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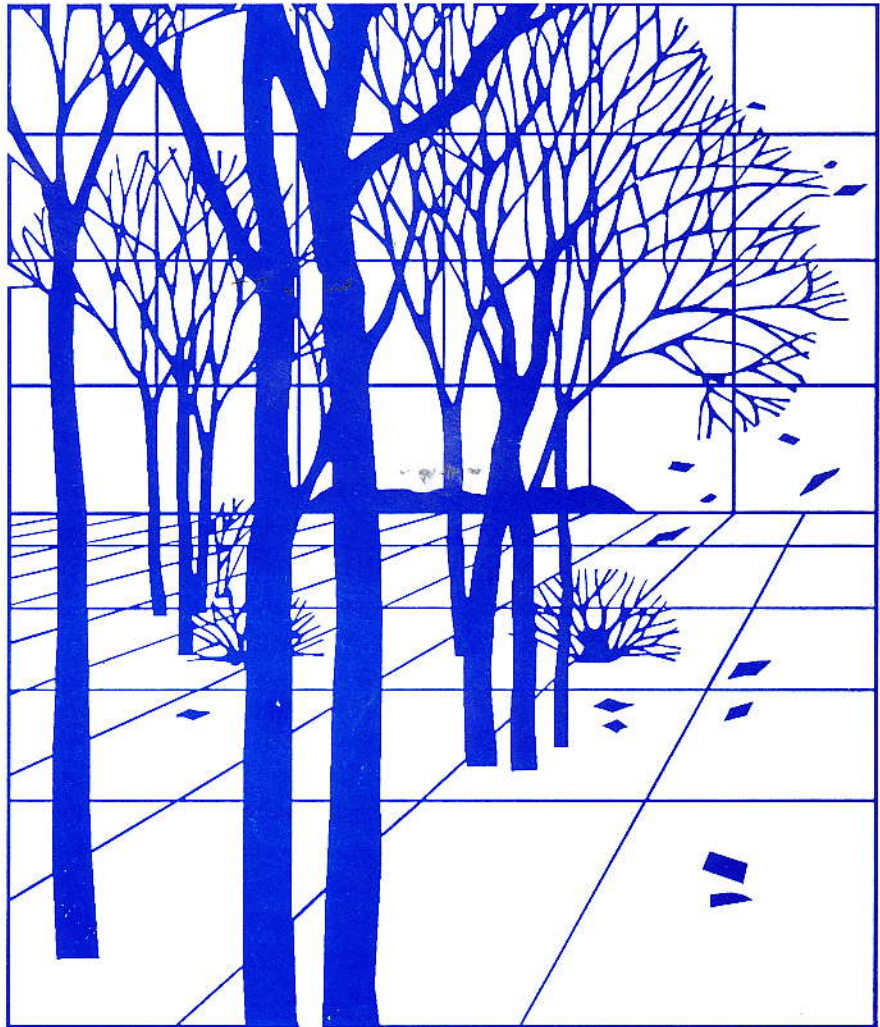
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*Distinguished Service Award*

*Camila A. Alire*

*Legislative Leadership Award*

*Alberto Alvaro Rios*

*Literary Contribution Award*

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# Awards



## MPLA Distinguished Service Award

### *Blaine Hall*

*To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.*

Winner: Blaine Hall, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. Blaine has long been active in MPLA and has made significant contributions to that organization and to the field of librarianship. He has published extensively, including several well-received books, and has served widely in numerous capacities over a long, distinguished career. He is a credit to the BYU Library, to MPLA, and to the library profession in general.

## MPLA Legislative Leadership Award

### *Camilla A. Alire*

*To be given to an individual or group (state legislature, city council, board of education, etc.) in recognition of exemplary legislative leadership or support for growth and development of a library or libraries in the MPLA area within the last two years.*

Winner: Camila A. Alire, Denver, Colorado. Camila A. Alire served as Chair of the Colorado Library Association's Legislative Committee in 1989-90 and 1990-91, at which time much support was gained from Colorado legislators for the development of library services in that state. She was a key figure in the planning of the Colorado libraries legislative agenda and was instrumental in planning a successful workshop which brought legislators and librarians together to discuss library related issues.

## MPLA Literary Contribution Award

### *Alberto Alvaro Rios*

*To be given to an author whose published writings are most successfully furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.*

Winner: Alberto Alvaro Rios, Department of English, Arizona State University. Alberto Alvaro Rios is an author whose poems and stories have contributed significantly to an understanding and appreciation of the Southwest, the Hispanic culture which is an enduring part of the region, and which have had an even broader appeal and recognition within the context of modern literature and society.

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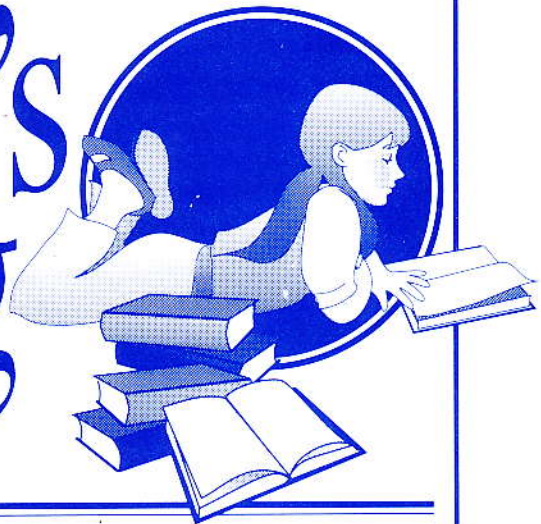
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	Alma (Bunny) Morrison	ELECTED
Secretary	Mary Caspers	ELECTED
	Melanie Miller	

## Academic Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Mary Bushing	ELECTED
	Janet Swan Hill	
Secretary	Louise Stwalley	
	Martha Jo Sani	ELECTED

## Technical Services Section

No ballot submitted by section

## State Agency Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Donna R. Jones	ELECTED
	Joyce C. Lee	
Secretary	Beverly Norton	ELECTED
	Write In	

## Public Library Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Robbe S. Sokolove	ELECTED
	Paul L. Little	
Secretary	Elyita Landau	ELECTED
	Nancy Effinger	

## New Members Round Table

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Kent Slade	ELECTED
	Write In	
Secretary	Beverly Stubbles	ELECTED
	Beverly Page	

## Children's and School Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Kathy A. Fredette	ELECTED
	Georgia L. Hardt	
Secretary	Marilyn Blacker	
	Janet Norrod	ELECTED

## Preservation Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Karen Jones	ELECTED
	Christina Stopka	
Secretary	Myra Jo Moon	
	Martha Hanscom	ELECTED

## Government Documents Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect	Vicky York	ELECTED
	Write In	
Secretary	Venice N. Brown Beske	ELECTED
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Watch page 16 of the December Newsletter for a complete list of all new officers for sections and committees.

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## **Baker & Taylor/NMRT Grassroots Grant**

The winner of the 1991 MPLA Grassroots Grant was M. Alan Overstreet. He will receive a \$250 award. Alan is a graduate student in the School of Library and Information Science at Brigham Young University.

Alan began his MLS studies in the spring of 1988 and plans to graduate in the spring of 1992. He is presently interning in the Manuscripts and Special Collections Department part-time at BYU. He holds a previous Masters Degree in Anthropology, specifically Historical Archaeology. He worked in this field for nearly 10 years before deciding to become involved in Library Science.

Alan is a past member of Gradalis, Society for Historical Archaeology, Pioneer America Society and Sigma Xi. Presently he is a member of the Utah Library Association and

Vice-Chair for the Library Assistants Roundtable, MPLA. He has won several anthropology research awards and an honorable mention for a paper on ancient temples for the Religion Department at BYU.

Congratulations to Alan and our best wishes for a successful career in Library Science. —Mary R. Sand, Chair, MPLA NMRT B&T Grant

## **Postal Rate Increase Rejected**

MPLA's Federal Relations Coordinator, Duane Johnson, Kansas State Library, reports that on November 5 the Board of Governors for the U.S. Postal Service rejected the increases recommended recently by the Postal Rate Commission.

Thus, the 26.8 percent increase proposed for the fourth-class library rate will NOT be implemented.

Johnson noted this is good news for the schools, colleges, and libraries which rely on the library rate for interlibrary loan, books-by-mail programs, film-sharing circuits, and the receipt of new library and instructional materials. The short-term effect is that rates stay the same for now. However, due to a shortfall in appropriations, third-class nonprofit "flats" will increase November 17, as reported earlier.

The long-term effect of the decision is that the next general rate increase (the process for raising all postal rates, including first class) may come a little sooner than it would otherwise. The reason is that the \$333 million the Postal Rate Commission was hoping to raise through its now-rejected rate increase proposal will add to the USPS red ink instead, thus hastening the time when a general rate increase may be requested.

## Grateful Med

The National Library of Medicine has awarded a grant to the Arizona Area Health Education Centers and Arizona Health Sciences Center Library to conduct GRATEFUL MED training throughout the state. GRATEFUL MED is a software program that allows health professionals and librarians to access databases at the National Library of Medicine and to retrieve a bibliography of articles on a given topic.

The focus of the grant is to assist unaffiliated health professionals in obtaining access to health information. Rural areas and minority health professionals or those who are working with minorities have been targeted.

The initial demonstration/training of this software will be at the Indian Health Service National Council of Clinical Directors' meeting in Tucson of April 15, 1991.

For additional information, or if you are interested in scheduling a training session for health professionals in your area, contact: Patricia A. Auflick, Arizona Area Health Education Centers; 3131 E. 2nd St.; Tucson, AZ 85716. (602)626-7946 or Mary L. Rhoads, Field Office; Arizona Health Sciences Center Library, Arizona Health Sciences Center; Tucson, AZ 857124. (602)626-3510. (ASLA Newsletter, May 1991)

## Dining Out Library is Taking Orders

Need to take guests out to eat? Looking for a new dining experience? Let the Phoenix Public Library help you decide where to go.

With that in mind, the library staff has compiled the Valley Restaurant Menu File. The more than 100 menus fill several brightly colored crates in the stacks of the business-sciences department.

Each of the menus is date-stamped to indicate when it was acquired. Many of the menus are notated with personal comments of library staffers who collect the menus when they dine out, librarian Marge Sykes said.

Restaurants are encouraged to send current menus or new ones as selections change. (Arizona Republic, July 26)

## "Harmful to minors" Statutes

A "Hold Harmless" legislative program sponsored by ASLA will be held on Friday, September 20, 1991, at the Casa Grande

Holiday Inn. The purpose of this program is to communicate to librarians their jeopardy and potential liability of prosecution under the "Harmful to minors" statutes.

The intent of Arizona's "Harmful to minors" statutes (ARS 13-3501 to 13-3507) is to protect minors from descriptions or representations of nudity, sexual activity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sadomasochistic abuse.

Any person who knowingly "publishes, sells, rents, lends, transports or transmits in intrastate commerce, imports, sends or causes to be sent into this state for sale or commercial distribution or commercially distributes or exhibits any obscene item, or offers to do any such things" is guilty of a class 5 felony under the "Harmful to minors" statutes.

Under these statutes "it is a class 4 felony to 'recklessly furnish, present, provide, make available, give, lend, show, advertise or distribute' to minors any item which is harmful to minors."

While the "Harmful to minors" statutes have been in effect in Arizona since the 1970's, two recent incidents resulted in materials being segregated from the main collection and unavailable to minors.

The first incident involved the Scottsdale Public Library and Playboy. Connie Mulholland, Scottsdale Library Systems Manager, says that a patron questioned the library's selection policy concerning this particular item and its exhibition on the magazine rack. The Scottsdale City Council upheld the library's selection policy.

"This was a very emotional situation," says Mulholland.

Mulholland says that the former City Manager of Scottsdale believed that the library staff could be held liable under the "Harmful to minors" statutes. So as not to place the library staff in jeopardy, it was recommended that Playboy be kept out of view and that proof of age be required to access this material.

The second incident occurred in Casa Grande and involved a sixth grader who checked out *Truly Tasteless Jokes Volume 6*. The parent lodged a formal complaint with the Library Board concerning the suitability of this material for a minor. In a vote of 6 to 1, the Board upheld the library's selection policy.

After further investigation, the Casa Grande police told the City Manager that the library staff could be liable and prosecuted under the "Harmful to minors" statutes.

As a result, *Truly Tasteless Jokes Volume 6* was placed behind the circulation desk. Minors are not allowed to view this item or check it out.

In 1988, Senator Denny and Representative Polly Rosenbaum co-sponsored legislation that would have absolved librarians from liability with regard to the "Harmful to minors" statutes. This legislation died when it was not brought forward for discussion.

About that time, ASLA contacted Judith Krug, Director, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, concerning strategies to secure this exemption. Krug advised ASLA that any strategy must have membership support and backing.

By April 1991, *A Resolution of the Arizona State Library Association* had been prepared. It was voted on and passed at ASLA's MIDCON in April 1991. This *Resolution* affirms ASLA's commitment and support of intellectual freedom, recognizes that complete access to information on controversial issues can only occur when collections represent all sides, and endorses the development and passage of a "Hold Harmless" exemption to the "Harmful to minors" statutes.

At least 29 states have already passed "Hold Harmless" clauses that exempt librarians and library staff from prosecution.

In Kansas (21-4301a), an affirmative defense to promoting obscenity to minors occurs when the defendant is "an officer, director, trustee or employee of a public library and the allegedly obscene material was acquired by a public library and was disseminated in accordance with regular library policies approved by its government body."

In Utah (76-10-1208), an affirmative defense to the distribution of pornographic material is "restricted to institutions or persons having scientific, educational, governmental, or other similar justification for possessing pornographic material."

In South Dakota (22-24-31), a defense for disseminating materials to minors occurs when "the defendant was a bona fide school, college, university, museum or public library,

or was acting in his capacity as an employee of such an organization or retail outlet affiliated with and serving the educational purposes of such an organization."

David Gunckel, Director, Sierra Vista Public Library, and past chair of ASLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, hopes that two outcomes of the "Hold Harmless" program on September 20 will be that ASLA members will develop a strategy to gain an exemption to the "Harmless to minors" statutes and that legislators will understand the level of seriousness in which librarians approach this issue. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, September 9)

### Arizonan Completes Literacy Walk

A finish line greeted Library of Congress staff members arriving to work Sept. 9. But it was reserved for a truly long-distance commuter: Julie Kimball. Ms. Kimball was arriving that morning from San Diego. She had discovered a novel way to avoid rush hour traffic: walking. On April 19, Ms. Kimball left

San Diego on a coast-to-coast walk to publicize the importance of literacy and raise money through pledges for scholarships and literacy education programs. She had firsthand experience of the importance of literacy: Five years ago, she herself was functionally illiterate:

Although she owns and operates a successful janitorial company with 125 employees, she could not read beyond the second-grade level. Finally, she admitted she needed help and began working with a reading tutor from Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County in her hometown of Phoenix. Two years later, she was reading at the 11th-grade level. Since that time, she has become a leading spokesperson for literacy. She testified, for example, at a joint congressional hearing July 11 during the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Along the way from San Diego, she spoke to many reporters and attended events sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of America.

Additional sponsorship came from Xerox Corp., New Balance Shoes and Exceed Nutritional Products.

Many others helped along the way, including members of a motorcycle club called the Blue Knights that she met under an overpass outside Atlanta; club members are former police officers. They provided an escort on Ms. Kimball's last leg Monday morning, beginning on the Virginia side of Memorial Bridge and up Independence Avenue to the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building, some 20 blocks east of the bridge.

At the finish line, John Y. Cole, director of the Library's Center for the Book, held one end of the tape and Jinx Crouch, president of Literacy Volunteers of America, held the other.

But couch potatoes take note: what really got Ms. Kimball through the tough times during her walk was pizza. And a fresh one awaited her at the finish line in the hands of a representative from Pizza Hut, another one of her sponsors. (Library of Congress Information Bulletin, September 23)

### Columbia Savings Banks Promote Services of LBPH

Barbara Goral from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reports that staff and customers of Columbia Savings Banks are visiting nursing homes and senior centers to talk about the library service to the residents. The LBPH is providing materials and equipment for the visits.

Earlier this year, the LBPH held a volunteer workshop for the Columbia people to learn about the library and its services. (NEXUS, August 1991)

### PPLD Staff—a Winning Team

*Everybody welcome: The Story of Fannie Mae Duncan*, produced by the library district's Video Studio, was recently awarded first place as a Video Short Documentary in the Athens International Film and Video Competition. Over 60 videos from all around the world, including Canada, Belgium, and Germany, were entered.

As if that award wasn't enough, the same video has been nominated for an 1991 Heartland Emmy award in the Target Audience Program category. The award, sponsored by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Heartland Chapter, includes television markets with multi-million dollar

studios in Nebraska, Oklahoma, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Colorado and Wyoming. (Potpourri, September)

### Grandmother's Day Read In

Maryellen Brubaker, Director of Cortez Public Library, tells about her Grandmother's Day Read In:

Any children who came had to be accompanied by a grandmother who would read to them in the children's section or other part of the library.

"But," protested one four-year old listening to Maryellen's description of the program: "I'm not allowed to bring strange grandmothers to the library!"

The Grandmothers' Day Read In proved a huge success with so many grandmothers volunteering that they were asked by the local school district to help children with reading during summer school. (Plain Speaking, August)

### Colorado Libraries Have More Friends

Colorado libraries have more Friends groups and raise more dollars per member than libraries nationwide.

Of libraries nationwide, 24% reported having a Friends group, in Colorado, 47% of

libraries reported such groups.

Nationally, Friends groups averaged 213 members; Colorado Friends groups average 164 members.

Across the U.S., Friends groups reported book sales, fundraising events and direct mail appeals as the most often used means of raising money. In Colorado, book sales were followed by film or lecture series and receptions, lunches or dinners.

Friends groups nationwide raised an average of \$9,408 compared with an average of \$8,541 for such groups in Colorado. On per member basis, however, Colorado Friends raised \$52.08 each, compared with \$44.17 per Friend of the Library nationwide. (Plain Speaking, October)

### Project to Improve Challenged Children's Lifestyles

The new Challenged Child Reading Center at the East Library and Information Center has been established to bring more understanding to the issues facing special children and their families. Located in the Children's Area, it is a cooperative project between the Pikes Peak Library District and the Child Development Center of Colorado Springs, Inc.

The Challenged Child Reading Center contains a comprehensive collection of fiction

and non-fiction, adult and juvenile literature relating to disabled children. The materials are at the East Library and Information Center, but may be checked out from any Pikes Peak Library District facility. (Plain Speaking, October)

### Denver Library Wins Public Relations Award

The Denver Public Library has won the Public Relations Society of America/Colorado Chapter's most prestigious award for the Library 1990 campaign.

The award was made for last year's effort that won voter approval for the \$91.6 million bond package. The Library was awarded a Gold Pick award in the Public Service category at the ceremony on September 13.

It then went on to accept the Grand Gold Pick award for the best public relations effort

in 1990, beating out a host of advertising and public relations firms, along with corporate and organizational departments.

The Library 1990 campaign was managed by Ciruli Associates, with advertising and public relations consulting by Schenkein Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations. Overseeing the campaign was the Library 1990 Committee, comprised of volunteers. Volunteers (including many Friends and staff members) also participated at every level of activity.

One judge's comments cited the comprehensive grass roots nature of the campaign as being particularly noteworthy. (News release)

### Denver Videos Win Awards

Two videos produced for the Denver Public Library by the Denver Office of Television Service (OTS) won major awards at the annual

National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors competition in September.

The ceremony recognized the best in government access programming. Winning a first place in the category of children, families and cities was "Summer Reading Safari," a four-minute spot about the D.P.L.'s annual children's summer reading program. Taking third place in the public education category was "The Case of the Confidential Files," a 20-minute staff training video on issues of library confidentiality, based on a humorous murder mystery.

The OTS manages Denver government Cable Channel 28 on the Mile Hi system. The Office also took two additional first places in other categories and a second place for overall excellence in government access programming. (News release)

### And H-e-r-e-'s Meade...!

Meade Public Library had two patrons offer to write and illustrate a library color book for the Library Expansion Project. The book was completed and ready for sale just in time for Easter. All proceeds from the sale go to the expansion project. The story illustrates the life of a book from the author's mind to the shelves of the library, and also touches on the care it should receive. (System Scene, August/September)

### I S.P.E.L.L. II

Because of the success of last year's event, Jean Gaeddert, coordinator of Hutchinson Public Library's Adult Literacy Program, is organizing I S.P.E.L.L. II (I Support Programs Encouraging Local Literacy), a spelling contest. On Monday evening, September 23rd, a group of courageous contestants representing a variety of local businesses and organizations in the area will be participating in the second annual event. Contestants include HPL/SCKLS Director Leroy Galtin, HPL Assistant Director Marcella Ratzlaff, Hutchinson News managing editor and current HPL Board Member Roger Verdon, attorney Kent Voth, Reno County Attorney Tim Chambers, 1st National Bank President David Hederstedt, KHCC reporter David Naylor, Hutchinson Community College President Ed Berger, and Hutchinson News copy writer and returning champion Jesse Bribiesca. Contestants will be asked to collect pledges from co-

workers, family members, friends, neighbors, and others, to help raise funds for the Adult Literacy Program. Contestants are also encouraged to bring along their own cheering section. The contest will be held in the library's auditorium at 7 p.m. that evening. (SCKLS Newsletter, September)

### CE Grant For China Study

Fifteen continuing education grants from the Kansas Library Association helped fund a variety of activities for members during 1990-1991.

Lack of money and lackadaisical staff are the primary challenges that Chinese library directors reported to Ann Birney. Birney is assistant dean for the School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University. She visited a number of academic libraries in the People's Republic of China. The goal of her study tour was to learn more about the world of Chinese students who attend Emporia's graduate library science program.

Birney observed that although many Chinese university libraries had microcomputer hardware, they lacked software. "But they didn't lack staff to write their own software. China has no telecommunications infrastructure and since resources are so scarce, there seems little incentive to share," commented Birney. "Language is also an inhibitor, since the Chinese language has over 3,000 characters."

Chinese librarians said that Americans "were go-getters" in contrast to Chinese library workers, many of whom got their jobs because they were related to library employees. "With some exceptions, it appeared to be that for every job, there were three people doing it," said Birney.

Many of the libraries that Birney visited had staffs of 450 people. "Given the software and steam shovels that China wants to purchase, the possibility of so many unemployed, unhoused and unfed people must terrify China's leaders," commented Birney.

Birney noted that the lack of air conditioning in combination with 100 degree temperatures and 99% humidity at the Library of Academia Sinica in Shanghai called for some unusual job perks. "The library's director makes sure that his employees are served ice cream daily."

"Motivating Chinese library employees is further compounded by the innovation of choice," said Birney. "Formerly, graduates of Chinese universities were assigned jobs, now they get on their bicycles with transcripts and letters of reference and knock on doors wherever they see the word 'information.'"

The entire country of China is modernizing and while China has plenty of people, it still lacks resources. One person Birney talked with said, "I almost wish it was like it was ten years ago. We had less, but everyone had less, so no one felt it as much."

Birney says that she is willing to share her



more of her experiences with anyone who cares to listen. "I even took a few slides," she smiled. (KLA Newsletter, September 1991)

### **Emporia State University Helps Paraguayans Become 'Information Brokers'**

In 1990 book *Powershift*, Alvin Toffler described the revolution of the info-sphere, where the wildfire spread of the computer and new networks altered how information is instantaneously updated and moved all over the world to those who need it. Since the signing of the first international agreement between Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) and Paraguay's Information and Resources Center for Development last November, both parties have a growing awareness of the changing role of information and information gathering.

As part of the agreement, ESU's Dr. Martha Hale, dean of SLIM, and SLIM associate professor Dr. Herbert Achleitner visited Paraguayan officials and conducted work-

shops this summer to train information professionals or "information brokers."

"An information broker is somebody who can find information for members of an organization and put it into useful form. They integrate information for decision makers—much like a librarian without a library," said Dr. Achleitner.

Paraguay ousted its dictator three years ago and is readying itself for a constitutional convention in 1992. Hale said she witnessed the people's energy, frustration and hope as they created a new democratic infra-structure and civic culture. Citizens are learning what it's like to vote, monitor votes, and be part of an opposition party without being secret.

"This was an astounding opportunity to watch the emergence of a modern participatory government," said Hale.

"Once you opt for democracy, an information infrastructure becomes important because democracies demand information," said Achleitner.

"The more you share, the better things work."

Paraguayan workshop participants were

required to speak English, have graduated from college, and work in an organization where the information skills learned could be applied. Participants included people from the National Water Department, Central Bank, private companies, and non-governmental agencies.

"Herb set the environment so they talked as a group and figured solutions for themselves," said Hale. "We were empowering them to solve their own problems. Our contribution was to steer them to ideas."

The pair will find out within the next six weeks whether a proposal to continue the process by giving workshops for individual agencies will be accepted.

"We would create a learning packet and teaching materials for them. The training would be ours temporarily but our ultimate goal is for the Paraguayans to take over," said Hale.

Hale has identified two Paraguayans who may come to ESU to work on their Master's in

## Montana

### **UM Librarian Witnesses History in Moscow Visit**

Karen Hatcher, dean of the University of Montana's Mansfield Library, became a witness to history last month while attending a conference in the Soviet Union.

In a message relayed to her staff August 20, Hatcher reported all was fine in Moscow, although attendance was way down at the conference she was there to attend.

Hatcher said her hotel was just around the corner from the Russian parliament building where Russian President Boris Yeltsin is headquartered.

Hatcher returned to the United States September 2. She was accompanied by Leza Hamby, librarian at Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton. (Montana State Library News, September)

### **Press Roundup**

The roof of the Miles City Public Library, which has leaked since 1979, will be replaced with the help of a \$13,000 grant from the Montana Coal Board and a \$3,000 local donation.

The "donate-a-magazine" effort at Lewis & Clark Library in Helena has netted nearly \$3,000 to help pay for periodical subscriptions.

To help fund its book-leasing plan, Philipsburg Public Library staff sold "logs" for a log race on July 27.

An endowment fund for Bozeman Public Library has already met half of its \$250,000 goal.

"Bushels for Books" at Liberty County Library in Chester takes donated wheat bushels and raises money to buy new

children's books. (Montana State Library News, September)

### **More Access, Same Budget**

The Parnly Billings Library, Billings, will increase its hours by 18 percent in September with no additional personnel or operational costs. The library's Board of Trustees acted "to provide more convenient access for people who work or go to school during the day and to encourage use by families." The 52-hour winter schedule has been applauded by local politicians as an example of creativity and good management despite difficult financial times. (Library Hotline, 8/5/91)

### **Professional Development Assistance**

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all of which may be used for the following: formal college or university classroom work, independent study programs, attendance at workshops, conferences or seminars, or participation in any other activity that will benefit libraries and the library community in our region.

#### **1992 Applications Accepted after January 1**

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.

### MLS Program to Begin

Sixty four students have indicated they will enroll in the Nebraska Emporia State University MLS program which began Friday September 27. (NLC Communication, September 13)

### Seventeen Nebraskans Graduate with MLS Degree

After almost three years of juggling school, work and personal schedules, seventeen Nebraska students joined their classmates in graduation ceremonies at the Morningside College Auditorium, Sioux City, IA on Saturday, September 8. These seventeen persons were completing the Emporia State University MLS program which involved students from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota. (NLC Communication, September 13)

### Adopt-A-Family

For several years City of Omaha employees have been sponsoring needy families during the holiday season by providing special gifts for their enjoyment. For the first time, library employees joined in to Adopt-A-Family of our own. Actually, we adopted two families! One family included a fourteen year old girl and a twelve year old boy; the other family had two girls, ages four and five.

Through employee contributions we collected more than \$400.00 and were able to provide decorations, clothing, food certificates, toys, and games for the families. The children and their parents were delighted with their gifts and were most appreciative. The Omaha Public Library staff was extremely generous with their time and donations and proved to truly be ambassadors of good will. (Omaha Public Library Annual Report)

### Nebraska Library Commission Receives W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant

Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission, is pleased to announce that the Commission has received a \$54,530 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan. The one-year grant will be used to extend the services of the Nebraska Education Information Center Network. The Network builds partnerships between Nebraska libraries and other community organizations, providing Nebraska citizens with career and educational planning services, small business assistance, and educational programs in public libraries.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant supports the Nebraska Education Information Center Network based in six libraries

across the state including Broken Bow Public Library, Columbus Public Library, Crete Public Library, Holdrege Public Library, John A. Stahl Public Library (West Point), and Slagle Memorial Library (Alliance). These libraries, one in each of the regional Library Systems, assist adults that are job hunting, changing careers, going back to school, or starting a business. The libraries provide information and referral to help make these transitions smoother.

The Nebraska Education Information Center Network began in 1986 with initial funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The six initial library sites have since expanded to serve Nebraskans in more than twenty temporary, rotating centers in public libraries, school media centers, and college libraries across the state.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 to "help people help themselves." As a private grantmaking foundation, it provides seed money to organizations and institutions that have identified problems and have designed constructive action programs aimed at solutions. The Foundation supports pro-grams in the broad areas of agriculture, education, health, leadership and youth. Programming priorities concentrate grants in the United States, Latin America, the Caribbean, and southern Africa. (NLAQ, Fall)

### Bond Issue Allows Automation Upgrade

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, NV, has purchased a major upgrade of its CLSI LIBS 100 System. The library recently passed a bond issue providing funds for a new 100,000 square foot regional library, the expansion and renovation of another library, and six new library facilities to serve the area which is growing at a rate of 3000 persons a month. The bond issue provides \$70 million for facilities and \$10 million for books. The library is using funds from the bond issue for the two-phased \$600,000

upgrade to the hardware and bibliographic database of the its automation system. The newly-configured system will serve the district's three regional libraries, 17 branch libraries, and nine contracting libraries. The system offers four dial-in ports for use by the county's smaller branch libraries, other libraries in the state, and library users. (Library Hotline, September 9)

### Newspaper and Serials Project

The University of Nevada, Reno Library has received grant funding to survey Nevada newspapers (1950-to date) and Nevada subject oriented serials. The purpose is to insure a comprehensive collection of these materials and will include the identification, accession, conservation, and preservation and microfilming of these materials. This is a cooperative project between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the Nevada State Library, the Nevada Historical Society and the University of Nevada, Reno. (MEMO, August/September)

In this newsletter a one-page insert, an annual report on library activities in Utah, has been included. If yours was lost during mailing and you want a replacement copy, please contact Joe Edelen, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.

### Multi-Type Libraries OK'd

Legislation allowing for the planning and establishment of multi-type library authorities was approved by Gov. Sinner on April 5. SB-2448 defines a multi-type library authority as "a geographic subdivision within which multi-type libraries are organized for the purpose of providing library and information services

through cooperation and mutual support." The bill includes a general fund appropriation of \$50,000 for planning and implementation. Legislative intent for SB-2448, included in SB-2003, states: "It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the state library will support the planning committee established to implement 1991 Senate Bill No. 2448 relating to library

authorities. The department of public instruction and the state library will facilitate delivery of efficient and equitable information services to all North Dakotans. The superintendent of public instruction through the state librarian will provide direction to state library staff on its role in this process." (Flickertale March-April 1991)

### OU SLIS Offerings in Tulsa Continue to Expand

Resources and offerings for students attending library science classes at the University Center at Tulsa are continuing to expand. Since about 1/3 of the approximately 240 graduate students in the OU library school take their classes in Tulsa, continuing to add to and improve the Tulsa programs is an SLIS priority.

A full range of required courses are now offered to Tulsa through the compressed video technology the School has used since Fall 1989. In the compressed video system, two-way audio and video make it possible to teach courses simultaneously to students in Norman and Tulsa. Students at the two sites see and

hear each other live.

The compressed video technology makes it possible not just to broadcast courses taught on-site in Norman, but also to offer courses to Norman that are taught on-site in Tulsa.

During the 1991 spring semester, for example, "Government Publications" was taught in a classroom in Tulsa and broadcast to Norman.

Many other strides are also being made in the Tulsa program. The SLIS now has two Tulsa-based graduate assistants to provide support for SLIS activities at the Tulsa end. A full slate of SLIS elective classes are also being added to the Tulsa offerings. A sampling of offerings for the summer sessions includes "Technology of Educational Communications," "Public Relations for the School Library Media

Program," "Online/Ondisc Retrieval," and "The Microcomputer in Information Services." (Tracings Newsletter OU SLIS)

### Library Trust Initiates Annual Young Readers' Literature Award

Author S.E. Hinton won the inaugural Tulsa Library Trust Award for Young Readers' Literature. Hinton wrote her first novel, *The Outsiders*, when she was a high school junior in Tulsa, OK. The \$3000 award will be given annually to recognize nationally acclaimed authors who have made a significant contribution to literature for children and young adults. (Library Hotline, September 30)

### Media Specialists Study Curriculum

The School section of the South Dakota Library Association (SDLA) is cooperating with several other agencies to provide a special professional development opportunity for school library media specialists. A week-long three-credit course was offered in Sioux Falls June 17-21, taught by Dr. Michael Eisenberg of Syracuse University. Dr. Eisenberg coordinates the School Library Media Program in the School of Information Studies at Syracuse and is the co-author of three books related to integrating information skills into the curriculum.

The Sioux Falls course, entitled "Curriculum Concerns for Media Specialists," was designed to address the leadership skills needed as library media specialists develop their roles of teacher, consultant, and information specialist as outlined in *Information Power* (national guidelines for school libraries). A major goal of the course is to help library media specialists assume the responsibility for ensuring that the skills, knowledge, and attitudes concerning

information access skills become an integral part of the school curriculum.

Cooperating agencies in bringing this project to reality include SDLA, the State Library, the South Dakota Division of Education, and the ABC-CLIO Company. The participation of ABC-CLIO was in the form of a \$1,750 grant for their 1991 Leadership Development Award.

Dr. Eisenberg will return to South Dakota in October to meet with this class again at a half-day pre-conference at SDLA. At that time he will follow up on class projects and suggest future applications of the information gained to local school situations. Course participants will be recommended as resource persons for the South Dakota Curriculum Coalition during 1992-93, when it targets essential learning skills, including information access skills, as part of its statewide curriculum review cycle. (Bookmarks, September/October)

### PALS & ODIN Involved in Infotrac Lease

Information Access Company has announced the first multi-state InfoTrac 2000 Tape lease agreement signed by a consortium of Midwestern library networks. It is the largest network system of its kind. The consortium headed by the University of Minnesota (MINITEX) includes: the Minnesota State University System (MSUS), the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN), and the University of Minnesota Libraries Network (LUMINA). The consortium represents 100 academic, public, and government libraries whose patrons, under the agreement, will have online access to Expanded Academic Index, Business & Company ProFile, and Magazine Index. (Library Hotline, 11/18/91)

## Volunteer Program Save Money

The Salt Lake County Library System saved \$115,864 in 1990 through the use of volunteer workers. Doing everything from simple clerical and production tasks to professional consultation, 598 volunteers logged 16,414 hours last year freeing library employees to serve the public. The volunteers included students and youth service groups, professional consultants, federally funded volunteer workers, and court ordered community service workers, the largest group.

The library system's volunteer program cost \$7,280 in supplies and staff time to operate. For every 17 hours of volunteer time logged, one hour of staff time was spent to run the program.

Eileen Longworth, Salt Lake County Library System Director, remarked, "This is an example of how a well organized volunteer program can increase staff efficiency, improve customer service and result in significant savings for taxpayers." For more information on the program, call 943-4636. (Directories for Utah Libraries, April 199)

## Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement

Several Utah County libraries have come together and done what many said could not be done—put together an agreement which will allow patrons from one city to check out books from a library in another city. The Utah County Library Association has announced that as of June 1st, library patrons from American Fork, Lehi, Payson, Pleasant Grove, Provo, Spanish Fork, and Springville will be able to check out materials from each other's libraries for a \$2 per-item fee. (Directories for Utah Libraries, August 1991)

## Salt Lake County Wins Two National Awards

The Salt Lake County Library System recently won two major awards from the National Association of Counties which held its 1991 national convention in Salt Lake City. The library system's 1990 volunteer program received an award for its innovative approach to solving the problems of local government. The program used court ordered community service workers as volunteers to do simple but necessary jobs, saving over one hundred thousand dollars while freeing staff members to serve the public. The other award was given for a five-part television public service announcement series that encouraged viewers

to "Look into your library - expand your world." (Directions, September)

## Senior Librarian Position Offers New Career Opportunities

The Salt Lake City Public Library has recently created a new professional position of Senior Librarian. While filling critical needs within the City Library System, this career path also allows librarians to pursue alternative responsibilities and specializations beyond traditional supervisory and management tracks.

A Senior Librarian provides a full range of library services while coordinating or managing a library function or project. Individuals in the position play a leadership role through the provision of exemplary library service. Senior Librarians apply specialized knowledge and training to complex issues or processes.

Currently the Salt Lake City Public Library employs three Senior Librarians, each with a different focus within the system. Senior Librarians coordinate outreach services to the elderly through deposit collections, coordinate and assess the training needs of City Library employees, and direct special projects aimed at strengthening public service.

"I see the role of Senior Librarian as an exciting new career path for the many excellent librarians on our staff," states Dennis Day, Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library. "It not only allows us to better utilize the talents and abilities of our staff, but gives motivated individuals the opportunity to develop new skills and experience additional responsibilities."

For additional information, contact Susan Salvesen, Personnel Manager, Salt Lake City Public Library, 209 East Fifth South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 (801) 524-8200. (News Release)

## Second Annual Snowbird Leadership Institute a Success

They came from across the entire United States, from England, South Australia and Canada to participate in the second annual Snowbird Leadership Institute, held August 1-6, 1991. Thirty-one of the best and brightest young librarians the profession has to offer spent six days at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort which is nestled in Utah's Wasatch Mountains. Over the course of the Institute, participants joined in a series of

exercises and discussions that encouraged self-exploration and discovery. Snowbird provided the perfect setting for examining personal leadership styles, identifying career goals, developing a higher level of professional and personal confidence, and taking risks.

From all accounts, the second annual Snowbird Leadership Institute was a tremendous success. In the words of one participant, "To call it a positive experience hardly does justice to the feelings I left Utah with; to regard it as a valuable vocational opportunity doesn't begin to describe the Institute's effect."

Eight mentors were an integral part of the training as they guided and directed participants through the six day experience. This group seemed to gain as much from the experience as participants. One mentor reflected on the experience, "As a mentor I was dazzled by the excellence of the training and inspired by the quality of participants. It was a perfect balance of passion, spirit and intellect...As a participant I found this to be the single most powerful experience I've had to date for my professional growth. Every step of the way I felt fully challenged and fully supported - a unique combination."

"Snowbird worked for many reasons, stated Snowbird Executive Director, Dennis Day, "but number one on my list is the strong team effort by the mentors and staff. Exceptional is a word that I use rarely, but it truly reflects what I feel about our efforts."

The impressive line-up of mentors included some of the most outstanding library leaders in the profession today. Serving in the role of mentor were Margaret E. Chisholm, University of Washington, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dennis Day, Director, Salt Lake City Public Library/ Executive Director, Snowbird Leadership Institute, E. Les Fowlie, Chief Librarian, Toronto Public Library, F. William Summers, Dean, Florida State University, School of Library and Information Studies, Lorraine S. Summers, Assistant State Librarian, State Library of Florida Division of Library Services, Christy Tyson, Southwest Library, Seattle, Washington, Dr. John C. Tyson, State Librarian, Virginia State Library and Archives, and Lynda M. Wangsgard, Director, Weber County Library, Ogden, Utah.

Major funding for the Institute was donated by Dynix, Incorporated of Provo, Utah. Dynix President, Paul Sybrowsky presented a check

to Dennis Day at the opening reception held the first night of the Institute.

Consultants/facilitators for the Institute were Becky Schreiber and John Shannon of Schreiber Shannon Associates. The consulting team has particular experience and expertise in the field of library management, organizational development and team-building. The program was developed to meet the challenge of working with a diverse group who brought with them unique personal experiences and individual leadership styles.

Utah State Library Director and 1991 Librarian of the Year, Amy Owen, had a unique part in this year's Institute. In addition to her obvious strengths as a leader in the library field, Ms. Owen played a different role as well - that of the Institute's Naturalist. On Sunday morning, she led the group on a wild flower tour of the Albian Basin, identifying and describing the many varieties of wildflowers that flourish in Utah's Wasatch Mountains.

Plans have already begun for Snowbird Leadership Institute 1992. Library School

Deans, State Librarians and State Library Association Presidents may nominate one candidate to participate in next year's Institute. The nominee must have recently earned a Masters of Library Science degree and must have been employed in the library field for at least one year but, in general, no more than three years. For further information, contact Nancy Tessman, Salt Lake City Public Library, 209 East Fifth South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 524-8200. (News Release)

## Wyoming

### WIN to Expedite Vendor Payments

Wyoming Information Network (WIN) is a new statewide accounting system which should result in more efficient billing procedures for libraries using the State Library's centralized acquisitions program.

WIN came into existence April 1 as a means of converting the majority of state agencies' paper flow into electronic flow.

The system has resulted in more efficient use of time and eliminates massive amounts of paper processing which reflects the governor's concern with the environment and recycling.

Vendors are now being paid monthly rather than weekly as had been the procedure in the past. This saves in both duplication of paperwork, and represents a monetary savings to the state as funds remain longer in an interest bearing account. Delays in these first months may result from tax ID numbers vendors not being properly recorded on the system.

According to Joe French, management services officer, another advantage is that a composite listing by invoice is produced for individual accounts, saving the State Library from sending photocopies of individual

invoices back to the libraries.

In the past, vendors received warrants from a number of different state agencies every month. WIN will expedite the process and send vendors one warrant per month reflecting the billing of multiple agencies.

Though the conversion process has not been without some problems resulting from programming or operator errors, according to French, the overall transition has gone relatively smoothly, and the savings in time and duplication of effort in the future makes the system very worthwhile. (Outrider, July/August)

## About You

- **Susan Awe** has left the Natrona County (Casper, WY) Public Library to become branch manager of the Arvada Branch, Jefferson County (CO) Public Library... □ **Cynthia Berner**, Wichita (KS) Public Library, is now coordinator of extension services for that library system...
- **Virginia Boucher**, Head of Interlibrary Cooperation at the University of Colorado at Boulder, has announced her early retirement will begin August 31. She has been with the library for 24 years. She was recently promoted to Full Professor with tenure... □ **Leslie Boughton**, director, Carbon County (WY) Public Library received the Wyoming Library Association's Distinguished Service Award... □ **Maureen Crocker**, Public Library Consultant for the Colorado State Library, has resigned that position in order to take a half-time position as State Publications Librarian... □ **Elaine DeMuth**, former assistant director, Southwest Kansas Library System, has been hired as librarian at the Great Bend (KS) High School... □ **Gail Dow**, Head of Technical Services at the Denver Public Library, has been elected an at-large trustee of the Bibliographical Center for Research... □ **Ann Drew**, Butte Silver Bow (MT) Public Library, won a free one-year membership in MPLA at the Montana Library Association annual conference... □ **June Garcia**, Library Extension Services Administrator, Phoenix Public Library, assumed the office of President of the Public Library Association (PLA) on July 31... □ **Sarah Lucille Harris**, MPLA member since 1956, died in Salt Lake City March 22... □ **Janet Swan Hill**, University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries Associate Director for Technical Services, received the Ralph E. Ellsworth Award for Excellence in Librarianship. The \$500 award is funded by the Friends of the Libraries... □ **Gary Hime**, Wichita (KS) Public Library, assistant director will now also be coordinator of administrative services... □ **Marilyn Hinshaw**, executive director, Eastern Oklahoma District Library System, was elected secretary of the AMIGOS Board of Trustees for 1991-1992... □ **Valerie Hodges**, Olathe Public Library, won a free Mountain Plains Library Association membership at the Tri-Conference in Topeka... □ **Myrna Hudson**, Wichita (KS) Public Library central library reference head, will now serve as coordinator of public services... □ **Billie Jones**, currently manager of the Rose Park Branch of the Salt Lake City Library, will take over as head of the Calvin Smith Library of the county system... □ **Susan LeBarron**, Wyoming state librarian, was elected to ALA's Committee on Committees... □ **Barbara Luther** has resigned from her position in the automation section of the Wyoming State Library... □ **Bernard Margolis**, director, Pikes Peak Regional Library (Colorado Springs), has been selected by the American Library Association to be on the 1992 ballot as a candidate for ALA treasurer for the 1992-1996 term... □ **Elnora Mercado**, Cataloging Supervisor at Auraria Libraries, Denver, retired June 30... □ **Roberta Olsen** is the new Fremont County (WY) Library director, replacing **Bill Heuer** who retired... □ **Charles Perry** has been appointed Library Director at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma... □ **Merrilyn Ridgeway** has been named program development specialist for library science at The University

of Arizona Extended University... □ **Marcella Schmaltz**, director of library services, Bismarck (ND) State College, is the new president of the North Dakota Library Association... □ **Rod Wagner**, Director, Nebraska Library Commission, has been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Western Council of State Libraries... □ **Donna Whitson**, retiring WLA President, is leaving the University of Wyoming Libraries Outreach Department for a tenure track position with the UW College of Education... □ **Joyce Wrage**, Brookings (SD) Public Library children's librarian, received the Librarian of the Year Award from the South Dakota Library Association... □ **Marcia Wright**, director, Campbell County (WY) Public Library, was honored as 1991 Librarian of the Year by the Wyoming Library Association... □ **Eveline Yang**, Head of Interlibrary Loan Department of Auraria Library in Denver, was recently presented with the Excellence in Librarianship Award at the University of Colorado-Denver's Faculty Award Forum.

### Members Author Books

**Charlie Hurt**, professor and director of the Graduate Library School at the University of Arizona has co-authored *Scientific and Technical Literature: An Introduction to Forms of Communications* with Richard D. Walker. *Scientific and Technical Literature* examines the chosen media of scientists and technologists.

**Pat Woodrum**, director of the Tulsa City-County Library System, recently edited the book, *Managing Public Libraries in the 21st Century*.

### Special Recognition for Nora Van Burgh

**Nora Van Burgh**, Reference Librarian at Casper (WY) College Goodstein Foundation Library was honored by the Wyoming Library Association Board naming their development grant as the Nora Van Burgh Development Grant. Nora was an avid spokesperson for continuing education in Wyoming and the MPLA region for many years. The grant may be awarded to any Wyoming library employee for continuing education. Van Burgh died of cancer in April.

## MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Dee Ann Allison, University of Nebraska/Lincoln, Lincoln (NE)  
 Faun Bagley, Murray Public Library, Murray (UT)  
 Enid Baker, Carbon County Library System, Rawlins (WY)  
 Melody Ballard, Arizona State University, Phoenix (AZ)  
 Gordon C. Barhydt, Central Colorado Library System, Wheat Ridge  
 Diane G. Beatty, Apache County Library, St. Johns (AZ)  
 Cheryl Bennett, Student, University of Arizona, Tucson (AZ)  
 Pamela M. Blome, Black Hills State University, Belle Fourche (SD)  
 Pamela Boger, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Kay Boies, Oklahoma Library Association, Edmond (OK)  
 Debra Bruse, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Brenda Carroll, Holdrege (NE) Public Library  
 Greta Chapman, Lincoln County Public Library, Libby (MT)  
 Verda Christensen, Trustee, Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake City (UT)  
 Tricia K. Curley, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Marilyn Dailey, Natrona County Public Library, Casper (WY)  
 Jackie Darnall, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Jan Dawson, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Linda Deacy, Douglas County Public Library, Minden (NV)  
 Sally Dockter, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks  
 David L. Doctor, Idaho State University, Pocatello (ID)  
 Ann Drew, Butte Silver Bow Public Library, Butte (MT) (MLA free drawing)  
 Annette Duffy, Okla. School of Science and Math, Okla. City (OK)  
 Mary Evans, East Central University, Ada (OK)  
 Jonette S. Ellis, Enid (OK) Public Schools  
 Steven Ferreyra, Student, University of Arizona, Las Vegas (NV)  
 Beth Anne Freeman, University Center at Tulsa (OK)  
 Mary Fulk, Dr. Eddie W. Warrior Corr. Ctr., Tait (OK)  
 Denyce Gammell-Byas, Seward County Community College, Liberal (KS)  
 Mary Louise Gardner, Trustee, Sioux Falls (SD) Public Library  
 Shirley Garnette, Rapid City (SD) Public Library

Rosanne Goble, Southwest Kansas Library System, Dodge City (KS)  
 Steve Grochowsky, Information Management-Emporia State (KS)  
 Danelle Hall, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City (OK)  
 Mary Jane Hamilton, Ardmore Higher Education Center, Ardmore (OK)  
 Ronni Hill, Student, University of Arizona, Tucson (AZ)  
 Steven Howe, Arapahoe Library District, Littleton (CO)  
 Ruth Ann Houseknecht, Chandler (AZ) Public Library  
 Mike Jaugstetter, North Dakota State Library, Bismarck (ND)  
 Theresa Jaye-Dickson, Pioneer Library System, Shawnee (OK)  
 Judith Johnson, Student, University of Arizona, Logan (UT)  
 Julianne Johnson, Ponca City Library, Fairfax (OK)  
 Kathryn Johnson, Rapid City (SD) Public Library  
 Helen B. Josephine, Arizona State University, Mesa (AZ)  
 Donna Jurena, Doane College, Crete (NE)  
 Bill Kehler, Eastern Montana College, Billings (MT)  
 Lori Kirchoff, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Gayle Larson, Trenton School, Trenton (ND)  
 Rita Lewis, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette (WY)  
 Lisa F. Lister, Cochise College, Bisbee (AZ)  
 Marty Lowrie, Arapahoe Library District, Littleton (CO)  
 Edmund S. McCormack-Dunfee, Rapid City (SD)  
 Deborah Marrs, Salt Lake County Library, Salt Lake City (UT)  
 Michael L. Mason, Ocean City (NJ) Free Public Library  
 Stuart J. Mattson, Prescott Valley (AZ) Public Library  
 Sheila Milam, University of Nevada, Reno (NV)  
 Marci Ann Mock, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library Sheridan (WY)  
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 Margaret Ness, Lander Valley High School, Lander (WY)  
 Northern Arizona State University Library, Flagstaff (AZ)