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North Dakota's New Dimensions Information Authority

Submitted by Roann Masterson, North Dakota Library Association representative to the Mountain Plains Library Association

NDIA

In 1989 the North Dakota Library Association saw the need to explore and design options for future library services to all citizens of the state. A New Directions task force produced what became Senate Bill 2448 in 1991 and subsequently, with legislative passage, North Dakota Century Code 54-24.3-05. This legislation created options for voluntary regional frameworks for networking libraries to extend and supplement existing resources and services. "The

intent was to build upon existing local strengths, collectively enhancing services as near home as possible—where people want and need them in their daily lives," said Sharon L. Evensen, chair of the statewide multitype library committee.

Under the 1991 statute, multitype library authorities (including school, public, academic and special libraries) can be created by various local entities getting together for the purpose of closely networking to improve existing library services. The state superintendent of public instruction appointed a statewide planning committee, including one legislator, to develop

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Seventh in a Series: MPLA's Member States



Here you will find information about special happenings in North Dakota, the seventh in a series of articles provided by MPLA State Representatives.

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one multitype library authority (MLA). The MLA committee began by informing librarians about MLA, establishing standards, and seeking applicants for the first MLA. A great deal of interest was generated and proposals were submitted from the northeast, the north central, and the northwest areas of North Dakota. New Dimensions Information Authority (NDIA) from the Williston area was chosen as the first North Dakota MLA.

The New Dimensions Information Authority (NDIA) established in March, 1992, is a multitype library system in a four-county area of northwestern North Dakota. Membership includes twenty-three schools, two public libraries, and one academic library. During 1992 NDIA formalized its organization and developed bylaws. A coordinator was hired to assist with the creation of NDIA and to coordinate development of a union catalog of library materials held within the region. Currently, NDIA members are using a union list of 545 periodicals to participate in interlibrary loan with other libraries.

When Debbie Mussleman became the coordinator of the NDIA, headquartered in Williston, North Dakota, she and her board chose LaserCat as the retrospective conversion tool. "Quality was our

number one concern in choosing a method for retrospective conversion," Debbie said. "As we convert our various card catalogs into a single automated union catalog, we want to follow all the correct cataloging standards. The fact that the records in LaserCat are full MARC records with name and subject headings established according to the national standards makes it very useful to us. We'll be able to provide our libraries and our patrons with better access than before, and the access points will be consistent from library to library."

At this point, the NDIA has about 20,000 records in the union database and 60,000 additional records in some machine-readable format. Some member libraries don't have card catalogs at all and retrospective conversion will be done from the actual books. The NDIA conversion project has been underway for about three months. "So far, we're experiencing an 85-90% hit rate," Debbie said. - Recognizing the uniqueness of the individual libraries and librarians involved is essential. The NDIA is a multitype library authority designed to respond to the needs of the individual institution, improve local library services, and provide access to materials held regionally.

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"Move On Up!"

Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson's Excellence in Education Commission has collaborated with Valley businesses and media to respond to the 375,000 illiterate adults in Maricopa County. The goal of the Community of Readers effort is to promote family literacy throughout the county.

Phoenix metropolitan libraries have been asked to participate in the program by distributing tabloid-format materials which include a workbook, a tutorial and a family activity segment. These items will also be distributed at First Interstate Bank branches and at Arby's Restaurants.

The printed materials support a 30-episode learn-to-read television series entitled "Move on Up!", which will air on KNXV-TV, FOX 15, beginning February 15, 1993. Telephone assistance will also be available to provide information and help to those who want to learn to read. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, February 8)

Service To Business Closed

FIRST, the University Libraries' fee-based information service for corporations and individuals not affiliated with ASU, closed February 1, 1993. FIRST was established five years ago to provide document delivery and computer-based research through a centralized cost-recovery operation. While the service succeeded in meeting clients' needs for quality service, the generated revenues had been declining and were insufficient to cover operational costs.

Projections based on the first six months of the year are that the 1992/93 income would fall short of covering expenses. Unlike most other fee-based services in academic libraries, FIRST was required by the University to recover all costs associated with the service plus 31% for indirect costs (overhead) assessed on all expenses. The necessity for recovering all costs plus indirect costs was a condition of the settlement of the unfair competition complaint filed against FIRST in 1988 under Arizona state law.

Declining revenues probably result from both the cautious economy and the availability of other information services, including those supported by the University Libraries such as access to Uncover2 and CD-ROM databases. (ASLA Newsletter, February)

Scottsdale Awards \$8.1 Million for Library Expansion

The Scottsdale City Council, AZ, awarded an \$8.1 million contract for construction of the Civic Center Library expansion project. The \$11.7 million project, approved during the 1989 bond election, will increase the existing building from 44,000 square feet to 103,000 square feet, including space for 600,000 volumes, public seating for 500 patrons, a new children's area, and a 280-seat auditorium.

One of the most unique features of the project is the new children's area which will be constructed in a medieval castle theme. Bookshelves will be designed to resemble an enchanted forest and the "Royal Reference Room" will feature throne-style seating. All furniture and book stacks in the area will be oversized, with cheese-shaped tables and mouse-shaped chairs.

"Our intent is to create a fun atmosphere that will stimulate children's imagination and introduce them to the joys of reading," said Linda Saferite, library services director. "Hopefully, this fantasy atmosphere will keep children coming back for years and will create fond memories that will last a lifetime."

Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of February and be completed in late 1994, followed by a six-month renovation of the existing building. (Library Hotline, February 22)

Don't Dump, Reuse

The City of Phoenix, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and local non-profit organizations are sponsoring a demonstration project to reuse instead of recycle books. According to the publicity brochure, nearly 100 percent of the books dumped into landfills are reusable, but they are difficult to recycle because they contain a combination of materials such as adhesives and other binding materials, not just paper.

Like many other cities, Phoenix has started a program in which special containers are used to collect recyclable materials that have normally ended up in landfills. In this demonstration project, specially marked plastic bags will be delivered to residences, and those who wish to discard books in good condition may simply put them in the bag and then into the "Phoenix Recycles" container. The books will be sorted and donated to local non-profit organizations which sell them to support their various

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charitable activities.

Many people exchange books or donate them directly to non-profit organizations, and this project is not meant to replace or compete with those activities. It is designed to make it easy and convenient to "donate" books rather than dispose of them. For more information on the project, contact the Phoenix Recycling Hotline at (602)256-5626. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, March 29)

National Theatre Conservatory Library

A new library in Denver aims to serve the community, the state and the region by improving access to resources in the performing arts. Scripts, musical scores, musical libretti, books on customs of various historical periods, criticism, and interpretations of playwrights are just a few of the types of resources currently being collected by the National Theatre Conservatory (NTC) Library.

The conservatory is an educational arm of the Denver Center Theatre Company (DCTC), and the library was established to serve the needs of the NTC students and faculty, the Denver Center Theatre Academy, and staff of the DCTC and Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Located in downtown Denver at the Performing Arts Complex, the NTC Library offers its services to area theatrical entities and is now seeking additional support to expand its services to the state and regional performing arts community.

All libraries in Colorado can contribute to and benefit from this resource. The library is in need of donations of books and periodicals on the performing arts. Its specialized collection is also available to area researchers, students, historians and community members active in the arts. For information on making donations of materials or on using the collection, please contact the NTC Librarian, Linda Eller, at (303)446-4869. Library hours are 9:00 - 5:30 M - F and 10:00 - 2:00 Saturdays. (News release)

Borrow a Librarian Service

Continuing education plays a very important part in helping library workers to increase their skills and to keep up with new developments. Library workers in smaller libraries often find it very difficult, if not impossible, to get away to attend continuing education activities. *Borrow a Librarian Service* will reimburse volunteers for transportation to and from the library. The volunteer will be expected to cover the expense of meals.

There are certain criteria and obligations to the library or school media center needing a volunteer. The annual budget cannot exceed \$100,000. The library is expected to pay the library worker as usual for the hours covered by the volunteer. Lodging should be provided for the volunteer. Written instructions for such essential library services as circulation and security are a necessity.

Virginia Boucher (retired librarian and Interlibrary Loan Consultant) and Maureen Crocker (part-time librarian) are coordinating the *Borrow a Librarian Service*. Plans are being made to recruit volunteers, advertise the program, and seek funding for the service. *Borrow a Librarian Service* can be reached c/o Virginia Boucher, 845 Lincoln Place, Boulder, CO 80302. Telephone 303-443-4640. (System Beat, December 1992)

ACLIN Is Here

ACLIN, Access Colorado Library and Information Network, is now a reality. ACLIN will provide free access to the information resources of the libraries of the state, as well as those contained in other computerized databases, to support the education, business, health, social service, and personal growth activities of the residents of Colorado. ACLIN WATTS lines will make it possible for Plains and Peaks libraries outside the Colorado Springs Local Area Network to dial in and search databases in Colorado toll-free.

Databases available now on ACLIN include CARL, MARMOT, MAGGIE, Boulder Public Library, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado College and the University of Southern Colorado. Additional databases will be connected as funds become available.

Thanks to projects such as MAGGIE PLUS and PPRLNET, funded in past years by Library Services and Construction Act funds, Plains and Peaks member libraries are familiar with searching some of the databases now on ACLIN. Members will need to learn new techniques for searching DYNIX databases at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, the University of Southern Colorado, and Colorado College. (Plain Speaking, March)

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Dillon Donates

Vance Hearn, manager for one of Wichita's Dillons stores, presented the Wichita Public Library in December half of the profits the Wichita Dillons stores received from their summer book fair. Over the past seven years, Dillons has given over \$100,000 to local libraries through the sale of books. Hearn stated, "The book fair continues to be an excellent way in which to encourage good reading and good reading habits among our young people." Funds received from Dillons will be used to improve the library's collection and services. (SCKLS Newsletter, February)

Information Network of Kansas

The Information Network of Kansas (INK) was formed to provide electronic access to public information. Since becoming operational in early 1992, INK has been working to develop a computerized information system that allows access to these records. INK, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), and the State Library have initiated a cooperative venture called Kansas Children's Network (KIDSNET).

As a public service, available at no cost, INK will provide access to KIDSNET, an array of databases related to children's services. The services available include child care licensing and registration, and child care assistance. Through these services the user can: find resource and referral agencies, as well as county health departments and private contractors; obtain lists of family day care homes; search for child care centers or preschools based on city or zip code, or for centers based on age group; view information on filing a complaint; find local agencies to which complaints may be reported, along with what types of complaints should be reported to which agencies; view information on what family day care homes, child care centers, and preschools are and how to start one; determine eligibility for child care fee assistance, along with the amount of assistance available; and view information on the charac-

teristics of persons who are eligible for child care assistance grants.

Users can dial into INK and search KIDSNET for as long as they like with no user fees or connect time charges. In fact, the call itself is to a toll-free 800 number. INK wants libraries to be the main community access point for this information

INK and the cooperative agencies are actively recruiting librarians who are interested in providing KIDSNET service to their users. As an incentive, each participating library will receive free training, a users manual, and a free membership to INK. This free membership will allow access to the information services provided by INK, which include: legislative bill tracking; full-text legislative bills, along with House, Senate, and concurrent resolutions, executive reorganization orders, and resolutions; administrative rules and regulations; calendars and journals; supplemental notes; bill locator; district court records; Supreme and Appellate Court opinions; court dockets and calendars; driver's license records; Secretary of State UCC filings and searches; corporation records; vehicle registration and title records; Alex (Automated Labor Exchange); and children's network. (SCKLS Newsletter, February)

State Library Unveils Hypertext ILL Manual

Work continues on the revised *ILL Manual and Directory*. This new directory will be distributed in an electronic format. Users will be able to load it on their computers and access it as they wish via memory-resident software that runs in the background while they use KICNET or the CD-ROM Kansas Library Catalog. The new *Manual* was unveiled at a session during the KAECT/KASL/KLA Tri-Conference in March. (CKLS Post, January-February)

MRF Insures You Against Losses

This month in *Catalyst*, I'll describe the Materials Replacement Fund (MRF), the only statewide program of its type in the U.S.

What is the MRF?

Imagine your library borrows an item on interlibrary loan (ILL) from another Kansas library. After your client returns it, you package the item carefully and ship it back to the lending library. But it never arrives. What happens then?

In Kansas we have a program to assist you in cases like this. It's the Materials Replacement Fund, which has been in operation since 1984. The MRF responds to the question would-be ILL participants ask most often: "What happens if we lend an item through interlibrary loan and it's never returned?"

By protecting libraries from losses, the Materials Replacement Fund is intended to encourage participation in resource sharing activities such as ILL and the Kansas Library Card Program.

How does the MRF work?

If a Kansas library lends an item through ILL or to a Kansas Library Card user, and if that item is lost, the Kansas Library Network Board will reimburse the lending library for the cost of replacing the lost item. (Kansas Libraries, February)

1992 KLN B Achievements

The Network Board spent 91 percent of its 1992 budget on grants and support programs to help Kansas libraries improve their services. This includes:

Awarding 93 Interlibrary Loan Development grants. Librarians used these grants to develop collections in high-demand subject areas. This includes 15 projects on children's service topics such as pediatrics and parenting. These materials are available statewide through interlibrary loan.

Conducting seven statewide preservation planning meetings attended by 251 people. Results from these meetings will be incorporated in a statewide plan for preserving materials in archives, libraries and museums.

Expanding the Kansas List of Serials to include collections in 30 more libraries. This computerized listing identifies 25,000 holdings in 120 libraries, affording Kansans with one-stop access to a greater variety of journals than ever before.

Awarding five grants for innovative resource sharing projects. One such project is enabling academic and public librarians in Newton to obtain expert advice on the automated systems that are best for their situation. Projects like this promote effective partnerships among Kansas libraries for improved service.

Sponsoring two training sessions conducted by nationally-known experts. These sessions, which were attended by 87 Kansas librarians, taught participants how to plan and implement cooperative automation ventures, and how to preserve materials. (KLN B 1992 Annual Report)

ESU's First Doctoral Program

The Kansas Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve Emporia State University's proposed doctorate degree program in library science. The first doctoral degree courses are scheduled to begin this fall.

"I think the Board of Regents are to be commended for their openness and cooperation. This was a visionary and a precedent setting decision for the board, but they recognized the uniqueness and the quality of the program and the needs that would be met in both the region and the nation," said ESU President Robert Glennen.

ESU becomes the only regional institution in the state to offer a doctoral degree in library science and the only library science doctoral degree available in an 18-state region.

Last May, the Regents voted to allow outside consultants to review the program. The reviewers — Dr. Donald Riggs, Dean of Libraries at the University of Michigan, Dr. JoAnne Euster, Director of Libraries at Rutgers University, and Dr. Thomas Galvin, Director of the School of Information Science and Policy at the State University of New York, Albany, and former executive director of the American Library Association — visited the campus last summer and presented a glowing recommendation to the board.

President Glennen said dramatic enrollment increases in the master's program have brought quality students which in turn have attracted faculty who are already qualified and even experienced in teaching doctoral students. He said the master's degree program is so highly regarded that Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and New Mexico have requested that the program be offered in their states.

"We did not set out to develop a doctorate in this area. We did not have the funds, and we didn't have this goal as part of our mission. Our qualifications for offering the doctorate evolved as a result of our attempts to offer the best possible Master of Library Science degree," said Glennen. (News release)

KILDLM Debuts

Librarians who attended the Kansas Interlibrary Loan Roundtable at the Tri-Conference were the first to see the new Kansas Interlibrary Loan Directory and Manual (KILDLM). This computerized, hypertext file is being issued on diskette to Kansas libraries.

It runs as a memory-resident program, meaning that, for example, librarians who are working in cc:Mail to issue a request via KICNET can press a "hot-key" combination and pop-up (superimpose) the KILDLM on the screen, search it for ILL policy information, then press the Escape key and be right where they were in cc:Mail. (Kansas Libraries, April)

New Humanities Award to Flathead County

In the latest round of awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Modern Poetry Association received \$314,666 to support the expansion of reading, listing, and discussion programs focusing on the work of contemporary American poets at 30 libraries across the nation. The Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives Program awarded a total of \$1,044,330 to seven programs.

The Flathead County Library System, Kalispell, MT, will use a grant of \$177,799 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for reading and discussion programs using texts by Montana writers that explore "the value, lifestyles, and dreams that contribute to a western identity." (Library Hotline, March 22)

First Public Library to Have Dial-in Catalog

If you build it, they will come.

That line, from the movie *Field of Dreams*, has an application in the library world. In the case of Seward Public Library, "building" an automated library system has resulted in increased circulation and efficiency. Library Director Becky Baker said that patrons have enjoyed many benefits of the automated circulation and card catalog, and now can take advantage of the library's catalog via remote access.

Seward is the first public library in Nebraska to have a remote access catalog. Baker said she used the University of Nebraska's call-in access and was impressed enough to think about getting something similar for her library. Setting up the line was not terribly difficult, as the library needed to purchase just one more computer and modem. Seward already had a second phone line available, so that was no problem, either.

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The most important part of the project was getting a state grant, which paid about 40 percent of the cost. Baker said. The library then had to get the city council to approve the rest of the project, but Baker said Seward has been lucky because the council has been very supportive of technology projects. (News release)

Copyright Information Available

During the Spring 1992 semester, a task force on copyright was formed to provide brochures for library patrons and staff to enable better understanding of the legalities of copyright in using library materials. The taskforce produced three publications "Copyright Information for the Researcher," "Interlibrary Loan Copyright Policy," and "Reserve Copyright Guidelines."

Copies of "Copyright Information for the Researcher," a UNO Library Facts sheet, are available in the Reference area. The sheet describes what materials can and cannot be copyrighted and identifies ways to get permission to use copyright protected material.

A brochure describing the Interlibrary Loan copyright policy as dictated by federal law is available in the Interlibrary Loan office. Guidelines are very specific and must be followed carefully when requesting materials, especially photocopies of articles from journals.

The third publication is directed specifically to faculty and outlines Reserve copyright guidelines. It clarifies under what circumstances materials may be made available to students via Reserve. Copies may be obtained at the Reserve desk on the lower level.

The UNO library tries diligently to comply with copyright laws and wishes to assist its patrons to do so also. These brochures are helpful tools for both staff and patrons to achieve this goal. (Library User, Winter)

Congresswoman's Office Comes to Sidney Library

A replica of the Washington office of Congresswoman Virginia Smith is planned for the Sidney (NE) Public Library. Mrs. Smith represented Nebraska's sprawling Third Congressional District for eight terms from 1975-1991.

The state-wide, \$100,000 project will be funded privately by the Friends of Virginia Smith in cooperation with the Sidney Public Library Foundation, Inc. Supporters led by long-time Smith friend Dick Cabela, Chairman of the Board of Cabela's Inc., a world-wide hunting, fishing and camping outfitters based in Sidney, have received the support of the Sidney Public Library Board and the endorsement of the City Council for the project. Mrs. Smith said that she is honored by the project and that Sidney was selected when no suitable location could be found in her nearby hometown of Chappell.

Library Director Russell Long reported that some of Mrs. Smith's Washington memorabilia will be on display in the office replica and that researchers will be able to use the site to access her Congressional papers via computer and telefax. (Panhandle Sun, February-March)



How-to Kit Available for Literary Fund Raiser

An auction of theme baskets inspired by famous books raised over \$10,000 for the Friends of the Washoe County Library, Reno, NV. A packet that explains how to adapt "A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket" for local use is being offered by the Friends.

Almost 100 baskets, all donated by individuals or businesses in the community, were auctioned as part of a gala evening that featured live music, sumptuous desserts, wine, and an espresso bar. Baskets ranged from the humorous (a primitive twig basket with an autographed copy of Jean Auel's *Plains of Passage* and an overnight stay in the Cave Suite at a local "adults only" hotel) to the elegant (a large lucite seashell filled with Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*, passes to an aquarium, dinner at a popular seafood restaurant, and other seafood items). Sponsors say the event will work well in a public, school, or university library setting.

The cost of the packet, which includes a professionally shot and edited video, is \$30. Checks should be payable to Friends of the Washoe County Library, P.O. Box 2151, Reno, NV 89505. (Library Hotline, March 22)

Why Isn't It There? Where Is It?

An old saying claims everyone loves a mystery, but do they? The UNLV library staff certainly doesn't.

Missing materials could be lost, stolen, or misplaced by patrons "helping" by reshelving books. This

mis-shelving creates a major problem. Before the Fall '92 semester began, over fifty members of the library faculty, staff, and student workers participated in a gigantic shelf reading project. During this "blitz" 45,000 linear feet of shelving was "read," meaning each call number was scrutinized for correct placing and moved, if necessary, until the entire collection was in order.

To accomplish this task, approximately 1,000 salary hours were borrowed from normal library operations. Unfortunately, with an increase in library traffic each semester, the problem recurs with depressing frequency.

Other factors result in materials being unavailable. Vandalism and careless treatment of materials (torn pages, water/food damage, and pet chewing) account for numerous books being removed for repairs.

When the book you want isn't there, remember — not only do you want to locate the material, so does your library staff. (UNLV Communications, Spring/Summer)



FBI Returns Two Books

Last week, the Federal Bureau of Investigation returned two books to the library that had been stolen sometime in the early 1980s. These books were two of the approximately 20,000 books stolen by Stephen Blumberg from university libraries all around the U.S. and Canada.

Blumberg had been arrested in 1968, 1973, and 1988 for library related crimes. After his 1988 arrest, he fled when released on bail, and apparently did not continue his thefts. In 1990, he was charged by the FBI with interstate transport of stolen property, after a tip led them to his apartment and his cache of stolen books and manuscripts.

OCLC assisted the FBI in compiling a list of the stolen books and manuscripts and in making the list available to libraries interested in claiming their property. The two books returned to CFL are *A Steam Voyage Down the Danube*, by Michael Quin, printed in 1835, and *A Narrative of an Exploratory Visit to Each of the Consular Cities of China...*, by George Smith, printed in 1847. Both books are in good condition. Blumberg carefully removed the spine labels and also removed most evidence of library stamps from the books. However, he did not remove stamps on the endpapers of both books identifying the books as belonging to the collection of John M. Cochrane, Grand Forks. Cochrane's collection was donated to the UND library - presumably this is how the FBI was able to identify these books as belonging to CFL.

In 1991 Blumberg was found guilty of stealing over 20,000 books and 10,000 manuscripts worth over \$20 million. He was sentenced to nearly six years in prison and required to pay a \$200,000 fine. (UND Library News, December)



Oklahoma Author

The first students to enroll at Oklahoma State University in 1891 were asked to bring their textbooks from previous school days. The books were kept in the churches where classes were held and in the professor's homes.

Thus was the beginning of a library collection which, after one hundred years, numbered 1,600,000 volumes housed in a magnificent building considered to be the center of academic endeavor at the university.

A History of the Oklahoma State University Library, by Dr. Roscoe Rouse Jr., is a lively account of early-day Oklahomans who pioneered higher education library use in Oklahoma Territory and who carried a love of reading and research as a torch to bring enlightenment to hundreds of students.

Dr. Rouse is well acquainted with the field of library history. During his thirty-nine years as an academic librarian (all except two as library director), he spent considerable time researching and writing the history of libraries.

Dr. Rouse spent twenty years at OSU as the library director and currently serves on the Old Central Committee, which oversees the university's oldest structure. He has served on Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Dr. Rouse has been very involved in professional library organization work. He was elected four times to the American Library Association's Council. In addition, he served three four-year terms on a committee in the International Federation of Library Associations with headquarters in the Hague.

He has been a consultant, advisor, and surveyor of academic libraries, library buildings, and state library systems. The Oklahoma Library Association and the University of Michigan honored him with

distinguished recognition awards. Upon his retirement, the Oklahoma Senate honored him with a framed citation for "serving with honor and distinction."

A History of the Oklahoma State University Library by Roscoe Rouse, 290 pages, \$14.95. Available by writing the Public Information Office, Oklahoma State University, 216 Library, Stillwater, OK 74078. (ODL Source, February)

Indian Materials Needed

The Lawton Public Library's Family History Department is creating a Kiowa, Comanche and Apache (K.C.A.) Research Collection. It is the only one of its kind in the U.S. and contains research information not even the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides.

To add to this collection, the library is seeking family genealogy books, ancestral charts, biographies, or any other material containing information about K.C.A. families or tribal history. If you would like to contribute or need more information, contact: Paul Follett, Lawton Public Library, 110 S.W. Fourth Street, Lawton, OK; or call (405)581-3450; FAX (405)248-0243. (ODL Source, February)

Libraries 'Plug-in' to OLTN

The production of a Statewide CD-ROM Bibliographic Catalog highlighted library technology news in 1992. The OLTNcat represents the first phase of the Oklahoma Library Technology Network.

The second CD-ROM catalog has already been produced, and a supplement will be available in late spring or early summer of 1993. The current catalog lists more than seven million holdings at 515 public, school, academic and special libraries.

Special appropriations by the State Legislature in FY92 and FY93 funded the creation and growth of the compact disc catalog to date.

The libraries around the state using the catalog are, in effect, "plugging in" to this stage of OLTN. And OLTN committees are planning for other outlets to improve information access.

The OLTN Information Services Committee has recommended that arrangements be made to give libraries access to Internet - an electronic network which links thousands of other national and international electronic networks and millions of computer users.

The plan calls for a main accessing computer to be stationed at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Six 800 numbers would be set-up to allow libraries to dial into the OSU computer and access Internet.

Internet will be the basis for the proposed National Research Education Network (NREN), and will have an important role in the future of information delivery. (ODL Source, January)



Mikkelsen Library Receives Grant

Augustana College's Mikkelsen Library has been awarded an \$8,550 grant from the Mary Chilton DAR Foundation. The grant will be used to purchase computer equipment and a CD-ROM subscription to *America: History and Life*, a comprehensive index to books and journal articles about American history and culture. (News release)

Chamberlain Library Wins \$1,000 Grant

CHICAGO—St. Joseph's Indian School Library in Chamberlain is one of the five libraries chosen in the Back-to-School Library Book Grant Sweepstakes sponsored by Venture Stores in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA).

"Book Buddy" coupons distributed by Venture Stores included an entry blank to register to win a \$1,000 grant for libraries. Proceeds from the coupons go to the American Library Association to support literacy programs. Those entering designated a library to receive the \$1,000 book grant.

Mary K. Jackson of Calumet Park, Ill., designated St. Joseph's Indian School Library.

The contest is part of the "Read to Grow With 90210" program featuring Gabrielle Cateris, also known as Andrea Zuckerman, student editor of West Beverly High's school newspaper on the television series "Beverly Hills, 90210."

The program is designed to promote literacy education and library use to kids. (Bookmarks, March-April)



Utah's Public Library Information Forum and Training

The Utah Public Library Institute For Training (UPLIFT) was originally established to help library jurisdictions meet the minimum educational requirements of *The Upgrade Process*. As such, it dealt with certification training only, although expansion was viewed as a possibility from the very beginning. Three years ago, when most of the library directors who needed training had completed the four core courses, the Continuing Education Coordinator at the State Library Division, Jane Smith, developed a plan for expanding UPLIFT. That plan consisted of four education modules:

- Certification Training for those librarians not meeting the minimum standards,
- Professional Skills Institute, for all public library staff,
- UPLIFT-T, for trustees and librarians, and
- Practicums, for all public library staff.

It was also decided that State Library Division documents pertaining to library development would also be published under the UPLIFT logo. To emphasize the two-pronged approach to the new UPLIFT, the name has been changed to: **Utah's Public Library Information Forum and Training**.

The Information Forum publications are designed to provide information to public librarians and public library trustees which will assist them in the development of their libraries, enhancing their skills, and reaching new understandings. Many of the publications will have wider appeal, as well, and may also be distributed to academic libraries and/or school media centers.

Currently two Information Forum Publications have been distributed, with a third nearing completion. The first two are: *Automating Your Library: Hints, Helps, and How To's*, by Sandi Long, and *Many Cultures, One People: Celebrating Our Diverse Folklore, Traditions, Customs, and Beliefs Through Picture Books*, compiled by Carolyn Klatt.

Automating Your Library was written to establish general guidelines and references for a library to use when looking at a major automation project and to establish criteria for projects considered for Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funding. The booklet provides guidelines for deciding whether or not to automate, strategies for planning for automation, criteria for LSCA funding, and a bibliography of helpful materials.

Topics to be covered in the near future are library laws, a new trustee's manual, a manual on how to use statistics, and several subject bibliographies for children's materials. (Directions, February)

21st Century Information Center

The word "library" no longer encompasses what is now available to students at Roy High School, so the name has been changed to Information Technology Access Center. This comprehensive computer-centered information retrieval system will revolutionize the way students learn.

Students using computers at individual "learning stations," can access information contained in four major databases of over 80 newspapers and magazines, an encyclopedia, and the Social Issues Resource Service. Traditional library books remain, but they have been moved to the periphery of the room as the learning stations occupy the center. The high tech study cubicles were made by Roy High School

MPLA Research Forums Available for Purchase

Take advantage of the best research in our region. The MPLA Academic Section still has a few copies of the Proceedings of the Research Forums for the following years:

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students, reducing costs and increasing school pride. Eventually, given additional money and support, students will be able to link up with the Weber County and Weber State University library systems.

IBM contributed \$200,000 in hardware for this center and the Weber school district received an additional \$50,000 to instruct teachers to help their students access information via computer technology. The information retrieval system is the core of a restructuring process that the school undertook as one of the Utah high schools in the Nine District Consortium. The goal of the Consortium is to encourage the nine districts to explore new ways to make the high school experience more significant. With the help of administrators, teachers, parents, local businesses, and the community, a new direction emerged. Now each individual student can follow his or her own education/occupational plan and take advantage of career guidance opportunities, often participating in real job experience. The new information retrieval system will help students access the future. (Directions, February)

City Library Employees Learn Basic Spanish

According to the 1990 Census data, the Hispanic population is the fastest growing ethnic minority in Salt Lake City, and employees at the City Library System are responding to the trend. More than twenty Library staff members are spending their Saturday mornings learning basic Spanish, thanks to the generosity of USWEST and Friends of the Salt Lake City Public Library.

Both organizations donated \$500 to the Library to pay for a nine-week Spanish class for library staff. Library officials worked with Salt Lake Community High School to develop customized language instruction for librarians who work with the public. The language class is a pilot project.

"If this is successful and funding is available, we will continue the instruction and offer it to more of our employees," notes Nancy Tessman, Deputy Director for the Library System. "One of the goals is to improve our efforts to reach members of an increasingly diverse community."

In preparation for the class, Spanish instructor, Senora Paquita Elder, actually spent time with librarians during their work day to learn the types of questions people ask when they visit the Library. From this research, Senora Elder developed a nine-week, 2-hour per week class to help librarians communicate better with Spanish-speaking people. In addition to receiving basic Spanish instruction, librarians also learn about cultural differences which are important in the communication process. (News release)

Orem Library Plan Completed

An ambitious effort to build a \$4 million children's library is one step closer to being realized. Plans for the project were approved by the Orem City Council, clearing the way for construction which could begin in June. The new 36,000 square foot building may be open by the fall of 1994.

According to plans, the three level building will be parallel to the existing library with a bridge and ramp connecting the two. A garden reading area bordered by walkways and fountains, made possible by the anonymous donation of \$650,000 to the Friends of the Library, will be developed between the two buildings. The facility will be dedicated primarily to children's services but will also include office space for a Parent Education and Resource Center (PERC), storage space, and employee training areas. (Directions, March)

WYLD and CARL Gateway

Library automation in Wyoming may take some big steps with two projects currently under study. The first is the Wyoming Academic Libraries Resource project where the University of Wyoming Libraries and the seven community colleges joined together in submitting a federal grant application. The proposal was made to the U.S. Department of Education in mid-January asking for \$112,097 and the response is not expected until October 1993.

The proposal was designed for cooperative information access and delivery among the academic libraries using: a "gateway" to connect the state's bibliographic databases; enhanced serials database and a document delivery system using Internet.

Grant funding would provide for the cost of installing the gateway and digital transmission work stations. The gateway would be between WYLD (Wyoming Libraries Database) and CARL (Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries) giving access from local and state resources via WYLD to UW Libraries and other regionals using CARL.

Objectives for the proposal were outlined: improve resource sharing among Wyoming academic

libraries through an efficient information access and delivery system; increase capability for local, regional and national resource sharing in Wyoming's academic libraries regardless of level and type of automation in individual libraries; enhance the academic programs at participating institutions by making a wider range of library resources more easily and efficiently available; to educate librarians at participating libraries on existing technology and data transmission opportunities, methods and uses..

While this project is directed toward the academic libraries, the State Library has been studying the establishment of an expanded gateway which would be available to other WYLD users.

Late last year a study was initiated for several reasons. Internet, a national network, was developing a system for electronic mail, library on line catalogs, databases, bulletin boards etc. It appeared that Wyoming would lack connections to the rest of the library world.

Second reason came from the Wyoming Library Network Planning Team Report which recommended gateways be explored. Third was the development of telecommunications technology and completion of the T-1 network in Wyoming along with the WYLD upgrade. The HEA grant proposal from the academic libraries was also a factor.

Goal for the project is to enable WYLD users to broaden a statewide search to a regional search by accessing CARL, including UNCOVER, the magazine index, through a CARL database menu selection on a WYLD terminal and to enable CARL users to access the WYLD database via CARL database menu selection. (Outrider, January)

About You

Linda Koldenhoven, Laramie County Library System (WY) manager of Information Services, recently participated in a product development panel for the Grolier Education Corporation...

Donna Jones, director of the Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System (CO) was named Colorado Librarian of the Year... **Ann Smith**, Public Services Librarian for Augustana College (SD) is one of five business and professional people from South Dakota selected to visit Israel as a Rotary Group Study Exchange team... **Merna Smith**, former Associate Director of Research & Development at the Salt Lake City Public Library has moved to Boston to join her husband... **June Garcia**, immediate past president of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, is the new director of the San Antonio Public Library, TX. She comes from the Phoenix Public Library, AZ, where she was head of extension services... **Leslie Boughton**, formerly Director of the Carbon County Library System, is now the Director of the Natrona County (WY) Library... **Sam Johnson**, Media Specialist for Devils Lake (ND) High School, received a first place award in the North Dakota Professional Communicators (NDPC) 1992 Communications Contest in the "Public Service" category.

ALA Councilor-at-Large Election Candidates from the MPLA Region

(When you vote, please consider voting from these persons and others from our region. Let's provide ALA with exceptional leadership!)

Charles D. Hurt - Arizona (MPLA)
Karen Whitney - Arizona (MPLA)
Bernard Margolis - Colorado
Rod Wagner - Nebraska (MPLA)
J. Dennis Day - Utah (MPLA)

Elmer Bachenberg Retires

Elmer Bachenberg, a member of MPLA since 1962, our current executive board parliamentarian, and a long-time participant on the MPLA executive board in various capacities, recently retired from his position at Colorado State University in Greeley.

Elmer attended Nebraska State Teacher's College at Peru. After teaching and being school principal in Iowa, he went to Graduate Library School at the University of Illinois. From there he went to the University of Nebraska as Reference Librarian at the College of Agriculture and as Applied Science Cataloger. Later he joined Nebraska Wesleyan University as the Assistant Librarian.

He attended Graduate Archival Studies at Harvard University and Denver University., then joined the staff

Joblist is missing this month to encourage you to call the **Jobline**—see numbers below & call.

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The MPLA Jobline lists jobs available within our eleven-state area **at no charge to institutions within this region**. Jobs from institutions outside the MPLA region can be listed for \$10/week.

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Send listings to Joe Edelen, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.

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at the Denver Public Library From there he went to Colorado State College in Greeley as Head Cataloger. He made major plans for the new library that was to be built. Later he became Archivist and Special Collections Librarian. His final position has been working half-time in both Government Publications and the Cataloging Department.



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MPLA Welcomes These New Members

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