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That's the only way to describe KALEIDOSCOPE, the 1991 tri-conference we'll be attending from October 31 to November 2 at the Phoenix Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel. This exciting event promises to expand upon Arizona's reputation for excellent joint conferences and brings colleagues from the mountain plains states to Arizona for the first time. The sharing of experiences of an historic number of professionals gathered together in Phoenix will be powerful.

Recently ASLA, MPLA & AEMA members received in a separate mailing the official KALEIDOSCOPE conference program and registration/housing forms. This issue of the newsletter will not repeat that information, but will highlight a sampling of the terrific programming to be offered.

If you misplaced or did not receive the program mailing, please contact Jim Johnson, ASLA, 13932 N. 32 Street C1-7, Phoenix, AZ 85032. (602) 971-3885. Also, please note the pre-registration deadline is September 30, 1991.

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Your personal and professional growth are a high priority in providing quality library service for your patrons. We look forward to seeing all of you during the conference. Make plans today to attend KALEIDOSCOPE.

We invite you to attend.

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KALEIDOSCOPE: One Person's Perspective

As Conference Chair, I've had the opportunity to work with a talented and dedicated group of people who have devoted countless hours to planning what I expect will be the best library conference this state has ever experienced. I've now been given the chance to share with you what I think will be some of the highlights of the conference. Before I do that, I need to remind you that I'm looking at the conference through my own personal kaleidoscope—public libraries, administrator, ALA watcher/participant—so, my choices might not be yours. But, I guarantee you, this conference has something for everyone! I recommend:

- **Information Literacy, Technologies, and Independent Learners: New Spaces, New Places, New Faces (Preconference 10/29-10/30)** This exciting exploration of independent learners and libraries could have been subtitled, "Not only for school and academic librarians." We all need to know more about the role technology can and will play in the provision of library service.
- **Diversity: Opportunities and Challenges (10/31)** will be addressed by Regina Minudri, former ALA President and Director of the Berkeley Public Library, CA.
- **Pat Woodrum, Director, Tulsa City-County,** will discuss the vital role a public library can play in the economic development of a community in **Establishing Economic Development Partnerships. (10/31)**
- **Don't miss Dawn Heller, the dynamic president of AASL!** She's doing two programs for us: **To See Ourselves as Others See Us: Libraries and Personal PR (10/31)** and **Information Power: Imagineer the Possibilities (11/1).**
- **Gay and Lesbian Services: Exploding the Myths, Dismantling the Barriers (10/31)** Cal Gough (Atlanta-Fulton P.L.) and Susan Perry (Stanford University) will discuss librarian stereotypes about gay and lesbian library users, myths about gay and lesbian library materials and the current barriers to service.
- **Nora Rawlinson, Editor of Library Journal,** will tell us why **What You Don't Know About Publishing Can Hurt You (10/31).**

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- Linda Crismond, ALA Executive Director, will explore Librarians in the 1990s.
- My personal award for the best program title goes to A Zit is a Zit! Other Faces in YA Lit (11/1) which will focus attention on the experience of being a teen through the eyes of Native Americans, Mexican Americans and African Americans.
- Marilyn Miller, ALA President-Elect, will tackle the topic Whither Library Education (11/1).
- Judy Krug, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, will discuss Harmful to Minors Statutes: What They Mean to Library Staff (11/1) and Intellectual Freedom and the Legislative Process: How Librarians Can Be More Effective (11/2).
- Paul Evan Peters, President of LITA, will discuss the impact of NREN on state plans for networking institutions in NREN and State Educational Information Networks: Promising Prospects (11/1).
- Broward County, Florida successfully operates joint use library facilities. Hear their director, Samuel Morrison, describe how it works for them and how it could work for you, too (11/1).
- Lillian Gerhardt, Editor-in-Chief, School Library Journal, promises a seriously irreverent discussion of ALA's code of ethics in A Banner to Replace a Tattered Rag: Toward a New Ethics Code for Librarians (11/1).

They're back . . .!

- Sandra Nelson on Continuing Education: Whose Responsibility? (10/31) and Squeezing Blood Out of Turnips: Rural Public Library Budgets (11/1).
- Ken Bierman on Online Catalogs: The Forgotten Part of Integrated Library Systems (10/31).
- Susan Goldberg on the Public Library: Building Coalitions in the Community (11/2).
- Don Riggs on Humanistic Management: Is It Appropriate for Libraries (11/1).

Not to mention authors Trinka Noble, Gary Paulsen and Clive Cussler, plus a Southwest Authors Reception, a Halloween Party and an Awards Banquet. Don't miss the fun!

June Garcia
Conference Chair

KALEIDOSCOPE: More Highlights

Special Meetings:

Exhibits and Displays

Persons interested in handling exhibits and displays are encouraged to attend the October 31 meeting from 11-12 noon, which will include a discussion on possible workshops on exhibits at MPLA conferences, traveling displays, use of special collections with exhibits, and techniques. The Association of College and Research Libraries Board of Directors approved at the ALA Atlanta conference a new ACRL Discussion Group on Exhibits and Displays in

Libraries. MPLA librarians interested in joining this group should contact Michael M. Miller, NDSU Libraries, PO Box 5599, Fargo, ND 58105-5599. 701/237-8416.

IFLA and the Russian Coup

The Friday, November 1, ILRT (International Librarianship Roundtable) luncheon will afford you the opportunity to learn more about the international endeavors of colleagues during the past year while enjoying an international luncheon menu in the relaxing garden

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setting of the Arizona Center. Special presentations will be made by Mr. Tsutomu Shihota of St. Andrews University in Osaka, Japan, who will talk about "The Japanese libraries and perceptions of the Horner Exchange," and Helen Maul, Director, Nogales/Santa Cruz County Library, will bring members up-to-date on "The 1991 IFLA Conference as Experienced During the Russian Coup." This luncheon is not on the ASLA/MPLA/AEMA pre-registration form. Two menus are available: Italian dinner @ \$10.50 (with dessert, \$13.50) or the New Zealand dinner @ \$14.50 (with dessert, \$17.50). Send your name & address with payment to Nita Norman, ILRT Treasurer-Secretary, Harmon Branch Library, 411 West Yavapai, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Preconferences:

The opening lines of the program for ASLA/MPLA/AEMA read, "Exceptional!" That's the only way to describe KALEIDOSCOPE, the 1991 Triconference we'll be attending from October 31 to November 2, at the Phoenix Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Preconferences to the Triconference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29-30. Please note that each of the preconferences has a cost above the conference registration fee.

Build Your Own Computer? Yes, You Can! Make a MS-DOS system to fit your needs. And you get to take it home! Depending on the computer components, the minimum is \$750.

The Art of Negotiation is a half-day workshop to teach the skills of negotiation. This preconference will be taught by the founder of Leadership Training Associates, Randy Bauer.

Work Smarter, Not Harder and learn how to eliminate time-wasting behavior, improve concentration, reduce stress, and develop effective listening and assertiveness skills.

Information Literacy, Technologies, and New Independent Learners: New Spaces, New Places, New Faces provides a forum for librarians and media specialists to discuss the changing role of libraries in information literacy.

Serving the Multi-Ethnocultural Community addresses issues important to libraries serving culturally diverse and changing populations.

"Do-It-Yourself" Computer Repair will teach you how to repair your IBM/MS-DOS or Apple Computer. The \$35 cost includes a computer repair tool kit.

Abridged 12 and DDC 20: A Dewey Classification Workshop for Small Libraries (And Big Libraries, Too) focuses on the Dewey Decimal Classification schedules, both the 12th abridged and the DDC 20.

More Detail on a Few More Programs:

(There are far too many excellent programs to describe in detail, but we couldn't resist describing just a few more, with this information coming from ALNewsweek.)

Networking and Mentoring. This is not a program on automated library networks. This is a session on PEOPLE and how to identify those with whom you want to stay in touch. Wyoming State Librarian, Suzanne LeBarron, will teach us how to choose a mentor or be one.

Opening Our Doors: Service to Children in Day Care Centers. The Pioneer Library opened its doors to children in a most creative and innovative way. A video presentation explains

the concept, genesis, and funding of this project which circulates kits containing games, toys, books, and learning folders to preschool and day care centers. "Opening Our Doors" Kits will be displayed. Basha Hartley, Pioneer Library System, Norman, OK, will be the speaker.

Continuing Education: Whose Responsibility? Library staff at all levels and in all types of libraries need access to a wide variety of continuing education opportunities to keep current and to enhance their performance. Sandra Nelson, Assistant State Librarian and Archivist for Planning and Development, Tennessee State Library, will present some options for developing effective programs.

Aloud and Alive: Lovingly Hook Your Kids into Reading by Storytelling. Are you interested in the "how-to's" of basic storytelling in library settings and exciting ways to use the ancient art of storytelling? Books come alive through folklore and stories told aloud and alive with creative, colorful methods. The speakers are Ruthmarie Arguello-Sheehan and Brendon A. Curtin, of Adelante Productions.

Stop Thief: Protecting Library Collections Against Theft. In January 1991, Stephen Blumberg was convicted of stealing more than \$20,000,000 worth of library books and manuscripts. What can be done to thwart the Blumbergs of the world? Speakers include J. Stephen Huntsberry, Washington State University Police Department, who helped crack the Blumberg case; Kathleen Ferris, Archivist, University of New Mexico, who assisted the University of New Mexico in recovering from a major theft; and Arlene Wright, Coordinator of Public Services, Northern State University, who will review state laws on library theft in the Mountain Plains region.

Phoenix: The Valley of the Sun

Technology For Teaching

Liberty Elementary School, Tucson, is the only Arizona recipient of the Technology For Teaching Project funded by the US West Foundation! Library Media Specialist Diane C. Skorupski and a team of six (principal, parent, and four teachers) earned the grant sponsored by AASL, NEA, ASA, and US West. Their proposal linked programs already underway (e.g., the Artist in Residence) and currently-utilized technology (a "Writing to Read" lab) to dreams of fostering community unity and cultural pride by creating a media center housed journalism/publication lab. They hope to develop higher thinking skills; foster cooperative, individualized and outcome-based learning support ongoing restructuring; and promote native-language literacy in a bilingual school with a student body of 97% minorities.

Contacted before traveling to San Francisco on March 6 to receive the national grant, Diane Skorupski, who had never before written a grant proposal, was elated. Not only will Liberty School receive the multimedia technology necessary for fulfilling their dream, but its media center will be networking with approximately 50 schools in PSINET. Diane was particularly excited about the prospect of working with a school in the Northwest that is focusing on Spanish. Her students, and theirs will be able to develop mutual understanding as well as language skills.

In addition to computer equipment (including modem, printer, desktop publishing software, etc.) Liberty requested video editing equipment and enough electrical outlets to support the new center. (ASLA Newsletter, May 1991)

Library in "Old West"

"It is continually refreshing to find nuggets about libraries in somewhat unexpected places. 'In the Yuma (Arizona) Territorial Prison, 1893, there was a 13' by 40' room excavated for a prison library. This was one of the first libraries in Yuma County also that it was well stocked for its time: over 200 books and periodicals.

True, a library is one of the last institutions one might expect in a prison in the Wild

West, but at Yuma this library was developed to the credit of both prison officials and inmates.

As early prison history records indicate, "...buying books was not a high priority for superintendents, who were supposed to spend the least amount of money and accomplish the most but since books were very much needed, there were a number of clever efforts used to obtain reading materials for the Yuma Library."

Consider these (and note that trends even today has a match one hundred years ago!)

1. Visitors paid 25 cents to enter the prison and, by formal policy in 1882, all proceeds from these admissions were placed in the library fund.

2. At the request of Alice McInernay, Librarian, the Wells Fargo Company agreed to transport donated books to the library for free.

3. This librarian also placed notices in both Yuma and other Arizona newspapers, asking for donations, and informing donors that because of the generosity of Wells Fargo, these could be sent free of charge to the prison.

4. The prison band and other talented inmates put on a special concert to raise money for books. Contemporary reports indicate that the concert was a welcome and pleasing event.

So, what do we note-vendor support, special funding for collection development, and special events to aid the cause to libraries! Quite a record for that Territorial Prison library and the folks that supported it.

Incidentally, the records showed that magazines were most popular items, but many novels and history books were also taken out. Inmate who were just learning to read utilized "First Reader" while those with more advanced skills had a variety of selections to choose from. (Literacy programs in place!) -(LIPP, January-February 1991)"

Glendale Registration

Glendale PL has been registering voters since 1981. Director Rodeane Widom told ALNewsWeek, "Voter registration is a service to the community and is a wonderful

way to get civic-minded persons involved in the library." Widom said that when she moved to Phoenix there was no alternative other than going downtown to the Maricopa County Recorder's office. Widom saw a better way.

Every adult and juvenile librarian at Glendale PL has completed a special course to become as deputy registrar and can register people to vote.

According to Marianna Hancin, Reference Services Coordinator, this service is helpful to the public and can easily be provided by the reference desk staff. Hancin says that the only time this service becomes hectic is prior to an election. (AL Newsweek, July 15)

Read Arizona Stars

KAET TV of Phoenix is helping to promote Read Arizona as a year long family literacy program by producing a series of shortbook reviews read by children from across the state. The reviews, loosely patterned after the "Reading Rainbow," will air on the television station's daytime schedule.

Children from ten libraries throughout Arizona have been invited to audition and asked to prepare one or two book reviews.

Ten children are to be selected by KAET staff and invited to produce the final reviews that will be shown on television.

In addition, KAET will print posters and bookmarks to promote this project. Public libraries will receive these items.

The Department's Arizona Reading Program Committee has been promoting the reading program as a year long activity and has dropped "summer" from their title.

Family literacy is a major emphasis of Read Arizona because of the growing awareness that parents and children reading together is a special and joyful experience for both. (AL Newsweek, July 15)

ValleyCat in Arizona

Phoenix Public Library's online public access catalog, VALLEYCAT, is now available to residents of Arizona.

Based on the City of Phoenix slogan, "Valley of the Sun," the dial access version of the catalog has been dubbed VALLEYCAT.

Partially funded through an LSCA grant, VALLEYCAT can be easily accessed from the convenience of your home, place of business, or school.

By simply using a personal computer, a modem, and a software communications package to dial one of VALLEYCAT's phone numbers, the patron has instantaneous access to over 1.7 million books, audio/video recordings, and other material available at the Phoenix Public Library.

VALLEYCAT identifies which branch of the Phoenix Public Library houses the needed material and whether it is on the shelf or checked-out.

Magazines, newspapers, and government documents are not yet included in VALLEYCAT.

VALLEYCAT is available whenever any facility of the Phoenix Public Library is open for service. Hours of VALLEYCAT availability are posted on its opening display screen.

Phoenix Public Library's Special Needs Center has adapted voice synthesis software so that visually impaired patrons utilizing the proper equipment can access VALLEYCAT. "Talking" VALLEYCAT is one of the first "talking catalog" applications in the nation. (see selected story). (AL Newsweek July 29)

Talking VALLEYCAT

VALLEYCAT, the Phoenix Public Library's dial-up catalog, can be heard by the visually impaired.

Before Phoenix Public Library automated, information contained in the library's card catalog was inaccessible to blind or visually impaired library users.

Once the library's automated catalog, CL-CAT, was operational, the next step was to provide a talking version.

Automation staff hardwired the cable for CL-CAT into an IBM XT computer equipped

with a speech synthesizer located at the Special Needs Center.

The screen reading software in the computer's memory allows the information displayed on the screen to be read aloud to the user.

The result is a public access catalog that the blind or visually handicapped patron can use.

Software and a braille embosser enables the patron to receive a printout of the search in braille.

VALLEYCAT, the dial-up version of CL-Cat, can be used at home by the visually impaired patron who has voice synthesis adaptive equipment.

One of the frequent users of the Special Needs Center put it best when she said, "I had no idea the library had so much that I would want." (AL Newsweek, July 29)

Preservation Council Supports Cooperative Planning

The Arizona Preservation Council held its first meeting in Phoenix on May 17. This steering body, whose goal is raising resources to support cooperative preservation planning in Arizona, began what will probably be a year-long process to raise awareness, funds, and secure a host institution. The cooperative program's ultimate goal will be to coordinate resources to guarantee the long term existence of documentary collections (both print and non-print) for present and future generations. It will provide resources to support individual institutional preservation projects as well as larger projects within the state might include educational and training programs, resource sharing, emergency preparedness, treatment projects, and the establishment of standards and influencing legislation. Beginning this fall, a series of surveys will gather information to assess needs and

ascertain broad program priorities.

Key to the success of the Arizona effort will be the participation of the NEH supported AMIGOS Preservation Service, which is a regional program designed to assist states in developing and implementing broad-based preservation action plans. The AMIGOS staff will make preservation presentations in Arizona, conduct the initial preservation sampling survey, and offer ongoing assistance as needed. (ASLA Newsletter, July/Aug 1991)

Arizona Offers Library Courses Via Video

The Graduate Library School of the University of Arizona, in cooperation with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, will offer a video-based distance learning program leading to a certificate in school librarianship, beginning in fall 1991. If interest warrants, an MLS will be offered beginning fall 1992. The certificate program will require completion of an 18-unit, six-course curriculum. Students will meet in designated locations in participating states at regularly scheduled times. Teaching assistants will be available at each location and each student will be assigned a UA faculty advisor for consultations by mail, telephone, or FAX. Two courses will be offered each semester. When and if the MLS is offered, it will require four years via video, plus a minimum of 12 units on the campus in Tucson.

Ten states have expressed interest in participating in the program: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, and Wyoming. For information contact the Library Science Coordinator at the University of Arizona Extended University, 1955 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85719; 602/621-7724.

Put it in Black and White to Win

Winning money can be as easy as pushing a button! Cash prizes up to \$250 will be awarded to winners of the Photo Documentary Project for black and white photographs of the Pikes Peak region. The ongoing project is co-sponsored by the Pikes Peak Camera Club.

Entry deadline for the third quarterly competition (in July) of the Photo Documen-

tary Project is Tuesday, June 18. Winners of each quarterly competition will receive certificates, become eligible to have their photograph included in the library's permanent collection, and be entered in the annual competition.

Photographs of a wide variety of subjects or themes can be entered including: architecture, people at work and play, transportation, tourism, natural disasters,

occupations, and arts and entertainment. There is no limit to the number of photographs entered. (Potpourri May 1991)

Steamboat Wins ALA Award

The Bud Werner Memorial Library, serving a mountain resort community of 10,000 residents in Steamboat Springs, is the recipient of the American Library Association/Gale Research Company

Financial Development Award. The \$2500 award is given to a library organization for a financial development project to secure new funding resources for a public or academic library. "The promoters spent \$200 and the library raised \$4000 to bolster its shrinking book budget through a creative and spirited lagniappe book sale and auction held in conjunction with the Steamboat Springs Art in the Park festival," Charlene Clark, chair of the award committee. Lagniappe is a Cajun expression for "a little something extra thrown in," usually a small gift given to a customer by a merchant at the time of a purchase. The library sold discarded and donated books for a minimum \$20 donation, along with over 160 gift-wrapped mystery prizes, all valued at \$20 or more, donated by local merchants. Purchaser of the book *The Art of Clear Thinking* won a case of wine; the gift for the *The Magic of Walking* was a gift certificate for 25 gallons of gas. Substantial donated prizes included round trip airline tickets, weekend passes at area lodges, and savings bonds. The sale was conducted by a local radio personality. (SWIRLS, May-June 1991)

PPLD Welcomes the Great American Race

On June 27 and 28 Colorado Springs residents were treated to an exciting trip

back in time, compliments of the participants of the Interstate Batteries Great American Race.

Colorado Springs has been selected as a host city for the 9th annual transcontinental antique auto race beginning in Norfolk, Virginia on June 22, and pushing across the mountains and plains to end in Seattle, Washington on July 4th.

Entries in the Great American Race include 100 pre-World War II classic antique automobiles valued at over \$5 million. With three classes of competition, total prize money for this event is \$25,000.

Cars and drivers will pass through many cities in the course of the race. However, Colorado Springs is the only scheduled "rest day" on the route.

Upon arrival (about 5:30-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27), racers will travel past Penrose Public Library to a grand greeting from local residents and businesses. A Pre-Race Show at the corner of Tejon St. and Pikes Peak Ave. will feature a concert by a Navy band, plus melodies by country and western singers. A very special fanfare from the Pikes Peak Library District will feature Classic Car Bibliographies in the guise of racing flags or spectators to wave as a welcome for the weary racers.

Participants in the Great American Race compare the hospitality of each city they visit

on the route. The city deemed the friendliest will receive a \$5,000 prize for the local public library. (Potpourri, June 1991)

Bookjack!

Last summer, Colorado's first young adult summer reading program "It's Entertainment" attracted two thousand teenagers statewide with incentives for reading books. These incentives included such items as concert tickets and skating rink passes.

To follow-up on that resounding success, the BOOKJACK reading game is offered this year for teenagers in grades seven through twelve. Teens earn pieces of a picture puzzle of BOOKJACK (a jack card design shown reading a book by reading books and doing activities such as trivia questions or volunteering in the library. For completing rows of the puzzle, they earn chances in prize drawings. Libraries may choose to offer additional options such as game tournaments, book discussion groups, and storytelling training. Some libraries are recruiting teen volunteers to help run the program, a superb community service project for young people with time and energy to donate. BOOKJACK emphasizes reading as fun, helping teens relax and feel comfortable in their public libraries. (Colorado Libraries, June 1991)

Kansas

Patent and Trademark Depository Library to be Established at Wichita State University

The Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) and Wichita State University have announced the establishment of the first Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) in Kansas at Wichita State's Ablah Library. The PTDL at Wichita State was given the official designation by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office. The PTDL will be fully operational by this summer, according to Jasper Schad, dean of libraries at WSU.

The KTEC has provided \$52,000 from its FY '91 Special Projects Fund to meet one-half of the onetime expenses necessary for the retrospective collection and related equipment. The requisite back file collection is expected to be available for use by mid-April.

A Patent and Trademark Depository Library holds the 20-year back file collection of U.S. Patents and provides public accessibility to such collections. Primary users of the PTDLs are inventors and small companies. (CKLS Post, February-April 1991)

Wichita Jazz

The art & music division of Wichita Public Library will present a multi-media program, "Development of the Avant Garde in Jazz, 1959-Present," on Sunday, July 14th, as part of its MUSIC LIVE! series. It will feature Craig Owens, instructor of guitar at Wichita State University. Owens, a well-known figure in local jazz circles, is currently working with bassist Glenn Holmes and drummer Randy Bowen in an experimental jazz group called "Bodo Input Trio."

The MUSIC LIVE! presentation will

consist of a live solo performance by Owens, a lecture, and video selections. (SCKLS SUU, June 1991)

Poetry Rendezvous Rated One of Country's Best

The Great Bend Public Library sponsored poetry workshop, Poetry Rendezvous, is described in POET magazine, Winter 1991 issue. Rochelle Lynn Holt writes about her experience as featured poet in 1990.

What was so unique about this Poetry Rendezvous was the concern for quality evident in the following day's marathon readings from 1-6 p.m. where poets were able to read their work with a ten-minute time limit (except for the featured guest who read for 45 minutes).

Terri Crawford, Great Bend Public Library's Community Information Librarian, together with her committee and its Chairman,

Michael Hathaway continue to make Poetry Rendezvous an annual success.

Anyone who writes poetry will come to realize that unless it is heard (shared), poetry is like an undeciphered dream that will vanish and be unappreciated, perhaps even forgotten like the earth and its salvation, the individual voices that must sing her forever alive."(POET, Winter 1991)

Young Adult Sneaker Award

The 1990 "Sneaker Award" was awarded at the Spring Assembly in Beloit on May 15 to five Central Kansas Library System librarians.

The award is given each year to recognize the determination it takes to get back 100% return of the Young Adult Paperback books before each rotation of the collection.

The sneaker logo is used on the spine of each book for identification of the collection. Each participating library has a large sneaker on display to draw the attention of the young adults to the paperback books.

The "Sneaker Award" is designed with real shoe laces and the high school colors of community.(CKLS Post, May-June 1991)

Kansas Literary Atlas

The Kansas Center for the Book at Topeka Public Library has announced an outreach project to provide a needed literary resource tool which can be used by public libraries and school media centers.

The public information officers of the four urban libraries have agreed to be the editorial board for a work suggested by Richard Rademacher of Wichita Public Library that will include bio data and geographical information about Kansas authors, past and present.

This board will work with Roy Bird at the State Library, the Kansas Center for the Book and a statewide research committee to publish a Kansas literary atlas by 1992. This project will fit into the 1992 ALA and Library of Congress annual promotion theme Explore New Worlds Read and become a useful tool for librarians.

The scope of the atlas includes maps showing locations of current living authors; birthplaces of famous authors, living and dead; locations of famous Kansas settings in literature; biographical information about the authors shown on maps; and bibliographical

information of selected works.

This project will have a greater use and be more enduring than a brochure or other promotional piece. It will fill a need not covered by any other reference work now available and is a logical use for the Kansas author database being logical use for the Kansas author database being compiled by the Kansas Center for the book.(Kansas Libraries June 1991)

In his Steps Premiere

Topeka Public Library hosted the world premiere of *In His Steps-The Video*, a fully produced radio-style dramatization and 150 hand tinted glass magic lantern slides combined on video tape. The video is based on the book claimed to be the world's bestselling novel by Topekan Charles M. Sheldon. It was presented by the library, the Kansas Center for the Book and the video's producer, Harry Turner & Associated, a Topeka advertising firm, on 13 February in the library auditorium. (Kansas Libraries, March 1991)

Community Access TV in Missoula

Some of this programming has been library produced. Prior to the first ALA sponsored "Night of 1000 Stars" held during 1989's National Library Week, six staff members of the Missoula Public Library were trained on MCAT's remote cameras. This was in preparation of a local version of "Night of 1000 Stars." The program was broadcast live from the Library and was as tremendous success. Not only did we have an audience of over sixty in the library's meeting room, we were producing quality television featuring Missoula notables who were supporting the library. An additional boon was nearly three hours of video programming for future cablecast, thereby enlarging the audience for these performances many times over. Last year's success was repeated with the second annual "Night of 1000 stars: the Great American Read-Aloud," which was also produced, taped, and directed by the library staff.

Since last April, staff and volunteers at MPL have videotaped the following

programs:

A storytelling workshop with Early Childhood Librarian Gale Sherman of the Pocatello (ID) Public Library. Local authors reading from their works at the Summer Bookfair.

New library director Dave Pauli telling stories to an enraptured preschool audience.

The summer reading program party. Author Betsy Byars' speech to local students.

A group of local writers reading from their works during Banned Books week. Children telling stories during the library's annual Tell-A-Tale Contest.

Library staff produced a live program during Banned Books Week entitled "The Right to Know." The program was a panel discussion focusing on intellectual freedom in libraries and the arts with audience participation. The panel included MPL's director and a member of the local ACLU, as well as local educators and artists. The program was fascinating and included discussion on the National Endowment for

the Arts controversy and a local high school artist use of a swastika in editorial cartoons featured in the school newspaper. Opinions were diverse and reflected a concerned community anxious to participate in public debate on an important issue.

Montana Chosen to Host 1992 Arbuthnot Lecture

The Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSS-ALA) has approved an application from the Montana State Library and the Montana Center for the Book to host the 1992 May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture. The selection was announced July 3 in Atlanta during the annual ALA conference. The lecture, to be delivered by children's author and educator Charlotte Huck, will take place during the MLA conference in Bozeman, April 26-29, 1992.

Huck pioneered the use of children's literature in the classroom and has written several textbooks on the subject. She also has authored children's books, most recently

Princess Furball. Huck lives in Redding, Calif.

The Arbuthnot Lecture was set up in 1969 by Scott, Foresman and Co. to honor May Hill Arbuthnot, an authority on children's literature. ALSC-ALA administers the

lecture, which is presented at a different site each year by an outstanding author, critic, librarian, teacher or historian of children's literature.

Montana also applied to host the 1991 Arbuthnot Lecture but lost out to the

Children's Literature Center in Washington, D.C. The 1991 lecture was delivered to an overflow crowd at the Library of Congress on April 19 by British folklorist Iona Opie. (Montana State Library News, July 1991)

Nebraska

First Folio

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln received a gift of a 368-year-old treasure: the First Folio, one of only about 200 existing volumes of the first printing of William Shakespeare's work. Kent Hendrickson, UN-L Dean of Libraries, said "Among the many fine gifts that have been given to University Libraries, this is the single most important one. It is difficult to place an exact value on the book, but it is commonly assumed to be the most valuable secular book in the world, second only in value and importance to the Gutenberg Bible." The First Folio was a gift from the family of the late Johnny Johnsen, owner of the Nebraska Bookstore. (Overdues, April)

Paraprofessional Conference Held

A conference especially for library paraprofessionals was sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, with the cooperation of the Nebraska Library Association Paraprofessional Roundtable. The two-day event was the first of its kind for the Nebraska area and drew more than two hundred participants from throughout Nebraska and the surrounding region, including Kansas, Missouri, and Michigan. The theme "Changing Roles and Responsibilities" emphasized the diversity among library support staff, as well as their common interest and goals.

Kathleen Weibel, ALA/SCOLE education for Support Staff Issues Subcommittee Co-

Chair, spoke at both general sessions and participated in the conference wrap-up. The general sessions focused on the important role of paraprofessionals in achieving library goals and reinforced the message that paraprofessionals are often on the front line — dealing with patrons. Other sessions explored employee/supervisor relations, paraprofessionals and the image they project of their library, the budgeting process, management styles, career plateauing, and stress. (Overtones, June/July)

Nevada

\$80 Million Library Bond Update

Voters in Las Vegas-Clark County Library District passed an \$80 million library bond in May. Architect and site selection for six of nine building projects and a timeline for completion for all projects have been announced. Charleston Heights branch, a 37,643 square foot library on the campus of Community College of Southern Nevada, will contain a medical special collection to correspond to the curriculum emphasis of the college. Planning is underway to

complete construction by November, 1993. Clark County branch will undergo a 61,000 square foot expansion, increasing space for the young people's department, periodicals, and creating a theater. Completion is set for June of 1994. The East Las Vegas branch, a 25,000 square foot building replacing a 4700 square foot storefront branch, is set for completion in March 1994. The Enterprise branch is set for completion in June of 1995. A 300-seat auditorium will be added to the West Las Vegas branch by June of 1993.

The Rainbow branch, a 26,800 square foot facility, replaces a 7000 square foot storefront library and is scheduled for completion by July 1993. The largest project will be the Sahara West branch, a 102,000 square foot facility containing a gallery and museum capable of accepting major exhibits. Plans call for completion by January 1995. The Summerlin branch, expected to be open in January of 1994, will be a 38,503 square foot branch in the heart of a planned community. (Library Hotline, 8/5/91)

North Dakota

Electronic Bulletin Board

CENET, an electronic bulletin board service sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, can now be easily accessed by librarians with EASYLINK Mail. CENET includes:

Information on continuing education workshops, programs and conferences in North Dakota and around the nation.

Dates of important national and regional events, such as National Library Week, ALA Annual Conferences, Mountain Plains Library Conferences, etc.

In-state employment opportunities for librarians.

General information of interest to librarians such as items for sale or give-away.

Prairie Stumpers Question Exchange. Prairie Stumpers is a new addition to CENET. If you have a question about library business or if you would like a few suggestions on how to do something better, send your questions to CENET. CENET will post your question, and with the help of neighboring North Dakota librarians, hopefully your questions can be answered. Answers will also appear in CENET. (Flickertale, March-April 1991)

Libraries Receive Gifts From President's Committee

Bicentennial Inaugural Gifts
Heart of America Library in Rugby and Leach Public Library in Wahpeton were the surprised and happy recipients of gifts of \$5,000 each from the American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural Committee. The libraries received the gifts late in December. Co-chairman of the Committee, Bobby Holt, told Heart of America librarian Amy Brynn that the opportunity to distribute the gifts was the best Christmas present

he'd received. In his conversation with Leach Public Library director Bonnie McIver, Holt explained that it was First Lady Barbara Bush who asked that the funds be given to the nation's libraries, and that she and President Bush were aware of the awards. The American Library Association's associate executive director for communications, Peggy Barber, received a call from the Committee in mid-November asking for a list of 100 needy libraries. With the help of Public Library Association Executive Director Joey Rodgers, Headquarters Librarian Charles Harmon, and Office for Research Director Mary Jo Lynch, Barber compiled a randomly selected list of 100 libraries with budget under \$200,00 serving populations under 10,000. They forwarded the list to the

Committee which then distributed the funds. The awards were not designated for any particular use (Flickertale, March-April 1991)

Raves Sees Continued Success

This summer marks the seventh year of a successful and unique summer reading program - RAVES (Reading Aloud with Volunteers Enriches Summer) - a joint effort of the Bismarck Public Library and the Bismarck Public Schools. The RAVES program encourages students to continue reading after the school year ends. RAVES is not a tutoring program, nor an academic exercise; its goal is to get kids to read for pure pleasure. Students are from grades one through six, and volunteers range in age from twelve to eighty and beyond. The only

requirement for either is the desire to read.

Volunteers are gleaned from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, United Way, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the local high schools, the city commission, the library board and the school board. Invitations were also sent to community leaders asking them to volunteer an hour or two to read with a youngster. Students and volunteers get together for one hour a day, three days a week, and take turns reading to each other. There were 18 RAVES sessions in June, and there will be 18 more in August. This year's program has 100 volunteers, and 200 students have signed up. Participants are not rewarded with stickers, coupons, or prizes. Rather, the intrinsic value of partner reading is their reward. (Flickertale, July)

Library Endowment Trust Launches Fund-Raiser

The Endowment Trust of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, OK, launched its first major fund-raising campaign to secure the first \$1 million endowment of what will ultimately be a \$3 million fund. The fund will perpetually support enriching the library's materials, services, and programs. The first monies raised will be earmarked for library materials, adult literacy programs, and services for senior citizens. Library officials have calculated an additional \$703,000 is needed annually to build an adequate collection. During this fiscal year, MLS has had \$1,276,200 to spend for materials. The materials budget for ENDOWMENT, continued: FY 1991-92 is estimated at \$1,222,500 or \$53,700 less than this year's. The possible reduction would result from a drop in ad valorem tax collections. The library system derives approximately 80 percent of its annual operating budget from

a dedicated 3.4 mills levied from county ad valorem taxes. (Library Hotline 6/3/91)

Minimum Salary Recommendation for School Librarians

The Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists Division recommends that the minimum salary for a beginning school media specialist (master's degree, no experience) to be \$18,106. This is based on a 180 day school year contract. If the media specialist's contract is extended beyond the normal school year, the salary should be adjusted upward to reflect the additional time.

Rationale: School library media specialists come under the same salary schedule as certified classroom teacher. The salaries for all certified school personnel, K-12 grades, are set by the State Department of Education. Individual school districts have the option of offering more pay above the salaries set by the state. (Oklahoma Libraries, March-April 1991).

Minimum Salary Recommendation for Academic Librarians

The College & University Division recommends that at each institution the minimum salary for an entry-level librarian with a master's degree from an ALA accredited school be equal to the salary of an entry-level faculty instructor with a master's degree. If the librarians contract is for twelve months, the salary should be adjusted upward to reflect the additional period.

Rationale: Salaries for faculty vary widely at the various institutions in Oklahoma. Being treated equally to other faculty at one's institution is more important to librarians than setting a salary figure. The division was surveyed and 85% of those responding favored the statement above. There was no consensus at all on a numerical salary figure. (Oklahoma Librarian, March-April 1991)

Chinese Materials Grant

The Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange has given Northern State University in Aberdeen a grant of \$30,000 to enhance library resources in Chinese Studies. The grant will provide approximately \$10,000 each year for books, periodicals, reference materials, and audiovisual materials/equipment. (Media Mania, June 1991)

Best Beginnings...Begin With Books

Professionals at the Salt Lake City Public Library and Holy Cross Hospital believe it's never too early to introduce children to books. That's why they have teamed up in an effort to send that message to new mothers. An informational brochure, "Best Beginnings... Begin with Books," is being given to each new mother at Salt Lake's Holy Cross Hospital in 1991. The brochure is

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- Professional Development Grants to members for coursework, institutes and workshops, and independent study;
- Preconference Grants to member state associations to provide special educational opportunities for members and others;
- Through its newsletter, information about continuing education available throughout the region and information about outstanding library programs through news and feature articles;
- Support of regional bibliographic efforts;
- Support of regional bibliographic efforts;
- Sponsorship of an annual convention to provide a forum for personal contact among members and with national leaders in the profession;
- Recognition of outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services;
- Publication of an annual membership directory;
- Access to JOBLINE, a telephone-accessed listing of current job vacancies in our region;
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Current application deadline: October 18, 1991

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

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Mountain Plains Library Association

President's Comments, by J. Dennis Day

"There are opportunities and challenges in the wind requiring both new and continuing commitments from the Mountain Plains Library Association members."

Clearly, that was the major thought on my mind as I approached my term of office as President from the Spring of 1990 to the Fall of 1991. The annual reports that follow reflect both new and continuing commitments. They also reflect a strong, vital organization on the eve of our largest MPLA Conference October 31 through November 3 in the Valley of the Sun.

I have had the privilege over the last 18 months of working with an exceptional group of MPLA leaders. The state representatives, section/committee chairs, and other key individuals have done an outstanding job. Our degree of success this year is as a result of their willingness to go the extra kilometer (just trying to use metric symbols with Europe '92 a few months away).

MPLA, with its continuing education program, professional grants program and a strong annual regional conference program, is unique among library associations in the United States or even the world. I take great pride in being a member of our organization. I thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility and giving me the privilege of being your President.

As we look to next year, the thought that was with me at the beginning of my term comes back to me, "There are opportunities and challenges in the wind requiring both new and continuing commitments from the Mountain Plains Library Association members."

Your new President, Corky Walters, will be talking with you in our next newsletter about both our opportunities and challenges for 1991-92. Corky has made significant contributions to MPLA over the last year as your Vice President, and I wish her well. You're in good hands with Corky.

Executive Secretary's Report, by Joe Edelen

1990-91 proved to be another year of positive growth for your Association. At the end of the year we had 926 personal and 116 institutional members. So far in 1991 we already have 126 new members, including 24 from our newest member state, Oklahoma.

The Salt Lake City conference proved to be a great success. A great many people put many hours into making it the success it proved to be. The number of attendees was high and the profit to the participating associations outstanding. There is no doubt that the Phoenix conference will be even better.

The Jobline once again received more calls than the previous year. 325 individual jobs were

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listed during the year with 3,421 calls received. You continue to use the 800 number at a very high level.

The financial health of your association continues to be good (no Savings and Loan bailouts here) with \$56,204 in the bank at the end of the year. The largest expense continues to be for those programs that the membership wants, Professional Development Grants and a superior quality newsletter.

If there are other directions in which you want your association to go, or if you just wish to pass along a suggestion, please feel free to contact any of the MPLA officers. MPLA needs membership involvement so when you are asked to serve on a committee, please respond positively.

MPLA Budget Report 1990

1/1/90 through 12/31/90

- 926 personnel members
- 116 institutional members
- 126 new members
- \$6793 given members for professional development
- \$1500 granted member associations for pre-conference programming

Category/Description	Actual	Budget	Diff.
INCOME			
Conference	8,679.75	7,250.00	1,429.75
Interest	8,502.74	4,000.00	4,052.74
Jobline	750.00	750.00	0.00
Member Dues	19,624.28	25,000.00	-5,375.72
Miscellaneous	581.68	111.00	470.68
Newsletter	1,620.12	3000.00	-1,379.88
Pins	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Z—Cash Reserve	0.00	1,174.00	-1,174.00
TOTAL INCOME	39,308.57	42,785.00	-3,476.43
EXPENSES			
Booth Capital Expense	3,991.00	3,750.00	241.00
Booth Maintenance/Ship	84.15	250.00	-165.85
Committees (General)	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Committees—Awards	1,079.86	2,000.00	-920.14
Committees—Continuing Ed.	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Committees—Membership	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Committees—Nominating	0.00	0.00	0.00
Committees—PDG (Awards)	6,793.58	6,000.00	793.58
Committees—Prof. Development	184.74	500.00	-315.26
Committees—Public Relations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	3,980.01	3,750.00	230.01
Dues—Organizational	0.00	120.00	-120.00
Executive Board	4,362.33	3,000.00	1,362.33
Executive Secretary—Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Executive Secretary—SS	213.70	230.00	-16.30
Insurance & Bond	234.00	235.00	-1.00
Jobline	1,003.11	1,500.00	-496.89
Miscellaneous	4.00	250.00	-246.00
Newsletter	4,825.38	7,000.00	-2,174.62
Office Supplies	948.26	250.00	698.26
Pins	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Postage	1,539.41	1,500.00	39.41
Pre-Conference Grants	1,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
President's Travel	802.95	1,500.00	-697.05
Printing	2,784.54	2,500.00	284.54
Secretarial	340.20	250.00	90.20
Sections	674.47	700.00	-25.53
Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,345.69	42,785.00	-4439.31
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	962.88	0.00	962.88

"The largest expense continues to be for those programs that the membership wants, Professional Development Grants and a superior quality newsletter."

Section Reports

Academic Section, by Randy Olsen

Section officers focused last year on involving more of the membership in planning for and participating in sessions of the annual conference. Those who served on conference planning committees were Selma Dunham, Nancy Gustafson, Deborah Hagemeyer, Kathy Hansen, Deborah Iverson, Joan Hubbard, Toby Murray, Randy Olsen, Susan Richards, Lois Schneberger, Wendy Starkweather, and Arlene Wright. Planning committees worked closely with officers of the Arizona State Library Association (ASLA) to arrange for five program sessions and a business meeting at the 1991 MPLA/ASLA/AEMA conference.

The section also continued its annual research forum by arranging with ASLA to cosponsor sessions for reading papers at the 1991 conference. The proceedings of those sessions will be jointly published by MPLA and ASLA. A committee was formed to plan for and conduct the research forum. Those who served on the committee were Deborah Iverson, chair; Nancy Gustafson; Carol Hammond; Lois Schneberger; and Henry Stewart. Jurors who evaluated papers for inclusion in the research forum were Dr. C.D. Hurt, University of Arizona; Dr. Mary Lockett, University of Oklahoma; Dr. Edward McGlone, Emporia State.

During 1990/91 section officers reviewed the section's bylaws, drafted proposed revisions, and presented the revisions to the membership for approval. Changes in bylaws were intended to (1) further describe responsibilities of section officers and create the position of Past Secretary/Treasurer, (2) expand opportunities for service in the section by creating a Conference Planning Committee and a Research Forum Committee, and (3) codify the section's responsibility for the MPLA Research Forum. Lois Schneberger prepared the revised bylaws and ballot for mailing to the membership.

The section's nominating committee for 1991 included Eveline Yang, Auraria Library in Colorado, chair; Laverna Saunders, University of Nevada Las Vegas; and Kenneth Bierman, Oklahoma State University.

Children's & School Section,

by Dorothy Talbert

Members of the Children's & School Section were surveyed in September 1990 for: ideas to share, topics and people members would like to have in programming, persons who would volunteer to present programs or suggestions for presenters, how MPLA could assist members, and asking members if they would be willing to run for office or be on a committee. From the information returned eight program proposals were presented to the program committee for the Fall ASLA/MPLA/AEMA conference. From these, three were chosen to be part of the many outstand-

ing offerings, and two others were assigned to the Swap Shop. Two ideas from members have been shared through the *MPLA Newsletter*.

Hopefully members will continue to share "ideas that worked" through the newsletter by sending ideas either to its editor, the new section chair, or via your MPLA State Representative.

People who said they would be willing to run for office plus recommendations by State Representatives were those contacted to be candidates for office. Those who responded to the survey have made a difference in the direction of the section.

Government Documents Section,

by Bev Norton

The new GOVDOC Section was approved by the executive board at their December 1990 meeting in Denver. We hope to be able to provide a link between all librarians who either work directly or indirectly with Federal, international, regional, state or local documents. We plan to have a column in the *MPLA Newsletter* that will deal with issues of interest in these areas.

Our first business meeting will be at the annual meeting in Phoenix, and we welcome anyone with an interest in the documents area.

New Members' Roundtable, by Gail Egbers

The New Members' Roundtable has an excellent slate of candidates for this year's election. The candidates' names and states are listed here.

Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Kent Slade, Utah
Secretary: Beverly Stubbles, South Dakota
Beverly Page, Oklahoma

Next year's Chair is Mary Sand who is at the University of North Dakota.

The business meeting for NMRT will be held at the ASLA/MPLA/AEMA conference in Phoenix. The meeting, which includes a continental breakfast for \$5.00, will be at the Hyatt Regency on Friday, November 1. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The winner of this year's MPLA Baker and Taylor Grassroots Grant is M. Allen Overstreet of Orem, Utah, a student at Brigham Young University. Please make Mr. Overstreet welcome if you see him at the conference.

The New Members' Roundtable is an opportunity for people who are newer members to MPLA (10 years or less) or new to the profession (completed MLS no more than 10 years ago) to become involved in MPLA.

Preservation Section, by Linda McCleary

This year the Preservation Section focused attention on conducting a survey for a Preservation Sharing Network. A one page survey was distributed in late February to section members and MPLA state organiza-

tions asking for a description of preservation project(s), amount of time allotted for the project(s), and if there was a willingness for the people involved to assist others in the region with similar projects. Only seven of the sixty-eight surveys were returned.

The survey showed a wide variety of projects being conducted in the MPLA area ranging from a disaster kit and manual project at the Jefferson County Public Library to the extensive preservation laboratory work done at the University of Tulsa Libraries in Oklahoma. The results of the survey were mailed to the responders, interested persons and selected Board members in early July 1991.

Several preservation programs were submitted to the MPLA/ASLA/AEMA Conference Program committee, but only two programs will be sponsored by our section. These are the Section Business Meeting and "Preservation Training for Collections Care and Handling" given by Northern Arizona University Conservator Randall R. Butler, and Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records Preservation Officer Michael McColgin.

Vice Chair/Chair Elect Sharlane Tyra Grant, Arizona State University Conservator, was responsible for the slate of officers for the 1991-92 year. Candidates for Vice Chair/Chair Elect were: Christina Stopka, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY, and Karen Jones, Jefferson County Public Library in Lakewood, CO. Candidates for Secretary were Myra Jo Moon, Colorado State University at Fort Collins, CO and Martha J. Hanscom, University of Wyoming Library at Laramie, WY. These candidates will be elected in the fall and will take office at the Preservation Business meeting at the conference.

Chair Linda McCleary wishes to thank all preservation members who assisted in the survey and took time to share ideas with her.

Technical Services Section,

by Margaret Blue

The Technical Services Section supported the planning and development of an ALA workshop on using Dewey Decimal Classification, 20th ed. The ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services will be offering this workshop for presentation at state and regional meetings through the nation, beginning with a pre-conference at the MPLA/ASLA/AEMA conference.

A survey of members interests is planned. One problem faced by the section has been the limited participation in section offices. Interests and opportunities for expressing concerns need to be developed.

Public Library/Trustee Section,

by Gail Dow

The Public Library/Trustee Section's

primary activities for the past sixteen months since the May 1990 joint conference with Utah; included representing the interests of the Section at the MPLA Board meetings, planning programs of interest to Section members for the "Kaleidoscope" Tri-Conference of MPLA, the Arizona State Library Association, and the Arizona Educational Media Association, and nominating officers for the upcoming year.

Four program proposals were submitted to the Tri-Conference planning committee. Due to budgetary constraints, only two programs were approved. Amy Owen, Director, Utah State Library Division, will present "Public Library Standards, Patterns and Issues." Loren Tabor, Branch Manager, Denver Public Library, and Maureen Crocker, Public Library Consultant, Colorado State Library, will present "Basic Reference Skills: Training Tips."

Carol Connor (Nebraska) was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect, and Dennis Page (North Dakota) was elected secretary.

A special thank you to Carol Connor, who ably chaired the nominating committee that submitted an excellent slate of candidates for section offices.

Committee Reports

Bylaws & Procedures, by Merna Smith

In November 1990, MPLA President, J. Dennis Day appointed Merna Smith, Salt Lake City Public Library to a 2-year term as chair (1990-1992). Merna replaced Dora Ann Jones, Black Hills State University Library. Doras resigned as chair but continued as a committee member. David Boilard, Health Science Library, University of North Dakota, also regrettably resigned as a committee member.

The Bylaws and Procedures Committee is reviewing a proposed addition to the Bylaws concerning telephone conference calls under Article 4.2.4. The committee is revising the proposed change in response to Executive Board concerns expressed at their May 2, 1990 meeting. The committee will present its revised proposal to the MPLA Executive Board at the October 1991 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

Continuing Education, by Susan Richards

During 1990-91 the Continuing Education Committee awarded three pre-conference grants to: Oklahoma (spring), Colorado (fall), and Nevada (fall).

I would like to thank the members of my committee for their assistance and guidance during the past year: Ann Birney (KS), June Garcia (AZ), Diana Graff (UT), Helen Higby (WY), Charlie Hurt (AZ), Mary Nash (NE), Chuck Perry (OK), and Mary Sherman (OK). I have enjoyed my term as chair and will miss all my friends in MPLA as I move to new adventures in northeastern Vermont.

Intellectual Freedom, by Leslie Boughton

The Intellectual Freedom Committee met during the annual conference in Salt Lake City in May, 1990, and identified as a major objective the need to develop a system for reporting and organizing data regarding challenges to library materials in the MPLA region so that information could easily be retrieved by title, author, state or type of library.

Thanks to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, that objective has been met. OIF is developing a Censorship Database and has disseminated a form for use in reporting

challenges. A copy of the form was provided to each member of the committee and we will assist in making it available to all types of libraries within the state we represent.

The committee will be sponsoring or endorsing several programs at the joint conference in Phoenix this fall. Our major program is titled "Harmful to Minors Statutes: What They Mean to Library Staff." The preview program lists Judith Krug as the speaker but does not give credit to David Gunckel of the Sierra Vista (AZ) Public Library who is the IFC member who designed and coordinated the program. Several other committee members will be on the panel. We are also sponsoring Ed Volz's "Audio Survey of Banned Music—From Opera to Rap" which promises to be both educational and fun.

The program in Phoenix will also be a tryout for an educational module developed by ALA-OIF. Judith Krug and Anne Levinson will introduce "Intellectual Freedom and the Legislative Process: How Librarians Can Be More Effective."

Another prominent spokesperson for Intellectual Freedom making a presentation in Phoenix will be Gordon Conable, Chair of ALA's IFC. This is, indeed, an outstanding conference schedule for us.

Membership, by Melanie Miller

In 1990, the Membership Committee reviewed the promotions which were implemented following the April, 1989 Executive Board meeting. These included: a membership promotion handout for incoming state representatives, the new membership promotion brochure, annual membership promotion letters to regional library schools, recruitment from membership of larger library associations, and get-acquainted sessions at joint conferences.

In early 1991, the committee reviewed recommendations discussed by the Executive Board, including membership promotion audiotapes and a promotion strategy suggested by joint conference coordinator, June Garcia. The Membership Committee continues to welcome ideas and suggestions from the membership.

Professional Development,

by Doug Hindmarsh

After experiencing a year beset with some problems in the grants process, the 1991 Professional Development Grants Committee (including some of the 1990 committee members) resolved to put the jewel back into the crown of MPLA's professional opportunities. In February a timetable was established for receipt of applications and evaluative reports, and committee meeting dates were determined for the year. Also in February, and following up on initial efforts by the 1990 committee, the 1991 committee completed the revisions to the section of the *MPLA Manual of Procedures* dealing with professional development grants.

In the process, the applications were revised, as were the evaluative reports. The committee's intent was to have the application reflect more on the proposed project, its objectives, and benefits to MPLA, and less on the applicant's educational background and experience. The committee also hoped the revisions would improve the quality of the applications being received. The evaluative report was revised to more closely parallel the application form in reporting on the project's completion, fulfillment of objectives, and quality of the experience. The Board approved implementation of the new procedures, grant application forms, and evaluative report forms in April.

In April, the Board approved a significant change in the professional development grants program. The "international grant" category was eliminated; however, the "opportunity" for a professional development grant requiring travel outside the United States was maintained. To meet this change, in the future the committee will consider requests for a professional development grant program outside the U.S. along with other regular grants with the maximum award being \$600.

Through the year, committee members have expressed a strong interest in encouraging new members to apply for grants. Another concern is directed toward applicants. The committee has diligently met conference call dates and encourages applicants to submit

applications in a timely manner so they can be considered as part of the ongoing process.

To date the committee has approved mini-, regular, and international grants for the following projects during 1991:

- several grants for library science studies, amounts varying from \$150 to \$600, to Louise Johnson, Jane Schulz, Kathleen Tooker, and Janet Allen.
- attendance at various conferences, including MPLA, amounts varying from \$150 to \$600, to Marvia Boettcher, Marilyn Grosshans, Beverly Birkeland, Melody Kuehn, and Bette Ammon.
- attendance at a library management skills institute, \$400, to Deborah Hagemeier.
- preparation of a bibliography on the Grand Teton National Park, \$150, to Jean Johnson.
- preparation of a catalog of Erasmania at the Herzog August Bibliothek, \$600, to Dale Schrag.
- studies at the institute for German-Russian Studies at the University of Friburg, West

Germany, and the Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen Library, Stuttgart, West Germany, \$1000 international grant, to Michael Miller.

- attendance at the 4th annual Interagency Depository Seminar, \$600, to Ann Kuntzman.

Applications have been received from MPLA members in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. (None from Utah or Oklahoma!) Four applications were received from public librarians/public library system librarians, five from academic librarians, six from school librarians, and one from a state library agency librarian.

Committee members include Beth Marie Quanbeck who has been serving as the committee's secretary, Vince Anderson, Rosario Garza, Jean Johnson, James Marvin, Michael Miller, Lynn Ossolinski, Mary Southwell, Darlene Staffeldt, and Sarah Watson.

Public Relations, by Lynnette Anderson

The committee is able to make available to MPLA members a lapel pin featuring the name and logo of our organization. Five hundred lapel pins were ordered and the committee will sell them to members at the ASLA/MPLA/AEMA conference for \$3.00 each. The price is intended to allow the organization to recover the initial price of the pins and finance an additional order if the project proves to be worth expanding. The committee will also meet at the annual conference and plan a distribution system offering the pins to members in all our member states.

In addition to this project, committee members have done some liaison work with MPLA committees and sections, offering assistance in publicizing activities and projects.

Interest Groups

Interlibrary Loan, by Kathy Hansen

The MPLA Interlibrary Loan Interest Group has dedicated its efforts this year to providing regional interlibrary loan personnel with an opportunity to meet during the ASLA/MPLA/AEMA 1991 conference. Four programs focused on interlibrary loan concerns were approved by the program committee. The program topics will concentrate on current developments in interlibrary loan services in Arizona and the MPLA region. A brief description of the four programs scheduled to take place Friday, November 1, is provided:

"Resource Sharing in Arizona: Shaping the Future" features presentations from members

of the Arizona Resource Sharing Committee.

"'Help' From the Copyright Clearance Center: What Does It Mean for Libraries?" will explain HELP (Higher Education Licensing Program), a program being developed to facilitate copyright licensing agreements between universities and publishers.

A panel discussion will provide a discussion on "Meeting the Increased Demands for Interlibrary Loan Services: the Arizona Perspective."

Three regional interlibrary loan projects will be the focus of "Solving the Challenges of Interlibrary Loan: Regional Projects." Presentations include a discussion of coordinated serial cuts and enhanced

interlibrary loan services between Utah academic libraries, a description of a Colorado library's experience as a test site for Ariel (the RLC telefax workstation), and a demonstration of an ILL management software package developed by a Utah library and currently in use by several regional libraries.

The chair of the MPLA Interlibrary Loan Interest Group wishes to acknowledge the gracious assistance rendered by Jeanne Voyles, Sheila Walters, and Richard Schockmel during the formulation and planning of the above programs.

State Reports

Arizona, by Charlie Hurt

The Arizona State Library Mid-Year meeting gave unanimous approval to a "hold-harmless" resolution in support of legislation in the Arizona Legislature. The measure would have exempted librarians and others in the library and information community from liability under the Harmful to Minors Act. Under current law, anyone displaying or loaning obscene materials to minors may be charged with a felony under Arizona law. The resolution was the direct result of two documented cases in which fear of prosecution caused civic officials to remove certain materials from general circulation, making them available only to those 18 years of age or older. The proposed legislation died in committee, a result of a committee's chair's

refusal to bring it forward for consideration by the committee. His rationale was that, because no librarian had been prosecuted under the Harmful to Minors Act, there was no need for legislative relief. Throughout the process, ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom and ASLA have worked closely and will continue to do so.

Effective May 8th, Marilyn Ridgeway, current ASLA President, resigned from her position as School Library Media Consultant for the Arizona Department of Education. Her announcement stated, "Due to a significant shift in priorities for the Department of Education...and the additional pressure created by budget cuts, I have felt that I could not perform effectively the duties required of my position." Marilyn's resignation and the

vacuum left for school librarians in Arizona is deeply felt. ASLA is continuing to work with the Department of Education to insure that the position will be a focal point for school library media specialists in Arizona. Marilyn accepted the position of Extension Program Coordinator for the Graduate Library School of The University of Arizona and is currently working with the WICHE library science telecommunications program.

The WICHE telecommunications program is a cooperative venture involving WICHE, the Graduate Library School, and the Extended University. The Extended University is responsible for off-campus course offerings of The University of Arizona. Beginning this fall, two courses will be available via satellite transmission to interested parties with

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additional courses planned for the spring and the following year. The courses will also be offered via Mind Extension University over the Jones Intercable system. The effort is in response to a need for quality library science coursework in the WICHE region. For additional information, contact Merrillyn Ridgeway, Graduate Library School, The University of Arizona, 1515 East First Street, Tucson, AZ 85719.

The Yuma School District #1 was selected as a test site for evaluating the Library of Congress American Memory program. The program has CD-ROM and video disk software offering primary source materials in American history and culture from LC's collections.

The Graduate Library School at The University of Arizona announces the addition of Nancy Becker Johnson and Sarah Mort to the faculty. Professor Johnson was a member of the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia before her appointment. Her teaching areas include children's literature, young adult literature, and school librarianship. Sarah Mort is finishing her dissertation at Indiana University. Her teaching areas are collection development, management, and academic librarianship.

Colorado, by Jo Ann Kruglet

The Colorado Legislature passed the "Access Colorado" bill in 1990, which will allow any library with a computer and modem local dial-up access to Colorado's large data bases. The initial monies for this project will come from private sources, such as foundations and large corporations. After the first year of operation, the State Library will include the continuation costs in their budget request to the State Legislature.

The Colorado Library Association used information from several surveys to develop two focus statements for the Association. These statements will serve as goals for CLA:

1. To provide expanded opportunities for members in every area of the state to meet, share, and participate in CLA activities.
2. To strengthen cooperative relationships with other organizations to promote a sense of unity among those who provide library, media, and information services.

This past year saw an overwhelming success for the library community in terms of legislative contact. A total of 61 senators/representatives participated in CLA's Legislative Breakfast held in February. The purpose of the two-day event, sponsored by the CLA Legislative Committee, was to reach as many legislators as possible on a personal, one-on-one basis. The first day's activities consisted of a workshop, which included such topics as the role of the budget analyst, ways to approach your legislators, and CLA's legislative agenda for 1991. We each had previously sent out personal invitations to our senators and representatives asking them to a breakfast the next morning held at the State

Capitol. This gave us a chance to introduce ourselves and "enlighten" our legislators about libraries. Because this proved to be so successful, CLA hopes to make this an annual event.

After many hours of hard work and lobbying effort, a revised Colorado Library Law was passed. This new law gives greater strength to library boards and is clearer in language.

Colorado is still in the process of studying a method of providing all residents of Colorado a way to borrow materials from any library in the state. A committee, appointed by the State Library, was given the charge to study successful programs in other states, develop a model, gather reactions from colleagues, and present their recommendation to the State Library later this year.

The Colorado Center for the Book has supported activities to promote 1991 as the "Year of the Lifetime Reader." The campaign was initiated by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, and Colorado is one of several states that participated in a variety of promotional activities. Topics included: a statewide promotion of the National Library Week theme, "Read Succeed"; a campaign with the Better Air Campaign, and a benefit later this year with Dave Barry, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *Dave Barry Turns 40*.

Colorado Information Connection: The Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services was successfully completed. Colorado had 32 corporate contributions totaling approximately \$80,000 in financial support. Public Service Company, Information Handling Services, and IBM were the lead sponsors.

Emporia in the Rockies, an ALA-accredited MLS program in Colorado, continued its second cycle this year. Admission to the third cycle will open early in 1992.

Colorado's library community has recently become involved in implementing the 10-year national education goals set by President Bush and the National Governor's Association. The Governor of Colorado, Roy Romer, serves as chair of the National Education Goals Panel.

Kansas, by Rowena Olson

A preliminary draft of the "Kansas Library Laws Study," sponsored jointly by the Kansas Library Association (KLA) and the State Library of Kansas, has been submitted for review by the consulting firm, F. Mason and Associates. Recommendations for funding and governance, reorganization of the statewide library network(s) and their services, etc., are being formulated to aid in planning for the future of the Kansas library community.

During the past year, support staff of Kansas libraries have participated in sessions at the fall College and University Libraries Section conference and the March Tri-Conference (featuring Kathleen Weibel). Members of the Kansas Library Operations Associates (KLOA) steering committee, under

the leadership of Janet Anderson-Story (KU), have received a grant of \$100 from KLA to help in the costs of organization, decided to petition KLA for roundtable status, gathered more than sufficient signatures, participated in a joint meeting with Nebraska library personnel, and are planning programming for the 1992 Tri-Conference.

On June 1, the first K-PLACE graduation of 24 small public library managers from across Kansas took place amid music, merriment and some tears. K-PLACE, a three-year institution, combines the expertise of Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management faculty, State Library and State Department of Education personnel and that of other Kansas librarians, to aid managers of small libraries in the study of leadership and communication skills, budgeting and PR, working with government officials and with volunteers, and much more. But, to quote one of the graduates, "The real strength of K-PLACE is people-to-people networking. Now I don't feel so isolated."

1991-1992 officers of KLA include President, Joe McKenzie (Salina Public Library), First Vice-President, Kent Oliver (Olathe Public Library), Second Vice-President, Kay Bradt (Baker University), Secretary, Gayle Willard (Kansas State University), and Treasurer, Marcella Ratzlaff (Hutchinson Public Library/South Central Kansas Library System). An Ad Hoc Committee on KLA Organizational Structure, chaired by Rowena Olsen (McPherson College), submitted a series of recommendations for change in KLA committee, roundtable and section structure, and identified those bylaws requiring updating; a bylaws committee will submit necessary changes to the Council at the December Council meeting.

The second annual Leadership Meeting of the Kansas Association of Communications, Education and Technology (KAECT), the Kansas Association of School Librarians (KASL) and KLA was held August 8-9, 1991 in Salina. Each association held individual orientation and goal-setting sessions and a Council meeting Thursday, with a joint meeting Friday with the Kansas WHCLIS delegation. The delegation shared their impressions of the White House Conference, and discussed briefly the issues presented there. An oversight committee, comprised of two representatives of each associations and members of the delegation, will be formed to monitor action on the issues, both nationally and at the state level.

Montana, by Kathleen Bartlett

Many libraries across Montana are participating in the first statewide summer reading program this summer. The theme is "Get the 'Bear' Facts — Read!" The early indications are that it will be an unusually successful program.

All libraries in the state that desire LSCA grants must have an approved collection

management policy on file with the State Library by October 1, 1991. LSCA grant applications will not even be sent to those libraries which do not meet this requirement. The State Library wants very much to get all libraries to submit these policies and continue to work on building their collections.

The Montana Library Association held a very successful conference in April. The attendance remained high in spite of the state employees strike which took place at the same time. A few presenters were unable to attend as they were required to cover for striking employees. There were many outstanding workshops which were well attended.

One of the most positive aspects of the conference was the emphasis which was put on the exhibitors. The conference hotel had limited space for all the workshops and the needed space for exhibits. The decision was made to shorten the time the exhibits would be there but give some real quality time to them. The conference reception was held in the exhibits area with food and entertainment. Other quality time was given when there was nothing else scheduled. Though exhibit time was shortened, exhibitors were very pleased with the time they had and left the conference very happy. What started out to be somewhat of a nightmare for the exhibits committee turned into a very positive experience for everyone.

One of the highlights of the conference was the awards luncheon. Montana's own Pat Williams was honored for his outstanding contribution to libraries in the state and nationwide. Rep. Williams worked very hard to assure that the National Endowment for the Humanities was refunded. He fought a long and hard battle. He took a great deal of abuse from those who opposed the NEH receiving more funds. Libraries nationwide owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his effort in their behalf. He was also instrumental as a member of the LSCA committee, in getting funds committed to that program again. Though Rep. Williams was unable to attend the conference due to Congressional commitments, we were delighted to have his daughter accept this award.

Several libraries have automated or begun the automation process this past year. Eastern Montana College in Billings, Missoula Public Library, and Flathead County Library in Kalispell have automated. The Mansfield Library at the University of Montana in Missoula is in the process of signing a contract. All of these libraries have chosen the Dynix system.

Nebraska, by Deb Tuma Church

Library education asserts itself as an area of major emphasis in Nebraska. The Louise A. Nixon Scholarship continues to flourish, while a new scholarship was also established and offered this past year. The Duane Munson Scholarship offers four \$250 grants over four years in support of library training. In

addition, the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education approved Emporia State University's application to offer graduate classes for the MLS degree. Classes begin in the fall of 1991 at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln. 45 students had been accepted as of June 1991.

The NLA Executive Board began their year with a retreat in December to discuss goals and objectives. The contract for the lobbyist was renewed. He was kept busy monitoring the Nebraska Legislature as numerous bills affected libraries this year. The lobbyist provided information on a 2% spending lid proposal, an alkaline paper bill and two bills which included language which may have required libraries to limit access to minors in certain instances.

Governor Ben Nelson declared 1991 as Nebraska Year of the Lifetime Reader on February 12 to coincide with the Nebraska Library Association Legislative Education Day.

The Intellectual Freedom Handbook was revised, published and distributed to Nebraska libraries.

Nevada (No report available.)

North Dakota, by Neil Price

"Ready! Set! Go!; Leading Information Seekers Into the New Millennium" was the theme of the 1990 Annual Conference of the North Dakota Library Association, held in Minot, September 19-22, 1990. The following speakers were featured: Dale K. Carrison, Director of the Minnesota State University System Project for Automated Library Systems; Frank Slater, Director of the Online Dakota Information Network; Jane B. Kolbe, South Dakota State Librarian; William T. DeJohn, Director of MINITEX; and Thomas W. Shaughnessy, University Librarian of the University of Minnesota. A post-conference workshop, "The Young Adult Connection: Realities in Writing Fiction for Young Adults" was conducted on Saturday, September 22. The workshop featured young adult authors, Chris Crutcher, Alden Carter, and Hadley Irwin (Lee Hadley and Ann Irwin).

Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota has been designated the 65th U.S. Patent and Trademark Depository Library. Chester Fritz Library joins the Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center as the two PTDLS in the MINITEX region. The collection opened for research on June 1 and includes information on patents granted from 1959 to the present.

The Association of Research Libraries and the libraries of the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota sponsored a Basic Library Management Skills Institute in Grand Forks on September 9-12, 1991. The session was the first workshop conducted in the Dakotas by ARL's Office of Management Services. The Institute focused on the individual and the individual's relationship to

the library organization and to others in the organization, including subordinates, peers, and upper management. Topics included: organization diagnosis, interpersonal relations, leadership style, conflict management, and decision-making.

Librarians, library trustees, and friends of libraries gathered in Bismarck to speak before the North Dakota Senate Committees on January 30, 1991. There were two priority items on their agenda: Senate Bills 2448 and 2003. The State Library's budget for 1991-93 (SB 2003) was passed, as amended by the Senate. It included a funding level recommended by the State Library in the Governor's executive budget recommendations, as well as an additional \$238,560. The State Library had requested that the executive budget be amended to increase funding by \$278,429 for one staff person to serve as the volunteer coordinator for Dakota Radio Information Services, additional funding for purchase of books and library materials, additional funding for MINITEX services, and additional funding for State Aid to Public Libraries to bring the grant program to \$1 million.

The North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library Services was conducted on November 29-December 1, 1990. 180 attendees adopted twenty-eight resolutions to guide library and information services development through the 1990s. State delegates to the National White House Conference were: Librarian, Diane Caley, Minot; Trustee/Friend, Hazel Retzlaff, Wahpeton; Government official, Carl Bloomquist, Webster; Citizen, Larry Lane, Minot.

The 1991 Annual Conference of the North Dakota Library Association will be held at Jamestown, September 25-28. The theme of the conference is "Vision for the 90s: A Harvest of Possibilities." The banquet speaker will be Jim Corcoran, author of the 1990 book, *Bitter Harvest*. Corcoran is now a college teacher in Boston, and spent months investigating North Dakota Gordon Kahl, a fugitive wanted in the killing of two U.S. Marshals on February 13, 1983. Kahl was killed in June, 1983 in a shootout with law enforcement officers in Arkansas. A two-hour movie special was made about the event and aired on NBC-TV in March. Marvin Scilken, Editor of the *U*N*A*B*A*S*I*S*T*I*C* LIBRARIAN will be the keynote speaker. Marcella Schmaltz, Vice-President/President-elect, is conference chair.

Oklahoma, by Stephen Skidmore

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

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The most exciting statewide library development of the past ten years took place in 1991: the first phase of funding for the Oklahoma Library Telecommunications Network (OLTN). Hardware and software will be placed in 39 public libraries this year and development will begin soon on the creation of a statewide database that will link public libraries of various sizes. The goal of phase #1 is to have everything in place at these 39 locations by the first of 1992. Other locations will be added in subsequent years as funding allows.

Several successful conferences were held this year including the State Department of Education's "Encyclomedia" (designed for school librarians as well as public librarians who work with young people), the annual conference of the Oklahoma Library Association (keynoted by Linda Crismond), and a successful Governor's Conference on Libraries which was preceded by 24 regional Governor's conferences. In addition, the Oklahoma Library Association conducted seven other continuing education opportunities throughout the year.

OLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee produced a manual to be used by librarians in dealing with issues of censorship. The manual was written primarily for librarians in small communities who have little or no staff.

As for the Oklahoma Library Association itself, 1991 was a record year for us as our membership total reached 1,052, surpassing by three the top total of 1987. Officers for the coming year are President Carol Casey (State Department of Education), President-Elect Ed Johnson (Oklahoma State University), Secretary Debra Engel (Pioneer Library System), and Treasurer Joan Jester (Metropolitan Library System).

Finally, plans are already being made for OLA's 1997 Annual Conference which we will be co-hosting with the Mountain Plains Library Association. We tentatively have selected Tulsa as the site and are most anxious to make a vivid impression on our MPLA friends.

South Dakota, by Mary Homan

The South Dakota Library Network PALS systems currently has 110 dial-access users, approximately two-thirds of whom are school libraries and one-third a mix of other library types. Twenty-eight libraries have their holdings in the network. The Sioux Falls School District voted to become part of the network in February.

A consortium joined the Sioux Falls Public Library and neighboring Minnehaha County Library as partners sharing a Dynix automation system.

SDLA's School Library Media Section was awarded the ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant for

a proposed continuing education opportunity to be offered to all school librarians in the state. In addition, the project will be funded by a grant from the staff development office of the SD Department of Education, and by funds from the State Library and SDLA. Librarians will be able to earn 3 credit hours for a course taught by Michael Eisenberg, Associate Professor of Information Studies at Syracuse University. The course, "Curriculum Concerns for Library Media Specialists," will be taught as a combination of independent study, lectures, and seminars. Units of study developed by course participants will be placed in the SD Curriculum Center, and course participants will serve as consultants for the Center's curriculum review cycle during 1991-92.

The Cooperative Summer Library Program announced "Hats Off to Libraries" as its 1991 summer reading program theme. This cooperative includes libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

In 1990 SDLA gave Marge Tauber (Watertown Public Library) its Librarian of the Year Award, Donna Gilliland (SD State Library) its School Library/Media Award, Shirley Stenseth (State Library Board) its Trustee of the Year Award, and Kay Heck (Belle Fourche Public Library), its New Librarian of the Year Award.

The South Dakota Association of Communications and Technology Section of SDLA is instituting recognition for the School Library Media Specialist of the Year, becoming part of a nationwide contest sponsored by AECT. SDACT joined with AECT Region VI to sponsor a leadership development conference in June 1991.

WHCLIS delegates from South Dakota carried to the national conference the following concerns: the increasing privatization of federally collected information, resulting in libraries and individuals having to pay for once free information; necessary increases in federal monies appropriated for libraries; support for intellectual freedom; support for distance learning in rural areas; and access to library services for handicapped persons.

Prairie Pasque, SDLA's book award for grades 4-6, has been awarded to Lois Lowry for *All About Sam*. The Young Adult Reading Program is in its third year of publishing a recommended reading list for young adults in the state.

Utah (No report available)

Wyoming, by Marcia Wright

According to Helen Higby, WLA Legislative Committee chair, the 1991 Wyoming

Legislative reception was an "unqualified success from every perspective." Questions from legislators to librarians were pertinent and there seemed to be genuine interest in the interests of the library community. Of course, WLA members are always complimented on the variety of fresh, home-made treats that grace the tables for this event.

The Legislative Committee has really defined their role this year, naming responsibilities and seeking Board endorsement for their agenda and action plan.

Pam Lewis of Laramie County Library, Cheyenne, has accepted the editorship of the *WLA Newsletter*. Lisa Reynolds and Marcia Wright of the Campbell County Public Library, Gillette, had been the first editors of the publication which is the Association's pipeline for all activities to and from the membership.

State government reorganization has essentially been completed. The State Library is now one of eight divisions of the Department of Administration and Information. The Department's mission statement defines itself, among other things, as the information support unit for citizens and state government. As part of the reorganization, the Wyoming State Library completed an extensive strategic plan for the next three years. Along with that plan a budget commitment has been made to WYLD, the Wyoming Library Database. WSL has also hosted other members of their new department to familiarize them with the library's operation.

The Trustee section of WLA will probably merge into the Public Library Section after the September conference. Section membership and leadership have been sporadic with the section often not meeting at all. The program goals of both sections can be met effectively by the merger.

The Wyoming Library Film Cooperative has been dissolved by the members of the Public Library Section. Most of the films and the inspection machine were sold to Campbell County School District and are no longer available for circulation to county libraries. Funds received were designated for a collection of books on tape.

Lin Rounds and the Wyoming State Library deserve a pat on the back for including MPLA information in their publication, *The Outrider*. Whenever possible, and whenever I meet the deadlines, notices of meetings, continuing education, and MPLA announcements are included in that publication. We all think "communication" is a watchword to heed.

The Wyoming Library Association is anxious to host the 1991 MPLA Conference in Cheyenne. It should be a profitable meeting for members of both associations.

(continued from page 12) also available at all city library locations free of charge.

Produced by the City Library, the brochure stresses the importance of reading to your new baby and offers tips for raising children who love to read. Also included are lists highlighting some of the best books available for infants, toddlers and preschoolers as well as parent resource books. Parents will find a "baby's first library card" in each brochure and are encouraged to redeem it for a real library card at any city library.

Major funding for this project was donated by the Friends of the Salt Lake City Public Library. (News release)

NACo Convention & Libraries

America's public libraries were well represented at the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Convention this summer in Salt Lake City.

Five-thousand-plus NACo Convention attendees, including government officials and public sector employees from throughout the United States, learned about the importance of public libraries when they visited a booth titled, "Libraries: A Vital Link with County Government." In addition a convention program, "Libraries Mean Business," covered the impact of public libraries on employment and economic development.

Sponsored by the Public Library Association, and coordinated by Salt Lake County Library System Director Eileen Longworth and Marketing Manager Scott Russell, the PLA booth featured information on the public library's role in economic development and information provision for local governments. People who visited the booth used a computer terminal to access 347 periodicals, received handouts on economic development and library statistics from across the nation, skimmed reference books and viewed the PLA-produced video "Making a Living, Making a Life."

During the "Libraries Mean Business" program, PLA President June Garcia explained how libraries can be an integral part of a successful job search. Multnomah County, Oregon, Central Library Head June Mikkelsen discussed Multnomah Library's Contract Procurement Center. The program was coordinated and sponsored by Eileen Longworth and was later presented in a separate session for local library professionals. (News release)

Wyoming

Radio Listener Finds Pot of Gold at the Library

Cheyenne, Wyo., radio station KFBQ chose the Laramie County Library System's central branch as the end of the rainbow in its recent "Q98 Treasure Hunt" promotion.

The radio station gave daily historical clues about the city in its five-week promotion. The clues directed listeners to a \$1,000 jackpot hidden somewhere in the city of Cheyenne. The station hid the treasure in the library's genealogy and local history room behind books on the history of Cheyenne and Laramie County.

"We had a very good response from this promotion," said Don Anderson, the radio station's advertising director. Anderson said he also used the library to research the city's history to come up with clues.

"We were very pleased that the library was used for this contest," said Laramie County Librarian Lucie Osborn. "The library, as the community's information center, is full of clues, some of which lead to riches." (News release)

Depository First

It was a first. Representatives from the nine federal depository libraries located in Wyoming met for the first time with the head of the regional depository. Spearheading the gathering was Karlo Mustonen, Documents Librarian of Utah State University, who also visited the site of each depository. Issues discussed included standards, depository requirements, and service the Utah regional can provide for Wyoming depositories. (State Representative report)

Soaring Eagle & Indian Paintbrush Book Awards

The Soaring Eagle Book Award of the Wyoming Council IRA has been awarded to *Trapped in Death Cave* by Bill Wallace. Mr. Wallace will be the speaker at the 1991 WLA Children's Author luncheon. Second place goes to *Chain Letter* by Christopher Pike, and third place was awarded to *Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop.

The 1991 Wyoming Indian Paintbrush

Book Award winner is *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. First runner-up is *Wait 'till Helen Comes* by Mary Hahn, with *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry as second runner-up. This is an annual book administered by the Children and Young Adult Section of WLA, and a cooperative project of school and public librarians.

Due to the special reports and conference information provided in this issue, space was unavailable for the following regular features: Newly Minted, Continuing Education, Joblist, About You, and New Members.

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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