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## Welcoming bibliopoles, bibliophiles, bibliopegists and bibliotaphs...

**The First Kansas Library Association**  
by Margaret Knecht

The Kansas Library Association that we know today was founded in late 1900, but it was not the first organization to carry the name. Some nine years earlier, in late October, 1891, several librarians learned that a special train bearing librarians returning from the American Library Association convention in San Francisco would be stopping in Topeka for several hours on the thirty-first of the month. A group of four librarians hastily formed the "Kansas Library Association" for the sole purpose of greeting and entertaining this delegation.

They also wrote and persuaded local printers to produce an eight page illustrated welcoming pamphlet, complete with a protective wrapper, to be given to each of the visiting librarians. The speed with which this committee

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worked would have rivaled desk-top publishing of one hundred years later and it would have quickly disabused anyone of the notion that those with frail constitutions were best suited to library work because it required so little exertion.

When the day arrived, the typically fickle Kansas weather behaved beautifully, being a wonderfully clear Fall day. The *Topeka Daily Capital* reported that a "small committee" left Topeka at 11:15 a.m. to board the special train in Carbondale, some twenty miles to the south. Whether this committee consisted of the total membership of the Kansas Library Association or an even smaller number is unknown.

The committee had been led to believe that a large delegation of librarians would be on board and was disappointed to discover that the number had dwindled to forty-four. Still, some of the pioneers of American librarianship were there, including William Frederick Poole of Chicago whose periodicals index became a nineteenth century standard; R. R. Bowker of New York, the bibliographer and publisher whose company still operates today; and Charles A. Cutter of Boston, author of well known cataloging tools still in use today.

### Pamphlet

Each of the visiting librarians was given a welcoming pamphlet to presumably pass the time until the 12:45 p.m. scheduled arrival time in Topeka. The protective wrapper contained the program for the afternoon which had been timed to the minute. A recent photograph of the Topeka Public Library showing a Rapid Transit car in the foreground and the Kansas State House with its uncompleted dome in the background was inside the front cover.

In the florid prose of the day, the

pamphlet's author or authors revealed a great pride in Kansas. Signs of the times could be seen in several humorous remarks about the state's economic woes and the growth of populism. References to Kansas' teetotaling heritage were also made. While it was abundantly clear that they wished to show off Topeka's libraries, they also intended their visitors should have fun. The pamphlet began as follows:

### "Topeka, Kansas"

"October 31, 1891, 12:35; central time"

*"Imprimis.* - We are heartily glad to meet and greet you on your return from the 'Pacific Slope,' where everything has been uncorked to receive and entertain you royally. The whole Kansas State Library Association, consisting of H. J. DENNIS, President; F. G. ADAMS, Vice President; Miss CAR-RIE WATSON, Treasurer, and W. BEER, Secretary, with the Committee of the Public Library, welcomes you and with both hands, so to speak, shakes you.

"We welcome you to the land of wheat, corn, beef, pork, hominy, honey, books, babies, butter and milk; but do not infer from the above that we only extend a buttermilk shake.

"We recognize you as bibliopoles, bibliophiles, biblioegists and bibliotaphs, well-known and honored both at home and abroad by all students of bibliography, as well as all those afflicted with bibliomania, and while we would extend to you every fitting honor in our power, and thus in some slight degree liquidate the debt we owe you all for the many helpful aids we have received from you in our common work, still, owing to the constitution and laws of this State, we are restrained from in any manner mixing anything bibulous with our hospitality, no matter what the biblical precedents may be.

"Therefore, as your stay is so short, and inasmuch as we cannot, in this brief time, formulate any new devices not already tried to make you miserable, we simply ask you to stand up and be looked at, and smiled at, and introduced at - whatever places of interest we have time to take you.

"We are here to stay with you until you go, and in the interest of reciprocity, we hope you will do likewise.

### Kansas

"Your itinerary also shows that when you shall have returned to the Atlantic seaboard from your tour across this magnificent continent you will have accomplished (in safety and health, we hope,) 8,116 miles of travel. It has been a grand outing for you, and we are glad of it. It will expand your hearts, souls and minds, and you will return to your labors and libraries with a new zest. When you shall come to check up the experience and information acquired, please make a marginal, red-pencil note of these two facts:

**"First.** That you might have traveled this entire distance, over railroads entirely within the State of Kansas, which are ranked with the most perfect, best equipped and best managed in the world, never repeating a mile, and still have had a margin left long enough to carry you from New York to Charleston and return; for be it remembered, that we have 8,882 miles of operating railroad in Kansas, and every mile of it built since 1865.

**"Second.** Having gone, like a shuttle in a weaver's loom, over this great space, with a swing of 4,000 miles to the west and 4,000 miles to the east, catching only here and there a tint of the woof as it goes into the world's warp, weaving the newer pattern of the future, when you return make this further red pencil check: For every mile you have traveled, there is in Kansas a well

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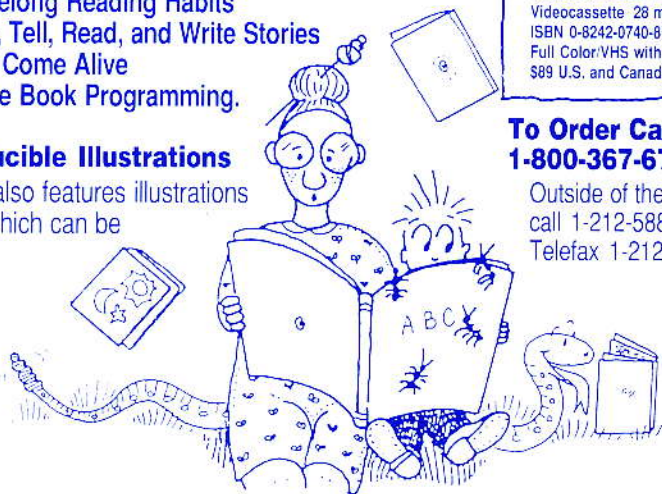
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equipped school house, occupied and running under the direction of intelligent, well paid and well trained teachers, (while the parents see that there is the necessary attendance of pupils:) for be it remembered, that there are in Kansas 8,811 district school buildings.

"There are some fifty colleges, universities, academies, high schools and private institutions of learning, not included in the above. Possibly as you rode along through the State to-day you may have looked on the face of a future President, now attending one of these district schools."

"Excuse us for speaking so much of ourselves. We are only trying to amuse you, and hence we have avoided all talk of 'the shop.'

"We know that your lives have been spent in the management of great libraries, in the handling of books and in suggesting and preparing a wholesome menu for the variable mental taste and

appetite of a somewhat dyspeptic public, and in the study and practice of the manifold details of your laborious calling. We also know that you are just returned from a week's thought, study and discussion of library work and management and that you have had a surfeit of books.

"Still we wish to remind you that though you are in the 'wild and wooly west,' you are yet in the land of books, and of those who appreciate and prize them. In evidence whereof we wish to briefly mention some of the public, private and professional libraries in Topeka.

"To some of the public libraries we shall have time to take you, and regret exceedingly that your time will not permit a visit to some of the private ones, believing that you would be surprised at the size of many of them and delighted with the contents of all of them...."

"Finally, we can only say welcome, and

good-bye. When you shall come to the *finis* of life, and your work has been collated, may there be no signatures lacking, and may you each have a clean title page and an index to the good you have done, and each find a niche reserved for you in the Alcoves of the Blest."

The *Topeka Daily Capital* reported that the afternoon had gone splendidly and states, "If smiling faces and grateful expressions are to be taken as an indication, Topeka has never more satisfactorily entertained strangers."

After a strenuous life of not much more than 48 hours, the first Kansas Library Association disbanded. Nine years later, another state librarian and chairman of the Traveling Libraries Commission, Mrs. Annie L. Diggs, became the driving force behind the formation of the present Kansas Library Association. (Reprinted from KLA Newsletter, December 1991)

## MPLA News



### Executive Board Report

The MPLA Graduate Education Task Force has met its fund raising goal and president Corky Walters has made her appointments to the Task Force. The MPLA Executive Board agreed at its Phoenix board meeting to fund 1/2 of a special grant request to create a Graduate Education Task Force to analyze library science education needs in our region and prepare recommendations to providers. At its Denver meeting on February 8 the Board was informed that the goal of \$3,000 in pledges had been exceeded and now stood at \$3500.

Corky Walters, MPLA president, has appointed the following persons to the Task Force which shall start its meetings immediately: Brenda Broadbent, Las Vegas, NV (retired 1991 from Utah State University), Bill Cochran, Pahrly Billings Public Library, Billings, MT, Tim Lynch, Nebraska Library Commission, Corky Walters, Wyoming State Library, Pat Woodrum, Tulsa

City-County Library, Oklahoma, and Judy Zelenski, Central Colorado Library System, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

### 1992 Budget Approved

At their February 8 meeting the Executive Board approved a \$49510 budget. This budget includes \$2000 for preconference grants to member associations, \$1550 for Jobline operation, \$8400 for Professional Development Grant awards, \$7500 for newsletter, \$2570 for a Preservation Section Special Project Grant, \$2500 for the Graduate Education Task Force, and \$2000 for awards. The 1991 budget was \$46862.

### Preservation Section Special Project

The MPLA Preservation Section has secured approval to implement a special project providing information and assistance to libraries wishing to prepare emergency programs. A key element of the project will be preparation of an informative, attractive, durable and waterproof guide for salvage of water-damaged library and archival collections. 1,000 will be produced and made available for purchase to all MPLA members as well as to others.

### 1991 ASLA/MPLA/AEMA Conference

June Garcia, Conference Chair, reported to

the MPLA Board that Kaleidoscope was a great success. 1200+ persons attended with 183 holding MPLA membership. The conference offered six preconferences and 112 programs which were presented by 213 speakers. MPLA's share of conference profits came to \$4420. The next joint conference with ASLA/AEMA will be in 2001.

## AWARDS 1992

### Nominations Requested for MPLA Awards

#### Award Categories:

**Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award:** To be given to the individual or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by constant conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

**MPLA Distinguished Service Award:** 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

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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.

**MPLA Legislative Leadership Award:** 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.

**MPLA News Media Support Award:** To recognize the news media organization in the MPLA region making the strongest effort, either in a single presentation or in ongoing coverage, within the past two years, to promote libraries and library activities to the community. Criteria will include amount and effectiveness of coverage and manifestation

of a positive commitment to generate public interest in a library or libraries.

**MPLA Literary Contribution Award:** 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.

**MPLA Beginning Professional Award:** To recognize an MPLA member, who as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and

planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

Please take the time to share this request for nominations with key members of your library community and send your nominations to:

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**The last date any nominations can be considered is July 1st.**

### Glendale Public Library Chosen For Audio & Poetry Demonstration Project

Glendale Public Library has been selected by the Modern Poetry Association (MPA) and the American Library Association (ALA) as one of 20 new national demonstration sites to host "Poets in Person," a reading, listening, discussion program on modern American poetry.

Sponsored by the MPA, ALA, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project seeks to rekindle interest in poetry and revitalize the place of humanities in American society through the use of the "Poets in Person" NPR radio series in conjunction with scholar-led reading and discussion programs in libraries.

A three-person project team from the library attended a national training seminar in early November. Glendale Public Library's team is: Anne Owens, adult programming librarian, Dan Shilling, Ph.D. Executive Director of the Arizona Humanities Council, and William Clipman of the Arizona Commission of the Arts.

In addition to seminar expenses for the library team, the library will receive complete materials to host the program. The library's program will then serve as a model for other programs throughout the state and nationally.

Rodeane Widom, Glendale Public Library Director, maintains, "Sponsorship of poetry programs by the library is a natural. The library serves citizens of all ages and backgrounds so it is the perfect place to attract a wide variety of individuals interested in poetry. (ASLA Newsletter, January 1992)

### PBS Promotes Reading in Arizona

Beginning on November 11, viewers of Public Broadcasting System affiliates across Arizona will see a new series of book reviews by Arizona children. The reviews air around young people's programs and throughout the broadcast schedule. They are an extension of the Arizona Reading Program, sponsored by public libraries in the state. The program is designed to encourage young readers and to develop a greater awareness of the state. The program is underwritten by Ronald McDonald's Children's Charities and U.S. West, the telecommunications company. (Library Hotline 1/13/92)

### ASU Libraries Online Catalog Adds NAU, AGSIM & Child Care

The Arizona State University Libraries Online Catalog continues to increase in value as a resource for the Valley and state with the addition of the library catalogs of Northern Arizona University, the American Graduate School of International Management, and several locally produced databases. NAU's Cline Library has a collection of one million volumes including books, journals, maps, newspapers, music, and government publications. The NAU CARL Catalog is a separate database of 400,000 titles including Media Center materials and records for 5,000 current periodicals, 150,000 government publications, and 50,000 microforms. In order to accommodate the NAU CARL Catalog, ASU and NAU undertook a joint computer replacement project installing a Tandem CLX 860. ASU and NAU (also University of Arizona) faculty, staff and students can request materials through Interlibrary Loan and obtain courtesy cards for in-person borrowing.

The catalog of the American Graduate School of International Management's Library is now available on the ASU Libraries system. This is a specialized collection of international business items, company and country information, and over 800 movies in the eight languages taught on campus. The AGSIM collection also includes literature and fiction in these languages along with foreign periodicals and newspapers.

The user-friendly CARL software is used to search all three library catalogs. ASU, NAU and AGSIM catalogs will be available on in-house terminals, terminals connecting to the Internet, and by dial-in access from a home or office PC with a modem and communications software.

The ASU Libraries Online Catalog also provides access to the collections of the Maricopa County Community College District Libraries. Selected terminals in the ASU Libraries and remote users connecting by PCs with VT100 emulation capability can search using the commands of DRA software. MCCC users have access to the ASU Online Catalog.

The newest local database on the ASU Libraries Online Catalog is **Child Care**

**Referrals** which contains information about licensed child care facilities in Maricopa County. Users can search by keywords from anywhere in the extensive record: Zip codes, major cross streets, special needs (such as handicapped or transport), type of program (such as Montessori, Kindergarten, or preschool), ages served, and terms such as "infants" and "toddlers" can be entered to help find the child care center that best fits the user's needs. Additionally, the record includes costs, schools served, and hours of service.

Another significant database is the Labriola National American Indian Data Center's **National Indian Education Clearinghouse (NIEC) Directory** listing specialized American Indian/Alaska Native library collections throughout the United States. Researchers may be interested in the **Arizona and Southwest Index** which lists materials contained in ASU's Arizona, Chicano, University Archives, and Arizona Historical Foundation collections. One of the handiest databases on the Online Catalog is **Arizona Statistics** which provides a compilation of statistics of demographics, economics, education, health, manufacturing, agriculture, real estate, and other areas. The **Song Index (Popular)** should be of special interest to users seeking the words and music to an elusive song. It indexes the title and first line of popular songs in over 12,000 books in the ASU Music Library. Future plans for the catalog include the addition of the **Manuscript Union List of the Southwest (MULS)** and, also, the **Theatre for Youth** database of materials in the Child Drama Collection in Special Collections at ASU.

Through **UnCover**, the ASU Online Catalog also provides a gateway to a variety of databases in the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (CARL) System. These include journal article indexing, book reviews, government publications (GPO **Monthly Catalog**), and the catalogs of thirty public, university, college, community college and health science libraries. The gateway accesses systems such as the University of Hawaii, University of Maryland, and the University of California's MELVYL.

Users of the ASU Libraries Online Catalog should note three important changes. The first is the new look of the menu screens which have been redesigned and tiered to accommodate the growing number of databases. Second, remote users will

discover that some databases are now restricted to registered ASU or NAU borrowers. The encyclopedia and "Wilson" journal indexes are among the passworded databases. An explanation of password protection can be found in the **Library**

**News, Hours, and Information** database. The third major change is that the summary holdings of journals owned by ASU now are included in the ASU Libraries Catalog. (ASLA Newsletter, October 1991)

### Censorship Alert

A memo from the Colorado Corn Growers Association addresses "attacks on agricultural chemical uses in *Teenage Mutant Turtles ABC's for a Better Planet*." Excerpts from the Random House book include:

"It tells the children that M is for meat, much of which is fed with artificial hormones that can cause cancer. It continues that beef is fed with grains that the Turtles claim could and should be fed to people. The solution the Turtles offer is for children to tell their parents not to eat as much meat, and when they must, to eat only organically grown beef which the Turtles claim 'is better for you.'

"The political agenda of the authors of this book is clear. For example, to illustrate involvement, it pictures a young person demonstrating and picketing. Their message reflects a bias against chemical fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides as damaging to the environment. This portrays the farmer as the culprit responsible for environmental problems, and it supports a method of farming which threatens our ability to continue to provide not only the U.S. but the world with a safe and abundant food supply."

"We urge all CCGA members to...make sure that this book is not included in the curriculums of your local school district. Let your libraries know of the anti-farming bias of the book." (No Silence, November 1991)

### Arapahoe Library District Celebrity Display

"Books have a way of touching your heart and inspiring adventure and success." Lee Iacocca

"Reading is like taking a mini-vacation. It takes you places you never thought of going." Whoopi Goldberg

"Not only do I need to read the defenses on each play, I prepare for each opponent by reading our play book and reading our coaches game plan each week." Joe Montana

"Of the three books that made the strongest impression on me, one was the

Congressional Record. For some reason, leather-bound copies of the going's on in Congress lined the shelves of our living room and I poured over them when I was twelve. I had never read anything so funny. From then on, I knew I want to do comedy." Alan Alda

That's just a few of the many comments the Arapahoe Library District received during 1991 from more than 110 movie and TV celebrities, sport figures, authors and news personalities who responded to a request for congratulatory notes on the District's 25th anniversary.

Initiated on a whim by Marlu Burkamp, the District's Public Information Officer, as one of the many activities highlighting the District's silver anniversary, the celebrity exhibit has become so popular it was the highlight of the year.

"We didn't advertise at first since we weren't sure people would respond," said Burkamp. "When we received the first response - from Corbin Bernsen of LA LAW - it was a delightful surprise. When the others started arriving, we knew we had a hit."

Currently on display at the District's Christensen Public Library, the exhibit reflects the personal thoughts and beliefs of the respondents as well as a salute to libraries and the joys of reading. Former presidents Carter, Ford and Nixon all responded as well as first lady, Barbara Bush. "We're still hoping for a paw print from Millie," said Burkamp, "but we realize she's a little busy these days."

The display covers a variety of interests and age levels. Corporate giant Lee Iacocca and Supreme Court Judge, Sandra Day O'Connor shared their favorite books; sports stars, Michael Jordan, Scott Hamilton, Debbi Thomas and Joe Montana emphasized the importance of reading, and children's authors, Beverly Cleary and Mr. Rogers extolled the value of libraries. Burkamp is also proud of an autographed drawing sent by Dr. Seuss shortly before his death. "It's a keepsake we'll always treasure," she added. She's also impressed by the personal

nature of many of the responses and the time extended to pen a response. "I'm amazed that busy celebrities would take the time to write - it's been an inspiration to us and to all our patrons," she added. "They love it - and it helps us reinforce the fact that reading is vitally important. No matter who you are."

With pictures and letters still arriving into 1992, Burkamp plans to feature the display at the District's new main library when it opens this May. In the meantime, she's busy writing thank you's to all the respondents. Including Snoopy and all his gang. (News Release 12/26/91)

### Aurora's Bookstore

Friends of the Aurora Public Library have opened a used bookstore in a storefront shopping center located near the central library and Aurora Mall. Rent for the storefront has been waived and the Friends pick up the utilities and maintenance. The Friends also operate a bookmobile bookstore in warm weather; it travels to various points in the city. They are now considering opening a second store that will focus strictly on used textbooks. (SWIRLS, Jan.-Feb. 1992)

### Dramatic Increase in Public Library Use

The Colorado State Library's *Fast Facts* from the Library Research Service (November 7, 1991) reported that the state's public libraries "have made quantum leaps in serving Colorado residents over the past five years."

Director of the service, Keith Curry Lance, provides these statistics:

While the state's population increased by less than 60,000 between 1985 and 1990, library visits increased by over 5.5 million, and average visits per capita doubled from two to four per year.

Borrower registration increased from 45 to 57% of the population.

Per capita circulation increased from five to six loans per year.

The proportion of library patrons asking reference questions rose from 63 to 89%.

Program attendance per 1000 served rose from 123 to 182 per year. (Nexus, Nov/Dec 1991)

### **ACCESS COLORADO Information Network**

The goals of the Access Colorado project are:

1. Establish a telecommunications network linking library and other information databases. (There are currently over 165 library catalogs that would be included in the network.)

2. Provide toll free dial access to the network for all residents so that they can search the network from home, school, business, or library computers.

#### **Configuration**

The telecommunications infrastructure for Access Colorado will be based on SuperNet. SuperNet is a telecommunications network linking the computers of major government, industry, and academic research institutions. SuperNet is also the Colorado node of the Internet.

The first phase of the Access Colorado project will provide dial access to the databases of the library systems currently linked to SuperNet. These are: CARL, MARMOT, PPLD, Boulder Public Library, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado College, and University of Southern Colorado. Dial access users of the network will be guided through the available library databases by front-end menus. These databases can then be searched in their native mode, i.e. using their respective system search software.

The second phase of the project will link other library systems to SuperNet. These are: Adams County Public Library, Aurora Public Library, Cherry Creek School District, Douglas County Public Library, Englewood Public Library, Fort Collins Public Library, Jefferson County Public Library, Longmont Public Library, Loveland Public Library, Pueblo Library District, St. Vrain Valley School District, U.S. Air Force Academy, and Weld County Library District. Other library databases can be added as libraries implement automated systems.

Access to the Access Colorado network from a library's local system will depend on the type of connection between the library's computer and SuperNet. For the simplest and least expensive type of connection, only certain designated terminals will provide access to Access Colorado from the library.

From these terminals the user will see only SuperNet/Access Colorado menus. The user will not see the screens of the local computer system because the user is not passing through the local computer system to reach Access Colorado. Higher level connections will allow all of the library's computer terminals to access the Access Colorado network. In these cases, the local computer system will need to be programmed to include Access Colorado as a search option because the user will be passing through the local computer system to reach the Access Colorado network.

#### **SuperNet Implications**

SuperNet will operate and maintain this network; this will not be responsibility of the Access Colorado project. Access Colorado will contract with SuperNet to provide the network services of menu interfaces, dial access nodes, and linking library systems. This SuperNet dial access network has some interesting implications and advantages:

1. The dial access network can be used by other organizations and agencies with similar information distribution and communication needs. In fact, SuperNet is presently working with other groups interested in similar network services.

2. This shared network approach assists Access Colorado in meeting its complementary goal of providing access to information databases in addition to library databases. As other organizations and agencies make their databases accessible through SuperNet, they can be made available to all network users through the menu interface. In this way, a telecommunication infrastructure for information delivery is being established for the state.

3. The cost to the library community in implementing and maintaining the network is reduced because the Access Colorado project only has to bear a portion of the network costs through its service fees to SuperNet.

4. In working to gain support for the network, the library community has built-in alliances with the other organizations using the network. This provides a broad base of support and influence in securing ongoing funding for the network.

#### **Governance**

The Access Colorado project is administered by the State Library. The State Library receives assistance in the activity from three

advisory committees.

#### **Cost/Funding**

The Access Colorado project was authorized by HB 1230, which provided no funding for the project, but rather charged the project with raising funds for implementation and first year operations. Once the network has been implemented and the project proves successful, the project could return to the legislature to request ongoing funding.

The Access Colorado project is presently in the process of negotiating a contract with SuperNet for dial access nodes and menu development. The implementation of the dial access portion of the network will cost SuperNet \$283,000. The cost to Access Colorado for one year of these network services is expected to be approximately \$60,000. Since the Access Colorado project is committed to implementing the dial access portion of the network first, and since SuperNet needs investment capital to do that, the priority for the Access Colorado project will be to invest in development of the dial access configuration before proceeding with other phases of the project. This means that if funds are not forthcoming from other groups interested in the SuperNet dial access services, then Access Colorado will provide the capital to implement the network, with SuperNet crediting Access Colorado with future years of service.

The cost of linking additional libraries is expected to be approximately \$15,000 per institution. This will provide the minimum-level connection described above. The Access Colorado project will provide funding for this type of connection; the library is expected to commit port(s) and computer capacity in return. If the library wishes to obtain a higher-level connection, the remaining funding would be provided by the library.

Currently the funding picture is optimistic and the Access Colorado project is hopeful about implementing the dial access phase in 1992. Already \$155,000 in funding has been secured from a combination of LSCA and MURLS (Metropolitan Urban Regional Library System) monies. In addition, Apple Computers is donating some Macintosh systems for distribution to libraries to use for dial access to the network. The US West Foundation is also considering the project for grant funds.

Through the hard work of the many who



have contributed to this project, this coming year could truly be a "New Year" of networking for the Colorado library community. (Colorado Libraries, December 1991)

### ACCESS COLORADO Update

The final funding pieces for the ACCESS COLORADO network are falling into place. US WEST's commitment appears to be contingent on dependable continuation funding. The Colorado Council on Library Development (CCLD) Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Committee has set its 1992 Title III priority to include networking activities, specifically assisting automated libraries in establishing their two-way connection to ACCESS COLORADO.

Apple Computers, Inc. has agreed to provide Colorado libraries with 15 Macintosh IIsi set-ups. The ACCESS COLORADO advisory committee will develop guidelines for the distribution of these computers. Each recipient will be expected to contribute local money to fund the full package of equipment.

Colorado Supernet will be the carrier of ACCESS COLORADO. Ken Harmon, Director of Colorado Supernet, is making

available to libraries and all residents of Colorado dial-up access to the network through local and toll-free telephone numbers. He predicts that local numbers will be available by March for the local calling areas of Grand Junction, Denver/Boulder, Fort Collins, and one other site as yet undetermined. The "800" numbers will become accessible later in the year.

Susan Fayad, Senior Consultant for Library Automation/Networking, Colorado State Library, is a resource for more information about ACCESS COLORADO: telephone (303) 866-6907. (Plain Speaking, January 1992)

### Coming soon: The Colorado Library Card

The Colorado Library Card (CLC), a program to allow walk-in patrons to check out materials free of charge from any participating library in the state, has been approved for funding by CCLD (the Colorado Council for Library Development).

CCLD is recommending that \$31,800.00 in LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act) funds be used to start up the Colorado Library Card program. Needed will be library cards, posters, bookmarks, stickers,

orientation packets and policies for libraries. A self-insurance fund is proposed to cover reimbursement for book losses.

Regional library systems, such as Plains and Peaks, will be encouraging libraries to participate and should have policies and orientation packets available for distribution by the spring of 1992.

Kansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Illinois and more than 15 other states have well-established statewide library card program.

The Colorado Library Card will:

1. Open all library doors to every Colorado resident
  2. Stretch tax dollars
  3. Support literacy and reading
  4. Encourage every library in Colorado (public, academic, school and special) to participate
  5. Increase public awareness of libraries
  6. Provide opportunities for school and community partnerships
  7. Ease the strain on book budgets
  8. Make reimbursement available for postage and lost materials
  9. Maintain lending library control.
- (Plain Speaking, December 1991)

### Staff Save the Day when "Hurricane Topeka" Hit

The storm of October 2 hit without warning. Within minutes the darkness on the horizon over Topeka billowed into clouds of drenching rains and hail. "I've never seen hail hit horizontally," said Topeka Public Library Special Collections Librarian Warren Taylor, "But it seemed that instead of the roof, the sides of my house were being pelted with ice and rain." Winds were clocked up to 85 miles per hour in parts of the city. "It was like a hurricane!", reported library staff on duty during the onslaught.

When "Hurricane Topeka" hit, the Topeka Public Library was in the midst of several construction projects: an addition to the Children's Services' storyroom, replacing three new roofs, and holes being drilled into 8 inches of concrete inside the building through which to thread the cables of our new automation system.

Alert staff, seeing the weather sound-and-light show outside, began quickly getting patrons away from the windows and checking the public areas. Due to staff members quick thinking, 50 original,

irreplaceable works of art, from the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame, were rescued from water as it flowed freely down one wall of the Gallery of Fine Arts. Staff hurriedly removed the paintings, placed them on reading tables and covered them with heavy plastic. As some worked on this project, others began checking for damage in other parts of the library.

Opening the locked door of Special Collections, Mercedes Craughwell, Children's Services, and James Moore, Maintenance, were greeted with a deluge. Water was streaming down the south wall, where the Library's rare editions are carefully stored. Water was coming through the ceiling tiles and light fixtures. According to Warren Taylor, "Most of the damage was confined to the southeast corner of the room. Fortunately the major works shelved there, the McKinney-Hall Indian Tribes of North America, a rare 3-volume edition, received no damage. However, a first edition of Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of the English Language dated 1755, sustained minimal cover staining." Other books in the collection were not so lucky.

Taylor says, "Approximately 60 books received some damage. These are being assessed, and we will know soon what our losses are." Taylor continues, "Due to the fast thinking of Library staff, the damage was controlled. If the room had not been checked, and the books allowed to remain in the 'flood' overnight, the Library could have lost hundreds of rare editions, presentation copies and first editions."

In the days after the storm, the Library goes on as usual. A new show is on exhibition in the Gallery. The Special Collections' room is a bit bare, but the Victorian furniture is dry and back in place. Staff worked long hours, handling each of the wet books and carefully drying them out with electric fans.

The roofing continues, as does the storyroom construction and the pulling of cables for automation. Our wonderful staff moved smoothly from crises mode to daily operations allowing the Library to continue uninterrupted service. (TPL Staff Association News, November 1991)

### Rural Education Center Library Network

Thanks to a \$52,000 grant from an Idaho-based foundation, Western Montana College's Rural Education Center is designing a model library/media project that will meet the new Montana State Accreditation Standards. This project is the brainchild of two Western Montana College students, Denice Rust, now a graduate, and Vicki Proctor. They, along with the Rural Education Center's Lee Spuhler and Claudette Morton, developed a grant proposal to the Steel-Reese Foundation that will bring librarian services to rural schools.

The Accreditation Standards say that by 1994, Montana's small one and two-room schools will have to employ an endorsed library/media specialist or contract for services from a regional specialist. The Itinerant Library Network (ILN), through Denice and Vicki as regional specialists, is assisting classroom teachers in curricular support such as enrichment activities, subject area research, interlibrary loan, and multi-media instruction. Library support is given through in-class library instruction, Big

Sky Telegraph instruction, library collection upgrading and maintenance, policy making assistance, and assistance in book selection.

This model is working with nine rural schools in Silver Bow, Madison, and Beaverhead Counties. By illustrating that different school districts can work together, the ILN model will provide an innovative example for the rest of the state as it meets the new standards.

The Steele-Reese Foundation, in funding this project said: "In mandating that rural students (and their teachers) enjoy instructions in the art of using a library, Montana is helping students to educate themselves. Western Montana College is in a unique position to erect this model in nine schools for the rest of the state to follow."

You can contact Western's ILN program through: Itinerant Library Network, Attn: Denice Rust and Vicki Proctor; Room 210A; Western Montana College of the University of Montana; Dillon, MT 59725. Phone: (406) 683-7878. (Montana Library Focus, December 1991)

### New Computer Systems at UM

The Mansfield Library at UM will be installing two new computerized library systems. The first will be the Dynix integrated system which will link UM with the campus of Western Montana College. Complete menus of search options will allow powerful keyword and browse searches. It is expected that the system will be fully operational by the Fall of 1992. The second system is a Local Area Network (LAN) which will allow the Mansfield Library to network all of the commonly used CD-ROMs. The grant will provide a file server, a 50-disk "jukebox," and a 15-terminal bank in the reference area, as well as three other terminals in the Government Documents department. Bill Elison and others obtained this equipment through a grant from the Department of Education. The LAN should be available for use by the end of 1991. (Montana Library Focus, December 1991)

### Statewide Presentation Planning Grant Project Completed

The Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Documents Preservation Advisory Council are pleased to announce the completion of a statewide preservation planning grant project, involving individuals and institutions throughout Nebraska. Funding for the project was received from the National Endowment for the Humanities in July 1990. Lisa Fox, SOLINET, Inc., served as consultant for the Council.

The final report, entitled **A Preservation Action Agenda for Nebraska**, describes problems of protecting documentary collections. These problems are shared by records offices, museums, archives, libraries and private companies across the state. The four main goals for solving the crisis are: to provide a coordinated preservation program to serve and assist all types of repositories in Nebraska; to improve the housing and care of collections; to ensure long-term preservation of critically important collections in the state; and, to develop broad public awareness of and support for preservation

activities. Many strategies for achieving these goals are proposed.

The action agenda has been distributed to all public, academic, special and institutional libraries in Nebraska. Copies have also been sent to all State Libraries and State Archives in the United States. A limited number of copies are still available.

For further information, contact Katherine L. Walter, Project Director, (402) 472-3939. (NLAQ, Winter 1991)

### First Nebraska Literature Festival Attracts 1,000

More than 1,000 people attended the first Nebraska Literature Festival in Omaha, Nebraska. The response to the festival celebrating Nebraska's Literary Heritage and Contemporary Writing exceeded the expectations of the organizers from the Nebraska Center for the Book. Packed halls and standing room only was the rule at many events. Elaine G. Booth of Bellevue, the festival's program chairperson, said, "For the first year, it more than fulfilled our dreams."

The festival, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book Literature Festival Committee and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, honored Nebraska authors Bess Streeter Aldrich, Willa Cather, Loren Eiseley, Wright Morris, John G. Neihardt and Mari Sandoz.

The festival featured lectures by photographers Kira Gale and Lucia Woods; Willa Cather songs performed by John Kunz; Hilda Neihardt's recitation of her father's poetry, accompanied on guitar by her son, Robin Neihardt; Joe Wydeven and Barbara Allen-Langdon speaking on Wright Morris; "Willa Cather Speaks", a performance by Betty Jean Steinsouser; a program by William Kloefkorn, Nebraska State Poet; and a special address by John Cole of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. More than 1,000 people attended the series of exhibits, panel discussions, a book fair, readings, storytelling sessions, and other activities at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. (NLAQ, Winter 1991)

### Bomb Threat Workshop Report

Ellen Guerricagoitia, Physical Sciences Library Supervisor, University of Nevada, Reno Library, provided this report in *Memo* on a December 16 workshop she attended.

1. The first thing you should do is HAND UP (Yes!). This will give you a chance to get a grip on yourself, and if possible, alert another staff member to pick up an extension line when they call back. (If it is "real" they will call back, because they must get their information to the proper people or

place involved. If no second call is received, it wasn't real.

2. If they call back — you (and the other person on the extension) should pay attention to "exact wording," voice characteristics (male, female, high, low, accent, clarity, etc.) and other details. If possible, record the call. Press for details (what does it look like? where is it? etc.).

3. When they hang up, you don't hang up. The call can be traced by the phone company to its source as long as you

haven't disconnected.

4. Use another line and call 911 to report the call.

5. The "bomb squad" may evacuate the building — you can help them by observing your work area and areas with which you are familiar to spot something that just doesn't look right. Members of the squad are not familiar with "normal" in your building.

### Library Goes to Readers in Page Coach

by Mike Dougherty, Dickinson Press Staff Writer

A red cloud of dust dances up behind the Dickinson Public Library's Page Coach as it bounces down one of Billings County's many lonesome, scoria-covered roads.

Up ahead, a couple of farm dogs race out to meet the van loaded with 1,200 books. Soon a young girl will come out of a farmhouse with an inquisitive cat at her heels. She deposits a bag of books and quietly exits the van with a new cache of reading material.

The Page Coach, a 1982 Ford Econoline van, serves as a mini mobile library for the rural areas of Stark and Billings counties. It has been rumbling up and down the dusty back roads delivering books to young and old for eight years. Each stop is a time to catch up on local news, have a cup of coffee or help someone pick out a new title they would enjoy reading.

"We just love these girls," Gwen Hellickson, a ranch wife and retired school teacher, says of Cheryl Gylten and Renee Paasch, who drive the Page Coach. "We welcome the books. Most of us wouldn't read if they didn't come around."

Last Wednesday, Gylten and Paasch ventured out in the southernmost part of Billings County on a 150-mile trip that travels past the former site of Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Ranch. "A lot of these farmers and ranchers don't get into town that often and when they do they have a mile-long list of things to do ahead of going to the library," said Gylten, the library director. "We bring a portion of the library to them. We have patrons from preschool to the elderly; we reach all ages."

The librarians call the day before and ask whether the families will be home. If not,

they still get books. Gylten and her staff are so familiar with their patrons that they know what most of them want to read. If someone isn't home, the books that are due are left inside the home for the staff to pick up and a new set will be left behind.

Full service has been in existence in Billings County since 1987 when grant money fueled the endeavor and the following year a petition drive made the service permanent.

The trips through the vast badlands of Billings County offer glimpses of some of the most beautiful and rugged areas accessible by vehicle. A trip north of Medora includes fording the usually tame Little Missouri River.

Passersby can be counted on to wave at the Page Coach. The sign on the front of the van ensures that: "Wave if you like the library."

Thirteen stops were scheduled on the route last Wednesday during a trip that began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 5:30 p.m. Each stop is similar in two ways: at least two barking dogs will approach the van and a friendly smiling face will appear with an armload of books to return. "We're so glad they do this," said Glenda Redmond as she picked out some antique books and magazines. The rural areas are served once a month, so people check out plenty of books to last the period.

"A lot of people gain their entertainment from books, and that's good," said Paasch, the librarian in charge of reference materials and the inter-library loan system.

Some of the readers enjoy westerns, others stock up on self-help books. One of the favorites of children is the "Hank the Cowdog" series, Gylten said.

Each stop is full of conversation ranging from the weather to grasshoppers to what

the neighbors are doing. Gylten and Paasch know most of the farm dogs by name.

An occasional B-1 bomber flying a test will slice through the bright sky breaking the silence of the land.

One of the noticeable landmarks other than Bullion Butte is a grave marker in one yard declaring, "Here lies the last salesman." Just down the way is a road sign pointing the directions to Tokyo, Lisbon, Medora and Adis Ababa, just in case a traveller gets lost.

Rumbling along the roads, the books stay on the shelves, although during one bumpy stretch, Paasch warned of having to play "1,200 book pickup."

The van has put on about 88,500 miles and Gylten said a newer vehicle will be needed soon.

The air conditioning of the van is helpful in cutting the heat and dust of the day, but it does nothing to thwart the flies that buzz the farmyards.

The only flat tires Gylten has ever had have been on the Page Coach.

"It wasn't too bad though. I've changed a few and somebody usually stops to lend a hand," Gylten said.

And the Page Coach returns the favor. (The Good Stuff reprint courtesy of *The Dickinson Press*)

### Services Available to Native Americans and Tribes

While many libraries may be aware that the State Library provides reference materials by and about Native Americans through its reference and interlibrary loan programs, a lesser-known service is also available through the NDSL's Library Development Division.

Library Development provides information and referral on Native American Library Services through its general consulting

service. Some examples of information and services available include audio visual materials, information on children's books about Native Americans, information on Native American library information needs, and examples of programs of service.

Library Development also provides direct

service to North Dakota's reservation libraries. In addition to traditional ILL services, LD consultants can help reservation public libraries to develop programs of library service. For example, consultants can provide advice in the development of Library Services and Construction Act (LCSA) grant

applications for funds available through the U.S. Department of Education. Although LCSA funds are administered directly by the Federal government, LD assistance in program development and administration is provided. (Flickertale, Nov-Dec, 1991)

## Oklahoma

### An Overview of the Conference for an Information Delivery Infrastructure for the People of Oklahoma

by Pat Woodrum, Executive Director, Tulsa City-County Library

Librarians, legislators, business leaders, educators and governmental employees from around the state gathered in Oklahoma City for what may have been one of the most important library conferences of the decade.

The conference, sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Public Library Directors Council, and the Technical Advisory Committee, gave attendees the opportunity to learn more about plans for a national information delivery infrastructure and how implementation of the Oklahoma Library Technology Plan will allow Oklahomans to share resources within the state and provide a gateway to the national information structure.

Dr. Robert Kahn, telecommunications pioneer, described his plans for a national digital information superhighway - a system that will have the ability to acquire and process large quantities of information quickly and deliver it to businesses, research institutions, professional and governmental organizations, as well as other segments of society. In talking about the developments underway in this area, he said, "libraries need to do what they want to do and business needs to do what they want to do; there needs to be diversity, but we need to work together. We must stay in touch to be compatible."

The National Research Education Network (NREN) was described by Carolyn

Henderson, Deputy Director of the ALA Washington Office. In referring to the Network she said, "you have a good strong plan that should be connected to NREN at as many points as possible."

Corporation Commissioner Cody Graves discussed the need for a statewide telecommunications network and stressed the impact it would have on economic development in the state. Similar comments were made by Senator Bernice Shedrick, Secretary of Education Sandy Garrett and G. Douglas Fox, Chief Executive Officer of Tribune/Swab-Fox Companies, Inc.

The critical elements needed for a successful statewide network were listed by Nancy Bolt in the Spring 1991 issue of *Library Administration & Management*.

1. There must be commitment at the state level to make it happen.
  2. Coalitions with providers of information must be effected so that there is something of use and value to deliver over the network.
  3. Enough libraries at the local level must participate in order to deliver the services.
  4. Continuing staff training must be provided so that librarians feel comfortable when patrons request assistance.
  5. A coordinated, pervasive public relations campaign that stimulates use of the network must be inaugurated.
  6. There must be a provision for maintaining high-quality network access standards.
- To that list, I would add two other critical elements:
7. There has to be appropriate legislation to create an effective state network.
  8. There has to be an ongoing funding source to finance the network.

The International City Managers Association Future Visions Consortium in their 1991 report entitled *Future Challenges, Future Opportunities*, identified the information revolution and rapid technological change as two of the most important trends and challenges facing cities. "Information and technology trends," they state, "will continue to alter not only how we do things, but what we do. Citizens of the emerging information society expect government to provide broader access to information. Knowledge is power, and those who have information are empowered."

So where do we go from here? We have the Oklahoma Library Technology Network Plan - an excellent plan. A plan which proposes an information delivery infrastructure through the 2,000 school, public, academic and special libraries in Oklahoma in conjunction with hardware delivery mechanisms at sites remote from libraries.

We must form a statewide telecommunications network that will serve as a gateway to the evolving national information networks. And we must do it soon. The time is now.

The Legislative Task Force to Study Library Laws could be a vehicle for getting the Oklahoma Library Technology Network introduced into the Legislature in the forthcoming session. The introduction and passage of the Oklahoma Library Technology bill is critical to the future of our state.

As Dr. Kahn stated, "We can't afford to wait around any longer, without penalizing future generations." (Oklahoma Librarian, November-December 1991)

## South Dakota

### Library Joins Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program

The Research Libraries Advisory Committee to OCLC has launched a program to broaden access to the collections of some of the most important research libraries in North America. In an effort to better serve the research needs of South

Dakota State University faculty, Briggs Library has joined in this program, enabling eligible faculty members to request a borrowing card for any one of 150 participating institutions. The growing list of libraries currently offering this service to our faculty includes places far and near: the University of Nebraska, Iowa State, several Canadian

universities, Virginia Polytechnic, Texas A & M, Old Dominion, Notre Dame, Boston College, the University of Arizona, the University of Hawaii....

Borrowing privileges at these institutions vary: materials may be used on the premises of the owning library or may be borrowed, depending on the policies of the

lending library. As an SDSU faculty member, you may request a Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program Card. To borrow or use materials, you must present this card and any other identification required at the main campus library that you have asked to visit. (Conspectus, Fall 1991)

### BHSU Announces Library Media Major

A prospective librarian now has the option to obtain a Library-Media major at a South Dakota college or university. As of the fall of 1991 a major in library media is now available at Black Hills State University.

Majors are available for both teaching and non-teaching degrees. Black Hills State has offered both certification and a minor in

library-media for many years.

The new major is offered as a first or second major, along with another student selected major, providing the librarian with the breadth of knowledge necessary to assist library patrons.

Interested students should contact: Dr. Diane Alexander, Dean of the College of Education or Dr. W. Edwin Erickson, Professor and Coordinator of the Library Media Program.

Both Dr. Alexander and Dr. Erickson can be reached by telephone 605-642-6111 or at Library Media Program, Black Hills State University, 1200 University, Spearfish, SD 57799-9547. (Bookmarks, January-February 1992)

### USU Natural Resources Research Library

The new Quinney Natural Resources Research Library at USU will soon be completed. The library was named after S. J. and Jessie E. Quinney, whose foundation donated the \$1.6 million to build the facility.

Much of the material will be stored on computer databases instead of the basic

journals and books. Computer controlled collapsible shelving will permit the library to store more information efficiently.

Other features of the new library include 70 computer terminals with space for an additional 100 and reciprocal linkage to Merrill Library's catalog. (Directions for Utah Libraries, January 1992)

### Friends & More

November was a very rewarding month for the Library in every sense of the word. Our Friends of the Library awarded us \$18,000 toward the purchase of library materials and \$2,000 toward some new audiovisual shelving after an extremely successful Auction November 9. We felt rewarded by a shower of care and concern from this amazing Board of Friends: Jan Lindemann, Gail Mullinax, Linda Prill, Mary Maguire, Allison Scott, Jerri Stewart, Katie Curtiss, Evie Ebzery, Betti Bohus, Bob Giurgevich and Susan Davis as well as from the public who came, ate incredibly excellent food, and bid on a miscellany of items. As

our Library only has a budget of \$20,000 for books, magazines, and audiovisual materials for all departments, this donation is most appreciated and needed. Another rewarding event was the Chocolate Dream Party held on November 15 and 16 at the Small Mall. Jill Small works with Michelle Havenga, our Children's Librarian, annually to encourage people to bring a book for the Children's Library, for which they enjoy chocolate made by many wonderful volunteers (including our own Helen Graham). This year we received 130 new books for our Children's and Young Adult areas. (SCFPL Newsletter, December 1991)

## Continuing Education

March 20-21

### II Transborder Library Forum

Co-sponsored by the Asociacion Sonorense de Bibliotecarios A.C./Sonoran Librarians Association with the Arizona State Library Association, American Library Association U.S. Mexico Committee, Mexican Librarians Association, and National Librarians College.

As in the first one, its goal is to create an atmosphere for networking and information—sharing among library professionals and staff from the U.S. and Mexico.

For information contact: Marianna Hancin, ASLA Treasurer, Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302.

April 2-4

### Cash Study Workshop for Libraries Planning for New Technologies, Reorganization or New Construction

Chicago Public Library Harold Washington Library Center

Sponsors: Chicago Public Library & Aaron Cohen Associates.

Using Chicago's new \$144 million Harold Washington Library Center as a laboratory setting, participants will receive a series of lectures and actual demonstrations covering the process of the building program, architectural and interior design plans, construction requirements, furniture and equipment installations, politics and fund raising. The building was designed as a "smart building." It has attributes that can be translated into other facilities regardless of whether they are large or small.

The course fee is \$195; it covers tuition and materials.

For registration information contact: Aaron Cohen Associates Ltd., RR #1, Box 636, Teatown Road, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520. 914/271-8170.

April 25, 1992

### The Young Adult Literature Conference

Denver, CO

Jefferson County Library Foundation, Metropolitan State College and Central Colorado Library System

Featured speakers are Gloria D. Miklowitz, Will Hobbs, Karen Hartman, Pat Mendoza, Ed Low, and others, including the Denver Civic Theatre production of *I Have a*

## About You

□ **Cynthia Berner** has accepted new responsibilities with the Wichita (KS) Public Library as Coordinator of Extension Services...□ **Jim Marvin**, Director of the Topeka (KS) Public Library for the past 25 years has announced his retirement effective June 1992...□ **Leon Raney**, Dean of Libraries, South Dakota State University, is the new president of the South Dakota Library Association...□ **Terry Velasquez** has been hired as adult services librarian at the West Wyandotte Branch of Kansas City, KS Public Library...□ **Sarah Watson**, Omaha Public Library Branch Manager, Benson Branch, is now president-elect of the Nebraska Library Association.

*Dream.*

Cost is \$30 (includes luncha and parking) until April 1, and \$35 thereafter. One semester hour of college credit in English is available through Metropolitan State College of Denver.

For information and registration form contact: Central Colorado Library System, Suite 340, 4350 Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

May 1 & 2

**Fifteenth Annual Storytelling Workshop**  
Seattle, WA

University of Washir\_gton Graduate School of Library & Information Science.

Theme: "For All Ages: a Story, a Storyteller," featuring Augusta Baker, author, folklorist, Storyteller in Residence, College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina.

Schedule of fees: Master Class only: \$20; Storytelling Workshop: \$50; Storytelling Workshop and Master Class: \$70.

Contact: Judith Nyman-Schaaf, GSLIS. 206/543-1794.

May 3-5

**Listening to Users: Case Studies in Building Electronic Communities**

1992 Faxon Institute Annual Conference  
Reston, VA

This will look at examples of interactive communication systems under development and explore public policy issues related to these new systems. The conference will also include a component for the electronic exchange of information. People unable to attend the assembled conference will have the option of registering solely for the electronic conference. The full conference

fee is \$295 before April 1, 1992.

Contact: Bonnie MacIntosh, The Faxon Institute, 14 Southwest Park, Westwood, MA 02090.

May 31-June 2

**Seventh National Bookmobile Conference**

Columbus, OH

Topics at the conference will focus on the economic concerns of a bookmobile program; the effects of federal legislation, such as the Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, on bookmobiles; and bookmobile automation.

For more information contact: Jane Byrnes, Bookmobile Conference, State Library of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, Room 510, Columbus, OH 43266-0334.

June 15-30

**Children's Authors and Illustrators of England & Scotland**

Great Britain tour.

For information contact: Continuing Education & Extension, University of Minnesota Duluth, 10 University Drive, 19 SBE, Duluth, MN 55812-2496. 218/726-6142.

August 10-17

**Regional Modern Archives Institute**

Denver, CO

Society of Colorado Archivists and the National Archives and Records Administration

This institute is modeled after NARA's Washington Institutes and will introduce participants to the theory, practice, and responsibilities of archival work. It is designed for persons currently working with archives or manuscripts, or for those preparing to enter the field. In addition to the formal program, individuals will have the opportunity to visit area archives.

To receive a registration form and brochure, please write: Terry Ketelsen, Colorado State Archives, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 1B20, Denver, CO 80203.

August 30-September 4

**International Federation of Library Association General Conference**

New Delhi

For information contact: Alope C. Bagchi, Program Coordinator, PO Box 59577, Chicago, IL 60659.

**Calendar 1992**

**State Conferences**

Colorado	October 10-12	Beaver Creek
Kansas	March 25-27	Wichita
Montana	April 26-29	Bozeman
Nevada	October 8-10	Las Vegas
Oklahoma	April 29-May 2	Tulsa
South Dakota	October 7-10	Pierre
Utah	April 13-15	Park City

**Wyoming/MPLA Joint Conference**

September 29-October 3 Cheyenne

**National and Regional Conferences**

ACRL National Conference	April 12-14	Salt Lake City
ALA Annual Conference	June 25-July 2	San Francisco
LITA National Conference	September 13-17	Denver
AASL National Conference	October 21-25	Baltimore

**Observances**

Freedom of Information Day	March 16
National Library Week	April 5-11
Legislative Day	April 7
Great American Read Aloud/ Night of a Thousand Stars	April 8
Library Card Sign-Up Month	September
Banned Books Week	September 26-October 3

## MPLA Welcomes These New Members

Rosemary Austin, Blackfeet Community College, Browning, MT  
Edith Blankenship, Utah State Library, Salt Lake City  
Brian Franssen, Florence, AZ  
D. Suzanne Goodman, Livingston (MT) Public Library  
Ellen Guerricogoitia, University of Nevada, Reno, (Drawing winner)  
Basha Hartley, Norman (OK) Public Library  
Donald Howard, Orem, UT (Drawing winner)

Cynthia Iverson, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks  
Ellen Kotrba, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks  
Mary Reichel, University of Arizona, Tucson  
Susan Thornton, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE  
Linda Vasenius, Weld Library District, Greeley, CO  
Wayne (NE) Public Library  
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## Joblist

Deadline: May 15

### Interlibrary Loan/Reference Librarian (\$22,000)

I.D. Weeks Library, University of SD

Tenure-track faculty position reporting to Head of Public Services. Responsible for management of interlibrary and document delivery services, coordination of bibliographic instruction program, and working assigned hours at reference desk.

Qualifications: ALA/ML; experience with OCLC ILL subsystem; familiarity with ILL procedures and document delivery systems; knowledge of trade and national bibliographic sources and networks. Additional desirable qualifications: Second master's degree in subject field (required for tenure and promotion); supervisory and reference experience.

Send letter of application, resume, and names of three references to: John Van Balen, Chair, Search Committee, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, 414 East Clark St., Vermillion, SD 57069-2390. AA, EOE

Deadline: April 1

### Catalog Librarian (\$30,000)

University of Nevada, Reno Library

Performs original cataloging of monographs on all subjects in a variety of formats, and name and subject authority control work. Assists technicians in resolving copy cataloging questions. Has opportunities to participate in collection development and bibliographic instruction. Participates in library and campus governance through committees. Reports to Head of Bibliographic Control.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS or equivalent 5th year degree in Library and Information

Science. Prefer two years of original cataloging experience in an academic library. Thorough knowledge of AACR2, LC classification, LCSH, and MARC formats. Familiarity with a bibliographic utility, preferably RLIN or OCLC, and automated library systems. Reading knowledge of Romance languages desirable. Faculty status requires meeting faculty standards for appointment, promotion, and tenure.

Send resume and names and addresses of three references to: Mary B. Ansari, Assistant University Librarian for Administrative Services, University of Nevada, Reno Library/322, Reno, Nevada 89557-0044. EEO/AA employer.

Deadline: April 10

### Head, Collections Division (\$32,340) Kansas State Historical Society

Responsible for operations of largest of Society's six divisions, including microfilm, manuscripts, state archives, and library departments, budget of 1.3 million and staff of over forty. Immediate challenges include reorganization of former departments and preparing and administering first unified budget. Will oversee collection development and processing, as well as records management, photography, and microfilming operations. Will be member of management team and may be designated State Archivist.

Qualifications: Master's in American history, American studies, library science, archival or historical administration and five years professional experience in history related institution including two years in a library or archives, including or supplemented by two years administrative or supervisory experience. One year additional experience will substitute for master's degree.

Contact Personnel Officer, KSHS, 120 W. 10th, Topeka, KS 66612-1291. 913/296-3251. EEO/AA employer.

*Thanks for renewing your membership!*

## 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

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## NEWSLETTER JOBLIST

MPLA institutional members may place job advertisements in this newsletter's Joblist section at no charge.

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Send Joblist ads to Jim Dertien, MPLA Newsletter, Sioux Falls Public Library, 201 N. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57102.



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MPLA is interested  
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## ResearchForum 1992 MPLA Academic Section Research Forum Call for Papers

### Either Pure or Applied Research is Welcome

The Mountain Plains Library Association's Academic Section is sponsoring its seventh annual Research Forum to be held during the joint MPLA/WLA Conference September 30 - October 3, 1992 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Papers selected by the jury will be delivered at the conference and then published in the Forum Proceedings.

### Guidelines for Submission

- \* Authors must be current members of MPLA
- \* Papers must be original (not published elsewhere)
- \* Submit a double-spaced paper copy (min. 10 pages total, max. 20 pages total) and a copy on disk (Word Perfect preferred)
- \* Illustrations, graphs, or tables must be submitted separately in camera ready copy
- \* Includes an abstract of 100 words or less
- \* Follow the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 3rd ed. (1988)
- \* Submit draft of completed paper for review by the jury no later than May 15, 1992  
TO: Lois Schnoberger, Hayden Library, University of Arizona, Tempe, AZ 85282
- \* Draft papers that do not meet the above guidelines will not be considered by the jury

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