

MPLA Newsletter

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Professional Development Grants 1992

Members of the Professional Development Grants Committee completed a rewarding year, but were disappointed they were unable to award all of the \$6,000 allocated for grants. Thirteen grants were approved, five of which have yet to be completed. Four applications were denied. A balance of \$1,249 was returned to the MPLA general fund.

Nevada and South Dakota had the largest number of approved application, with four each, followed by Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. No applications were received from Arizona, Colorado, Montana and Oklahoma. Oklahoma members have not submitted applications for the past three years. Public and system librarians were awarded the most grants in 1992, and none were awarded to school librarians.

In 1992 we funded four mini grants (up to \$150) and nine regular grants (up to \$600). Applicants sometime request less than the amount allowed in a grant, and the Committee has the option of awarding less than the amount requested. International grants of \$1,000 are no longer available, but MPLA members may apply for regular \$600 grants for international travel.

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Here is a list of grants approved:

Diane Caley, North Dakota public librarian, \$550 for Seventh National Bookmobile Conference, Columbus, OH

Wayne Cameron, Nevada trustee, \$150 for Nevada Library Association conference, Las Vegas

Joe Edelen, South Dakota academic librarian, \$600 for ACRL conference, Salt Lake City

Douglas Hindmarsh, Utah State Library, \$600 for ADA preconference at ALA in San Francisco

Dorothy Liegl, South Dakota State Library, \$150 for building renovation preconference at ALA in San Francisco

Janet Mastalir, Nevada academic librarian, \$300 for ALA conference in San Francisco

Michael Miller, North Dakota academic librarian, \$1000 (approved in 1991), to visit Institute for German-Russian studies at the university in Freiburg, Germany

Carla Rosenquist-Buhler, Nebraska academic librarian, \$600 as MPLS/WLA conference presenter and attendee, Cheyenne, WY

Lori Williams, Nevada public librariank, \$150 to attend Nevada Library Association conference in Las Vegas

The following grants have also been approved, but will not occur until 1993:

Linda Deacy, Nevada public librarian, \$150 for University of Arizona Graduate Library School Distance Program to be held at University of Nevada, Reno, spring semester, 1993

Selma Dunham, South Dakota academic librarian, \$600 for Computers in Libraries conference, Washington, DC

Paul Hawkins, Kansas library system librarian, \$600 for Advanced Writing and Interviewing Workshop in Phoenix, AZ

David Rave, South Dakota public librarian, \$150 for Professional Development program course offered by School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Marsha Wright, Wyoming public librarian, \$165 for Group Facilitation Skills, Gillette, WY

Sandra Keist, Kansas Wesleyan University Library, Salina, KS, is the 1993 chair of the Professional Development Grants Committee.

Professional Development Assistance

Seminars

Institutes

Workshops

Coursework

Conferences

Independent

Learning/Research

Projects

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. (Members are eligible after one full year of membership.)

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1992 MPLA Award Winners

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 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.

Jerry Kaup

North Dakota

For his contributions to MPLA, his dedication to the profession and his selfless commitment to service.

A strong leader and an enthusiastic advocate of libraries and MPLA, Jerry Kaup has made a significant contribution to the profession. He has been a strong proponent of the development of cooperative library consortiums and a key player in securing legislative support for libraries. As a past president of MPLA, Jerry has long been known for his strong focus on service.

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.

Bill Wisdom and Elizabeth Baker

Kansas

For their dedicated support of libraries.

Elizabeth Baker and Bill Wisdom are members of the Kansas House of Representatives and have sponsored library legislative initiatives and worked closely with the State Librarian, the Kansas Library Association Legislative Committee, and the KLA Lobbyist to garner the necessary support for this legislation.

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.

Paul Goble

For his collected works depicting the legends, history, and culture of Native Americans.

As his letter of nomination stated, "because of Paul Goble, children and adults have the opportunity to know of these (Native American) legends. The visual, artistic elements of his works are always highly praised, but more importantly, Goble's books teach us that there are other ways of being and thinking and that developing a respect for other cultures is essential to becoming a mature person in a democracy."

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.

Jan E. Dawson

Wyoming

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Building Bridges Upcoming Joint CLA/MPLA Snowmass Conference

Okay, okay - the joint Colorado Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association conference is NOT coming up until Friday, October 1, 1993 through Monday, October 4, 1993, but we believe that it is never too early to plan to attend!

The joint conference will be in the beautiful Snowmass Resort in Colorado at the largest conference center in the Rockies. The meeting areas, the hotel and many recreational accommodations plus nearby Aspen are all linked by complimentary shuttle bus, making access to the many planned and unplanned activities easy for all. CLA and MPLA members may want to bring their families and make the weekend personally memorable.

The Snowmass Resort area provides visitors with unmatched scenery, innumerable recreational facilities and unsurpassed meeting services. When not attending scheduled events you can take advantage of wonderful shopping and dining, plus activities for the energetic such as biking, hiking, fishing, dog sledding, tennis, swimming, horse-back riding, golf, ice skating, roller blading, jeep tours and general touring. When and where will we have a better opportunity to develop greater understanding and a spirit of cooperation among the two associations?!

Never fear - we will be sending you more information on planned conference events, accommodations, registration and extra curricular activities/events.

Plan now to attend the
Joint CLA/MPLA Snowmass Conference
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New Interest Group Forming for Off-Campus Services

On October 1st, librarians representing five of the academic institutions in the MPLA Region met informally at the Hitching Post Inn to talk about providing library services to off-campus students. Members of the group, who came from CSU, Emporia State, Regis, UNC, and UW, shared information about their institution's library programs and discussed similarities, differences, and types of services being offered to the off-campus student. At the end of two hours, the group unanimously decided that the meeting had been valuable and that it should be continued and expanded to include others in the MPLA region who are working with (or contemplating working with) off-campus programs. Those interested in information about future meetings should contact Gloria Lebowitz, Off-Campus Programs Librarian, University of Northern Colorado, James A. Michener Library, Greeley, CO 80639, (303) 351-1525, FAX: (303) 351-1108, or internet: glebow@GoldnG8.UnivNorthCo.edu

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Evaluates and plans events, publications and cooperative efforts furthering a primary focus of MPLA—support for continuing

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Call for Research Forum Papers CLA/MPLA Joint Conference "Building Bridges" October 1-4, 1993 Snowmass, Colorado

Papers selected by a jury of peers will be delivered at the conference and then published in the Forum Proceedings.

Guidelines for submission. Either pure or applied research is welcome.

- Authors must be current members of MPLA
- Papers must be original (not published elsewhere)
- Submit a double-spaced paper copy (minimum 10 pages—maximum 20 pages) and a copy on disk (Word Perfect preferred)
- Illustrations, graphs or tables must be submitted separately as camera ready copy
- Includes an abstract of 100 words or less
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Accepted authors will be notified in June with editorial instructions. Final copy for publication will be due by August 1, 1993.



Bylaws Amendment Approved

At the MPLA/WLA Joint Conference in Cheyenne both the Executive Board and the Membership approved the following amendments to MPLA's Bylaws:

Article II. Object

2.2 The mountain plains region shall include the states of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and other bordering states or provinces represented by state library associations which elect organizational membership in the Association.

Article VIII. Sections and Interest Groups

8.5 Interest groups are a key element in promoting the Association's mission to better library service in the region by bringing new technologies and trends to the forefront.

8.6 Members of the Association with more specialized common interests may form an interest group by submitting a membership list, signed by not less than 20 Association members, to the Interest Group Coordinator (the Immediate Past President). When a new interest group has submitted its membership list, the Interest Group Coordinator will notify the Executive Board.

8.7 Representatives of interest groups may not be voting members of the Executive Board but may: 1) request approval from the President to report to the Executive Board on significant issues following procedures under "General Responsibilities" and "MPLA Expense Reimbursement Policies" in the Manual of Procedures; 2) submit program proposals for the annual conference; 3) request meeting time at the conference; and 4) submit articles or news items to the MPLA Newsletter Editor.

8.8 Interest groups may be discontinued in the following ways: 1) by vote of the Executive Board if the group fails to meet or plan programs or meetings for two consecutive years (the Interest Group Coordinator will notify the Executive Board when an interest group becomes inactive); or 2) upon petition of two-thirds of its members, the interest group may merge, divide, discontinue, or organize into a section.

MPLA Welcomes These New Members

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Mary Ellen Hayes, Wray Public Library
Nancy Tucker, Westminster Public Library

Kansas

Diane Lammert, Salina Public Library
Denise Schulte, Stanton County Public Library, Johnson

Missouri

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Tulsa City-County Library

South Dakota

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Utah

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Gloria Contratto, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne
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Shauna Powers, Rendezvous Complex, Jackson Hole
Enid Teeter, University of Wyoming, Laramie
Betsy Thurlo, Fremont County Library, Lander

About You

Sharon Aillslieger, former director of the Edmund Stanley Library, Friends University, Wichita, has been named director of the Finney County Public Library, Garden City, KS...**Bruce Bumbalough** has resigned as director of the Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton, to become director of the Walter Cecil Rawls Library System in Courtland, VA...**Lynn Darrough-Walton**, head of technical services for the Sweetwater County Library System (WY), has completed coursework for her masters in library science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania...**Carol Deering** has been named director of library services at Central Wyoming College...**Nancy Effinger**, director of the Teton County Library, (WY), has been appointed to the Wyoming Council for the Humanities...**Eloise Fasold**, director of the Arapahoe Library District, CO, is CLA's new ALA Councilor...**Blaine Hall** and **Connie Lamb** were honored by the Association of Jewish Libraries for their 1991 bibliography, *Jewish American Fiction Writers* (Garland Press)...**Jan Hendrickson**, President of the North Dakota Library Association, was recently honored by the Greater Hazen Association for her efforts in making the city a better place to live...**Gil Johnsson**, Cozard Memorial Library director, Chamberlain, SD was the recipient of the 1992 Chamberlain Education Association Friend of Education Award...Congratulations to **Donna Jones** and **Raymond Morris** on their engagement. Raymond is a Board member of the Arapahoe Library District and the Colorado Endowment of the Humanities, and Donna serves as chair of the CEH...**Jane Kolbe**, SD State Librarian, received the SDLA Distinguished Service Award...**Linda Ritter**, director of learning resources for Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD, was selected to receive the University's Presidential Award for Outstanding Service...**Ed Volz** is now Senior Consultant for Public Libraries, Colorado State Library...**Lynda Welborn**, School Media Consultant for the Colorado State Library, will be on disability leave until March.

BCR Has A New Home

The Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) will soon have a new home! After a study of a number of alternatives for leasing or purchasing office space, the BCR Board of Trustees and the Management Team recently decided to purchase a building at 14394 E. Evans Avenue, in the Denver suburb of Aurora. The new building is located a few blocks east of I-225 at the Iliff Avenue exit. The location is convenient to both Stapleton Airport and the new Denver International Airport.

The modern two-story brick building is about twice the size of the current offices. The extra space will be used to expand BCR's training and conference facilities. In addition, there will be more office space and expanded room for cataloging and retrospective conversion projects. There is ample free parking available for staff and workshop participants immediately adjacent to the new building.

BCR's Board of Trustees President,

Amy Owen, said "The Board is very pleased with the potential of the new facility. It is attractive, well-built, and conveniently located. The additional space will give BCR staff room to stretch and will more adequately support BCR's expanding programs for training and retrospective conversion. The building's low cost, even with minor remodeling, makes it a winner for BCR and our membership."

The purchase price of the building was \$366,250. The total amount was available in BCR equity funds, so no financing was needed. According to BCR Executive Director David Brunell, an extensive financial analysis made a compelling case for purchasing a building. "As interest rates have dropped, the return on BCR equity funds has been reduced," he said. "Using these funds to purchase an office building allows us to avoid the escalating costs of leasing space. In essence, we were able to buy a building for what

it would cost to lease our current space for four more years."

BCR's move to the new location is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of November 21-22. BCR staff will do their best to insure that there is no interruption of services during this period. An "official" open house is planned to be held during the Midwinter ALA meeting. BCR will be conducting regularly scheduled workshops and meetings at their new building starting the last week of November.

BCR is a multi-state library service network that provides member libraries with access to automated literature databases and computerized bibliographic systems. In addition to retrospective and current cataloging services, BCR also provides libraries with support, training and assistance in implementing microcomputer and CD-ROM based systems. (News release)

And now—finally ...

the rest of the news we wanted to print!

In our October issue we ran short of space, and we were unable to include news from four states. Here are those stories.



A Grrreat! Summer Safari

A roaring success is the way to describe Summer Safari reading programs held this summer at public libraries across Oklahoma. Children completed their summer reading program in record numbers at some library sites according to reports.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, which sponsors the statewide program, developed kits designed to enable each library to plan their own summer program to promote reading.

Plan they did, as library programs ranged from presentations by the Oklahoma Wildlife Department to musician-storyteller Jahruha Lambeth's rhythmic demonstration of African drumming in Ada.

Wild jungle encampments (sighted in Alva), exciting activity books, and chances to win stuffed animals were among the highlights of library activities providing children extra incentive to reach their reading goals.

Watonga children attended a horse-grooming demonstration. Oklahoma's "Park Pal" (a six-foot furry raccoon) paid a visit to the Eufaula Library, where he thrilled children with a program on natural environment and animal tracks. The planning and enthusiasm paid off at several sites with increased participation this year.

With all the good news being made with this year's program, what better place to read about it than the "Safari News." Many community libraries worked with their local newspapers to help promote reading through a Children's Newspaper Program, developed by the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation. Children had the opportunity to be an editor for a day as they made their own "Safari News" newspapers from stories, photos and ads cut from their local paper.

But the big news this year is the overall number of children that participated in the summer reading program. Each year, approximately, 30,000 children enroll in the program. With 36 libraries yet to report at press time, enrollment figures are already approaching 26,000. And total attendance for programs at the reporting libraries is approaching 90,000. Terrific news, and a grrreat! way to end a Summer Safari.

ODL provides summer reading materials to all public libraries in the state, with the exception of Oklahoma County's Metropolitan Library System and the Tulsa City-County Library System. The two urban libraries develop their own summer programs. More than 40,000 children participated in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas this summer. (ODL Source, October 1992)

Flag Pole Sitting Helps Win Tax Support Increase

Voters in McClain and Pottawatomie Counties, Oklahoma, approved raising the support levy for public libraries in the Pioneer Library System to the state ceiling of four mills. A similar measure was defeated in both counties in 1990.

"The key to success was a strong citizens' grass roots effort from start to finish," said Mary Sherman, director of the system. An old-fashioned political bus tour to promote libraries and a coloring contest for school children were two events. In some areas, individuals, families, and groups took out paid ads in the local media to publicize their reasons for supporting the library. City mayors, a county commissioner, and a high school cheer-leading squad were among those whose pictures and words of support appeared. A woman in one community sat on a flag pole until the "yes" vote came in.

The Pioneer Library System, headquartered in Norman, serves the 255,000 residents of Cleveland, McClain, and Pottawatomie Counties and is the first multicounty library system in Oklahoma to reach the state ceiling of four mills. (Library Hotline, October 5, 1992)

Library Support Voiced in National PR Campaign

MADISON—South Dakota's participation in the national "Call for America's Libraries" campaign totalled 496 calls, which nationally, was the 6th best ratio of calls to total population numbers.

The call-in campaign ended at midnight April 11 when funding for the toll-free number ran out. Telephone company officials estimated that another 250,000 people were unable to get through to the volunteer operators because of the high volume of calls. Those calls are not included in the campaign total. The total includes letters and petitions signed by 221,383 and names of 75,743 who called the toll-free number. (Book Marks, September-October 1992)

Four Million Item Records

If your library is a full or dial access member of the South Dakota Library Network (SDN), you have access to PALS systems in Minnesota and North Dakota.

The Minnesota State University System (MUS) currently has 48 member libraries with over four million item records loaded. Members include Mankato State University (MSU), Moorhead State (TRM), St. Cloud State (SCS) and Bemidji State (BSU).

The Traverse des Sioux System (TDS) lists the holdings of 18 Minnesota public libraries in its database of almost 700,000 records.

ODIN (ODN), North Dakota's PALS system, has almost 2 million titles from 13 member libraries, including the University of North Dakota (UND), North Dakota State (NDS), Minot State University (NMI), and Fargo (NFH), and Grand Forks (NGF) Public Libraries. (Book Marks, November-December 1992)

Technology for Teaching Grant

Whittier Middle School, Sioux Falls, was awarded a Technology for Teaching Project grant from U.S. West for the 1991-92 school year. One grant was awarded in each of the 14 sites in which U.S. West operates. The project is cosponsored by IBM, NEA, AASL and the AASA. The project emphasized long distance learning and was directed toward sharing music and fine arts performances with 8th grade humanities students. IBM furnished hardware and the grant supplied software: PSInt, KIDnet, and ATT&T's Learning Circle, allowing students to communicate directly with other members of the TFTP and with a selected national learning circle of schools. (News release)

USU Natural Resources Library Dedicated

The S.J. and Jesse E. Quinney Natural Resources Library at Utah State University was dedicated October 2. The Quinney family foundation, known for its contributions to USU's College of Natural Resources with scholarships, computer labs, books, journals and scientific labs, funded most of the \$2 million dollar library.

It is a state of the art facility and an asset to the entire country as well as the institution. The library will serve as a repository for information in the field of natural resources and a high tech access to world research by linking data bases on a global scale. The reference department can access more than 400 data bases and each of the public terminals is linked to a 22,000 item data base developed within the college.

The library includes a Geography Media Laboratory with a weather computer, a World Geography textbook on videodisc and climate data on a data base. (Directions for Utah Libraries, November/December 1992)

ULA Great Idea Network

Librarians across Utah are invited to join the ULA Great Idea Network, an idea exchange developed by the ULA Public Relations Committee to help members stay-up-to-date on innovative, successful library promotional ideas.

After joining the network, members receive a set of mailing labels with the names and addresses of everyone who has joined. When their library produces an effective

brochure or promotional piece, or stages a successful event, network members are asked to keep other members informed by using the labels to send copies to their libraries.

It is the hope of the ULA Public Relations Committee that the Great Idea Network will help librarians share promotional ideas and encourage contacts among libraries throughout the state sharing similar size and capabilities. The ideas need not be high budget or professionally formatted to be acceptable. A good idea is a good idea regardless of the size of the library. (Utah Libraries/NEWS, October 1992)

Wyoming

Radio Promotion

The Sweetwater County Library System recently completed its first venture into radio promotion. At a Wyoming Library Association conference Linn Rounds of the Wyoming State Library had encouraged librarians to try this avenue to reach people who don't read newspapers. Managers at the three radio stations in the county were cooperative and matched the ads, making them more affordable. The campaign, "Take a Look at Your Libraries" ran from Feb. 17-June 25. Vicki Roth, who handles public relations for the system, said they taped one ad per week and it usually played two to four times per day. "We discovered several things: the experience was not as awful as expected; a lot of news can be covered in 30 seconds and lots of people do listen to the radio," Roth said. (Outrider, July/August 1992)

"Storybooks" Statue To Be Donated

Art and library supporters in Laramie County have made possible the purchase of a George Lundeen bronze statue entitled "Storybooks." The statue will be displayed outside the library's Central Avenue entrance.

The Lundeen statue, which depicts a woman reading to two children, was exhibited at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Governor's Invitational Western Art Show and Sale. A group of Laramie County residents raised \$41,000 from private donors last summer in order to purchase the bronze.

"We are pleased that the library will benefit from the support of art lovers in our community," says Laramie County Librarian Lucie Osborn. "This visual depiction of reading can only encourage children to want to read more." (Library Letter, Holiday Edition)

Librarian/Politicians in WY

Recent newcomers to the Wyoming House of Representatives are Wayne Johnson, former State Librarian, and Kathryn Sessions, Johnson Junior High School librarian. Both from Cheyenne, Sessions is a Democrat and Johnson a Republican. Democratic incumbents include Sen. Lisa Kinney of Albany County, a former library director, and Rep. Bill Vasey of Carbon County, a former library employee. (Library Hotline, December 7, 1992)

Joblist

Deadline: Not indicated

Medical Librarian (\$24,132)

Mayo Clinic Scottsdale

Provides reference service in a clinical library. Oversees interlibrary loan function. Assists with Collection Development.

Qualifications: Requires MLS and two years experience in online and reference service in a biomedical library. Prefer advanced searching skills

and experience with CD-ROM and Integrated Library System technologies.

Send resume and cover letter indicating salary requirements to Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, 13400 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85259.

Deadline: February 1

Catalog Department Chair (\$35,000)

Brigham Young University

The Catalog Department Chair maintains a well-trained staff of 21 professional, 17 paraprofessional, and 12 FTE student employees. This includes overseeing selection, evaluation and training, as well as establishing policies and procedures for the department. The Chair must effectively administer budgeted funds and submit formal budget requests. Responsibilities

include working with RLIN, NOTIS and local automations personnel to correct problems and improve the system; coordinating operations and systems with other library or university departments, and establishing and maintaining standards for the input of bibliographic data in the library's automated systems.

The BYU Library is an ARL/RLG library with current holdings in excess of 3 million volumes and a staff of 140 FTE full-time employees and 225 FTE student assistants. Student enrollment at the University is 28,000.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS with a minimum of five years experience in cataloging including substantial supervisory experience. Thorough knowledge of AACR2, Library of Congress classification, LCSH, and MARC formats. Experience with various automated library systems. Demonstrated communication skills and ability to effectively interact with colleagues.

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Send resume and names of three references to Dr. Larry J. Ostler, Assistant University Librarian, 3090 HBLL, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84602.

Deadline: February 15

Director of the Library

Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD

The director is expected to maintain an active role in professional library organizations.

An ALA/MLS and a minimum of

three years of experience as either a department head or a director in an academic library are required. A doctorate in library science or a related field, a background in library public services, as well as a working familiarity with library automation systems are preferred.

Applications should include a letter outlining qualifications, resume, graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference. Address applications to Dr. Samuel Gingerich, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northern State University, 1200 S. Jay Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401-7198. Northern State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, and/or disability in employment or in the provision of services.

Deadline: March 1

Library Director

Elko County Library System

The System seeks a knowledgeable, creative administrator to assume responsibility for preparation and administration of a budget of over a half million dollars, negotiation of contracts providing services to other counties, knowledge of new technology advances, ability to perform strategic planning, successful grant writing experience, skills in government negotiations, public relations, supervision of staff of 22 and a devotion to equality for rural library patrons.

Elko County Library provides contract services to Lander and Eureka Counties, a total of eight library branches, operates a state owned bookmobile which also serves White Pine County. Elko is a member of a state wide automated network system and is a state and federal documents depository.

Elko, the county seat, population 26,000, is located halfway between Salt Lake City and Reno, NV, near the Ruby Mtns., and within the Great Basin cultural ecosystem, including ranching, tourism, home of the annual "Cowboy Poetry" gathering and one of the largest gold mining areas in the

world.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and 5 years minimum experience in management of a medium size library.

Send letter of application with resume, three references, to Dr. Anthony Lesperance, Chairman, Elko County Library Board of Trustees, 720 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801.

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