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LINK:

Library and Information Network of Kansas

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As a state, Kansas is being faced with several issues which relate directly to the need to provide access to information for everyone in the state. With the population decline and static growth of the past decade, the state needs to ensure opportunities for new economic growth, promote educational excellence, provide equality of information access for the disabled individual, and strengthen the quality of life for its citizens. The need to create an economical, efficient information network throughout the state is analogous to the need to update and repair the highway and road system. Just as the transportation infrastructure moves goods and products from point to point across, and beyond, the state, so the proposed Library and Information Network of Kansas (LINK) will move needed information to and from Kansas residents.

The LINK proposal consists of four components, all of which are necessary if citizens across the state are to access information from all parts of the state, regardless of their geographical location, physical impairment, or

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Sixth in a Series: MPLA's Member States

Inside you will find information about special happenings in Kansas, the sixth in a series of articles provided by MPLA State Representatives.

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ability to pay:

1. a core of machine readable databases accessible on the telecommunications network,
2. information delivery services: electronic mail, expanded reference service, interlibrary loan, document delivery service, and staff training opportunities,
3. a telecommunications system accessible statewide, and,
4. a representative governance structure.

The Kansas library community recognizes the past contributions of individual libraries and groups of libraries in these areas and is therefore recommending the development of a network which builds upon those contributions.

The ownership and pride associated with these local initiatives must not be underestimated; to be viable, however, LINK must be both a local and a state responsibility. It is critical that a funding mechanism be adopted and legislated which will provide equal access to information resources within Kansas and beyond, i.e., a mixture of local and state dollars. The information services network created by these combined resources will be a state resource whose value will much exceed the cost of its individual components.

The LINK proposal offers Kansas the opportunity to develop a statewide network which will provide residents access to the information resources needed in the 21st century.

Component 1: Machine Readable Databases

The purpose of the network is to provide equitable access to local, state, national, and international information at minimal costs. Databases represent the commodities proffered by the network. LINK partners and participants will include the providers and developers of information, the libraries and other agencies which will provide access to these resources, and the end users of the information, with the citizens of Kansas being the ultimate beneficiaries. Included in this component will be the following types of information:

1. databases of local library holdings,
2. databases of locally created public documents,
3. computerized bulletin boards and directories of locally generated information,
4. databases developed by commercial vendors,
5. databases developed by state governmental and non-profit agencies, and,
6. database access beyond Kansas.

Component 2: Information Delivery Services

Users of the network must be able to obtain the resources they have identified through appropriate delivery systems and training in the use of these systems. These five elements have

been identified as essential to such understanding and use:

1. electronic mail,
2. expanded reference services, utilizing expertise throughout the state,
3. interlibrary loan,
4. documents delivery services, and,
5. staff training.

An essential element of this component is the training and ongoing education of all network member librarians, operations staff, network technicians, and information agency contributors; without the assistance of such personnel, no technological network can effectively link users to the resources and services they require.

Component 3: Telecommunications System

Libraries will be the public access connections in the telecommunications network so that all residents can have equal, open, and assisted access to information. This system will serve the following purposes:

1. to provide the foundation for a totally integrated information network,
2. to teach K-12 students how to access information in an electronic information environment,
3. to support distance education and life-long learning,
4. to provide individuals with the information access necessary to a productive economy,
5. to provide equal access regardless of geographic, physical and economic barriers, and,
6. to connect users at the local level with statewide resources.

Component 4: Governance

Representative governance of LINK is necessary to provide for orderly growth and decision-making. The governing board should include all players and partners in a role commensurate with their participation. The board, composed of elected information providers, will be accountable to the members of the network, and, ultimately, to the people of Kansas.

This governing board will set policy for LINK and oversee the work of the network manager and other staff. They will set standards for participation in the network, have fiscal and contracting authority and, most importantly, the authority to evaluate current activities and plan for the future. All aspects of the network must be evaluated — the technology, supporting services, databases and any other products accessible via the network.

In addition, a Users' Council, comprised of representa-

Helping the Homeless
—Oklahoma City &Tulsa Respond

Recent publicity concerning the Kreimer vs. Morristown case has lead libraries to take a hard look at their policies in dealing with the public—especially homeless patrons.

The federal government, social agencies and local municipalities all agree that the number of homeless citizens increased in the country during the 1980's. The Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., suggests that about 600,000 Americans are homeless at any one time, and perhaps as many as a million in any one year.

Tulsa's Day Center

Most communities didn't have to wait for the Morristown case to see there was a growing population that needed special assistance. During the mid 1980's, Tulsa's Central Library found it was becoming a haven for people who simply needed a place to stay for awhile. The problem was, these individuals took up seats reserved for patrons (homeless or not) who needed to use the resources of the library.

Pat Woodrum, director of the Tulsa City-County Library System, contacted philanthropic and civic organizations in the city for assistance. The groups began to pool their resources and opened a Day Center for the homeless, which provides bathing and laundry facilities, telephones, counseling and, of course, shelter.

TCCL provides reading materials for Day Center guests. Linda Hammons, library associate in Special Services, takes about 150 paperbacks and 250 magazines to a reading alcove in the center each month. Most of the books are donated by patrons, and the post office provides its undeliverable magazines for the project.

The reading materials are popular, and Hammons sees the proof each time she visits. "When I go back the next month, the books are always gone," she reports. "That's the really good part of being able to leave the donations."

Tulsa's Teach-A-Reader program also reaches out to the center. Copies of the I Want to Read video tapes are available for on-site viewing, and a tutor works closely with the Center.

The "Librarian" at Rest

Oklahoma City's day shelter for the homeless, REST, opened in 1989. A major player in its founding and continued operation is Jerome Simpson, who served as a reader advisor at the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for eleven years. Simpson worked on the committee of downtown churches which established REST, and he served on the ecumenical board for three years, providing grant writing experience and procurement of furnishings and donations. Simpson had been looking for a career change, and the challenge of serving the city's homeless population provided the catalyst.

In 1991, Simpson retired from OLBPH, resigned from the center's board, and became a permanent staff member at REST. He serves as the shelter's coordinator of volunteers and programs.

Simpson says he loves his job, and it's easy to tell as he talks about the programs at REST.

"Our attitude at REST is non-judgmental," he says. "There are no restrictions on giving service, and all services are free to the guests." Average cost to the center is less than $2 per visit, he reports.

"We have approximately 100,000 visits during a year," he continues. "That's about 300 per day, or nine to ten thousand per month. Recently, we've had days where the count has gone over 400." Simpson says the increase in visits during warmer weather may mean homelessness is growing.

REST provides bathing and laundry facilities, lockers for storage, a barber/beauty shop, a clothing exchange, job-placement and other services. Simpson says representatives from Veterans Affairs, DHS, the Department of Mental Health and other agencies and organizations routinely visit REST to help guests. A volunteer nurse is on staff, and an on-site day care center for children will open soon. One of the most important things REST offers guests is an address. REST becomes the "residence" of Oklahoma City's homeless. It's the address guests use on job applications, and the address where they receive Social Security benefits and other important mail.

Recreational and information opportunities are also offered to guests. Soon after joining the staff, Simpson opened an on-site library with donated books and furniture. Although reading rooms are available at some shelters, Simpson thinks REST may be the only shelter in the country working to develop a borrowing library. Paperbacks may be taken from the room, but hardback books are checked-out. But the staff doesn't get upset if a book is not returned.

"If a homeless person wants a book to read, we certainly want to give him a book," Simpson says.

And the staff wants guests to be able to read as well. REST works with the local EvenStart organization to match adult new readers with tutors. Also, the center recently received a R.I.F. grant to provide books to children.

One story may best illustrate REST's commitment to service. A client was hired by a city hotel, and the job required a uniform: black pants, white shirt and bow tie. REST found the client the clothes he needed.

"If REST hadn't been here, he couldn't have gone to work that night," Simpson says. "He might have lost the position." (ODL Source, July)

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tives from each member agency, will meet regularly to nominate persons for board positions, to review board actions, and to suggest directions for the future of the network.

Also included with the LINK proposal is a tentative budget, totalling $7,000,000, to fund the establishment of the network, and appendices *Improved Systemwide Access to Information Resources in the Kansas Regents Libraries, National Science Foundation Proposal* (for the creation of KANREN, an NREN network for Kansas), and *ILL in Kansas: Toward the 21st Century: Recommendations for Improving Interlibrary Loan*, all potential parts of LINK already under development.

Building Bridges
CLA/MPLA Joint Conference
October 1 - 4, 1993 ★ Snowmass at Aspen, Colorado

Getting you excited about this conference will be obvious with the release of the next few issues of this newsletter. Our notes to you in the December issue and now in this issue will be followed by more extensive coverage of "Building Bridges" conference activities and programs in the April and June issues.

Snowmass Resort is beautiful. There is plenty of parking, and the rooms are great, with many options from just plain rooms to condominiums. There are many activities for both conference participants and their families, such as horseback riding, river rafting, golf, hiking and much more. Snowmass Village has a good selection of shops and restaurants. We also hope to utilize the Snowmass Resort travel agency to coordinate transportation for the conference.

At this point, a wide variety of programs and preconferences are in the preliminary schedule. Since we haven't made a final selection, it is premature to be specific on what will be offered. The theme of "Building Bridges" will be exhibited in programs on communication, different cultures, closer ties with the community, bridges to understanding the tools of our profession, and building bridges to learning.

We do plan to have a reception at the Pitkin County Public Library, and an outdoor barbecue followed by country western music.

Robbe Sokolove,
Programs

Arizona

Arizona State University Receives Significant Grant

The Arizona State University Libraries in cooperation with the Maricopa County Community College Districts and Phoenix Public Library has received a Title IID U.S. Department of Education College Library Technology and Cooperation Grant. The Phoenix Metro Image Project (PMIP) is a three-year project funded for $371,792 to provide access to the ABI/Inform database of business journals and selected full-text retrieval to participating libraries via the Internet.

The ABI/Inform database provides access to articles in 968 of the most respected journals in the fields of business, finance, management and related subjects. Full-text images of the articles in 410 journals have been scanned and stored electronically on CD-ROM. On demand delivery of these selected articles will be provided through the Phoenix Metro Image Project.

The Maricopa County Community College District uses DRA as an integrated system and already has an Internet link to ASU for reciprocal online catalog searching. Funding for the Internet link to Phoenix Public Library which uses CLSI as an integrated system is included in the grant.

Sherrie Schmidt, Dean of the University Libraries at ASU, is the project manager for the grant. She noted that the project is the first to link three different types of libraries for the purpose of electronic document delivery.

The Phoenix Public Library online catalog, ValleyCat, represents 1.8 million volumes and serves 424,814 registered borrowers with a central library, 11 branches, and dial-in access. The Maricopa County Community College district online catalog represents 500,000 volumes and serves 94,000 students at 10 college libraries. The ASU online catalog represents 2.8 million volumes, serves 38,000 students on the main campus and 5,000 students at the ASU West campus, and also offers remote dial-in access. Other libraries may be offered access to the ABI/Inform database and image transmission once evaluation of the project is complete and protocols are finalized. (Information Today, December 1992)

University of Arizona Upgrades Automation

The University of Arizona Library has chosen Innovative Interfaces' INNOPAC to expand and replace its existing Geac system. The system will run a database of two million bibliographic records reflecting more than four million volumes, at least five commercial reference databases, and five local reference databases. The library is the first to install Innovative's new Z39.50 interface to other systems, and it has also opted to add such features as Chinese, Japanese and Korean character support, Spanish language menus, and materials booking modules, according to Jerry Kline, president and CEO of Innovative.

Stuart Glogoff, assistant university librarian for systems, said that the staff looked for a system that would automate in-house functions, provide connectivity to remote systems, and manage both locally developed and commercial databases. (Library Hotline, November 30, 1992)

Phoenix Public Library Wins Award

Phoenix Public Library (PPL) received a National Achievement Citation from the Public Library Association (PLA) on March 6, 1992, for its program, "ValleyCat Speaks Out." As the citation notes, this award was granted to PPL for its "enhancement of accessibility to its collection through the ValleyCat Speaks Out' program, which allows the visually impaired to hear the bibliographic citations on PPL's computer catalog; this service is available both in the library and in patrons' homes."

A collaborative effort between PPL's Automation and Special Needs Center staff led to the hardwiring of a cable for CL-CAT, the online public access catalog, into an IBM XT computer with a speech synthesizer. Located in the Special Needs Center, this computer's screen reading software allows information displayed on the screen to be read aloud to patrons who can also receive a braille printout courtesy of a braille embosser and software. Users can also access ValleyCat, the dialup catalog, and have information displayed on their home computer's screens read aloud as well if they have voice synthesis assistive equipment. Costs to the library to set up the program were minimal, and public response has been highly favorable.

PLA National Achievement Citations, established last year, "give national recognition to significant, innovative activities that improve the organization, management or services of public libraries." (ASLA Newsletter, September 1992)

Glendale Public Library Receives National Recognition

Glendale Public Library was the recipient of a first place award for library promotions when the American Library Association convened in San Francisco the end of June. The Library Administration and Management Association of the American Library Association sponsored a contest for outstanding public promotion ideas in various categories, such as book marks, calendars, summer reading club materials, newsletters, etc. Glendale won a "Best of Show" award for its promotion during National Library Week, which was held April 5-11.

A few weeks prior to that week, children put their names and phone numbers into fish bowls at both the Main and Teague Branch locations. Each night (Monday through Thursday) four names were drawn at half hour intervals and children were called. Any child who was reading at the time of the call or within a thirty minute period was given a blue-and-white T-shirt that said "I got caught reading by the Glendale Public Library." The words circle a picture of a librarian with a butterfly net chasing a child. The T-shirt was designed by the Youth Services graphic designer Maggie Willits.

The library has a multi cultural program series called "Celebrations" that has run at the Main Library for the last two years. Ethnic holidays or customs are recognized and enjoyed on the front lawn of the Main Library by all ages. Preschoolers are often joined by older siblings and parents in participating in an appropriate activity, story and refreshment.

In February, the Chinese New Year is noted with a dragon dance, complete with a paper mache dragon head and a six-foot long body made of cloth. Young revelers dine on fortune cookies, chow mien noodles, and tea or lemonade. Children then gather for stories fitting the theme. *Eyes of the Dragon* by Margaret Leaf and *Lion Dancer* by Kate Waters are fun stories about the Chinese New Year. Youth Services librarian Judy McKinley has put together a booklet on a year's worth of multi cultural activities for librarians to use at their libraries. (ASLA Newsletter, September 1992)

Collections Assessment

LED has recently purchased WLN's Conspectus Database. Consultant Deborah Tasnads visited Tombstone on Sept. 16 where she presented a workshop on the WLN collection conspectus process to representatives from Cochise County Library District, Sierra Vista and Tombstone. The host library, Tombstone, was the recipient of an LSCA assessment mini-grant. The goal of this full-day workshop was to instruct participants on how to assess their collections by subject area, enabling them to evaluate the strong and weak subject areas of their libraries. It is hoped that the project will eventually be statewide, with all libraries and counties evaluating their collections. This will allow the state's libraries to complement each other with their respective collection strengths. (Arizona Libraries News Week, September 28, 1992)

Patagonia Coalition

Patagonia PL Librarian Patti Raynis reports from her community about the Patagonia Library Coalition which has been meeting for about two years. Members of the Coalition include librarians from the public library, elementary school, Elgin School, and the high school. Originally begun as a support group for those serving in area libraries, recent emphasis has been on continuing education for all members. The Coalition has twice presented the film "InfoPower" to the local school boards and faculties and has sponsored three reference workshops, led by Beth Ellen Woodard, DLAPR, Research Library Division. The Coalition has also sponsored a highly successful Career Day at the high school and obtained a grant for an Artist-in-Residence. This program involved students on all levels in the theater and led to the formation of a community theater group in Patagonia. (Arizona Libraries News Week, October 5, 1992)

Roxaboxen Festival

The Yuma County Library District banded together with merchants and civic groups to sponsor a special festival at Yuma Library Park on November 7th. In about 1915, neighborhood children built a playground/mini-city in Yuma and named it Roxaboxen. A couple of years ago, Alice McLerran recreated that childhood memory in a picture book, *Roxaboxen*. McLerran attended the day's activities which included food and game booths, strolling storytellers, and other attractions. Money raised during the festival will be used towards purchasing the site of the original Roxaboxen so that today's children can create their own imaginary world.   (Arizona Libraries News Week, October 19, 1992)

Video Book Review

KAET public television at ASU has joined forces for the second year with the Department to produce 20 one-minute videotaped book reviews by Arizona children. Made possible by a grant from Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, the "Read Earth" segments premiered on Channel 8 in Phoenix and Channel 6 in Tucson this past September and will air through May, 1993. To complement the television reviews, the Department sent "Read Earth" bookmarks, posters and reading lists to all public and school libraries in September. (Arizona Libraries News Week, November 2, 1992)

Colorado

Writers Conference to Premiere

An impressive array of writers, including *New York Times* best seller Stephen Coonts and Nobel Prize-nominee Frank Waters, will gather in Colorado Springs in April 2-4, 1993 for the inaugural Pikes Peak Writers Conference. The conference, to be held at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel, is the kick-off event of Colorado Springs' 8th annual Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration.

The theme, *Colorado Springs; The Write Setting*, recognizes that 1993 marks the hundredth anniversary of *America the Beautiful* being penned after a visit to the top of Pikes Peak. The conference will feature presentations of useful tips on commercial fiction by accomplished authors, editors, and agents. In addition, Colorado Springs native Frank Waters will be honored for his inspirational writing career that spans more than half a century.

The 1993 Pikes Peak Writers Conference is sponsored by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District, McKinzey-White Booksellers, and the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel. More information about the conference, writing contest rules, and registration fees is available at all Pikes Peak Library District facilities, as well as by calling (719) 472-6146 or writing to Pikes Peak Writers Conference, Pikes Peak Library District, 5550 N. Union, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. (News Release)

Jeffco Public Offers New Print Enlarging Technology

The Jefferson County Public Library is now offering Magni-Cam T.M., a print enlarging technology, in three of its branch libraries.

The small hand-held black and white video camera attaches to any television set to magnify printed materials. "One of the hardest things for people with low vision problems is the loss of independence they experience when they can no longer read and write letters and handle their bills," said Terri Bailey, Manager of Extension Services. Library visitors will be encouraged to use the Magni-Cam for these kinds of activities, as well as for reading books and magazines.

The Magni-Cam T.M. was invented by engineer Ed Bettinardi of Littleton. It is smaller and more flexible than other camera/magnifiers on the market. The devices were purchased with funds from the Library Foundation's 1991 used book sale. (NEXUS, November 1992)

"Senior Reach"

The Denver Public Library has just completed its "Senior Reach" pilot project funded by LSCA. The project established special "senior hours" and three branch libraries, along with "senior corners."

Results of the project included an increase in use of large-print books, books-on-tape, and videos. The seniors also suggested publication of a resource booklet for their age group which was prepared as a result of their ideas.

For a copy of the Senior Reach final report, contact the DPL Public Relations Office, Library Administrative Center, 1330 Fox Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 640-8978.

GRAB-IT

The user connection to any resource-sharing program is critical to its ultimate success. The easier it is to request an item, the more acceptable it becomes to rely on access from a remote provide. ILL staff at Colorado State University Libraries have developed an automated electronic system for patrons to request materials. The service has been developed in phases. The basic electronic mail program, available since Fall 1991, is a menu-driven program with a prompted format for the user to submit an ILL request, request a renewal for materials already received, or make a status check on previously-requested material.

The ILL electronic access program has been expanded to allow a user who is searching one of the CD ROM products on the libraries' local area network (LAN) to download needed citations to a floppy

diskette, exit the CD ROM database being used, and then upload these requests into the ILL program.

The newest phase of the service makes electronic ILL quick and easy from any database. A new program, called GRAB-IT, allows the user to search any electronic database by telnet or modem, capture the items he/she wants to request, and automatically mail the citations to the ILL office, without re-keying the information. The user may move around among databases as usual, for instance, switching among CARL files such as UnCover or the University of Wyoming catalog, and then accessing MELVYL or ILLINET catalogs on the Internet. A user simply loads the program into his/her own computer (departments with a LAN may enter the ILL GRAB-IT program into a common directory for easy access), and may activate it at any time with the command "ill" at the DOS prompt. A maximum of fifteen screens (citations) may be captured and sent to ILL during a single search session.

Colorado State will be beta testing the basic ILL electronic access program, the CD ROM link, and the ILL GRAB-IT program in other libraries in order to verify program portability and to identify a range of applications in a variety of library settings. The experience in these beta test sites will assist in deciding how the programs may be made available to interested libraries. (Colorado Libraries, June 1992)

BCR in the Fifties

The Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) was very active in facilitating interlibrary loan, aided by its centralized regional holdings card catalog. This was a mammoth project accomplished primarily through the volunteer efforts of many librarians who donated their time to "File a Mile" (500,000 cards) in 1955. CLA supported BCR's work through financial contributions, beginning with $50 per year in 1952. In 1956 BCR moved into the new Denver Public Library and announced it would send on to the Union Catalog Division of the Library of Congress, cards which it received from members for all titles coming within the "Criteria for Selective Reporting of 1956+ Imprints." (Colorado Libraries, June 1992)

Apple Library of Tomorrow

Fifteen libraries located throughout Colorado, and three right here in Pathfinder, will receive Macintosh IIsi computer systems for use in Colorado's new and innovative Access Colorado Network program. The computers were donated as part of the Apple Library of Tomorrow (ALOT) program sponsored by Apple Computer, Inc.

The new systems will be used by both librarians and library patrons to access library catalogs and databases in Colorado. During August, the Access Colorado Network project will install the computers and provide training to librarians. Training in the use of the Access Colorado Library and Information

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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. Guideliness 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
- 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, 1993 to Martha Jo Sani, William M. White Business Library, College of Business, Campus Box 419, Boulder, CO 80309-0419
- Draft papers that do not meet the above guidelines will not be considered by the jury

Accepted authors will be notified in June with editorial instructions. Final copy for publication will be due by August 1, 1993.

Mountain Plains Library Association
1993 Awards Nomination Form
Deadline: May 1, 1993

Please place a check by award for which person is being nominated:

❑ Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award   ❑ MPLA Legislative Leadership Award   ❑ MPLA News Media Support Award

❑ MPLA Literary Contribution Award   ❑ MPLA Beginniing Professional Award

Name of Nominee:

Title: _____ Institution: _____

Business Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Is the nominee a member of MPLA? _____ For how long has the nominee been a member? _____

What MPLA positions has this person held? _____

Nominated by: _____ Institution: _____

Business Address: _____ Business telephone: _____ Home phone: _____

Please attach documentation which explains why this person/company/institution deserves an award from MPLA. Please limit length of letters of recommendation to four paragraphs, and number of letters to four.

Guidelines:
1. Nominations may be submitted by any MPLA member.
2. All librarians must be a current member of MPLA.
3. MPLA awards are presented when merited, and may therefore not be presented every year.
4. Normally, only one award will be given in each category. However, the Awards Committee has the option of awarding multiple awards when merited.
5. *Deadline for awards is May 1, 1993.*

Please send nominations to: Nancy French, Las Vegas Library
833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award: To be given to the individual or company whose positive support of MPLA 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 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 on-going 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.

Network will occur after the program is implemented later this year.

Apple Computer's Steve Cisler said, "I first heard about Access Colorado when I was visiting an Apple Library of Tomorrow site, the Fort Collins Public Library. After investigating the background, Access Colorado seemed to be a good networking project that included support not only from the legislature but also the state library and other libraries around the state. They, in turn, were able to involve county and city administrators, who have been showing their support in various ways."

"Once the public begins using the services, I believe more support will be forthcoming. Apple Computer is pleased to help this innovative project get underway." Cisler heads the Apple Library of Tomorrow project.

Each system is valued at approximately $6,500 in equipment and software, and includes a CD-ROM reader and a Personal LaserWriter printer.

When the Access Colorado Library and Information Network is fully implemented, it will link the bibliographic and informational databases of over 165 libraries in the state. Anyone in Colorado will be able to dial in and access that information by visiting one of those libraries or, if they have a computer terminal, modem, and telephone line, through a local phone call or by an 800 number.

The Access Colorado network currently includes the CARL library catalogs and information databases, and the catalogs of the Pikes Peak Library District, Boulder Public Library, MARMOT, and library systems at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado College, and the University of Southern Colorado. Other library systems and information databases are expected to join. (Blazes, September 1992)

Statewide Access top Health Care/Social Services Information

A feasibility study has begun on adding health care and social services referral information to the Access Colorado Library and Information Network. The Access Colorado Network is a statewide cooperative network of computerized library card catalogs and information databases that will be available in the spring of 1993.

The study will examine the feasibility of adding resources such as Senior Information Source, Mile-High United Way's HELPLINE, Project Delivery, Baby Your Baby Hotline, and Family Preservation Services to the network. When this information is on-line, Colorado residents will have access to a wide range of health and family-related information from a library computer terminal or with one local or toll-free phone call from a personal computer with a modem. The network will be available on computer terminals at libraries throughout the state.

This feasibility study will also examine linking the Denver Free-Net Project to the Access Colorado Network. The Denver Free-Net, a free community resource system, will allow consumers access to specialized health and human service resources. This system, modeled as an electronic city, was funded by The Colorado Trust and is operated by the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Using the network, for example, a pregnant woman could obtain information about prenatal care services, or a family could investigate adult day care services to help them deal with an aging parent who needs constant care. (News release)

Library Groups Cooperate To Market Libraries

The Colorado Library Marketing Council is a new, joint effort of the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) Rocky Mountain Chapter, the Colorado Library Association, the Colorado Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Consortium, and the Colorado Educational Media Association. The council sponsored a marketing workshop at which each participant learned how to do a marketing plan targeted to his or her own organization.

Although multitype library cooperation is strong in Colorado, the cooperation among diverse library associations got its formal beginning when Judy Zelenski was president of the Colorado Library Association, Wanda McDavid, current president of the SLA Rocky Mountain Chapter, told *Corporate Library Update* during a recent visit. Zelenski brought together the presidents and presidents-elect of library organizations in the state to talk about issues and to facilitate cooperation. Now, newsletter editors, legislative chairs, and membership chairs from all of the associations meet regularly. They are sharing meeting calendars, discussing pending state legislation with potential impact on libraries, and are planning ways of sharing membership benefits among the organizations. (Corporate Library Update, October 1, 1992)

Cargill, Inc. Helps Local Library

At the American Library Association's midwinter meeting in San Antonio last January, Cargill, Inc. announced its support of libraries' literacy programs. Cargill Salt, the Cargill facility in Hutchinson, has given its support to Hutchinson Public Library in a variety of ways over the past several months.

One of the local Cargill Salt's first projects was to offer its employees a reading incentive program, where employees and their families were encouraged to get library cards and read a certain number of books. This was followed by a project to encourage residents in Reno County who did not currently have library cards at Hutchinson Public Library to apply for cards, offering coupons from Spangles.

Cargill's involvement with the library's literacy program prompted one Cargill Salt employee to become a student in the program. Others became tutors. One tutor, James Depew, wrote the following letter to the "Cargill Cares' Literacy Team:

It's hard to write this letter without sounding like a salesperson, but tutoring at the library was an absolutely positive experience. I can't begin to describe how it feels to help someone learn how to read a map, so he can find out where his brother is stationed -or how it feels to teach someone how to write checks - or use a dictionary. There is so much more to reading than there appears to be.

Two hours a week, less than 2% of my time, is all I spent. Two hours less television or two hours less of "killing time". I didn't really donate my time - I bought something with it. I bought excitement, enlightenment, and enjoyment. A little bit of my time spent doing what I do all day every day anyway. And I can't escape the feeling that I really did something - that I was just a little bit of the war against the problems that plague the world.

I want to say thanks. I want to thank you for the opportunity. I want to thank you for this sense of accomplishment that I can carry with me all my life.

Sincerely,   James Depew

Cargill Salt also donated a Hyundai computer for use in the library's new Literacy Center. The Literacy Center was recently created when HPL's adult literacy coordinator, Jean Gaeddert, moved her office from a room which had originally been built as a storage area to one of the library's conference rooms. In explaining reasons behind the move, Gaeddert said that often the people she deals with suffer from poor self-esteem, partly because they never learned to read. The former literacy area often reinforced that low self-esteem, presenting the appearance that the literacy program was not that highly regarded. "With the move and the improvements in the literacy area, the library can show that we place value on these people and on the literacy program," Gaeddert said. "That, in turn, can boost the students' self-esteem.

In addition to Cargill's donation of a computer, the center has been furnished with new bookcases and furniture, purchased with funds from previous "I S.P.E.L.L." adult spelling contests. Gaeddert feels that Cargill's support has helped to spur the creation of the Literacy Center. "Cargill's interest in our program has been the catalyst we needed to make these changes," she said. (SCKLS Newsletter, November 1992)

Wichita Public Awarded Knight Foundation Grant

The Wichita Public Library Foundation Inc. has been awarded a grant from the Knight Foundation of Miami, FL, in the amount of $25,000. The grant will help purchase an advanced automation system that will enable the central library and its eleven branches to better serve the residents of Wichita and the surrounding area.

Although the Wichita library traditionally receives the majority of its funding from the tax support of the citizens of Wichita, City Manager Chris Cherches issued a challenge grant to Richard Rademacher, Director of Libraries for Wichita, to fund 50% of the total cost of the new system, or $650,000 payable over five years.

The library's present automation is based on a system installed in 1977 called LS/2, which has been updated repeatedly to its full operating capacity and is now virtually obsolete.

A new automation system and a three million dollar book endowment are the goals of the Wichita Public Library Foundation's "Campaign for Books," according to Foundation president, Marvin M. Cox, Jr. "What we're trying to do is position the library for the future," Cox said. "Leaner

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book budgets, coupled with inflationary book costs, have taken a serious toll over the last ten years, and it's time to address the problem." He also stated that because of the explosion of published information and the high cost of technology, the library system is in desperate need of many items it cannot afford. "We are submitting grant requests, calling on business and community leaders, soliciting fund-raising ideas - whatever it takes to get the job done and insure the future of the library," he added.

The Foundation's submission to the Knight Foundation was made under the Community Initiatives Program. The Knight Foundation was established in 1950 by John S. and James L. Knight and is one of the nation's largest private foundations. It makes national grants in journalism, higher education, and the field of arts and culture. It also supports organizations in communities where the Knight brothers were involved in publishing newspapers but is wholly separate from and independent of those newspapers. (SCKLS Newsletter, November 1992)

Your Library Tax Dollars Abused

The Lawrence Public Library featured an exhibit titled, "Your Library Tax Dollars Abused." The exhibit displayed library materials which had been abused by patrons and included a warped record, a CD with deliberate scratches, art books with pictures cut out, books underlined and torn, and other examples of materials abuse. Posted near the exhibit were copies of the city ordinance on library book theft and damage, and letters sent to anonymous delinquent patrons. The exhibit received a lot of attention from library patrons and prompted the return of many damaged and missing videos and books. The Library felt the exhibit was an effective way to show patrons the consequences of abusing library materials. (NEKLS News, July 1992)

Exhibit Russian Children's Art

An exhibit of children's art work, exchanged between the Russian city, Magnitogorsk and the Dodge City and Meade schools, has been taken over by the Friends of Kansas Libraries and is available for showing by any interested Kansas library. This is an exhibit of 27 matte paintings from Russian artists ages 5 to 15 years. FOKL has made the exhibit available for showing at no charge. FOKL Board members, State Library personnel and librarians will help transport the paintings within an area. (NEKLS News, July 1992)

ESU Fully Accredited

Emporia, Kan. — Emporia State University's master of library science program offered by ESU's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) has been fully reaccredited by the American Library Association (ALA). The ALA has revised its procedures for accreditation, so the accreditation is for at least seven and possibly as long as 10 years.

Dr. Martha Hale, dean of SLIM, said she is very proud of all those connected with the school.

SLIM's successes are noted throughout the evaluative portion of the accreditation committee's report, which includes commendations for:

• obtaining financial aid for students.

• the Dean's management of administrative responsibilities. Specific mentions included encouraging the participation of faculty, staff and students; serving as a role model for women students; interest in exploring new ideas and approaches; her high energy level; and involvement in teaching.

• the richness and breadth of the school's goals and objectives, which "represent a high level of response to constituent needs and the recognition of the contributions of other disciplines" and for the focus on a unified approach of coordinating research, instruction, and service.

• effective use of team teaching and effective design and use of the intensive weekend instruction format.

• assumption, by faculty, of greater responsibility for peer review, counseling, and critique of each other's work.

• involving practitioners in program and policy matters. The evaluators wrote, "The team was impressed with the near unanimity with which practicing professionals who talked to the team praised SLIM for its high level of involvement in the state (of Kansas)."

The report also said, "if implemented, the development of a doctoral program is likely to enhance the

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master's degree experience in terms of stimulation of ideas and student interaction." A doctoral program for SLIM has been reviewed by outside consultants and will be considered by the Kansas Board of Regents in December. (News release)

Picture Persons

Johnson County Library is sponsoring workshops to train volunteers in the Picture Persons program. Picture Persons make presentations in elementary schools throughout Johnson County and the Kansas City metropolitan area. The goals of the program are to show children how to look at works of art, develop values and appreciate art. (Kansas Libraries, October 1992)

KC Area College/Public Network

Ten Kansas City area colleges and two area public libraries unveiled a new state-of-the-art computer library network at a reception on September 22 at the Kansas City, Missouri Public Library. All are members of the Kansas City Library Consortium.

The network brings vast research capabilities to the fingertips of Kansas City area residents and students. The network links all member libraries to offer 2.5 million holdings. The William T. Kemper and the Hall Family Foundations provided the project's primary funding.

Among the ten are Kansas participating members Baker University, Benedictine College, Haskell Indian Junior College, Kansas City Kansas Community College libraries. (Kansas Libraries, October 1992)

Topeka, Shawnee County Form New Library District

Voters in Topeka and rural Shawnee County, KS, voted on November 3 to form a county public library district. David Leamon, executive director of the newly formed district said, "This is a first for Kansas, and we know other Kansas libraries were watching the election closely and will consider the district library as a new option in the future."

Formation of the new district means that the 122-year-old Topeka Public Library will be able to give full outreach service to county residents. Outreach services to the county will begin on December 7 with the addition of a new bookmobile. The library's board of directors will be expanded from seven to ten members. Three representatives from county townships will be appointed by Shawnee County Commissioners.

The vote will permit the new library district to tax county and city residents equally at five mills. Fairness in funding was the focus of the campaign, since approximately 25 percent of the county residents are registered library card holders and check out 25 percent of the total materials circulated by the library. The county portion of the new mill levy will represent 25 percent of the funding for the new library district. (Library Hotline, November 16)

Johnson County Library Resource Center Passes on November Ballot

Johnson County Library, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, located in the Kansas City metropolitan area, had a successful referendum on November 3, 1992 to issue $12,000,000 in bonds for the purchase and renovation of an 80,000 sq. ft. retail store located on a 7.9 acre site. The bond issue question received a 72% approval rate from voters.

The building selected will be renovated to 85,000 square feet and will house a core collection of 300,000 volumes, the central reference and business information center, library administration, and technical services. It will also contain a youth collection, but will concentrate on resources rather than programming.

Johnson County Library ahs been planning for a new central library building since 1980. Plans evolved from a 160,000 sq. ft. structure originally planned for a site on the Johnson County Community College campus, to a 150,000 sq. ft. building on another site donated by a developer, to the current downsized plan for an 85,000 sq. ft. program which is being called a "resource center" rather than a central library.

The campaign was based on the themes that the building was a practical, economical plan to alleviate over-crowding in several branches; that it would support the branches; and that it would provide flexibility in the future.

The library distributed informational materials to patrons in the

libraries and to registered voters through the mail. The Committee for Better Library Service, which was made up of Library Friends members and interested patrons, actively promoted the bond issue with yard signs, endorsement ads, a speakers bureau, targeted mailings and phone contacts.

Architectural selection and design work will begin immediately. The scheduled completion date is early 1995.

The Johnson County Library system services a population area of 301,000 in Johnson County, Kansas. It operates ten branch libraries. An eleventh branch will open in 1994. (News release)

LINK and KANREN

LINK - the Library and Information Network of Kansas - is an outgrowth of the Library Laws Study that has been under statewide discussion for several months. If approved by the Legislature, LINK will provide quick, affordable entry to new worlds of information for your clients.

At the center of LINK is an improved Kansas Library Catalog that will be available online. It will be much more up to date than the current KLC. LINK will also permit you to look up materials in Regents' libraries, and enable you to use other databases as well.

LINK and the Regents' initiative rely on fast, affordable and reliable telecommunications service across the state. Providing statewide access to such service is the intent of KANREN - the Kansas Research and Education Network. KANREN is a proposal now pending before the National Science Foundation in Washington.

KANREN will provide high-speed communications equipment to link 33 colleges and universities across the state. This equipment will permit them to transmit information much faster than they can now. It will also allow them to plug into similar high-speed data networks under development nationwide.

These initiatives will enable people in our state to access new knowledge at the speed of light. As they allow Kansans to exchange information and ideas in new ways, they will permit people to work together more productively. As a result, Kansans will be able to implement projects they never before imagined possible. (Kansas Libraries, November 1992)

Montana

BAHSIC Receives $108,030 Grant

The Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium (BAHSIC) has received a $108,030 grant from the National Library of Medicine to purchase the latest in computer and telefax equipment. With this advanced technology, libraries within the consortium will have the opportunity to quickly exchange and process information with a state and national network of information providers such as the Medicine DOCLINE. In addition, the new computers will allow BAHSIC libraries to run GRATEFUL MED and conduct onsite searches. (Montana State Library News, November 1992)

Made in Montana - Information

The Montana State University Library has recently compiled its Newspaper Index online. For eight years the library staff has been indexing the *Bozeman Chronicle* and *Great Falls Tribune*. This index, containing information of local, state, and regional content is now available for free to anyone who has access to a computer with a modem. To access CatLink, dial 994-2800 and select the menu option BZMN/GTFLS NEWS INDEX. Searchers can use keywords in headlines. CatLink also contains several other full-text databases, including some produced in Montana. For additional information, call Elaine Peterson, MSU Library, 994-5311. (Montana State Library News, November 1992)

Humanities Projects Grant

Ten projects have been granted funding recently through the Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives Program at the National Endowment for the Humanities. The St. Patrick Hospital and Health Foundation in Missoula, MT will support reading and discussion programs on ethical, spiritual, and technological issues pertaining to death, dying, and grief with its $34,000 grant. (Library Hotline, October 19, 1992)

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LITA Conference Highlights A - Z

Bruce Newell, Lewis & Clark Library

with comments from Barry Brown, Mansfield Library, U of M

(These excerpts pulled from *Montana Library Focus*, December, and included here for MPLA reader edification.)

This is a digest of the September 1992 LITA conference in Denver. I can't say enough good things about the LITA conference. It was simply the most interesting series of presentations I've ever attended. I wish that every Montana librarian had the opportunity to attend.

Many of the conference programs are abstracted in:

Information Technology, IT's for Everyone. Proceedings of the LITA Third National Conference. Library and Information Technology Association, Denver, September 13-16, 1992. Edited by Thomas W. Leonhardt. Chicago: ALA, 1992.

Academic libraries, as a whole, are a good 3-5 years ahead of public libraries when it comes to making information available to their patrons. It must be their on-campus computer centers (see, *NERDS, cultivation thereof.*)

FREENETS: Several presenters talked about the role (or lack thereof) of libraries in community information systems, such as the Peoria or Cleveland FREENET. There are dangers in participating, or not participating, in the rush to provide information to patrons in electronic formats. Still, the model of the Freenet as a community information source seems to be a fertile one for Montana libraries to explore.

Gophers: We're all in danger of drowning in data. Electronic agents or servants called "gophers" (go-fors) and "wais" (pronounced "ways"; wide area information servers) are being made to go out and glean our interests from the growing data glut, especially on the Internet.

Internet/Networking issues figured prominently at the conference. Most sessions were somehow related to connecting people to information resources and to each other. The three big unanswered questions about the Internet: 1) who pays, 2) who plays, and 3) how outrageously complex has it become? The Internet room was very active. It was a room with 20 or 25 microcomputers plugged into the Internet, with opportunities for neophytes (like me) to get lost in cyberspace and chances for old pros (like Barry) to share information or like E.T., to "telnet home." This room was jam-packed with rubes and old hands alike throughout most of the conference.

The **Information Service Division (ISD)** of the Montana Department of Administration runs the State's SNA data network. SNA stands for system network architecture, IBM's network scheme. This telecommunications backbone connects every Montana county seat to Helena and to each other. Montana libraries' online access to WLN's Pullman, Washington mainframe computer uses the State's data network. Because there are a variety of networks running between Montana communities, ISD is working with several parties to consolidate or rationalize some of these services. This holds considerable promise for improving libraries' ability to connect with one another, regardless of the type of computers they use or the community they are located in. Access to network services is, in my view, a very important issue for Montana libraries.

METNET, the state's K-12 electronic bulletin board, e-mail, file transfer, and conference system runs on standard phone lines and does not use the State's data network. METNET also provides a variety of users a chance to 'reach out and telecommute with someone.'

MUSENet, the University System's telecommunications backbone, runs between the University system units on the State Data Network. MUSENet is a high speed (56KB) multiprotocol network that is able to use the state data network by virtue of ISD's efforts. Several groups use MUSENet, including the State Department of Transportation.

Money talks, especially in the world of commercial information providers. Information is, among other things, a commodity. Pricing structures are maturing and starting to gel. Libraries need to get their two cents in now if they want to continue to do (information) business.

Nerds, Cultivation thereof: Computer networks are getting hideously complex just as they are becoming pervasive and crucial for libraries survival. Cultivating access to a trained nerd (someone who knows more about computers than you do) is now more important than ever.

Rosebud is the name of a fascinating computer program being tested by Apple Computer. Rosebud is a semi-intelligent electronic agent that, after being instructed as to your interests, goes out into a full text news source (such as *NewsBank*) and retrieves headlines and first paragraphs from articles matching your interests. These are gathered, assembled and presented in a newspaper-like format. Those articles you select to read are then downloaded onto your computer (in real time) for your reading enjoyment. A neat collaborative project between Apple Computer nerds and librarian types.

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Video Licensing

The Panhandle Library System is participating with the other five regional library systems in cooperation with the Nebraska Library Commission to provide licensing permission for libraries' use of a broad range of videos at a greatly reduced license fee. Through an agreement with the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation negotiated by the NLC, "umbrella" licenses will be available at a group rate for public performance rights for over 4,000 videos produced by major studios, including Walt Disney, Warner Brothers, Touchstone Pictures, and others. Without a license for public performance rights, copyright law restricts the use of commercially produced videotapes in a public setting.

In addition to the license, when a library participates in this program it will be able to access, free of charge, the Nebraska Library Commission's 1993 summer reading program video circuit. The NLC summer reading videos will not be available outside this program. (Panhandle Sun, August-September 1992)

Out With The Old, In With The New

On October 1, the librarian's trusty old friend, CMS, rolled over and died. But never fear, because the folks at the Nebraska Library Commission had something newer and better to take its place.

CMS has outlived its time, according to Vern Buis, Director of Computer Applications for the NLC. It came on the scene in 1981, to replace the obsolete teletype network then used for ILL communications. Its cost meant teletype was no longer feasible. Maintenance of the machines was expensive, and because they were slow to transmit messages, phone charges were high as well. In addition to cost effectiveness, teletype lost out because of limitations in its flexibility. Users could type messages, but mistakes were hard to fix.

As an intermediate step, the Commission got rid of the teletype and arranged to get teleprinters from Lincoln Telephone Company, said Rod Wagner, NLC Director. The teleprinters could serve more libraries at less cost, and the Commission was able to use the state's mainframe for its communications center. The state called its communications network the "Conversational Monitoring System," or CMS. When the Commission switched from teleprinters to microcomputers, NELCMS, or the "Nebraska Library Communications System" was born.

In the beginning, CMS couldn't do much more than the old teletype machines which had been used previously. It was used mainly to process ILL requests, and any library with a computer, modem, and printer could access the system. Eventually CMS provided an electronic bulletin board, electronic mail, and access to several databases. Use of the system was subsidized by the Commission. For example, resource sharing libraries paid a one-time start up fee and then could use the system through a toll-free number.

Along the way, CMS was replaced as an ILL facilitator by OCLC. Wagner said that a number of libraries in the state began using OCLC in 1976 and over the years it became more popular. CMS was a separate system, inexpensive for libraries but expensive for the Commission. OCLC was more efficient because it has members across the nation and around the world, while CMS was limited to the state. Wagner said the state currently has about 60 libraries that are full members of OCLC, while others are selective members who only use the ILL services available on the network.

So now, time has left CMS behind. It was replaced by Nebraska Online on October 1. Buis said that Nebraska Online will do everything CMS once did and more. It is a project of the Nebraska Development Network, designed to provide access to a wide range of databases, information resources, directories and news services. Currently, Nebraska Online offers a state Development Services Directory, listing service organizations and programs throughout the state. A calendar of events, electronic news service (with access to newsletters, announcements and press releases of state and local organizations), bulletin board referral service, and several databases are currently available as well.

One reason that Nebraska Online is exciting for libraries is that it brings them into the mainstream, Buis said. While CMS was something created just for libraries, Nebraska Online has been created for the whole state. It is for the whole community. The service also keeps libraries involved in

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economic development, since that is one of the goals of Nebraska Online. Soon Buis hopes Nebraska Online will provide librarians with another service — a listing of available library and state jobs. (Panhandle Sun, August-September 1992)

To the Frontier: Passage to Peshawar by Robert S. Runyon, Library Director, UNO.

A collection of books on Afghanistan given to UNO in 1976 led indirectly to my visit to Pakistan from July 13th to August 6th. The titles of two books on contemporary Pakistan were merged in the title of this brief report. With funding assistance from the United States Information Agency, I was given an opportunity to conduct a field trip to Pakistan for the purpose of obtaining additional materials for the unique Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection in the University Library. Visits were made to several of the 160 Peshawar-based, international, non-governmental organizations (NGO's) assisting in the support of refugees and the repatriation of Afghans to their war-torn country. I acquired various reports and documents from those organizations, and also scoured bookstores for books not already held by our library. Funds to purchase Afghanistan materials were made possible by the generous gift of Bruce Thomas. Working with the Afghanistan Resource and Information Center and the Library of Congress, I hope to contribute to the establishment of a mechanism for making and distributing microfiche copies of NGO reports to Afghan agencies, as well as to researchers and policy makers in the U.S. and abroad.

In addition to book collecting, I was invited to give workshops and lectures on computers and information systems to groups of Pakistani librarians and archivists. The USIA organized and hosted these presentations in Peshawar, Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore.

It has become evident in the West that computers, networking, and electronic information are revolutionizing the ways that libraries are organized and used. My efforts were directed towards providing librarians in a third world country with new knowledge and understanding about how to utilize electronic systems in libraries.

My approach was based upon a human resources orientation rather than a technical one. That is, I emphasized the development and sharing of basic computer skills and management processes, rather than the latest gadgets and devices. Involvement of all staff members in training and operational task forces must be widespread throughout the computerized library of the future.

I was impressed with the eagerness of Pakistani librarians to upgrade their services through the use of electronic information. Although they lack resources and governmental support, they have begun to plan and organize new service programs that will have great benefit for education and economic development. I hope to be able to provide continuing support to librarians and libraries in Pakistan, and to become a resource for the exchange of information relative to library development in that country. (The Library User, Fall 1992)

Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse 20th Anniversary

The Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse is celebrating twenty years of providing information services from state and federal government publications. The Nebraska documents program which collects, indexes, and makes widely available the publications of state government was created by statute in 1972. The collection currently includes more than 70,000 Nebraska publications and 270,000 federal government documents, which are part of the NLC's total collection of resources. The Clearinghouse keeps Nebraska government publications permanently, and microfiches and distributes them to sixteen depository libraries across the state. State agencies are freed from storing, managing, preserving, and making accessible to the public their publications. New titles are listed monthly in "What's Up Doc?," an in-house publication, are cataloged on the OCLC Online Computer Library Center Database, and made available through the Commission's online catalog and via interlibrary loan through Nebraska's libraries. (News release)

Newspaper Availability

Ninety-five percent of all Nebraska newspapers will be available to Nebraska citizens through a new Interlibrary Loan program at the Nebraska State Historical Society. The Society has been microfilming Nebraska newspapers since the 1950s. Library patrons are encouraged to go to their local library and fill out a request for the service. The materials will be sent to the library at no charge, although there will be a fee to cover postage and handling. (NLC Communicator, Oct. 2)

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Nevada

Nevada State Library and Archives

The State Library and Archives moved into a new 130,000 square foot facility at the end of October. It took approximately six weeks to relocate the Department's various collections, services and staff. On October 31, 1992 at 9:00 a.m., the cornerstone ceremony took place followed by the Nevada Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade was Libraries. Trails to the Past Networks to the Future. On November 1, 1992 the new Library and Archives facility was dedicated. Special guest and speaker was James Billington, Librarian of Congress. (State representative report)

Technical Services Keeps Books Rolling at the Las Vegas Library

Greta Elliott can tell you that no trains are levitating through the former people mover station at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., but there are more than 60 book carts rolling around on the second level where Technical Services has settled into its new home.

Technical Services, directed by department head Greta Elliott, moved from its cramped quarters at the Clark County Library, which recently closed for renovations, to its new location in the Las Vegas library two months ago. After a relatively smooth move, the Technical Services staff is adjusting well to the new space.

Technical Services handles all books purchased by the library district from vendor to the library shelves. Once books are selected by district librarians, Technical Services personnel order books from the vendors via computer and match the order cards when they arrive. The next step is cataloguing using the Ohio College Library Cooperative system (OCLC) and transferring the books' titles and call numbers to the library district's CLSI system via an interfacing software program. Technical Services relies on 20 computers to complete the daily processing.

"It was a gradual move from the Clark County Library, but things are back to normal again," Greta said. "I've been with the library district for 22 years and this is the first time we've had a facility designed especially for us. We're thrilled about the large windows and double sized working spaces.

The 6,000 square foot area will not be open to the public and 14 department employees will be keyed in and out of the facility.

"We feel the security aspect is very important to avoid leakage of materials," said Assistant Library Director Nancy Hudson. "The area is as good as if we had designed it ourselves for this purpose."

A community information center staffed by Las Vegas Library Programming Assistant Tim Clark and Volunteer Services under the management of Michael Bisceglia will occupy the lower level of the facility. (Off the Shelf, October-December 1992)

Preparing for Architecture Accreditation

UNLV was approved for accreditation candidacy status by the National Architecture Accrediting Board at their June 1992 meeting. Full accreditation is not possible before two years and a lot of effort to meet accreditation requirements.

The library is playing a key role during this development phase. To be accredited, a library collection of approximately 10,000 volumes must be in place to support the education and program needs of the students. Half the volumes must be in architecture design and history; the other volumes will cover allied fields such as building and construction, landscape architecture, interior design, and urban planning.

We are over the halfway point! Thanks to the generous support of the architectural community, and to acquisition funds approved for the library we have delveloped a collection which includes the most current materials as well as older "classic" titles no collection should be without.

The titles are selected in collaboration with the architecture faculty, and by searching bibliographies of core materials. Architectural publishers, associations, and out-of-print dealers are also contacted in this effort to provide the best collection to meet the specific needs of the UNLV Architecture Studies Program.

To supplement what is currently available in the library, students have access to printed and computerized indexes, and can obtain materials from other libraries around the United States.

The collection is currently housed in the James R. Dickinson Library. Funds have been appropriated to build a branch library for

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Architecture Studies - along with an Architecture Studies complex near the corner of Maryland Parkway and Tropicana. The complex must be completed and occupied before accreditation will be approved.

This new degree program is the only program in architecture in the State of Nevada. Soon our students will not need to pursue their accredited studies outside the state! And the library is helping to make UNLV the place of choice for the study of architecture. (UNLV Communications, Fall/Winter 1992)
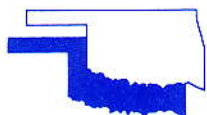
North Dakota

"Tellebration 92!"

The State Library hosted a benefit to establish a foundation for a North Dakota Center for the Book. The purpose of establishing a Center for the Book, sponsored by the Library of Congress, is to promote books, reading, literacy, libraries and book arts in North Dakota.

The State Library, in conjunction with the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling, hosted "Tellebration 92!" - an evening of benefit storytelling performances held in communities across the United States. It promoted storytelling in local communities, showcased local tellers and built appreciation and support for the art. Half the funds generated through the annual "Tellebration" went to help develop the National Storytelling Library and Archives and the other half will go to establishing a foundation for the North Dakota Center for the Book. (Flickertale, November-December 1992)

Oklahoma

Love Limericks

At *Romance in the Stacks*, a romance books workshop held by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, participants tried their hand at writing love limericks. ODL's Public Information Office selected the top three (presented below) and audience reaction selected the top verse. Winner Bentin will get his name in an upcoming romance novel by Sharon Sala. Authors Nancy Berland and Peggy Moreland gave prizes to the honorable mention limerick writers.

The winner...
There was a librarian from Dill
Whose passion was hot as a grill.
    She likes lots of sex
    In the books she collects,
And to hell with Grace Livingston Hill.
    Doug Bentin
    Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma County

Honorable Mention...
There was a librarian from Oklahoma
Who made the library her home-a.
    She worked night and day,
    With no time to play.
Unfortunately, she's now alone.a.
    Ann Brown
    Altus Public Library

There was a librarian from the Grace M. Pickens
Who read everything from L'Amour to Dickens.
    All romance books we read
    Are just what we need,
But the budget allows for slim pickin's.
    J. Franklin Hardgrove
    Grace M. Pickens Public Library, Holdenville

(ODL Source, September 1992)

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South Dakota

SDLN Approves Strategic Plan

The South Dakota Library Network Advisory Council officially approved its strategic plan called the South Dakota Library Network 2000.

Highlighting "The Vision" of SDLN 2000 is access. By the year 2000 we want the Network to be in every school, public, academic, and special library in addition to every state and local government office in South Dakota.

Databases, both SDLN and others (bibliographic, full-text, multimedia) will be available via terminals in full member libraries, by dial access to other libraries, businesses, agencies and individual's homes, and via Internet or NREN. Improved hardware and software capabilities will allow for digital audio and video image technology to be included on SDLN. (Book Marks, January-February, 1993)

SDLA Support New Sioux Falls Medical Library

The South Dakota Library Association Executive Board has gone on record supporting the creation of a new medical library facility to be built in Sioux Falls and serving the needs of two local hospitals and the educational programs of the University of South Dakota School of Medine and other nearby institutions.

Utah

Legislative Info Access

A new project will bring Utah's government closer to its people. A legislative information system developed jointly by the Legislative Research and General Counsel Office and made available over the Utah Library Network through the efforts of the University of Utah Computing Center will allow citizens to track legislation closely and read bills as they are developed. It is hoped this will be available in time for the 1993 legislative session.

The development of legislative information that can be accessed on a telecommunications system marks an historic milestone. It provides an example of how public information can be made available and useful to all of Utah's people no matter where they live. In this case, the information provided can enrich democracy. In other cases the pay-off will be better health care, economic enrichment, consumer protection, and more, depending on the public agency's mission. (Directions for Libraries, January 1993)

Wyoming

Centralized Acquisitions Offers Service, Savings to 101 Clients

The State Library's Centralized Acquisitions program offers service, savings, and convenience to its customers.

Centralized Acquisitions serves four primary functions: ordering, providing educational materials; serving as liaison between the client and the vendor when problems arise; and offering payment and accounting functions. The latter includes providing a monthly statement to the client which includes revenues, expenditures, outstanding orders, cancellations, beginning and ending balances.

The program currently services 101 customers in county and branch libraries, community colleges, and public schools. The program also serves state agencies when requested.

According to Joe French, program manager, Centralized Acquisition's clientele consist of two types: "full service" clients for whom the State Library orders materials and make payments, and those clients that order directly from vendors but utilize Centralized Acquisitions to perform the payment function. Smaller libraries generally tend to use the former service and larger libraries the latter.

Volume ordering allows the State Library to pass along larger discounts to the smaller libraries and both types save by not having to produce a voucher and a warrant each time they order.

Discounts of up to 41 percent, volume ordering, electronic ordering, utilization of the Wyoming

Information Network (WIN), implementation of new book order forms that significantly reduces the time clients spend ordering materials through the State Library, all combine to provide Centralized Acquisitions users with efficient services at considerable savings. (Outrider, September 1992)

Newly Minted

ALA Survey of Librarian Salaries 1992, Mary Jo Lynch, Margaret Myers, Jeniece Guy, ALA $42.00.

African and African-American Studies, CHOICE, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457, $24.00.

Against Borders : Promoting Books for A Multicultural World, Hazel Rochman, ALA $16.95.

The Americans with Disabilities Act : Its Impact on Libraries, ASCLA, ALA $28.00.

The Archival Enterprise : Modern Archival Principles, Practices and Management Techniques, Bruce W. Dearstyne, ALA

Joblist

Deadline: When filled.
Library Extension Services Administrator $45,906-$72,342
City of Phoenix

Pay at appointment may be more than minimum depending upon qualifications. Administers the operation of eleven branch libraries including public service program, operations and facilities.

Qualifications: ALA-MLS plus 5 years professional library experience, including 3 years as head of a branch library or major section of a large library facility.

Must obtain Maricopa County residency within 24 months of hire date. Applications for Maricopa County residents available at 135 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003. Outside Maricopa County call (602) 262-6277 or write for application.
AA/EEO/D employer.

Deadline: April 2
Head of Collection Management,
$34,000 minimum
Wichita State University Libraries

Reports to the Associate Dean for Library Services. Responsible for the direction of collection development policies and programs involving a $15 million budget. Participates in overall library management and planning as a member of the Executive Council.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS; three years' academic library experience in collection development; ability to communicate and work effectively with library faculty, staff and university community. Desired qualifications: additional graduate degree; experience in management, training, fund raising, grant writing, and budgeting, and knowledge of library automation, publishing and book trade, higher education, preservation, and the application of automated data analysis techniques.

Send letter of application, resume, and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references by April 2, 1993 to: James C. Eller, Associate Dean for Library Services, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67260-0068. Non-citizens must report visa status. Finalists will be invited for an expense-paid interview.
AA/EOE

Deadline: March 5
Public Services Librarian, $21,229
Parmly Billings Library

Largest public library in MT, serving 110,000 residents of Billings and Yellowstone Co. with 215,000 vol. collection. Generous benefit program including health insurance and 3 weeks vacation. Major responsibilities: operation of Children's Services, including materials selection, reference and reader's advisory with children, young adults, and parents, programming, storytelling, community outreach. May assist Circulation and Reference.

Qualifications: ALA-MLS and 1 year minimum public library experience in children's services, or equivalents. Applicant required to submit to drug test prior to appointment or hire.

Negative drug test result and remaining drug-free are conditions of employment.

Send letter of application addressing qualifications and resume to Carlene Deveau, Personnel Director, City of Billings, 210 N. 27th St., P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103.
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- Recognition of outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services;
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