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MPLA News

MPLA Region Candidates to ALA Council

Below is a list of five persons form the MPLA region who have been reported by the ALA Nominating Committee as being on the ALA presidential and council slate for 1991:

Lee Brawner Marilyn Hinshaw Kenton Oliver Merrilyn Ridgeway Elizabeth Snoke

Should you know of additional people to place on this slate or wish to volunteer yourself, please contact J. Dennis Day.

Attention: Mid-winter ALA Meeting Attenders!

All chapter councilors from the MPLA region are asked to invite anyone from the MPLA region who will be in Chicago for Mid-winter to attend a caucus to be held Sunday evening, January 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the ALA Council suite, at the Hilton. We will discuss issues confronting our area and any positions that should be taken to Council.

A second caucus is scheduled at the same location on Tuesday evening, January 15, also from 5:30 to 6:30.

Please come with ideas for candidates for the Executive Board and any other concerns. Caucuses are informal meetings, organized to keep everyone involved and alert to what is really going in ALA Council. Remember, we are a special interest group, with a large and growing voice! We also plan to organize for dinner immediately after...everyone welcome!

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From our leader...

As your president, I have had the privilege of representing our association throughout the four corners of the MPLA area—east to Oklahoma, west to Nevada, south to Arizona, and north to the Dakotas. I would like to share a few thoughts about my experiences.

The Oklahoma Library Association Conference was held during the midst of a once-every-one-hundred-years downpour, a statewide teachers strike, and the Republic convention. Our OLA colleagues handle it all with style. President Marilyn Hinshaw and the other association leaders put on a first rate conference. Mixed in with the keynote address that I gave were opportunities to meet many of the OLA members. I had the opportunity to visit the Tulsa City-County Library which is under the capable leadership of Pat Woodrum. Among the many areas that the Tulsa Library System excels is the community information program headed by Jon

During a later visit to Oklahoma, I put on a workshop at the Pioneer Public Library in Norman. I was very impressed with the high quality of staff and the level of professional commitment. The Director, Mary Sherman, is steering the Norman Library System into the waters of excellence (with all the rain they have had, that is a reasonable analogy.) Among the many top-notch librarians that I met included three up-and-coming leaders—Joel Robinson, Jan Sanders, and Steve Skidmore.

Clearly, the Oklahoma Library Association is a strong and vital organization. More about the western, northern, and southern visits next time....

See you down the road!

J. Dennis Day, President

Accreditation Standards A Hot Item

Executive Secretary Joe Edelen reports that the Standards for School Media Personnel released last year by an ALA special committee has been requested by 180 people in 39 states and two countries.

Apology

Your newsletter editor apologizes for the error in date and volume numbering on the last issue. This was not an ASLT (Act of Serial Librarian Terrorism). It was simply a wonder of desktop publishing. The issues should have been Volume 35, Number 1, August 1990.

Program Ideas Solicited

The 1991 ASLA/MPLA/AEMA tri-conference in Phoenix promises to be spectacular. The opportunity to suggest and place programs ideas into the conference still exists. Should you wish to make a proposal, please contact (by December 15): Karen Whitney, Chair, Program Committee, 5320 W. Kings Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85306.

White House Conference Names Needed

MPLA states are asked to send the names of persons who will be attending the White House Conference on Libraries to Duane Johnson at the Kansas State Library.

Utah 1998 & Nebraska 2000

The Executive Board has accepted an invitation from the Utah Library Association to hold a joint MPLA/ULA conference in Salt Lake City in 1998. And Nebraska will be the site of a joint MPLA/NLA conference in the fall of the year 2000.

MPLA Pre-Conference Grant: The Young Adult Connection in North Dakota

Thirty librarians and teachers participated in "The Young Adult Connection" as part of the North Dakota Library Association's annual meeting in September. Sponsored in part by MPLA's pre-conference grant program, the workshop brought together four YA authors to talk about the craft of writing for teens. Alden Carter, Hadley Irwin (the team of Ann Irwin and Lee Hadley), and Chris Crutcher stressed the importance of making the events in their books seem real. By telling their readers the truth and by avoiding a preaching tone, they have developed a formula for success.

The fifteen school librarians, eleven public librarians, one special librarian and three teachers were joined by a number of young adults from the Minot community for the one-day event. "Those attending seemed to enjoy the day very much. The comments were positive and participants felt the workshop was beneficial to them."

Around the Region



ASU Libraries Selected for Patent Pilot

The Noble Science and Engineering Library at Arizona State University has been selected by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to participate as a test site in a pilot project for access to the Automated Patent System. ASU is one of only 14 libraries selected to participate in the test project.

The Automated Patent System (APS) provides access to electronic patent information for individual inventors, patent attorneys, industrial companies, research firms, public school systems and the general public.

According to the Patent and Trademark
Office, the Pilot Project is a major step in
efforts to make full text searching of technical
information contained in patents available to an
increased number of public users throughout
the country. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek)

Foro Binacional De Bibliotecas Transborder Library Forum

The Foro Binacional De Bibliotecas/ Transborder Library Forum is planned for February 1-2, 1991 at the Rio Rico Resort in Nogales, Arizona.

The primary goal of this forum is to create an atmosphere for networking and information-sharing among library professionals and staff from the United States and Mexico. Participants from the two countries are being surveyed to prepare for discussions with the most interest to participants. The event will also involve exhibits from companies on both sides of the border. If you would like more information, please contact: Laura Thomas Sullivan, Tucson Public Library, P.O. Box 27470, Tucson, AZ

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Womanning BPL's Info Desk

by Lois H. Cross

"Where can I find material on the colonization of the moon?" ... "Do you have a map of where rattlesnakes live?" ... "Where would there be information about King Tut?" ... "Will you help me with the computer to find a book about kayaking?"

These are some of the questions asked of me, a Library Volunteer, as I sit at the information desk near the front door of the Main Boulder Public Library. I noted and tabulated questions asked over a 30 hour period, or 10 three-hour sessions.

My tabulation showed that the number of inquiries in three hours fluctuated between 25 and 55. The question most asked... "Where can I find certain materials?" "How do I get a Library card?" came in second, followed by... "Where is the reference department, the media center, the children's library, or the periodicals section?"

There are 20 Information Desk volunteers working about 300 hours a month answering these and other questions, according to Catherine Sommers, Volunteer Services Coordinator. Volunteers have an orientation session and work with an experienced person before beginning work sessions. When a volunteer doesn't know the answer to a question, there are always Library staff members nearby who do.

Sometimes Library visitors use the Information Desk volunteers' ear to complain: "Why isn't there a phone inside to use when it is so hot (or cold) out there?" ... "Why doesn't the Library carry tax forms?" ... "Would you tell someone there is no tissue in the bath-room?"

Occasionally people want to visit: "I'm new in town and don't know anyone yet. How can I get acquainted?" ... "I can't get a job because I don't have an address, and I can't get an apartment because I don't have a job" ...

No matter what the question or the interaction, the volunteer finds him or herself in a position to be helpful, and perhaps it is this that makes volunteering worthwhile. Staffing the information desk is a sought after position among volunteers, and there is a waiting list of those wanting to handle the job.

One of the things I've noticed is that when you smile at people coming through the entrance door, they always smile back, and often they will approach with a question or a comment. They seem to like having someone

with whom to identify...and more remarkably, they often say "Thank you" to me, not necessarily for what I have personally done for them, but perhaps for being part of an institution about which they feel warmly because it has assisted them in some way.

That is where the pay-off comes for this volunteer—that I have participated in the enjoyable job of adding a little something to a person's day...and hence have added tremendously to mine. (The Public Bridge, Fall 1990)

Archival Procedure Manual

The Carnegie Branch Library for Local History of the Boulder Public Library is offering a 61-page manual which explains in practical terms the arrangement and description of historical photographs and papers, using MARC: AMC. Todd Ellison, project archivist, produced this guide during the course of two NHPRC-funded projects at the Boulder Carnegie.-The manual is indexed, and contains sample data entry forms. Appendices include two lists of common Library of Congress subject headings for describing manuscripts and photographs, and a thesaurus of Colorado photographers whose works are represented at the Carnegie. The manual is available for \$5.00 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling charge from: Boulder Public Library, Carnegie Branch, P.O. Drawer H, Boulder, CO 80306.

Education Project in Colorado Libraries

The League of Women Voters of Colorado Education Fund has received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in Region VIII to conduct a Solid Waste Education Project. The project will be carried out in over 20 communities and will include community forums, a speakers bureau and literature racks to be placed in libraries. Each component of the project focuses on increasing public awareness of the solid waste issue and offers information on recycling, reduction and reuse of materials which would otherwise be place in landfills.

A representative of the League of Women Voters should be contacting libraries in those communities where Leagues are located to discuss this project with their local libraries. (Nexus News, Sept. 1990)

Target Contributes to Youth Project

Young writers in Lincoln and Teller counties will be able to participate in a creative writing project and children in grades 1-12 at the Cripple Creek School will be visited by the

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"Positive Air" group, thanks to a grant from Target Stores.

Target Stores has given the Plains and Peaks System \$1,000 for its "Lookin' Good, Feelin' Good" project aimed at helping young people to build self esteem and to help libraries to better understand and serve the needs of youth. (Plain Speaking, September 1990)



Grants Help Members

"Fourteen members of the Kansas Library Association benefited from continuing education grants during the past year," according to Ann Bailey, Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado. Continuing Education Committee Member Bailey reported that a total of \$4500 in grants was awarded. (Kansas Library Association Newsletter, Sept. 1990)

Staff to be Exchanged (and held for Ransom)

Topeka public Library will be joining the three other major Kansas urban public libraries, Johnson County, Kansas City, and Wichita, in an exchange of staff during September and October. Over 25 librarians from the four libraries will take part in the preliminary exchange and it is hoped that other exchanges will follow. We will be welcoming to our library, for one and two day visits, children's and adult reference librarians and those interested in our Red Carpet Service.

Librarians from Topeka will visit business reference services, children's services, adult

and fine arts, reference services, branch services, and automated circulation services in the three cities.

It is hoped that other forms of cooperation involving staff from the four libraries will occur. Projected are programs on Collection Development, further participation in the State Library/Emporia State's SLIM seminars for librarians including KPLACE, KACE, and a program for librarians who work directly with the public. In addition, there will be more staff exchanges in the spring, probably involving Technical Services and Interlibrary Loan personnel as well as Automation Services (Tid-Bits Newsletter, Sept. 1990)



Book Trunks

A set of seven "traveling trunks" belonging to the State Library will soon be circulating among the Deer Lodge Valley institutions.

The trunks, filled with a variety of books for all interests, were funded through LSCA Title I and were coordinated by former Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped director Barbara Ridgway.

Each trunk will remain three to four months at an institution. (Montana State Library News, September 1990)

Montana Laws Being Published On CD-ROM

The Montana Legislative Council is publishing the Montana Code Annotated on compact disk (CD-ROM). It should be available in September.

Accessible to anyone with a CD-ROM reader attached to an MS-DOS personal computer, this prototype product is not meant to replace the printed text but to help in accessing statutes, cases and administrative rules.

The compact disk, a user manual and a software diskette are \$50. (Montana State Library News, Sept. 1990)



Preservation Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced recently that it has awarded the Nebraska Library Commission \$33,350 to develop a statewide preservation plan for Nebraska.

The grant from NEH will enable Nebraska to identify its preservation needs and priorities for paper documents and records. Solutions to problems will be proposed based on surveys of records repositories and on ideas raised at strategic planning meetings.

Among problems to be addressed by delegates is the brittle paper crisis facing repositories of Nebraska's written heritage. Based on surveys of libraries and county historical societies conducted in 1987 and 1988, preservation education and preservation microfilming are two recognized needs. The grant will assist the Council in seeking broader input and in publishing a plan of action.

Lisa Fox, SOLINET, Inc, has been hired as consultant for the project. (Nebraska Library Commission, Sept. 1990)

Hemmings Awards to Libraries

Hemmings Motor News, an old car hobby magazine with paid circulation close to 300,000, sponsored the 1990 Great American City Award during Interstate Batteries' eighth annual Great American Race. The race is a 13-day rally for cards built 1940 or earlier. This year, 120 cars, trucks, fire engines and assorted other vehicles vied for \$250,000 in prize money. Hemmings donated \$613.63 to public libraries in each of the 22 cities visited by the Great Race. Three grand prizes were awarded to libraries in cities racers judged the welcome to be warmest, based on crowd

turnout and enthusiasm, hospitality, food, and "other creature comforts." Farmington, NM, won \$5,000; Grand Island, NE came in second for a prize of \$3,000; and York, NE was awarded.\$2,000 for their public libraries. (Overtones, August 1990)

Get a "Head Start" on NEON

NEBASE and Library Development at the Nebraska Library Commission have announced a "head start" cost package for NEON—the Nebraska state database on OCLC.

"Head Start" funds have been allocated for thirty new NEON user libraries and media centers. Successful applicants will have access to a \$500 account, to be applied to start-up and activity charges on NEON. Priority will be given to those with substantial current or potential use of the resource sharing network, who are willing to lend as well as borrow, and who will have a PC, modem, and printer before training is scheduled. Funds may not be used to purchase equipment. Once the start-up funds are expended, libraries are expected to assume continuing costs for NEON access.

Institutional Library Guidelines

A committee consisting of institutional librarians and Nebraska Library Commission staff members has developed a document, "Nebraska Institutional Library Guidelines" to improve library service to the state's institutionalized residents. The document is divided into the following parts: Governance and Funding, Services, Staffing, Library Materials, Public Relations, and Physical Facilities. Beginning in 1991 LSCA Title I grants to the state's institutions will be tied to compliance with these guidelines.



North Dakota

United Nations Experience

Carina Zollinger, University of Nevada-Reno Libraries, recently spent three months in New York City as an intern at the United Nations headquarters. Here is a brief report on her experience:

"The first thing one has to come to terms with living in the Big Apple is that the everturning rotating machinery is actually "Made by Human" and not by some sort of large incomprehensible colossus. The second, as E.B. White wrote a few decades ago, that you should not come to this city unless you expect to be lucky.

"My participation in helping to prepare a conference on the future of children at the Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Section was

definitely worth a daily three-hour subway ride to work. What I learned from working with NGO representatives who included the former spokeswoman for Eleanor Roosevelt or from seeing the smile of one of the world's most famous men of this decade-Nelson Mandelain person, will remain with me for the rest of my life. Other experiences, such as the realization that women have to struggle just as much to be promoted to high-level positions or that a great many of the nearly 8,000 staff at the headquarters split their daily work load between chatting over capuccino at the delegates lounge and at their desk, gave me great insights into the world of diplomatic bureaucracy." —Carina Zollinger (MEMO. September 1990)

Subject Librarians Provide "Informed Response"

Theresa Men joined us this summer as the North Dakota State University Libraries' Engineering and Computational Sciences Librarian. Establishing this position fulfills the concept developed in the Libraries' 1988 reorganization plan of five subject librarians reporting to an Assistant Director for Collections Management and Reference Services. These positions give a new emphasis to collection development and management in the NDSU Libraries. As stated in the reorganization plan, "the focus of subject librarian positions is two-fold: 1) in-depth attention to development of designated areas of the collection, and 2) indepth attention to the information needs of faculty and students."

In the July-August issue of American Libraries, Irene Hoadley, Director of the

Sterling C. Evans Library at Texas A&M University, discusses "an evolutionary organizational structure for libraries." Dr. Hoadley writes that the research library of the future will focus "on identifying the sources of information to respond to inquiries, including the identification of items not owned by the library. Instructional services (will) be responsible not only for local orientation but also for the creation of tools and instructions in the use of the library and its resources. These general programs (will) be focused by discipline, by level of user, and by specific needs." With our reorganization and subject librarian concept fully implemented, the NDSU Libraries are rapidly moving in this direction by giving primary consideration to the varied but specific needs of users. (John Beecher in Bibliobits, Fall '90)

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Encyclomedia

School librarians in Oklahoma each year eagerly await the annual Encyclomedia event, which was held this year in Oklahoma. Sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Education's Library Resources/Technology section, Encyclomedia plays host each year to over 1,900 school librarians who can choose from a menu of over 100 programs and visit with 120 exhibitors. (MPLA representative report)

Membership Continues to Climb

Membership in the Oklahoma Library

Association continues to grow. Since first topping the 1,000 mark in 1985-86, OLA has continued that accomplishment each year since, and this year, we are running eighteen ahead of last year's pace. This should put us on track to break the record of 1,049 set in 1986-87. (MPLA representative report)

TU Shows Library Video

As the video begins a professor reminds students their research papers are due. The tape then follows one student as she learns to use the McFarlin Library and avoids a classmate who is haphazardly collecting books

and periodicals for the same assignment.

The actors are not professionals—they are students and librarians at the University of Tulsa (TU). The idea originators and writers are librarians at TU. The producers and directors are TU Communications faculty. The only professionals are the video technicians who charged a minimum rate for their services, according to Don Smith, Associate Director for General Services at TU's McFarlin Library. Funds for the \$2,000 in technical fees and equipment came from supplemental library funds, Smith said.

"The message of the video is that there is someone in the library who wants to help you," Francine Fisk, Coordinator of McFarlin Library's Information Services, told viewers. The video is an overview of the people and facilities of TU rather than how to use the library. The tone is light and humorous.

"We wanted to displace the solemn, standoffish image of librarians," Smith said. Librarians at TU had compiled a slide/tape tour, a walking cassette tour and a written tour. But they wanted something different—and they got it after a year of planning, writing, and rewriting storyboards and scripts and two days of filming.

The video is view by approximately 48 classes each semester. It is used as an alternative to freshman tours to help students remember how to get around the library, Smith said. The video titled *Library Orientation* is



MLS Program Cancelled

Low enrollment resulted in the cancellation of the planned summer intensive Master of Library Science Program on the campus of Black Hills State University offered by Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management. (State representative report)

Recycling at SFPL

The Sioux Falls Public Library now has a

custom-built display adjacent to its main library circulation desk where customers are encouraged to pick up discarded boxes, packing material, and other paper products. This mini-recycling center also features a magazine exchange which customers may use to recycle magazines they no longer need and a small continuous book sale of withdrawn and gift books. The National Weather Service contributes boxes full of long computer printouts on high quality paper. Customers and library staff reuse this paper by printing on the back of this paper.



Utah State CD-ROM Catalog

The first edition of the CD-ROM catalog of the Merrill Library is Auto-Graphics' IMPACT public access catalog system which supports patron access, interlibrary loan, and resource sharing as well as backup to the library's online system. The database numbers 440,000 records, with an annual growth rate of 40,000 titles. The catalog will be used to supplement the local system at the Merrill Library and as a resource sharing tool by extension sites throughout the state. Between annual remasterings of the CD, hard disk-based supplements will update the database. (Library Hotline 2/19/90)

PERC Grows

A year ago we reported on the creation of the Parent Education Resource Center (PERC) at the Provo City Library. Located on the bottom floor of the Library, it was begun as a cooperative effort with the Provo School District and

Provo City.

Use has grown by 417 percent since it opened, as parents and children discover they can check out anything from a basketball to alphabet videos. The center houses educational toys, videos, books and games for children and parents. While the center's materials ultimately affect children, parents are the ones specifically targeted. (Provo Daily Herald)

Family Reading, Year 'Round

Librarians at Salt Lake City Public Libraries, in an effort to encourage reading as a family affair, have developed monthly Family Reading Calendars. One side highlights upcoming programs. The flip side features tips for parents on selecting books and reading to children. It also has a space where youngsters record the books they've read during the month. Rewards are offered for reading three books in one month. In September, workshops at city libraries featured origami, so instructions for an continued on page 10

MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Michelle Bureau, University of Arizona Graduate Library School, Tucson Blanch Clegg, Southern Utah State College, Cedar City (Winner of free membership drawing) William Cochran, Parmly Billings Library, Billings, MT Corrie Dorman, Jenks East Elementary School, Jenks, OK Kathy Hansen, Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT Marilyn Hautala, University of Nebraska at Omaha Judith Michell Ireland, H.M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, Brookings Deborah Leggett, The Faxon Company, Bossier City, LA Susan Martin, Student, University of Arizona Graduate Library School, Tucson Mary Ann Meier, Northern Wyoming Community College District-Gillette Campus Robert Nedderman, Perkins Library, Hastings (NE) College Lucie Osborn, Laramie County Library System, Chevenne, WY John B. Pecorazo, University of Arizona Graduate Library School, Tucson Beth Perke, Nebraska College of Business, Omaha Joel Robinson, Chickasaw Library System, Ardmore, OK Rob Sieracki, Follett Library Book Company, Cyrstal Lake, IL Wendy Spiesman, Devils Lake (ND) Public Library (Winner of free membership drawing) Esteban Valdez, University of Arizona Graduate Library School, Tucson

About You

Elizabeth Agar has resigned from the Wyoming State Library to become librarian at Logan Fontenelle Middle School in Bellevue, NE... Susan Awe, Natrona County (Casper, WY) Public Library, has been appointed to the Reference Books Bulletin Editorial Board of *Booklist* magazine. Susan is also the new head of information services at NCPL...John Beecher, North Dakota State University Libraries director, attended the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists World Congress, held this past summer in Budapest, Hungary. IAALD is a 700-member body of information specialists representing more than 80 countries... Mary Coffin received her Master of Library Science degree from the University of Arizona, and is now head of reference services at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne... Gail Dow, director of technical services for the Denver Public Library, has been elected treasurer of the Colorado Library Association... Donna Gilliland, school library/media coordinator for the S.D. State Library, was named Friend of School Library/Media Centers for 1990 by the S.D. Library Association... Jo Ann Kruglet was reelected MPLA Representative by the Colorado Library Association... Alice Weister, director of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Sheridan, WY, was recently appointed to the board of the Wyoming Council for the Humanities...Bernard Margolis, director of the Pikes Peak (CO) Library District, has been named Colorado Librarian of the Year by the Colorado Library Association. Jacqueline Mundell has been promoted to Director of Library and Information Services by the Nebraska Library Commission. She remains the Director of NEBASE, Nebraska's OCLC link...Lucie Osborn, formerly director of the Frederick C. Adams Public Library in Kingston, Mass., is the new director of the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, replacing Ed Byers... Marjorie Pontius has retired from being director of the Deadwood (SD) Public Library... Mary Sand, formerly a public services librarian at the Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, is now manager of the Nursing Learning Resources Laboratory, University of North Dakota... Ted Schmidt, director of the Loveland (CO) Public Library was elected vice chair/chair-elect of the Public Library Division of the Colorado Library Association...Shirley Stenseth, Sioux Falls, was named Trustee of the Year by the S.D. Library Association... Eveline Yang, head of ILL, Auraria Library/University of Colorado-Denver, was recently invited by the National Central Library in Taiwan, Republic of China, to present a lecture on the topic of "collection development using liaison librarians in academic libraries" at the 1990 summer Institute for Practicing Librarians. She also represented Chinese American Librarians Association and participated in the board meeting of the Library Association of China... Judy Zelenski, assistant director of the Central Colorado Library System, was elected vice president/ president-elect of the Colorado Library Association.

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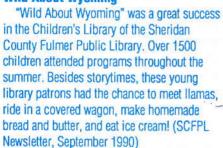
origami project were included on the calendar. Halloween is the October theme, and library programs will be a musical and mime show called "Humbug Witch," based on the book of the same name. The calendar craft is a paper bat that "flies." (Library Hotline, 10/22/90)

Let's Talk About It

This program, which started with the "Let's Talk About It" series in 1985 has been modified over the years. In 1985 the programs reached 750 people in 10 sites; in 1989 the programs

reached over 5000 people in 74 Utah sites. In 1990 the Humanities and Book Group programs are planning to incorporate so they may raise funds, and will also be working closely with seven states, including Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Nevada, to expand the programming and themes available, and will also pilot the sharing of materials between states. They are asking for continued library support, but libraries will not be the sole sponsors of these programs. (State representative report)

Wild About Wyoming



Earth Science Development Project

Natrona County Public Library's Earth Science Development Project was sanctioned by the Wyoming Centennial Commission as a Lasting Legacy project. The collection began 20 years ago, and includes more than 100,000 government publications and maps concerned with earth science and extraction industries.

While it initially concentrated on Wyoming, it now has information concerning all the Rocky Mountain states and is the largest of its kind in the northern Rockies. In 1988 Marathon Oil Co. donated well logs on microfilm for the eight Rocky Mountain states and in 1989 and 1990, the Wyoming Geological Association gave a collection of mini-well logs covering the Rocky Mountain states. Funding or donations are needed to continually update these materials, and the library continues to receive

donations of well logs at the rate of 20-30 boxes a month. (The Outrider, July-August 1990)

Daycare and Resource Referral Service

Natrona County Library recently transferred its Daycare and Resource Referral Service to Casper College. Two years ago the library created a database of local daycare providers licensed by the Department of Public Assistance and Social Services and included location, hours, cost, ages of children, numbers of children and other factors for those seeking daycare.

NCPL provided a telephone answering machine for people to call and then sent a list of the providers to those who were interested. Providers varied form 130 to 150 and the library answered nearly 700 calls.

At Casper College there will be more people to update the database.

In late 1989, those who had used the service were surveyed by mail and 50 percent responded. A 100 percent said they found the service useful. The program began with a federal grant through the University of Wyoming and was continued with partial funding from the NCPL Foundation. (The Outrider, September 1990)

Newly Minted

Freedom Is Not a Dirty Word

The National Coalition Against Censorship has released a leaflet titled "Freedom is not a Dirty Word." The leaflet is designed for broad distribution to those who ordinarily do not think about censorship as well as to those who are already familiar with the danger of suppressing expression.

The NCAC is offering the leaflets in multiples of 500 for \$45.00 prepaid, postage paid. For further information, write: National Coalition Against Censorship, 2 West 64th Street, New York, NY 10023.

Video Tapes Target Trustees

Three video training tapes produced in a joint project by the Wyoming and Colorado State Libraries and funded by ICLIS (Intermountain Community Learning and Information Services) feature trustee workshops with Alice Ihrig and Gene Morton. In the first tape, A Noble Calling, Alice Ihrig provides a dynamic and inspirational orientation for trustees on their roles and responsibilities. The second and third tapes cover strategic planning for library trustees, as instructed by Gene Morton. Part 1: The Vision, provides a

good introduction to the need for strategic planning and characteristics of good strategic thinking. Part 2: From Ideal to Plan examines the more specific processes: defining a mission, strategic analysis, and setting goals and objectives.

All tapes are approximately 20 minutes in length. Although A Noble Calling could be used as orientation for a new board member, all the tapes, and especially those on strategic planning, are intended to be a springboard for further discussion by individual library boards. They are not designed as complete instruction modules in themselves in these topics, but only as introductions for more complete discussion by each individual board of trustees. They are available at a cost of \$12.50 per tape from the Colorado State Library, Attn: Maureen Crocker, 201 E. Colfax, Denver, CO 80203.

Preservation Posters by Utah Designer

McRay Magleby, popular graphic arts designer, has produced a poster for public awareness of library materials preservation. Title: "The Seven Deadly Sins of Book Care or Crimes Between the Covers," this silk-screened poster is available while supplies last at \$10 each or \$50 for a set of seven. Order through Randy Silverman, Preservation Department, 6216 HBLL, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

ALA-Carnegie Project Video Package

For a limited time, the ALA-Carnegie Quality Video for Youth project is offering a collection of selected children's and young adult videos at a drastically reduced price. The collection consists of 26 videos chosen by the Notable Films for Children and Select Films for Young Adult committees of ALA. The combined list value of the collection is more than \$4,400, but until September 30, public libraries in the U.S. may purchase the package for \$1,000, including shipping and handling. Also included in the package is the new program from the ALA-Carnegie Project, "Choosing the Best in Children's Video," a guide for parents and caregivers on how to select quality children's programming. For more information call the ALA-Carnegie Quality Video for Youth Project at 312/280.

1991 Caldecott Calendar honors Year of the Lifetime Reader

ALA's 1991 Caldecott Calendar, now available from ALA Graphics, commemorates 1991 as The Year of the Lifetime Reader, noting special days and weeks pertaining to reading and the various life stages. And, because animals are often powerful images in children's books, this year's calendar features a recurring animal theme. The birthdays of important children's authors and illustrators also are noted, and each month features full-color illustrations from a different Caldecott Medal or Honor book with notes about the artist. A complete list of Medal and Honor books is included at the end. The calendar is published by the Association for Library Service to Children, and is available for \$8.95 for ALA Graphics. Send payments with orders of less than \$20. Quantity discounts available.

Continuing Education

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

January 8-11, 1991

Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference

Location: Palmer House, Chicago, IL.

Theme: Exploring Elements for Educational Excellence: Experience, Expectations, Enhancements, Evaluations.

Includes a pre-conference program, "Evaluating the Doctorate in Library and Information Science: Programs and Students."

Contact: Ilse Moon, ALISE Executive Secretary, 5623 Palm Aire Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243-3702

January 10-12, 1991

Library Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

Location: Chicago, IL

This workshop and tour of the Chicago Furniture Mart will provide start-to-finish information on preparing to furnish and equip a new or remodeled library building. Cost: \$195

Contact: HBW Associates, Inc. POB 191487, Dallas, TX 75219-1487, 214/559-4291.

March 23-24, 1991

The One-Person Library: Enhancing Personal Productivity With Your PC

Location: San Diego, CA

Sponsor: Library Information and Technology Association (LITA)

LITA will offer this immediately following the Public Library Association's National Conference in San Diego. It is intended for librarians and information specialists who are staffing libraries or sections of large libraries, either alone or with limited staff support. Drawing from case studies where one person is assisted by an "electronic technician," participants will learn about choices available in proven current and near-term technology for management assistance.

For information, contact the LITA office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. 800/545-2433, ext. 4270.

March 23-24, 1991

Institute on Dewey Decimal Classification

Location: San Diego, CA An institute on the new 12th Abridged Edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification is being offered by the Cataloging of Children's Materials Committee of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services in conjunction with OCLC Forest Press. The new Dewey Classification 20th Edition will also be discussed. It is intended for librarians and staff who catalog for smaller libraries, especially public and school libraries.

Registration fees will be \$70 for PLA or ALCTS personal members, \$85 for ALA personal members, and \$100 for ALA non-members.

For more information, contact Yvonne McLean or Alex Bloss at ALCTS, 800/545-2433.

April 9, 1991

Managing for Results

Location: Fort Worth, TX

Learn to deal with all types of people in order to effectively accomplish the organizational mission. Key managerial responsibilities will be covered, together with effective communications techniques. Workshop will cover inexpensive or no-cost tips to improve the quality of the organizations service, plus outline simple steps that supervisors can take to help subordinates gain improved performance. \$75

Contact: HBW Associates, Inc. POB 191487, Dallas, TX 75219-1487. 214/559-4291.

April 27, 1991

The Young Adult Literature Conference

Location: Denver, CO

Jefferson County Public Library and Metropolitan State College of Denver present this year's conference, featuring Norma Fox Mazer, author of Taking Terri Mueller (1981 Edgar Award); Dear Bill, Remember Me? (New York Times Outstanding Book), and various regional authors, educators, and experts in young adult literature. One hour credit available.

Request registration materials (to be mailed in January) from: Central Colorado Library System, 4350 Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 340, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. 303/422-1150.

October 30-November 1, 1991

Off-Campus Library Services Conference Albuquerque, MN

The Central Michigan University Libraries and CME's Extended Degree Programs and Credit Courses is sponsoring its fifth conference for the reporting, examination and discussion of issues surround the provision of library services to students taking courses away from their central campuses, corporations or other institutional training sites. Proposals for presentations including papers, panel discussions and workshops are sought for such topics as: program planning/needs assessment; student, faculty and administrative services; information access and delivery; library user education;

uses of technology; copyright, accreditation/licensure; internal/external marketing; and more. Persons interested in participating in the program are invited to send a titled proposal, abstract of not more than 500 words describing the presentation and its delivery format, and a biographical statement of approximately 50 words for each presenter by November 15, 1990 to: Maryhelen Garrett, OCLS Conference Coordinator, Park Library 315, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.

April 1-4, 1992

Academic Libraries: Achieving Excellence in Higher Education

ACRL Sixth National Conference, Phoenix, AZ Proposals for papers, programs and poster sessions are sought that address them issues. For information on submitting a proposal, contact: ACRL Phoenix Proposal Request, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; 800/545-2433, ext. 2516.

ALSC Conference Travel Awards

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is accepting applications for four 1991 Conference travel awards made possible by an annual gift from the Putnam and Grosset Book Group. The awards of \$400 each will be given to four librarians who work directly with children in elementary schools, middle schools or public libraries to enable them to attend the American Library Association's annual conference in Atlanta June 27-July 4, 1991. Applicants must be members of ALSC with one to 10 years experience as librarians working directly with children and may not have attended a previous ALA annual conference.

Application forms are available from ALSC at ALA. Phone: 312/944-6780, ext. 2163. The application deadline is December 1, 1990.

MLA Scholarship for Minority Students

A \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually by the Medical Library Association to a minority student showing excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in health sciences librarianship. The applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library school and have at least one-half of his/her academic requirements to complete

during the year following the granting of the scholarship. The applicant must belong to one of the following minority groups: Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native, or Pacific Island American. The applicant must be a citizen of or have permanent resident status in either the United States or Canada.

For applications or further information contact: Program Services, Medical Library Association, 6 North Michigan - Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602, 312/419-9094

Decision 2000-Call for Papers

The College and university Libraries Division of the Arizona State Library Association announces a Call for Papers to be presented at the annual conference, November 15-16, 1990, in Phoenix. You are invited to submit a proposal for a 20-minute presentation on a topic of current interest in librarianship. The papers selected for presentation at the conference will be published by ASLA as Decision 2000: Moving Beyond Boundaries-Contributed papers. Contact: Carol Hammond, ASU West Campus Library, PO Box 37100, Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100.

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Alabama

The School of Library and Information Studies of the University of Alabama is currently accepting applications for well qualified individuals interested in pursuing doctoral study in one of the following specializations:

Library Management Youth Services Library Media Studies Information Studies Historical Studies

The School offers excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary study with other academic unit. A variety of assistantships, fellowships, and scholarships are available. The application deadline for full consideration is February 1, 1991. For further information, contact: Gordon Coleman, School of Library and Information Studies, Box 870252, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0252. 202/348-1523

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Deadline: Until filled

Principal Librarian/Head Cataloger
Wyoming State Library (\$1885-2842/month)

Plans and directs operations of the cataloging unit; catalogs and classifies resources for the State Library and satellite branches; plans and schedules daily work activities; directs the processing, bibliographic access and maintenance of the collection. Qualifications: Any combination of training and experience equivalent to a master's degree in library science plus two years of professional work as a librarian. Knowledge needed: LC and Dewey classification systems and LC and Sears subject headings in practice; OCLC cataloging, AACR2 and MARC record formats; skill in evaluation, policy-making, decision making and direction of work activities. Contact: An official state application must be submitted to the Personnel Division, Emerson Building, 2001 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82202-0060 along with transcripts of relevant course work, EOE.

Deadline: Until filled

Librarian II-Reference Librarian

Natrona County Public Library (\$16-20,000)

Reference librarian to manage growing earth science collection concerned primarily with oil and uranium extraction. Also handle general

reference and materials selection with some weekend and evening hours. *Qualifications:* MLS with undergraduate major or minor in earth sciences and library experience desirable. *Contact:* Send resume and names of three professional references to Susan Awe, Head, Information Services, Natrona County Public Library, 307 East Second St., Casper, WY 82601. 307/237-4935; FAX 307/266-3734.

Deadline: Open until filled

Library Director

Liberal (KS) Public Library, (\$24,000)

Seeking innovative, dedicated individual to plan, coordinate and supervise all aspects of operations. Staff of 6.25 FTE serving a community of 18,000. Excellent benefits and memberships. Qualifications: ALA/MLS. *Contact*: Send letter of application, resume, official transcripts and 3 references to Keith T. Thomas, Search Committee Chairman, 519 North Kansas Avenue, Liberal, KS 67901.

Deadline: Open until filled

Library Director

Roosevelt County Library, Wolf Point, MT (\$18-20,000)

Librarian to plan and supervise all aspects of operation; includes pending automation. Staff of 3 FTE, serving county of 11,200, with a

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\$129,000 budget. Qualifications: ALA/MLS or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Contact: (with letter of application. resume, official transcripts and 3 references) Ms. Gen Beery, Box 938, Wolf Point, MT 59201.

Deadline: Open until filled Librarian IV. Consultant

State of Arizona Department of Library. Archives & Public Records (\$28,097-\$42,521)

Consultant for the Library Extension Division. Person serves as general consultant for continuing education programs. Qualifications: MLS plus four years of experience including one year of supervisory experience. plus one year experience as administrator or director of a public library. Contact: (request application from) Arizona State Personnel Division, 1831 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85007. (602) 542-5216.

Deadline: Open until filled Librarian I (\$24,544-\$33217)

Maricopa (AZ) County Library District

Several positions available at the new regional facility. This position is responsible for professional library work of average difficulty handling selection and acquisition of materials or functioning as a specialist in a specified area such as children's books. children's programs, southwest collections. extension librarian, and bookmobile; supervises assigned clerical staff; may supervise library section or branch; prepares reports. Qualifications: ALA/MLS, or Bachelor's degree in a related field and two years professional library experience.

Librarian II (\$28,620-\$38,729)

Responsible for professional library in planning, organizing, directing the activities and programs within a division of the county library; supervises and trains staff. Qualifications: ALA/MLS and two years of professional library experience or a Bachelor's degree in a related field and four years of professional library experience.

For both of the both secure application forms and additional information from: Maricopa County Personnel Department. Administration Building, Second Floor, 111 South Third Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2277. (602) 262-3755.

Deadline: Not indicated

Assistant Director/Library Development Nevada State Library and Archives (\$32,752-\$44,774)

Under the administrative direction of the Director, administers Library Development Division of the State Library and Archives by directing, managing and coordinating the provision of consultative services to libraries throughout the State of Nevada. Qualifications: ALA/MLS and six years of professional level work in various types of library information systems with a minimum of three years of supervisory and administrative experience. Contact: Sandra K. Silva, Department of Personnel, 209 East Musser Street, Suite 101. Carson City, NV 89710, 702/687-3729.

Deadline: Not indicated

Library System Administrator

Eastern Library System (NE) (\$26,000)

Seeking librarian with superior communication skills to provide creative leadership in planning and implementing innovative services for the Eastern Library System. Duties include administration and marketing of services and programs to multi-type rural and urban libraries within a seven county area in Eastern Nebraska, Qualifications: ALA/MLS plus 3 years experience and a strong background in computer applications. Contact: (with letter of application, resume and references; Search Committee, Eastern Library System, 11902 Elm Street, Suite 7B, Omaha, NE 68144.

Deadline: Not indicated

Librarian II (Reference Librarian)

Arizona State Personnel Division (\$22,237)

Provide reference to state government and general public in law and related legal

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Deadline: Not indicated

Head. Documents Division

Marriott Library, University of Utah (\$30,000)
Responsible for managing Marriott Library
documents division, a large selective depository, patent depository and depository for U.N.,
Unesco, FAO, EC, & GATT. Responsible for establishing goals and priorities for the area, administering division budget, directing technical processing and overseeing collection development. *Qualifications:* ALA/MLS; at least 3 years significant experience with government publications. *Contact:* (letter, resume & three references) Personnel Officer, 328 Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. EOE.

Deadline: December 15 **Business Librarian**

Brigham Young University (Salary negotiable) Responsible for providing assistance at the Tanner Library Reference desk, hiring and supervision of student reference employees. bibliographic instruction in the areas of management and communications, selection of appropriate reference tools, and building the collection in the subject area of Communication. Qualifications: ALA/MLS with an additional masters degree in appropriate subject speciality or a doctoral degree in an appropriate subject field. Demonstrated experience in supervision of employees. Previous experience in the field of business and or a business library. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Contact: (with resume and names of three references) Dr. Larry J. Ostler, Assistant University Librarian for Personnel, 3080 HBLL, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 83602.

Deadline, December 31

Library Director

Holdrege (NE) Public Library (\$21,000)

Responsible for staff, budgeting, public relations and participating in the life of the community. Library service area of 18,000. Annual budget: \$247,000. Circulation: \$170,250. Qualifications: ALA/MLS. Contact: (with resume and letter of application)

Personnel Committee, Public Library System, 604 East Avenue, Holdrege, NE 68949.

Deadline: January 1, 1991

Library Director

Watertown (SD) Regional Library (\$25,000)

Seeking dedicated professional with proven abilities in management, budgeting, collection development and supervision. Must have ability to direct strategic planning effort. Library will be joining statewide automation system, so candidate must have knowledge of information technology. Fast-growing, exciting city of 20,000. Staff of 8. Collection of 67,000 with circulation of 150,000 and budget of \$276,000. *Qualifications:* ALA/MLS with minimum of 3-5 years of progressive professional responsibility, preferably in a public library. *Contact:* (with resume and three current references) Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Watertown Regional Library, P.O. Box 250, Watertown, SD 57201-0250

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.

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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:

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