Bob Usherwood. ALA, \$22
- Reference Works in British and American Literature, Volume I: English and American Literature, by James Bracken. Libraries Unlimited, \$38
- Serials Reference Work, by Joseph A. Puccio. Libraries Unlimited, \$34.50
- Standards for Cooperative Multitype Library Organizations, by ASCLA. \$10, \$8 for ASCLA members.
- Team Librarianship: The Advent of Public Library Team Structures, by Richard Barlow. ALA, \$30
- Weeding Library Collections: Library Weeding Methods, 3rd edition, by Stanley Slote. Libraries Unlimited, \$27.50
- Wyoming State Publications, 3rd edition, by WLA Academic and Special Library Section. \$6 (includes postage) from Wyoming Library Association, P.O. Box 1387, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

Nevada



Basque Occasional Papers

The Basque Studies Program of the University of Nevada, Reno library publishes an Occasional Papers Series, now comprising four volumes covering a variety of subjects relating to the Basque people.

The latest volume, *Essays in Basque Social Anthropology and History*, contains fourteen essays on anthropology, folklore, history, and the Basque diaspora. Among the selections are Rachel Bard's article on descriptions of the Basques found in *The Pilgrim's Guide to Santiago de Compostela*; Kay Hummel's account of contraband and spying activities by the Basque, *El Cojo Gomez*, in *Columbia*; and two articles on Basque hotels in the American West. William A. Douglass, coordinator of the Basque Studies Program, edited the work. (hardcover, 327 pages, 1989, ISBN: 1-877802-02-6, list \$27.50)

Another of the publications is *Arriaga, the Forgotten Genius: The Short Life of a Basque Composer*, by Barbara Rosen. A very readable, almost lyrical account of the tragic life of a great Basque composer, this book includes photographs, musical criticism, and a discography. (hardcover, 78 pages, 1989, ISBN: 1-877802-01-8, list \$12.00)

The first two numbers of the series are out of print but may be available again in the future. The Basque Studies Program expects to expand the series by about one title per year. The above titles may be requested directly from the Program at a 20 percent discount to libraries, or may be obtained through standard vendors. Please the Basque Studies Program at (702)784-4854 if you would like further information, or write: University of Nevada Library, Reno, NV 89557-0012.

Trucks, Trains and Automobiles

by Camille Clark

The UNLV Transportation Research Center was established in mid-1988 within the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering with the goal of developing a Nevada-based center for research and

policy analysis to address transportation issues at the local, tribal, state, regional and national levels. Funding was provided by the State of Nevada Agency of Nuclear Projects for the hiring of Center staff and the development of support facilities and services. Camille Clark, formerly the Library's Engineering Reference Librarian, was hired early this summer by the TRC as a Technical Librarian.

Books, government publications, magazines and technical reports which have been acquired to support the Center's research are integrated into the UNLV Library's regular collection. Other unpublished research, newspaper clippings, etc. will be kept in file cabinets arranged by subject. Ms. Clark will also be coordinating the publication and distribution of technical reports produced by the TRC. (James R. Dickinson Library Newsletter, December 1989)

North Dakota



Patron Confidentiality in North Dakota and the Nation

Confidentiality of patron records is an issue that has been addressed by the state library organizations, the American Library Association and state governments throughout the nation. North Dakota's patron confidentiality law is state as follows:

40-38-12. LIBRARY RECORDS-OPEN RECORDS EXCEPTION. Any record maintained or received by a library receiving public funds, which provides a library patron's name or information sufficient to identify a patron together with the subject about which the patron requested information, is considered private and is excepted from the public records disclosure requirement of section 44-04-18. These records may be released when required pursuant to a court order or subpoena

The North Dakota Library Association is preparing patron confidentiality posters which may be used near library entrances and is considering preparing a letter which would be sent to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Look for the poster and letter in your next GOOD STUFF issue.

Two points of interest: 1) On May 22, 1989 New Hampshire became the 42nd state to make library-user records confidential by statute. 2) The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee developed specific guidelines for library administrators how to cope with requests from law enforcement agencies for confidential information about library patrons. Contact the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 for this information. (The Good Stuff, Nov. 1989)

Three-state Cooperative Reading Program

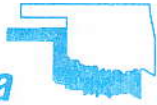
The NDLA Children's Roundtable voted to join with Minnesota and South Dakota to form the Minnesota-North Dakota-South Dakota Cooperative Library Program for the 1990 Summer Reading Program. North Dakota is divided into four regions with two representatives from each region coordinating the reading program. The three states will work together in producing and purchasing reading program support materials. (State representative's report)

Tax Referral Impacts State

The defeat of the tax referral measures on December 5, 1989 will have a serious impact on the North Dakota State Library. The Library has reduced its budget by \$199,829, or 8.4% of its general fund (state) dollars. Budget reductions totaling \$84,683 were made in the State Aid to Public Libraries grant and to the State Library totaling \$115,146. During the remaining eighteen months of the 1989-91 biennium, the State Library will not fill one currently vacant position. Additional cuts were made in the operating expenses of the Library including books and materials, printing, travel, continuing education, postage and maintenance services.

State Aid to Public Libraries grants, normally sent the last week of December, were delayed several weeks by the tax referrals. The delay caused many public libraries to decrease service hours, postpone book and materials purchases and seek to borrow operating funds from local sources. (The Good Stuff, February 1990)

Oklahoma



Hall of Fame Honors Library Supporters in Oklahoma City

The Ralph Ellison Library in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, holds an annual Hall of Fame Awards Contest each fall. The contest was introduced in 1987 by Denyvetta Davis, Ralph Ellison's head librarian. The awards honor special patrons and supportive organizations, with a resulting increase in circulation as well. Library patrons nominate individuals and organizations for the award. Each nominee must be library cardholders who support the library and also demonstrate a commitment to community service. In addition to supporting the library through donations, cosponsorship of programs, the giving of magazine subscriptions or some other means, organizations must also be active in other community projects. Votes are cast when patrons check out library materials, with each item counting as one vote. This results in an increase in circulation of about 4,000 during the month when most votes are cast, placing the total at 10,000 to 12,000. Normal circulation is 6,000 to 8,000 per month. Two Hall of Fame members are inducted each year. Recipients of the award are honored at a special ceremony and reception and they also receive recognition from several city and state officials. An individual photograph of each winner is included in a permanent library display. The contest has been very successful for the Ralph Ellison Library in honoring its patrons and increasing its circulation. The library is an agency of the Metropolitan Library System serving Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. (Field Notes, Nov/Dec. 1989)

Librarians Support First Amendment on OSU Campus

Oklahoma State University librarians and staff joined with other OSU faculty, staff, and students to form the Committee for the First Amendment (CFA) during a campus wide controversy over the showing of a film recently.

Activities and opinions around campus during October focused on the

Student Union Activities Board (SUAB) decision to show "The Last Temptation of Christ" on campus. The OSU Regents put the showing on hold during their Sept. 22 meeting and sent ten questions to the OSU administration for answers before making a final decision about the film.

The Committee for the First Amendment, which championed the right of students, staff, and faculty to view the film of campus, challenged the Regents' action. As a result of CFA activities, Anne Levinson, asst. director of the American Library Association Office of Intellectual Freedom, was the keynote speaker at a campus wide "Teach-in for Academic Freedom and the First Amendment" on Oct. 19.

During a special Oct. 13 meeting the Regents were informed by legal counsel that they could not prevent the film's showing on campus. They then turned the decision back to OSU President John Campbell, who said he would allow the showing as long as a disclaimer stated that "the showing of this film does not reflect an endorsement of its contents by the OSU Board of Regents or Oklahoma State University." "The Last Temptation of Christ" was shown in the OSU Student Theater, Oct. 19, 20, and 21.

Other activities in the OSU Library during the month-long controversy included: a "Banned Books" display by Kayla Barrett (Asst. Librarian for University Archives), A First Amendment display by David Peters (Library Technical Assistance in Special Collections), and a "Libraries: Free access to All Expressions of Ideas" display at the teach-in. In addition, buttons proclaiming "I Read Banned Books" and "Read, Read, Read, It's Your Right" were worn by many. (Oklahoma Librarian, Nov//Dec. 1989)

South Dakota



Focus on South Dakota Leaders

Thirty South Dakota communities are participating in this spring's "Significant Books and the Plains Experience" Reading Series, co-sponsored by SDLA and the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities.

The series this time is using just one

book, the newly-published "South Dakota Leaders". There will be two discussions of the book in each community, each led by a humanities scholar.

"South Dakota Leaders," published by the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities, contains 28 essays about key figures in South Dakota history.

SDLA and SDCH have just completed a highly successful two-year Centennial Reading Series. During 1987-1989, persons in 30 communities across the state discussed a total of 12 books, dealing with national, regional, and state themes appropriate to the Centennial.

The Association and Committees recently submitted a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities for a 2 1/2-year program to begin in July 1990, with the theme, "Between Cultures...A Delicate Balance." This proposed series would cover the experience of Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, African Americans and European Americans. (Bookmarks, Jan/Feb. 1990)

Sioux Falls to Share Security Person

The Sioux Falls Public Library is now sharing a permanent police officer with the City's Parks Department. The officer, assigned to the Parks Department as a bike path and parks ranger, will be assigned to the library during the winter months, with a primary responsibility for in-library, parking lot, and adjacent area security. The assignment was necessitated by the frequency of problems at the library's downtown location with drunks, panhandling, and citizen and city employee safety in nearby parking lots. (Bookmarks, March/April 1990)

Utah



Broadcast History Exhibit at Marriott

The history of broadcasting in Utah is the theme of a winter exhibition at the University of Utah Marriott Library.

The three-month-long show highlights the contributions to early broadcasting by such Utahns as Ben

Larson, Sid Fox, Arch Madsen, Philo Farnsworth and others. The materials are a part of the Utah Broadcasting Archives, a major collection being developed by the library's Special Collections Department. (Provo Daily Herald, Jan. 14, 1990)

Snowbird Leadership Institute

Thirty-two of the best and brightest young librarians in the country will converge on Snowbird, Utah this August 2-7. The event that brings them together is the First Annual Snowbird Leadership Institute - five days of intensive leadership training by some of the finest and most outstanding library leaders from across the nation.

Major funding for the Institute is being generously donated by Dynix Incorporated of Provo.

Eight mentors will guide and direct participants through the five days of training. Through a variety of informal and structured activities, institute participants will identify their personal leadership style, explore alternative styles for effective leadership, experiment with leadership skills and techniques, and interact with a select group of outstanding leaders in the library world.

The impressive lineup of mentors includes Kathleen Balcom, Kathleen M. Heim, Nancy Kranich, Brooke E. Sheldon, Gary Strong, William Summers, Paul K. Sybrowsky, and Darlene E. Weingand. The training component of the Institute is being coordinated by Becky Schreiber of Schreiber Shannon Associates.

Over six months ago, letters were sent to Deans and Directors of ALA accredited library schools and state library agencies through the United States. Recipients of the letter were invited to nominate one or more librarians to participate in this new leadership opportunity. Criteria for the nominees were stringent. Each individual is an "outstanding" recent graduate in librarianship from an ALA accredited program who began full-time employment between 1985 and 1988. In addition, each nominee's record must indicate "superior academic performance while in school, successful employment experience and leadership potential." The Leadership

Development Institute Board reviewed application packages and made final selection of participants. (news release)

Wyoming

State Library Has New Mission Statement

In April the Wyoming State Library, Archives, Museums and Historical Board approved the following two fold mission:

"To serve as the information service agency for state government. As the information service agency for state government, the state library will work with all information providers within state government to assure efficient information processes and appropriate materials. The state library will work cooperatively with all state information producers and providers to develop a state information policy.

"To serve as the library development agency, providing consulting, planning and coordination for librarians throughout the state. As the library development agency, the state library will work with all types of libraries in planning, implementing and maintaining a library and information network. Some library development programs, such as continuing education, will be available to all types of libraries. Individual library consulting services will be provided first for county public libraries and then for other types of libraries as resources permit." (The Outrider, April 1990)

MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Ara Anderson, Carbon County School District #2, Medicine Bow, WY
Judy Andrikopoulos, Encampment (WY) School
Larilyn Ashlock, Englewood (CO) P.L.
Karen Bahill, Student, University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Kathie Brinkerhoff, Student, School of Library & Information Sciences, BYU, Provo, UT
Eunice Broadhead, Nephi, UT
Ginger Brown, Weber County Library, Ogden, UT
Rebecca Burke, Hayden Library, Arizona

State University, Tempe
Elizabeth Capen, Rock Springs (WY) High School
Kimberley Clanton, Student, University of Arizona Library School, Tucson
John Cochenour, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma City
Sarah Cummings, Sweetwater County Library, Green River, WY
Bonnie Derksen, Genealogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City
Theresa Dixon, Minot (ND) Public Lib.
Carolyn Duncan, Hanna (WY) Elementary School
Eastern Montana College
Ann Eagan, Student, University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Gennie Elliott, Tekameh (NE) Carnegie Public Library
Jill Ellis, Western Nebraska Community College Library, Scottsbluff
Lois M. Flury, Youngton (AZ) Public Library
Donald Frank, Science-Engineering Library, University of Arizona, Tucson
Rhonda Gilg, Student/Volunteer, Gering, NE
Julian Grajewski, Student, University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Adele Greenleaf, Weber County Library, Ogden, UT
Clarence Grimm, Sweetwater County School District #1, Rock Springs, WY
Jennifer Grover, E.M.O. Library, Idaho State University, Pocatello
Gary Gustafson, Cline Library, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff
Roberta Hamburger, Library, Phillips Graduate Seminary, Enid, OK
Maryanne Harlow, Stdt., University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Candace Havelly, Goodstein Foundation Library, Casper (WY) College
Marilyn Hedberg, McLean-Mercer Regional Library, Riverdale, ND
Anne Hedrich, Ogden, UT
Julianne Hinz, Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
Leonard Hitchcock, Idaho State University Library, Pocatello
Mary Homan, Patrick Henry Junior High School Library, Sioux Falls, SD
Barbara Janssen, Pierce (NE) Public Schools
Todd Ray Jensen, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
Patricia Johnson, Student, University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Libby Jones, Glendale (AZ) Public Lib.

Michaela Rae Kaumo, White Mountain Library, Rock Springs, WY
Richard Kearns, McFarlin Library, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, UK
Anne Marie Lane, Student, University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Lynda Larremore, Student, School of Library & Information Sciences, BYU, Provo, UT
Carol Larson, Minot (ND) Public Lib.
Clark Lee, Las Vegas Community College, Las Vegas NV (winner of MPLA free membership drawing)
Terry Manuel, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne
Caryl Marie Major, Moon Valley High School Media Center, Phoenix, AZ
James Mason, Farrell Library, Kansas State University, Manhattan
Carol Ann Mathias, Student, University of OK Graduate Lib. School, Norman
William Matchinski, Wyoming State Hospital, Evanston
Dennis Meldrum, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
Anthanett Mendoza, Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne
Jeanne Narum, Minot (ND) Public Lib. New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe
Beverly Norton, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
Holly Ohm, Reno Business College, Reno, NV
Angella Padilla, Laramie County Library, Cheyenne, WY
Charles Perdue, Kansas City (KS) Public Library
Michael Jay Peterson, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
Daphne Platts, Sublette County Library, Pinedale, WY
Gayle Porter, Student, School of Library & Inform. Science, BYU, Provo, UT
Steven Read, Hastings (NE) Public Lib.
Lisa Reynolds, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette, WY
Marlene Rhoe, Merced (CA) County Library
David Robrock, University of Nevada-Las Vegas Library
Janice Robrock, University of Nevada-Las Vegas Library
Carla Rosequist-Buhler, University of Nebraska Libraries, Lincoln
Jan Sanders, Norman (OK) Public Lib.
Cheryl Sebold, Idaho State University, Pocatello
Dorothy Shaughnessy, Librarian, Colorado Department of Social

Services, Denver
Carolyn Simmons, Student, University of AZ Graduate Library School, Tucson
Shannon Stipe, Student, University of Ariz. Graduate Library School, Tucson
Alice Stuart, Elko (NV) County Library
Kristin Thomson, Student, School of Library & Information Sciences, BYU, Provo, UT
Max Wallace, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
John Wilcox, Student, University of Ariz Graduate Library School, Tucson
Debbie Wilson, Student, University of Ariz Graduate Library School, Tucson
David R Zulke, Student, School of Library & Information Sciences, BYU, Provo, UT

About You

Mary Anna Brown, Director of the Learning Resource Center at Seward (KS) County Community College, has been awarded the Presidents Awards at the Kansas Association of School Librarians conference... **Ed Byers**, director of the Laramie County Library System, Cheyenne, WY, for 13 years has resigned to become director of the Reading (PA) Public Library... **Bonnie Campbell** is now working with "Emporia in the Rockies" as Assistant to the Dean for Colorado. She has been a library practitioner for over twenty years in public, academic and special libraries... **Carol Casey**, Coordinator of Library Resources, Oklahoma State Department of Education, has been elected vice-president of OLA... **Carol Elliott**, Head of Reference and Coordinator of Faculty Services, University of Arizona College of Law, is the recipient of the Arizona State Library Association/Horner Japanese Exchange Fellowship award, and will travel to Japan in the Fall to study libraries in Osaka. Carol also received a fellowship from the University of Arizona to attend the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration... **Clark Hallman**, Reference Department Head, South Dakota State University, has been promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure... **Melba Herrmann**, Director of the McCook (NE) Public Library, will retire this summer after a

new director has been hired... **Rhonda Hiebert**, South Central Kansas Library System interlibrary loan librarian, has been awarded the KLA/SIRS Freedom of Information Award for 1989/90... **Betty Jean Holmes**, member from 1956 to 1988, passed away on February 25, having had bone cancer... Jan Kranski, Deaconess Medical Center, Billings, MT, has been elected president of the Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium... **Jo Ann Kruglet**, former director of the Fort Morgan Public Library, is the new Associate Director for the Arapahoe Library District... **Connie Lamb**, history and religion reference specialist at Brigham Young University, received ULA's 1990 Distinguished Service Award... **Georgia Lomax**, director of Montana's Flathead County Library, received Flathead County's Outstanding Employee Award... **Susan Richards**, Acquisitions Librarian, South Dakota State University, has received word that an article she and another staff member wrote, "An Exploration of Vandalism/Food/Drink Issues in Academic Libraries," will appear in an upcoming issue of *Library Journal*. She will also have an article, "Carnegie Libraries for Montana and South Dakota: A Comparative Architectural Study," appearing in the July 1991 *Journal of the West*... **Don Riggs**, Dean of University Libraries at Arizona State University and the Vice-President/President-Elect of MPLA, was recently elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the OCLC Users Council... **Linda Scott**, formerly collection development librarian at Manhattan Public Library and assistant librarian for Koch Industries, Wichita, is now director of the Arkansas City Public Library... **Stephen Skidmore**, City Librarian, Ponca City (OK) Library, has been elected as OLA's MPLA representative... **Joyce Wrage**, Children's Librarian, Brookings (SD) Public Library, received a community service award from the South Dakota State University College of Home Economics... **Eveline Yang** is the new Head of the Interlibrary Loan Department at Auraria Library. She was also recently elected as the three-year-term Executive Director of the Chinese American Librarians' Association.

Continuing Education

Listings contained in this column are not cumulative. Each month's listing is unique, so please check previous newsletters for other scheduled events.

July 31–August 3

Training Skills Institute

Sponsor: Association of Research Libraries

Location: Atlanta, GA

Library administrators recognize that staff development plays a crucial role in the ongoing effectiveness of individuals within the organization. Because resources are scarce, administrators need to get the most from their training dollars. This 3-1/2 day institute is designed to provide a conceptual framework for the provision of training, as well as methods and techniques to carry out the work. With this knowledge and these skills, library staff can make better judgments about what kinds of training will have a significant impact on library operations.

Cost: \$425 for ARL libraries. \$475 for non-ARL libraries.

To register and for information contact: Office of Management Services, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. 202/232-8656.

August 11

Nursing Information Resources

Sponsor: Rural Health Office, University of Arizona

Location: Prescott, AZ

This Medical Library Association continuing education class, CE 342, provides an introduction to the field of nursing covering major trends, sources of information, and online searching for nursing information. The course instructor is Margaret Pelouquin, Head Librarian for the Health Sciences Library at Austin Community College in Austin, Texas. This is an approved MLA c.e. course.

For additional information contact Patricia A. Aufflick, Rural Health Office, 3131 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85716. 602/881-8494

September 26-29

Wilson Symposium on the Future of Public Libraries

Sponsor: H.W. Wilson Foundation, the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, and the Nebraska Library Commission

Location: Omaha, NE

This symposium is intended for librarians, trustees, governmental officials, and the interested public who are concerned about the future of small and rural public libraries in the U.S. It is also directed to the network, system, and consortium coordinators who have responsibility for supporting America's infrastructure of public libraries.

Two objectives will be pursued: determining the nature of the community library for the next decade of service, and developing an action agenda that will provide a framework and development timetable for rural and small public libraries

Registration fee is \$25, with a deadline of September 19.

Contact College of Continuing Education, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, 108 Carrier Administration Bldg., Clarion, PA 16214

October 6

Festival of Books

Sponsor: University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies

Location: Norman

Pam Conrad, Jane Yolen and Paul Zelinsky will be featured speakers at the University of Oklahoma's eleventh annual Festival of Books on Saturday, October 6, 1990.

The theme of this year's conference is Traditional and Non-traditional Perspectives. Advance registration is \$31.00. Contact Drs. Mildred Laughlin or Kathy Latrobe at the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma, 401 W. Brooks, Room 120, Norman, OK 73019. 405/325-3921.

October 19-21

"Passing It On" Fifth Annual Arizona Storytelling Conference

Sponsor: West Valley Tellers of Tales

Join storytellers and listeners for a weekend at Camp Mingus on October 19-21 when three nationally known storytellers will share stories and experiences in the informal atmosphere of Mingus Mountain near Prescott. The camp setting provides just the right feeling and the fall weather promises to lend color to the mood, but stories and more stories will definitely be the highlight of the weekend.

Guest storytellers will be Geri Keams, Michael Cotter, and Finley Stewart. The weekend will round out with featured tellers from the four regional chapters of Arizona's Tellers of Tales. The entire weekend, food & lodging, cost \$85 (TOT members \$75.00 per person now. After September 1st cost will be \$95 (\$85.00 TOT)

For more information call 602/435-4947 and ask for Judy, Linda or Cecelia.

Joblist

Deadline: Not indicated

Systems Librarian

\$30,000

McGoogan Library of Medicine

An experienced individual is needed to fill a new position responsible for coordinating computer systems including the current LEON integrated library system and the library's Novell local area network, coordinate staff computer training, act as liaison to medical center computing services, trouble shoot hardware and software problems, and participate in the planning and implementation of future automation activities. Faculty appointment with appropriate rank, privileges and fringe benefits.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS or other relevant discipline, three years experience with library automation preferably in a medical setting, demonstrated understanding of current and developing information technology.

Send resume and three references to Phyllis Bellows, Administrative Assistant, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 600 South 42nd Street, Omaha, NE 68198-6705.

Deadline: July 15

Library Director

\$18,000-24,000

McCook Public Library

Administers public library with a collection of 40,000, serving population of 8500, and an annual circulation of 110,000. Responsible for all phases of operation. Library is one of twelve Nebraska resource libraries. Director is City Department Head with a Library Advisory Board. Excellent fringe benefits, including paid family insurance and a 401K pension plan.

Qualifications: Prefer MLS and three years experience.

Send letter of application and resume to John Carter, City Manager, City of McCook, Box 1059, McCook, NE 69001.

AA/EOE

Deadline: July 15

Public Services Librarian

\$18,500

Boulder City Library

Upscale community of 13,000+ needs an energetic and enthusiastic librarian to handle reference, ILL and materials selection, with some evening and weekend hours. The successful candidate will enjoy year-round unlimited recreation 20 miles from Las Vegas and 5 miles from scenic Lake Mead. Position available 9/15/90.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and preference for person with knowledge of computer applications and CD tools.

Send letter of application, resume and names of 3 professional references to Duncan R. McCoy, Director, Boulder City Library, 813 Arizona Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. 702/293-1281.

Deadline: August 3

Librarian I

\$24,252

Omaha Public Library

Entry level professional library work in

various phases of library operations with the municipal library system. This system includes the main library and ten branch libraries. Work may include reference work, database searching, materials selection, programming planning, children's programming and supervision of paraprofessional and clerical employees.

Qualifications: Graduation from recognized college or university, supplemented by one year of graduate level study leading to a MLS or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

Contact: Mary Ann Olson, City of Omaha, Personnel Department, 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 506, Omaha, NE 68183. 402-444-5310.

Deadline: August 15

Director

\$2,066-2,833/month

Grand Island Public Library

Administration and supervision of all library activities for a library of 90,000 volumes, serving a community of 45,000. 1989/90 budget \$389,279, 13.5 FTE's, 240,000 circulation.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and five years professional experience with 2 of those years in a management or supervisory capacity, excellent management skills and familiarity with automated library systems desired.

Send application, resume, and names of three references to Mayor Chuck Baasch, City Hall, Box 1968, Grand Island, NE 68802.

AA/EOE

Deadline: October 1

Library Director

Mid-\$20's

Watertown Regional Library

Invest in your future with one of South Dakota's fastest growing towns. Population of 20,000, located on two beautiful lakes. Staff of 8, collection of 67,000, with circulation of 150,000 and budget of \$300,000. Seeking dedicated professional with proven abilities in management, budgeting, collection development and supervision. Successful candidates needs to be an energetic,

dynamic leader; able to communicate effectively with staff, the public and government officials.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, with a minimum of 5 years progressive professional responsibility in a public library.

Send resume and letter of application to Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Watertown Regional Library, P.O. Box 250, Watertown, SD 57201-0250.

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**SPECIAL JOBLINE
INFORMATION**

The MPLA Jobline lists jobs available within our eleven-state area at no charge to institutions within this region. Jobs from institutions outside the MPLA region can be listed for \$10/week.

The Jobline updates its listing each Friday morning.

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 24 hours/day) or 800/356-7820 from any of the eleven MPLA states, during the following hours:

Sunday—Thursday 11 pm—8 am each day; Friday—5 pm to Sunday—5 pm your local time.

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.



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