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Some MPLA history

Dan Seager, who was recognized for his many years of service to MPLA with a special award from MPLA's president at the Snowmass conference, provided the following glimpse into MPLA's history.

Many of you will recognize the names of individuals who made outstanding contributions to library services in our region.

A Historical Change that Strengthened MPLA

MPLA has been fortunate in leadership as well as followship! For example, take the Public and County Library Section of the association; harken back thirty-five years or 80, when there were two sections, public and county.

In 1953, H. Dean Stallings was then president of MPLA. Ellen Lord was chairperson (back then anyone who chaired anything was chairman regardless of sex!) of the College and University Section. Marguerite N. Johnston was chairperson of

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MPLA Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report

IFLA in Barcelona

59th IFLA Conference, August 22-28, 1993, Barcelona, Spain

by Dora Biblarz, Associate Dean,
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This is the first meeting I attended as a newly-elected member of the Section on Acquisition and Exchange, part of the Division of Collections and Services of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). I attended the two business meetings of the Section as well as the full-day Workshop, "New Ways of Information Delivery and their Impact on Libraries: Problems Solved or Problems Multiplied?", which was jointly sponsored with the Section on Serial Publications, Information Technology and the UAP Core Programme.

This Section is the one I found to be most closely related to work in collection development. Because IFLA concerns itself with Library Associations and Institutions (as opposed to individuals), the organization is unlike the professional associations I am already familiar with. Instead, members can participate in the work of the Sections and Round Tables on topics (generally) concerned with one of the five Core Programmes: UBCIM (Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC), UDT

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In this issue

"Libraries: the peak experience!"

NLA/MPLA Conference, Incline Village, Nevada, October 26-29

Preliminary program insert plus room reservation information.

Complete program to follow in future issue.

(Universal Dataflow and Telecommunication), PAC (Preservation and Conservation), UAP (Universal Availability of Publications), and ALP (Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World).

Many of the issues included in the 5-year goals of the Section are directly related to the work I do; for instance, general information gathering on resource sharing and collection development, the impact of weeding and deselection techniques on collection policies, obtaining materials which are difficult to acquire - either because of limited availability or due to political conditions in the country of origin.

Positive aspects of the program for me included first of all the fact that it is an international conference (professionals from 135 countries are members), held in a different country each year. This fact allows for greater participation by people in the host country (about half of the almost 3,000 were from Spain) and allows participants from other countries to become familiar with the conditions in the host country. This same factor results in some of the negative aspects of the program: since there are so many from different countries, it is necessary to pick the language(s) for speeches and discussions. For the larger meetings, simultaneous translation was available for anyone who wished it, in one of 5 official languages (English, Spanish, French, German, Russian). However, the smaller Section and Round Table meetings were held in one language primarily - often English. This causes problems for the delegates who may read and even understand English but are not comfortable expressing themselves orally, so their comments are limited at best. It also appears that the future of translation in all 5 languages is uncertain due to the fact that the service was funded by a grant which will soon expire.

My original objectives were to become familiar with the current 5-year plan of this Section, to contribute my knowledge and expertise to the work of the Section and the Division of Collections and Services, and to communicate these directions and actions to professional colleagues at ALA and MPLA.

As part of the 5-year plan, the members of this Section prepared a rough outline of the Open Session planned for the 1994 meeting in Havana, Cuba. The papers at this session will discuss the impact of social change on a country's publishing and book trade, and how librarians in that country are able to identify and acquire material. There will be three papers solicited for this theme: one on the Russian situation, one on the Caribbean/Latin America, and one on grey literature. The 1995 meeting will be in Istanbul, Turkey, and the work of the Section

will then focus on Eastern Europe. For that program, the plan is to solicit papers on how librarians in other countries can acquire materials from those countries in the midst of social change.

During the meetings of this Section I found that I already could contribute since no one in the group spoke Spanish and there were several logistical details that needed immediate attention before the meeting could begin. Throughout the conference activities I found myself helping to translate, primarily during informal personal exchanges, into French, English, or Spanish.

With this report, I begin the next phase of my participation; that is, the communication back to MPLA and ALA groups regarding the activities and future plans of IFLA and the Section on Acquisition and Exchange.

Within the Universal Availability of Publications Core Programme the emphasis is on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of inter-library loan and document supply programs. To this end, IFLA has produced a new edition of *National Libraries of the World: an Address List* which is available upon request from the UAP office at the British Library. Other international finding guides have been produced by this office, as well as standard IFLA International loan/photocopy forms which are being used increasingly, in spite of the rising use of electronic mail as a means of communication. I will be glad to assist MPLA members interested in obtaining any of these publications or forms.

There are numerous meetings and activities taking place simultaneously. One way to find out about the actions taken or conclusions reached is through the "IFLA Express", a newsletter published just prior to and during the annual conference. In No. 4 I read the "Resolutions of the IFLA Pre-session seminar on School Librarianship", which I found to be of potential interest to MPLA members. I will forward this text to the officers of the Children's and Schools Section of MPLA.

Another important dimension of the IFLA Conference is the ability to visit libraries that would not ordinarily be open to the general public. I visited the Atheneum of Barcelona, the Humanities Library of the University of Barcelona, and the Cervera Municipal Library and the Archives. Perhaps most impressive was the University of Barcelona Library which compared favorably to many of our university libraries in the U.S.

I recommend attendance at an annual IFLA conference without reservation to another MPLA member. I believe that the experience of meeting people from different countries, exchanging professional problems and possible solutions, or simply ideas about topics of mutual interest

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is very enriching. It is advisable to speak another language, but not essential. The main point to remember is that librarianship has a language all its own and there are many innovative insights or solutions that can be discovered by pursuing thoughtful conversations with people in similar jobs in other countries - whether developed or not. Because of its relatively small size, an IFLA conference is quite a bit more accessible than our annual ALA meetings and therefore there are better opportunities to meet and talk to or socialize with the other delegates; in this sense, it is somewhat like the MPLA annual meetings.

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the County Library Section. Donald C. Potter was chairman of the Public Library Section. Alice O'Donnell was chairperson of the Children's and Young People's Section. The Catalogers Section was chaired by Ramona Cox.

Changes in MPLA makeup have always been made after thorough investigation and consideration. For example, let us focus on the Public Library Section and the County Library Section. It had been decided that the annual meeting of MPLA would be held in Estes Park, Colorado, in the Conference Camp, September 3, 4, and 5. The general theme was to be "Reading Comes to MPLA," based on *Wonderful World of Books*, edited by Alfred Stofferud, published that year by Mentor Books (\$3.35). Marguerite Johnston, like all the others, sought good help in building the program for the County Library Section. She wrote several over the region for suggestions. Earnest expectations existed, and the personalities involved worked hard toward success. Mercedes B. MacKay Director of the South Dakota Free Library Commission, made the suggestion that Mrs. Evelyn Brewster, then Public Librarian at Deadwood, South Dakota, be included on the committee: "Although not a county librarian, she has a very fine background for county library service, . . . (has) organized county libraries." May Gillies, Director, Wyoming State Library, suggested several, e.g., Eva Lash and Bernice Snell. Mrs. Aeola Brennehan, Grant County Librarian, Hyannis, Nebraska, agreed to assist in the planning.

In a letter to Mrs. Ellen D. Smith, Secretary of the County Library Section, Carnegie Library, Hastings, Nebraska, Marguerite Johnston said that Mr. Ford Rockwell's (Wichita) help as a speaker "if we can swing it that way," had been suggested. (Rockwell spoke on the subject, "What to do or not to do in a county library campaign.") Ruth V. Tyler (Salt Lake County) also. Edith Rich, Engineering Librarian, University of Utah, suggested Ruth Tyler, Helen P. Gibson (Davis County Librarian, Logan, Utah) as persons who would make fine contributions to the planning. Gordon Bennett, State Librarian of Colorado, made several suggestions including Ann Muller, Weld County Librarian, Greeley, Colorado.

Others were suggested who, like Anna Phelps, Crosby, North Dakota, were happy to assist. Some, of course, had to refrain because of other pressures.

The program ultimately included Ruth Vine Tyler, Salt Lake County Librarian ("Books Via the County Route"); Ford A. Rockwell, Wichita Librarian ("What to Do or Not to Do in a County Library Campaign"); Panelists: Ann Muller, Weld County Librarian; Oneita Johnson, Pratt County Librarian (Kansas); Mrs. R. W. (Aeola) Brennehan, Trustee, Grant County Library (Hyannis, Nebraska); Mrs. Anna Phelps, Divide County Library (Crosby, North Dakota); Mercedes B. MacKay, South Dakota Free Library Commission; and Bernice Snell, Fremont County Library (Lander, Wyoming). Others from various county libraries of the MPLA region took part in general question and answer discussion.

In 1954, the County Library Section held its section meeting at convention as in the past. However, in 1955, the section met jointly with the Public Library Section. Claude Settlemyre, able chairman of the Public Library Section, presided. James Hodgson of Fort Collins presented a paper, "The Future of the Public Library." The talk was followed by a short but lively discussion. At the business meeting of the Public Library Section which followed, Robert Thomas of Bismarck, North Dakota, was elected chairman of the section. Ruth Vine Tyler was elected chairman of the County Library Section for the next year. Arthur Parsons of Omaha, Nebraska, made the suggestion that at the next meeting of the association the County and Public Librarians discuss combining the two sections.

The two sections met in combined session at the 1956 MPLA conference, September 14, 1956, at "Utah Agricultural College," now Utah State University, Logan, Utah. The meeting was called to order by the two above-named co-chairpersons. Lora Crouch led a discussion on the New Public Library Services Report of ALA. The audience was then divided into six discussion groups and assigned certain portions of "Guiding Principles for Better Library Service" for discussion. After the groups re-assembled, Ruth Tyler moved that the County Library Section merge with the Public Library Section; seconded by Gordon Bennett, motion carried. This of course enlarged and strengthened a very important section of MPLA. In the election that followed, Catherine Gates was made chairperson of the County and Public Library Section by acclamation.

Changes and problems have been handled nicely by leadership that responds adequately with solutions. The County and Public Library Section has influenced MPLA very much in its direction and program, and has provided a large share of the association's top officers and board members through the years.

A study of the history of each of the sections would be highly interesting. The foregoing is only of one at one point in time, including names of several who are no longer with us, but fondly remembered. Of course a study of this magnitude would be a history of the association itself. The above is based on Minutes of the County Library Section and the County and Public Library Section, 1953-1961.

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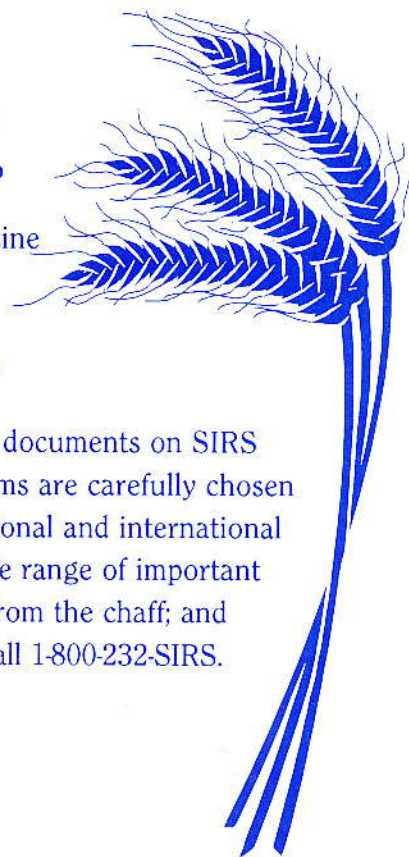


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For the past 10 years, a woman with a friendly smile and intrepid spirit has driven most of the byways and some of the highways of Northern Arizona, bringing tales of high adventure, romance and murder, as well as volumes of astonishing, but true, facts and information to the remote residents of Coconino County. Pam "Pip" Piatchek lights up with enthusiasm as she describes her job as the librarian, driver/mechanic, and sole proprietor of Coconino County's "Caravan of Culture"—its Bookmobile.

Not only does Pip love her job, which combines the three things she most enjoys: people, books, and driving, but she exudes a missionary zeal about the work. Enthusiastically, she freely quotes Christopher Morley, one of her favorite authors, "Anyone who can get...people to read something worthwhile is doing his nation a real service. And that's what this caravan of culture aspires to." (Parnassus on Wheels)

As a look at the itinerary shows, no place within the county is too remote for a visit from the Bookmobile. Not surprisingly, because of her infectious warm personality, Pip is greeted at very stop by friends ready to give her the latest bits of local news and eager to learn from her about acquaintances on other stops along her route.

Pip's diesel driven "caravan of culture" weighs 26,000 pounds when empty. On every trip she is carrying another 3000 pounds or so, however, as her library shelves hold up to 3000 titles. Annually, the county provides her with a book budget of \$2400. With this fund she selectively and thoughtfully purchases the titles and subjects which she knows her patrons will enjoy the most. Pip is always ready to service requests for books not in the Bookmobile collection and will bring them with her on the next trip she makes to the site.

As to what this intrepid traveller does while prowling the rural routes of northern Arizona when she has spare time? She loves to read. High on her list are works of philosophy, nature writing and anything by Arizona author Barbara Kingsolver. (Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, Fall 1993)

Civil War Soldiers Indexing Project

Arizona has been chosen to be one of the test sites for the Civil War Soldiers Indexing Project sponsored by the National Park Service, the National Archives, the Genealogical Society of Utah, the Civil War Trust and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The project will make information about Civil War participants accessible to genealogists, historians, school children, scholars and the curious. Information will be extracted for both Union and Confederate soldiers and will include such elements as name, state from which served, regiment, company, rank in and out and the microfilm reference numbers for retrieving or ordering a search for additional data.

The software package is being created by the Genealogical Society of Utah and is being monitored by the Fort Wayne-Allen County (Indiana) Public Library. Volunteers are needed from all over the nation to place the information into the massive database. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, December 6)

Dial-a-Story

Since late November, Scottsdale PL has been telling stories by telephone. A partnership with the Scottsdale Progress Tribune

allows kids of all ages to dial the newspaper's free "InfoLink" community information service to hear stories by many different authors. Selected stories are recorded once a month by volunteers who can make the recordings from home using a touch-tone telephone.

Adults can dial "InfoLink" to hear reviews of the hottest reads in fiction and non-fiction. The reviews are written and recorded by Candace Clark and Joanne Hamilton-Selway, the hosts of the library's cable television show,

Booktalk.

Stories and reviews are approximately three minutes long and can be heard by dialing (602)898-5665. To access specific information, dial the following extensions: general library information, 1600; Storytime, 1601-1639; and book reviews, 1640-1649. (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, January 24)

ASLA/Horner Japanese Exchange Fellowship

The ASLA/Horner Japanese Exchange Fellowship (AHJEF) provides an opportunity for an Arizona librarian to

About You

Carol Caley, former library media coordinator at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, is now the library media specialist at North Edmond High School.... **Betty Gard**, Head of Reference and Research Services, University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library, has been re-elected to a second term on the ALA National Council.... **Rosario Garza**, has replaced Gretchen Redfield as manager of the Bibliographic System and Services program of the Bibliographical Center for Research.... **Raymond B. Means**, Director of the Reinert/Alumni Library, Creighton University, Omaha, passed away on January 7, following a courageous battle with cancer. Ray became Director in November, 1977. He received his Master's degree in library science at the University of Denver in 1961.... **James T. Shaw**, University of Nebraska at Omaha, won the drawing for a free one-year membership in MPLA at the Nebraska Library Association annual convention.... **Jean Strader** is the new documents librarian at the South Dakota State Library.... **Vicki Terbovich**, a Public Services Reference Specialist at the Montana State Library, Helena, was one of the first three graduates from the distance MLS program developed and administered by the University of Arizona School of Library Science and Extended University.... **Kate Wakefield**, former Nebraska Library Commission User Services Librarian, joined the Western Library Network in Lacey, Washington in January.

conduct a two or three week library tour and home stay in Osaka (and possibly Tokyo), Japan. The AHJEF Committee of ASLA is accepting applications now for the 1994 award. The award pays round-trip transportation between Arizona and Osaka, and provides logistical and incidental support. The award will be announced at the 1994 MIDCON. The Fellowship should be taken sometime between May 1994 and March 1995. The Committee assists with arrangements and facilitates communication between the Fellow and colleagues in Japan. (ASLA Newsletter, January)

Weapons in Libraries

Please...
Wear shirts
and shoes,
but
leave food,
drinks and
weapons
outside
the library.
Thanks.

Allen Rothlisberg, Director of Chino Valley PL, sent down a legal-size sign with the above verbiage on it. The sign is posted in their library.

John Irwin of the Flagstaff City-Coconino County Library sent a copy of their policy, "Library Standards of Acceptable Behavior," which is posted by the front door: "These rules are for the comfort and protection of all who use this building. They will be firmly and courteously enforced by library staff. We ask your cooperation in maintaining an environment conducive to enjoyable use of the library for all. The library premises include the buildings; the land surrounding them; the front, rear and side grounds; the sidewalks and parking areas." Unacceptable behavior includes: [a list of 23 behaviors follows]. Then, "The following may not be brought into libraries:" with "weapons" at the end of a short list.

Mitzi Cole of Scottsdale Public sent a copy of their Rules and Regulations which starts, "the following rules and regulations apply to all users of the Scottsdale Public Library. Your adherence to them will assist us in our objective of providing you with an excellent library experience. We appreciate your cooperation." The introductory message is followed by a list of eight Do's and six Don'ts which includes bringing firearms or weapons into the library. They are currently discussing posting signs at the entrances to their facilities, and the Scottsdale City Attorney has suggested the following wording: "Deadly weapons are not permitted in the Library, ARS 13-3102."

Wes Rader of the DES Authority Library wrote that they have a decal on their door. In both English and Spanish it says, "Weapons are prohibited inside this building" and cites ARS 13-3102. Wes also enclosed a copy of the statute.

So, what should librarians do if someone ignores the posted regulations? Staff procedures vary somewhat in wording, but the bottom line is the same: Call the police or security. Keep in mind that the person pointing a .44 magnum at you has probably never read ARS 13-3102 and couldn't care less. "Be careful out there, people." (Arizona Libraries News Week, November 8, 1993)

Englewood Public Library Offering Computer Self-Tutorials to Library Cardholders

The Englewood Public Library is the first public library in Colorado to install a computerized "self-tutorial" interactive testing system specifically designed to help students and job seekers prepare for the 21st century.

Entitled "Future Test," the system contains the 50 most common admissions tests and career preparation tests. It is presently installed on a single IBM-compatible computer equipped with a color monitor but future plans call for it to be on a network to accommodate multiple users.

In using the system, Englewood patrons can "test" themselves using some of the actual questions taken from their respective test areas. The system will keep track of a person's scores for a 30-day period, while also providing a "report card" of progress.

Use of the system is free to any Englewood Public Library card holder on a first-come, first served basis with a 30 minute time period. (Nexus News, November, 1993)

Intellectual Freedom Award

The Intellectual Freedom Award for 1993 was presented to the Pikes Peak Library District for its Tolerance/Intolerance series by the Colorado Library Association during the Association's annual convention earlier this month.

The award recognizes a Colorado resident or organization which has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of intellectual freedom in the state.

The Tolerance/Intolerance programming was a five-part series of panel discussions throughout May, 1993, that addressed community attitudes towards race, sexual orientation, religion, the role of the media, and included a wrap-up session with perspectives on actions that should be taken to address the issues. Panelists were well-known leaders in their fields or in community activities.

The series was aired live on the library's cable television channel. Audience members and viewers were invited to submit and call in questions for the panelists.

"As the place for the sharing of all views and perspectives on millions of subjects, the library is the most logical place for a public forum of this type," Pikes Peak Library District Director Bernard A. Margolis said.

Interest in the programs was high, even attracting national attention. A segment of the series about homosexuality will be aired Friday, November 19 on PBS's "Bill Moyers' Journal: The New Holy War."

Videotapes of each individual session are available for check out from any Pikes Peak Library District facility. Copies of the

videos can also be purchased for \$24.95 each, or \$99.95 for the set of five, plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information about purchasing the videos, call the PPLD Community Video Studio at (719) 531-6333, x1170.

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Electronic Cottages are Flourishing in Plains and Peaks System

Back in 1980, Alvin Toffler, author of the futurist classic, *The Third Wave*, foretold the advent of "the electronic cottage" when new developments in electronic technology would make it possible for people to work out of their homes. In the Plains and Peaks System, the electronic cottage concept is providing much-needed services to member libraries.

Nancy Orth, Microcomputer Consultant, has been helping System members to set up computers, troubleshoot hardware and software, and do dial-in searches of on-line library catalogs from her home in Kiowa since 1987.

In her home office, equipped with a microcomputer and modem, Nancy takes calls from member libraries and makes on-site visits as necessary to help library staff members search the 120 library catalogs on Access Colorado Library and Information Network.

Nancy and her husband, Dave, have been ranchers in Elbert County for nearly thirty years. Formerly the Elbert County Librarian, she became the System's Microcomputer Consultant after receiving her degree in Computer Science from the University of Colorado at Denver.

Because Nancy lives in Kiowa, about 23 miles east of Castle Rock, her home office is more conveniently located to schools and public libraries on the eastern plains than if she were working out of the System office in Colorado Springs.

In addition to assisting member libraries with microcomputers, Nancy catalogs books and videos for the Plains and Peaks professional tools collection, and uses a desktop publishing program to produce both the *Professional Tools Catalog* and the *Membership Directory*.

Ingrid Schierling Burnett, Interlibrary Loan/OCLC librarian, searches OCLC, the international library data base, for books and periodical articles requested by Plains and Peaks member libraries. This would seem to be everyday library routine unless you know that Ingrid is doing these OCLC searches from her home in Steamboat springs, more than 200 miles from the Plains and Peaks System office.

Like Nancy, Ingrid operates one of the "electronic cottages" used by Plains and Peaks to expand and give better service to its membership at less cost.

The OCLC Interlibrary Loan program is mounted on Ingrid's home computer equipped with a modem which also gives her access to Internet. For fast communication with the Plains and Peaks System office, she uses a fax machine hooked up to her home telephone. An answering machine switches incoming fax messages from the telephone to the fax machine.

Formerly the Head of Technical Services at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Ingrid relocated to Steamboat Springs after her marriage in 1992. In addition to being Interlibrary Loan/OCLC Librarian for the System, Ingrid is Director of the Steamboat Springs Tread of Pioneers Museum.

Becky Poole, the newest electronic cottage operator to join the System staff, is the Plains and Peaks School Library Consultant. Becky's professional expertise is available from her home office to the twenty-seven school districts in Elbert, El Paso, Lincoln, Park and Teller counties. She visits school libraries, consulting with them on technical services, curriculum development, planning, information skills curriculum and other topics as needed.

Becky was District Media Coordinator for the Fountain-Fort Carson School District before retiring in 1993. Becky, a past-president of CEMA, the Colorado Educational Media Association, remains very active in that organization. She is overseeing the planning for the 1996 joint conference of CEMA and the Colorado Library Association.

Helen Anderson Rohde, a writer and desktop publisher who retired recently from Pikes Peak Community College, operates yet another electronic cottage where she produces the System newsletter, *Plainspeaking*. The newsletter copy is written in the System office, and then Helen uses a scanner to get it into her desktop publishing program and ready for the printer.

In the Plains and Peaks Regional Library System, Toffler's electronic cottage has indeed become "the norm of the future," making it possible for people with very special professional and technological expertise to share that expertise at their own convenience. (*Plainspeaking*, December)

UC Boulder Acquires Microfilm Collection of National Diet Library Meiji Era Materials

The University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries East Asiatic Library has acquired 1092 reels of microfilm of the National Diet Library Meiji Era Books Microfilm Collection. The microfilm contains 17,047 individual volumes of the religion and literature holdings of the National Diet Library Collection of Meiji Era books, covering five selected areas: Buddhism, Japanese literature, novels of the Edo period, modern Japanese novels, and essays/diaries. A CD index of the complete collection complements the film. The only other institution in the United States with holdings from the collection is Harvard University.

Like the Library of Congress, the National Diet Library is charged with maintaining a comprehensive collection of materials published in Japan. The Library holds the most complete collection of materials published during the Meiji Era (1868-1911). (*Nexus News*, December)

Pueblo Library District Document Delivery Service

NOTE: This service is directly to PEOPLE, not libraries. Pueblo Library District's participation in ILL continues at no charge to the requesting library. This article is included in *No Silence* only as an example of a service offered to a community.

A new service from the Pueblo Library District gives businesses, students, and individuals a convenient way to obtain photocopies from magazines, newspapers, and reference books. It's called Document Delivery and, for a small fee, takes some of the legwork out of searching for information by delivering a copy of the requested material right to the customer.

Customers can phone, fax, or mail their request for specific magazine articles, stock quotes, obituaries, classified ads, newspaper articles, and other *specific* information. Librarians locate the requested material, photocopy it, and see that it is delivered by one of three methods: fax, mail, or customer pick-up.

Sample requests:

- The most recent *Consumer Reports* information on refrigerators.
- "The Clinton Plan," *Newsweek*, September 6, 1993, p.61-67.
- A list of colleges offering a particular major.
- Information on prescription drugs.

Requesters need to know the specific information wanted. The Document Delivery order will be sent, usually within 24 hours of receipt of order.

Fee for Each Article (10 pages or less)

- \$1 Pick up at any Pueblo Library District location.
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- \$6 Faxed for long distance.

An additional 10 cents per page will be charged for documents that are over 10 pages. Payment by cash or check. Invoices issued when requested, but advance credit references may be required at the library's discretion. (No Silence, December)

Kansas

"Madonna Used Us"

Charles Engel, Chairman of the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL) Board of Directors, says, "Madonna Used Us." Engel spoke along with TSCPL Director David Leamon and public information officer Susan Marchant during the Public Library and Trustee Section Conference September 16 in Hesston.

During the past year, the Topeka library has been embroiled in controversy over Madonna's book *Sex*. The three Topeka library representatives felt the controversy was generated by the media. Currently, the library circulates three copies of *Sex* and there are 122 names of a waiting list for the books.

"The publisher Time-Warner and Madonna knew exactly what they were doing. The book made \$40 million in eight weeks. It's despicable," said Engel.

"No work was done for three months at our library while our board, administration and staff responded to complaints about the book. I want to remind people that librarians and library boards defended at great costs Madonna's First Amendment right."

Engel said that during the controversy he received threatening calls at home and at work. "My wife and I were declined invitations to Christmas parties. People would approach after church and tell me what I should do. None of them had ever actually seen the book."

Engel commented, "The best thing to do is listen and show respect when people are concerned over a library material. The role of trustees is to represent the entire community of library users. The board chair needs to make certain that members are aware of policies. It's okay for staff and board to disagree, but there needs to be a unanimous voice in communicating with the media."

Following the Topeka library presentation on "Policy Choices: Censorship and Selection," Atchison Public librarian Cindy Blanton provided a program on Banned Books Week. The conference was rounded out with a talk on Christian inspirational books, a banquet and a gospel quartet from Tennessee. (KLA Newsletter, October, 1993)

Kingman Program Wins National Award

Although Kingman Area Resource Education (KARE) has been in existence for 10 years, it took only one year for the unique program of community education to gain national recognition. KARE, the free university of the Kingman Carnegie Library, was awarded the 1993 Public Library Association's Excellence in Small and/or Rural Library Service Award.

The \$1,000 award, the first-ever given, was provided by EBSCO Subscription Services and was accepted on behalf of KARE by Kingman Library Director Linda Slack during the American Library Associations Annual Conference, June 28, 1993 in New Orleans, LA. Slack said the \$1,000 award will be spent on children's books.

According to the Public Library Association (PLA), the award "honors a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less that demonstrates excellence of service to its community as exemplified by an overall program, special program or significant accomplishment."

Although story hours and book discussion groups are common in many public libraries, PLA President Elliot Shelkrot commented, "The Kingman Carnegie Library beat out a field of over 85 other applicants and is being recognized for its overall program of service to its community, and its sponsorship of a unique program of community education."

KARE

"People are hungry for knowledge," says Linda Slack, Director of the Kingman Carnegie Library. "KARE is a kaleidoscope of different programs for people of all ages. We are offering programs for the very tiny child as well as programs for older adults and the elderly. Our Wichita Children's Theater program brought in grandparents, parents and children."

"Our programs appeal to a cross section of the community, including ones who are not library users," said Slack. "Having the programs here at the library is all very favorable. KARE participants tell other people about the library or bring guests to the next KARE program."

"All programs, except a very few, are free. Most of the programs are presented by people in the community who give of their time and service. Once in awhile we'll have someone from outside of the community present a program, but once again it's on a volunteer basis or through the Kansas Humanities Council (KHC)."

Since 1984, KARE has provided more than 500 educational programs on subjects as diverse as babysitting, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), water color painting, literacy training, kite-making, alcoholism, paper airplanes, local history, ethnic minorities, landscaping, and china painting. Library materials, including books and videos, are often showcased with presentations.

"We have some business videos on investing and mutual funds that we've tied into programs," said Slack. "We've also used health videos that were purchased with an Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDP) Grant."

"We have a good program coming up on cooking. It will be three different kinds of cooking—Mexican, Oriental and German. The program will bring in both men and women. The classes will certainly increase circulation of cookbooks."

The Excellence in Small and/or Rural Library Service Award recognized not only KARE, but also Kingman's overall program of library service. "Our service-oriented and well-informed staff make an important difference in the library and community," Slack said. "We have a Friends of the Library group. Services such as our genealogy, Talking Books, large print and educational videos are popular."

Humanities

Humanities programs, such as book talks, film series, "town hall" discussions, and art shows are among the traditional offerings of KARE. "Our 'Let's Talk About It' is very popular with older adults," said Slack. "An average of 30-40 people participate in each book discussion series."

In June 1989, KARE hosted the "Great Plains Chautauqua," a week-long tent show in which humanities scholars portrayed historical characters such as Abigail Adams, Thomas Paine, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Alexander Hamilton. Attendance at the four evening performances averaged 300-400 people.

An "American Short Story Film Series" is another program offered by KARE. Weekly showings and discussions of films based on American short stories have been popular. F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Bernice Bobs Her Hair," Sherwood Anderson's "I'm A Fool," and James Thurber's "The Fool," and James Thurber's "The Greatest Man in the World," have been shown.

Slack said, "The National Issues Forum includes videos and discussions following the 'town hall' concept. Scholars were brought to Kingman to discuss issues of public interest such as abortion, ethnic minorities and the business crisis."

When asked why people in Kingman would attend a library program as opposed to a watching television program on a subject, Walker commented, "You can't talk back to the television set. You can't ask questions. If you don't understand, you can ask for clarification. If you don't agree, you can say so. Our programs have some interesting discussions and evaluations indicate that people enjoy the discussions."

Children's paintings from the former Soviet Union; an exhibit on former president Dwight D. Eisenhower; illustrations of the European exploration of the Americas; sculptures; photographs; and paintings are some of the many exhibits and art displays sponsored through KARE.

Kingman

Kingman, the county seat of Kingman County, is located in the farming and ranching country of south central Kansas. The South Fork of the Ninnescah River, a quiet stream flowing through the town, belies Kingman's beginnings when a rival faction stole the town hall during the night and moved it north of the river. The Kingman Carnegie Library, built in 1913, is situated on the corner of the town's busiest intersection. In 1987, an addition and renovation of the historic library building took place. The project included construction of a meeting room in which most KARE programs are held.

"The fact that we have a meeting room that is accessible and convenient library parking makes it worthwhile to have the KARE program in the building. Even though we live close to Wichita, KARE has provided programs for Kingman residents so they don't have to travel, explained Slack. "We do all the footwork to bring programs to our small community. Our community is about 3,700 people and the county is about 10,000, so we address a primarily rural population in trying to provide interesting programs with limited funding."

Former Kingman Carnegie Library Director Carol Grimes and former KARE Director Carol Meisenheimer started the community education program in 1983. The purpose of KARE was to "provide a curriculum concerned with creative education and designed to meet the needs of Kingman residents."

Slack said, "KARE is run on a budget of about \$1,000 plus some small grants. Financial support for KARE usually comes from about ten individuals and businesses who each give \$100 a year. The Kingman Carnegie Library sponsors KARE and provides in-kind support for the KARE director such as office space, a phone, photocopying and use of a computer. Leadership, management and cooperation are important to the program's success."

Slack said, "People in Kingman are so eager for knowledge. They like culture. They want to know more and to learn more. We are a very open community. It's the community that makes Kingman a great library and KARE an outstanding program." (KLA Newsletter, October, 1993)

Carnegie Library Given to Emporia State University

Emporians Joe Cannon and Earl Sauder like Emporia State University and its new library science doctoral program so much that the two men gave the university a gift—a historic Carnegie Library.

Cannon and Sauder purchased the Anderson Memorial Library for \$100,000 in January of 1992 when The Way College of Emporia campus was divided up and sold.

Cannon said that he and Sauder did not go to college, but both appreciate the impact the university has on Emporia.

The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) program is located in cramped offices on the south side of the William Allen White Library on the ESU campus.

"The University was going to make an addition to the present library and spend a lot of money on it," Sauder said. "This building can fit the purposes of the new doctoral program very well and save the state a lot of money."

Dr. Martha Hale, dean of the SLIM program, said she likes the idea of putting a new, innovative program in a historic building.

Hale said ESU is aware it must get any proposed renovations into the work sequence and that the target date for the move to be completed is the year 2000.

We would love to move in much earlier, but I think that is a realistic plan," she added.

ESU is the only regional institution in the state to offer a doctoral degree in library science and the only library science doctoral degree program available in an 18-state region. Nine students were selected as the university's first doctoral class, and began coursework this fall.

In addition, SLIM will open its fifth regional outreach master's program site in North Dakota in the spring of 1994. SLIM has offered its regional programs in Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, and New Mexico. The ESU program is the only one in an 11-state area. (News Release)

Library Fundraiser Showcases Director's Culinary Talents

For a \$50 donation to the Great Bend Public Library, KS you will get a loaf of special cinnamon bread made by Library Director James Swan. Swan's bread is famous in the town of 15,000 people and is often the door prize at the Chamber of Commerce coffees at the library.

The library has been under a tax lid since 1989, so there has been no increase in the budget since that time. Library Director Jim Swan said, "It is a sad day when a library with a \$370,000 budget has to resort to a bake sale, albeit bread at \$50 a loaf, to have enough money to keep the doors open." The library ran the same fundraiser in 1988 and accumulated \$3500. Swan's goal this year is \$10,000, or 200 loaves of bread. He is asking donors to pledge \$50 for the next five years. More than 212,000 books were checked out last year, or 14 books per capita, so Swan knows the importance of keeping new books on the shelves. "The first few years of the tax lid were difficult, but not impossible. We cut discretionary spending, like staff development and capital outlay, to make ends meet. Now the only discretionary money we have left is the book, materials, and magazine budgets," Swans explained. He rejects the suggestions to cut staff and hours to balance the budget, because he is already short-handed and demands for service are increasing. (Library Hotline, November 1)

Libraries Change Lives, Trustees Change Libraries

"True trusteeship is the art of changing a library from what it is to what it should be."

—Adapted from a quote by W.R. Alger

"Libraries Change Lives" is the American Library Association's theme for 1994. As a companion to the national theme, a state theme has been designated. The Kansas theme, "Trustees Change Libraries," acknowledges the unique role trustees play in shaping the future of public libraries.

During 1994, the Kansas State Library, Topeka, and the seven Regional Library Systems will emphasize information and programs of benefit to public library trustees. Continuing education workshops and a series of newsletter articles will be offered to assist public library board members in their critical role.

The series of articles will be published in the seven Kansas regional library system newsletters during 1994. (News release)

Clearinghouse for Information about Challenges to Library Materials and Confidentiality of Library Records

One of the problems which has been identified by Montana librarians is the lack of accurate information about challenges to library materials and confidentiality of library records. The Library Development staff at the Montana State Library will organize and maintain a clearinghouse of information concerning these issues in libraries of all types throughout the state if librarians inform them about incidents and their resolutions. The Library Development staff will then be able to alert librarians when there seems to be a systematic attempt to challenge either specific materials or the right to maintain confidentiality of library records.

The Library Development staff reminds all librarians that each library needs to have its own policy in support of both concept—Intellectual Freedom and Confidentiality of Library Records. Such policies should be approved and understood by the governing authority of the library (Board of Trustees, School Board, or administration). It is also necessary to have procedures outlined to assist library staff in the implementation of such policies. If you need more information, please contact the state library.

Whenever an incident occurs in your library, even if the incident is resolved immediately, please complete the appropriate report form. Report the resolution of each incident as well so that the State Library will maintain these files and compile statistical information which will assist all of us as we continue in our efforts to support these important rights. (Montana Library Focus, September)

The Second Festival of Library Potential

Do you remember the Festival of Library Potential? Bruce Newell, the Master of Ceremonies, in Hawaiian shirt and tuxedo! Jane Howell giving instructions on how to massage a cat! The Missoula Public Library crew's dramatic (?) presentation of "Deacon Dean and His Flying Machine!" The Lewis and Clark Library's Gesundheit Quartet - three nose flutes and Director Schlesinger on piano (with one hand tied behind her back)!

The Festival of Library Potential happened at the Butte conference in 1987. And now a second is being planned. You won't want to miss the Festival of Library Potential II at the 1994 conference, April 24-27, in Butte. The Festival of Library Potential II has three purposes:

- to relax and have fun with colleagues
- to raise money for the Sheila Cates Scholarship Fund
- to demonstrate that, with the help of enthusiasm, spirit, and creativity, Montana's libraries have the potential to successfully meet the changes and challenges of the future. (Montana Library Focus, December)

Wendy's Serves Bytes at Library

At a September 28 press conference, Parnly Billings Library Director Bill Cochran announced a nearly \$150,000 gift from Wendy's of Montana and Wyoming to support public access to a sophisticated menu of electronic information services at Montana's largest public library beginning in January 1994.

Sam E. McDonald, Jr., Wendy's Chairman of the Board and CEO, presented a \$46,040 check to Cochran during the press conference, representing the first year costs of the \$145,980 project. Wendy's has committed to fund the services, which will be known collectively as The Wendy's Connection, through June 1996, with the possibility of renewal at that time.

In his remarks, McDonald noted that "service is something we understand at Wendy's, and its one characteristic we share with Parnly Billings Library. Both Wendy's and the Library offer high-quality services."

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will include public access, through the Library's Dynix online public access catalog terminals or by dial-up from home or office personal computers, to:

1. The Internet, an international computer network which includes the catalogs of libraries throughout the world and a growing menu of databases, and, through the Internet, the WLN bibliographic database of records for more than 8 million items held in libraries throughout the Northwest, searchable as a single database.
2. Information Access Corporation's Magazine Index Plustm and Magazine ASAPtm, providing indexing

and full text of hundreds of popular magazines, and

3. An array of community information on the Dynix Community Resources modules, including such services as a community calendar, a local organization file, and a local newspaper index.

Characterizing The Wendy's Connection as "a revolutionary leap forward" into the era of the electronic library, Cochran identified three benefits of electronic information services:

First, the search capabilities of electronic information services far exceed those of print resources. Second, more

than one person at a time can use the electronic information services we offer on our terminals and by dial-up access, as opposed to print resources, which can be used by only one person at a time. Finally, by providing dial-up access to these services, from home or office personal computers, the Library will be able to offer twenty-four hour access, even when it is not open.

State Representative Royal Johnson celebrated The Wendy's Connection as enabling the delivery of information more quickly to more people, but sounded a warning that the gift would not resolve worsening problems with the Library's operational budget. Johnson serves as chair of the Citizens' Task Force on the Future of the Library, created by the Library's Board of Trustees in the spring to address the budget problems, and he urged continued community support for the work of the now 65-member strong task force.

Community response to the announcement was enthusiastic. A September 30 editorial in The Billings Gazette, observing that "Wendy's has given residents a ticket to the future," went on to declare that "the city must realize the importance of libraries in the information age, especially libraries with enterprise and initiative." (Turning Page, Winter 1993-94)



Rare Books from F.B.I.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has closed the case against convicted rare book thief, Stephen C. Blumberg, by donating 3,000 books and assorted items to the Reinert/Alumni Library. These items remain unclaimed after extensive searching to identify and contact owners of the 20,000 stolen volumes. Creighton's selection as recipient of the books was due to the volunteer effort of its librarians in assisting the F.B.I.

The collection Creighton received covers a multitude of subjects, however the majority of books are devoted to history and geography. The materials are as varied as albums of picture post cards and a personal diary kept by a prisoner during the Civil War.

The question most frequently asked is what will Creighton do with this collection? A portion of the collection will be cataloged and housed in the Rare Book Room, as truly rare items that need special attention. The largest portion of the



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Visit the high sierra and Tahoe's north shore for a peak conference experience. Don't miss it!

Sincerely yours, Lynn Ossolinski, NLA/MPLA Conference Chair

DR. LEO F. BUSCAGLIA will open the conference, sharing his enthusiasm for life with us. A former professor of education at the University of Southern California, Dr. Buscaglia is a dynamic speaker who is affectionately known as "Dr. Hugs". His widespread popularity stems from his penetrating insights into and warm commonsense approach to what living fully and happily is all about. In 1983 he became the first author to have different titles on all three best-seller lists - hardcover, trade paperback and mass-market paperback - at the same time. His first book, Love, has never been out of print, and his 14 published books have sold over 18 million copies.

EXHIBITS: With more than 45 exhibits to visit during the conference, special hours have been set apart from programs to maximize your opportunity to view displays and speak with vendors. The exhibits area will be the location for a kick-off reception, opening the conference.

PRE-CONFERENCE: SIERRA NEVADA CHAUTAUQUA. History will come alive under the big top at the Hyatt Regency during the Sierra Nevada Chautauqua on October 26, 1994. The day-long program supported by the Nevada Humanities Committee will provide a chance to listen and talk to some historical figures portrayed by scholars. Thomas Jefferson will open the program with a monologue on his life and times with a focus on the importance of books and reading to a knowledgeable, truth-seeking public. In succession, Jefferson will interact with other Chautauquans after each character presents a historically accurate, unscripted monologue. During the discussions, each player will typically "break character" to discuss personal views in the context of

American history, intellectual freedom, and research involved in developing the characters. Held under a tent, Chautauqua brings an atmosphere of familiarity, excitement and free exchange of ideas between the characters and their audience.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Programs will focus on three areas of specialization: leadership, continuing education, and western history.

Leadership:

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- Is Your Attitude Showing?
- The Power of Listening.
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- Speak and Make the Difference.
- Training the Trainers.

Continuing Education:

- Are Girls Left Out? Use of Biographies in Enhancing Self-Esteem.
- Children's Library Services in China.
- Creating a Successful Video.
- Evaluating Electronic and Print Format Reference Sources.
- Government Information, Privatization, Public Access and the Diversity Debate.
- Integrating Virtual Reality Into the Library.

Internet Workshops:

- Bringing Up Gopher: The Developmental Stages.
- Humanizing the Information Age: Librarians, Internet and Community Networking.
- Uncle Sam Wants You on the Net: Internet Sources for Government Information.

Managing the Interlibrary Loan Department.

Medical Information Resources: Consumer Health Collections; Medical Information on the

Internet; Geriatric Information & Services.

Multimedia: A Step Beyond CD-Rom.

Stories of the Supernatural: Spooky Tales From Other Worlds and Times.

Streamlining Library Instruction: The Auraria Experience.

A Vision for Interlibrary Loan: North American Interlibrary Loan Document Delivery.

The Virtual Library: Discovering New Ways of Looking at Libraries.

Western History:

- The Donner Party.

- Gaming Workshops.

- Early Lake Tahoe Days.

- Local History & Archives: Setting Up a Local Women's History Collection; Collecting Local

History Materials; Records Management.

- Mining in the West.

- Native Americans.

- Old World, New World Basques.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26:

EXHIBITS KICK-OFF in the late afternoon.

DINNER WITH MARK TWAIN, with live entertainment by folk-music group, Shiloh.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27:

GENERAL SESSION WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER, LEO BUSCAGLIA in the morning.

AUTHOR'S RECEPTION in the afternoon, with Leo Buscaglia and other local authors.

FUN NIGHT at the Ponderosa, site of the TV series "Bonanza" and "Bonanza: the next generation". The evening will include a tour of the ranch, entertainment, dancing, buffet dinner with all you can eat and drink, and a free tin souvenir cup.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28:

BUS TRIP TO HISTORIC TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA to tour the Donner Memorial State Park and site of the Donner Party winter camp, then head downtown for shopping and lunch.

PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY & OKTOBERFEST BANQUET.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29:

YOUNG READERS AWARDS LUNCHEON.

TRIP TO NORTHSTAR RESORT - Stick around after the conference for a Tahoe outdoor experience: great group rates for golfing and horseback riding, or try mountain biking, hiking, or the adventure challenge ropes course or the climbing wall at this scenic mountain resort.

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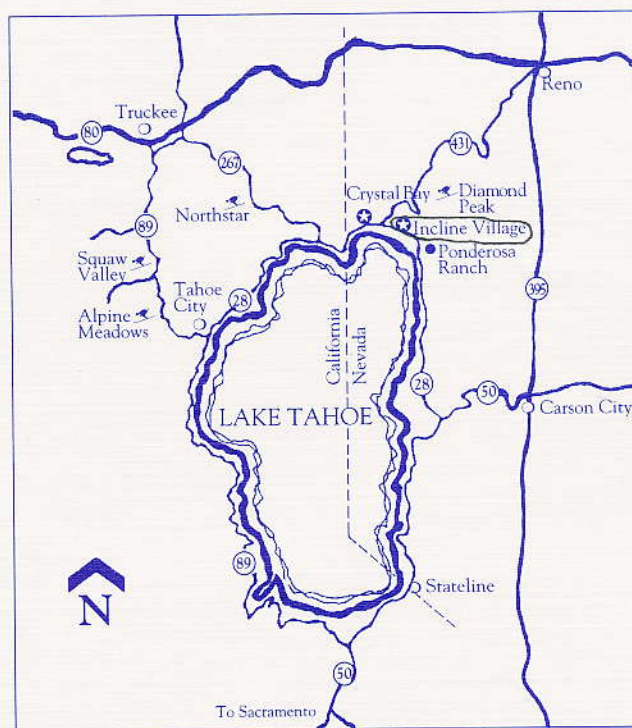
Taxicabs in Reno area: De Luxe - 702-331-2500; Reno-Sparks Cab Co. - 702-333-3333; Whittlesea-Checker - 702-322-2222; Yellow Cab - 702-331-2500. Fares from Reno to Lake Tahoe will cost around \$50.

INCLINE VILLAGE AREA: Auto Rental Agencies: Hertz - 702-831-4371; Incline Village Compacts - 702-831-3726. Taxicabs: North & West Shore Taxi - 916-546-3181; Sunshine Taxi - 916-546-9090.

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Area Map:



collection will be cataloged and added to the library's general collection. Titles which have little monetary or practical value for our collection, such as a 1907 guide book to Cincinnati, will be sent to other libraries where they may prove more useful. (Creighton Cornerstone, Fall)

Library Automation Project Initiated

The successful negotiation of a contract with Dynix and funding from state, local, and private sources moved the public resource libraries' automation project forward. The State of Nebraska and the Peter Kiewit Foundation committed matching funds for the automation project. The cooperative project received competitive bids from major library automation vendors and negotiated a favorable purchase price for the automated systems.

The eleven public libraries participating in the project secured local commitments to install the Dynix systems. The Library Commission assisted through funding for planning, development of specifications, issuing requests for proposals, retrospective conversion, contract negotiation, and distribution of state aid funds.

The first group of public libraries to install Dynix automated systems included Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Norfolk, and York. Other libraries scheduled for Dynix installations in 1993 and 1994 include Bellevue, Beatrice, Kearney, Hastings, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. (Overtones, Year in Review 1993)

Continuous Library Improvement Program

The Continuous Library Improvement Program (CLIP) is an initiative to support improvement of public library services through a continuous cycle of planning and evaluation of library services. The monthly satellite program on Friday, February 11, 3:00-4:00 p.m. will kick off the CLIP program, and the satellite programs in March through June will provide more detailed training and information. The CLIP program will provide training and resource materials for a simplified library planning and evaluation process which any Nebraska community will be able to use. Beginning in 1997, libraries which have completed either the CLIP process or an alternative library planning process will be eligible for a higher level of state aid funding. Four regional workshops will be presented in April-June, 1994 to provide initial training for planning teams from communities which are initial CLIP participants. Continued support for CLIP libraries will be provided throughout the process, including onsite consultation and assistance by Library Commission and Library System Staff. (NLCommunicator, January 7, 1994)

Celebration of Audubon's 1843 Missouri River Expedition

In May of 1843, John James Audubon made a stop in what was then Nebraska Territory. He was studying the wildlife along the Missouri River in preparation for a book on quadrupeds. This past May, the Friends of the Libraries of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries, joined by many other sponsors, celebrated the 150th anniversary of this journey through a series of events which included lectures, excursions, and a show and sale of original Audubon prints.

The Nebraska celebration joined a workshop held at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania as the inaugural events in the "Audubon's American Project," sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Audubon Society to promote awareness and conservation of our natural resources. (LINK, Fall 1993)

Nebraska's Historical Society of Douglas County

One of the MPLA Newsletter's most dependable contacts in Nebraska is the Historical Society of Douglas County. If the quality of their collections comes anywhere near the quality of the programming they offer, this should be a very special place to visit and do research. They frequently send news releases, but unfortunately your editor does not choose to print them because they do not show sufficient value to the larger library community, tending to be more local in the importance of their information.

Their latest news release, however, shows what fine work they are doing. It announces a special exhibit, Beyond the Oregon Trail: Homesteading in Nebraska, an exhibit which will be on view from March 13 through October 31. In addition to the exhibit and an opening day lecture, they Society is featuring a motor-coach tour of the Oregon-California Trail through Douglas County.

This exhibit will be followed by another on Nebraska's involvement in communication links between the East and West across the open prairie.

The Society's Library/Archives Center features the Criss Memorial Key, their own unique cataloging system adapted from the Dewey Decimal Classifications. The Criss system incorporates all aspects of their extensive collections into one retrieval system; thus making the information available not only to scholarly researchers, but also to the layman looking for a quick answer to an historical puzzle. Since establishment of the Criss Memorial Key in 1980, more than 30,000 individual items and collections have been processed into it. In addition, more than 400 linear feet of vertical file information has been cataloged by subject.

In 1986 they acquired the Omaha World-Herald Clipping Collection, a collection containing 4.9 million clippings divided into over 400,000 subject and biographical files dating from the turn of the century through 1983. With the addition of this collection, the Center has become one of the few publicly accessible research centers in the country that has subject access to a major urban newspaper dating back to the turn of the century. In 1988, they began a ten-year project to create an electronic index for the Omaha World-Herald.



Technology-Enriched Libraries Offer Career Guidance Software

Job-seekers searching for a better way to make the grade and step into a new career can now catch a ride on the wave of user friendly computer technology invading libraries across the country. New online test "booklets" have brought test-preparation to the small screen for patrons with little or no computer experience and fulfilled the dreams of job-seekers and librarians.

Future Technologies and National Learning Corporation's test-preparation software has made test-taking a user friendly, free proposition at Las Vegas-Clark County Libraries. The companies pooled resources and spent two years developing a nationally acclaimed test training and exam preparation program known as Future Test

which is now available at 11 urban branches. Future Test is a self-instructive, interactive test preparation program with more than 50 current titles in the academic and career series. It includes such popular titles as ACT; SAT; GED; medical and legal exams; drivers exam; vocational jobs; technical jobs; and civil service and government jobs.

"People from all walks of life utilize the program," said library administrator Doug Henderson. "Together Future Test and the Library District lead test-preparation materials into the 21st century."

Librarians say Future Test has helped eliminate the theft problem since REF ONLY limitations don't always deter test-preparation booklets from disappearing.

Future Test is currently developing 50 more titles to be available in 1994. Contact your local library for a list of available tests.

The Microcomputer Center at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., also provides patrons access to a computerized career guidance system.

The system, called SIGI PLUS, gives patrons access to an easy-to-use computer program designed to lead patrons through the decision-making process of career planning.

"In only an hour or so, patrons identify which values are most important in planning a career and many discover careers they didn't know they were suited for," explained Jim Hayes, a coordinator for the library's Microcomputer Center.

With SIGI PLUS, patrons can get background on hundreds of vocations, find out what skills are needed, explore chances for advancement, check salaries ranges and job security. The program gives patrons a chance to find out where they're going before they get there. (Off the Shelf, October, November, December)

Public Libraries Connect to Internet

By fall information concerning the holdings of Nevada public libraries will be reflected on the Nevada Academic Library Information Systems (NALIS).

Washoe County Library, the Nevada State Library and Archives, and the University of Nevada, Reno Libraries are in the process of upgrading the telecommunications system currently used to provide access to their respective catalogs operating on local systems. Federal Grant money will fund these improvements. Upgraded data lines will connect the three sites, replacing telephone and microwave connections now in place. Each site will have the capability to search all libraries in the network. Similar installations are planned to connect the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Library and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District by the end of the year. (NOVA, Fall)

New Outreach Libraries

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's arm of services now reaches further into the community to embrace patrons within the recently-created Chester A. Stupak Community Center and the Salvation Army's Day Resource Center. Doug Henderson, administrator of the Las Vegas Library, and Nancy French, Las Vegas Young People's Librarian, acted for the library district in establishing the outreach branch libraries as part of the Mayor's "Weed and Seed" Hispanic outreach program.

A demographic study shows Hispanics to be Las Vegas' largest and fastest growing minority group, according to 1990 Census and Clark County School District figures. To keep up with the library service needs of the Hispanic population, the library district established the center library at 300 W. Boston, in Meadows Village.

"We strive for the goal of locating a library within a two-mile radius of all residences in the community," Henderson said.

Librarians plan to place new Hispanic books in district libraries, including the Stupak location, by early 1994. To develop the district's Hispanic collection, three librarians, including Nancy French, recently purchased more than 3,000 Spanish books with \$40,000 of bond funds, at an international book fair in Guadalajara, Mexico.

With a contribution in books, supplies and furnishings for a non-circulating mini-library, the library district also joined forces with the Salvation Army's Day Resource Center at 35 W. Owens. The library district's \$14,000 contribution supplements Community Development Block Grant funds, including \$300,000 from the city of Las Vegas, \$275,000 from Clark County and \$71,000 from the state. Although resource center patrons may not check out library materials, the mini-library offers the homeless a safe place to read books from its collection of fiction, non-fiction, children's books, Spanish books and some reference materials. To help themselves out of homelessness, individuals can utilize the center's library and its other resources, including life-skills training, basic services and assistance from existing social services, through the center's non-library staff, for job training and entry-level jobs. Reverend Merrill Kanouse, administrator of the new facility, said the center provides a place to do laundry, take showers, store belongings, prepare resumes, find child care and use a telephone, or to obtain work therapy, assistance with housing, food stamps and Social Security benefits. The center is open 8 am to 6 pm every day. (Off the Shelf, January, February, March)



Tellabration 93!

Tellabration 93!—a nationwide evening of storytelling for grown-ups—will be held at the ND Heritage Center, Bismarck, on Saturday, November 20th. Featured storytellers will be Ceil Anne Clement, Mick Mabin and Chuck Suchy.

This benefit performance is presented by the North Dakota Center for the Book in arrangement with the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling. (Flickertale, November/December)

Research Library Faculty Borrowing

The Reciprocal Faculty Borrowing Program has distributed a revised list of research libraries participating in this program. A number of libraries have joined this, which allows faculty to use the resources of other member libraries. Faculty are to ask a Library Bibliographer for a copy of the revised list. (UND Library News, October-November)

Technology Update

Two years ago the State Library identified SENDIT, North Dakota's Computer Telecommunication Network, as the gateway that

could meet the 1907 legislative mandate to provide "informational materials, advice, assistance and support services to libraries and the citizens of North Dakota."

For two years the NDSL consulting and automation staff has worked in collaboration with the SENDIT design team to make library access and interlibrary loan easy for North Dakota schools and public libraries. Now SENDIT is connected to ODIN, and via the Internet, to other major remote library systems around the world. Librarians can easily access millions of bibliographic records and place on-line requests for interlibrary loans of items not locally owned.

The interlibrary loan menu allows librarians to take the description of a book or periodical article they have located in a remote library database, and request that item from the North Dakota State Library. The ILL menu is clear and the forms are simple and easy to use. So easy, in fact, that over 12,000 requests from schools and public libraries were received by NDSL and filled in the first year of operation.

SENDIT is fast becoming a powerful library tool. It's quick, simple, and inexpensive when compared to AT&T EASYLINK. However, the State Librarian recognizes that there are situations and needs that are met by EASYLINK. Therefore, NDSL will continue to support EASYLINK for those libraries who wish to continue using that service. (Flickertale, January/February, 1994)

DRIS Receives Grants for Talking Book Program

A "talking book" library to be located at the North Dakota State Library is closer to reality after grants and pledges totalling \$35,000 were awarded to Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS).

Two grants have been received: \$20,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation, and \$10,000 from the RC&D Association. RC&D grants, a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, are funded and administered by the Soil Conservation Service. They are awarded for resource, conservation and development projects. Also, a pledge for \$5,000 has been received from the North Dakota Association of the Blind. The grants will be used to help meet the federally required match for a Library Services & Construction Act (LSCA) grant of \$51,185 to the North Dakota State Library. DRIS, which is the fundraising arm of the Talking Book program in North Dakota, will release necessary funds to the North Dakota State Library in order for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program to begin.

North Dakota is one of only two states in the Union that do not have a talking book library. The state's citizens who are unable to read regular print because of a physical, visual or learning disability, receive their books from the Talking Book Library located at South Dakota State Library in Pierre. The North Dakota State Library contracts with South Dakota for the program. The annual cost of \$82,500 is funded by LSCA Title I funds under the U.S. Department of Education. The service is free to anyone qualified as unable to read regular print. (Flickertale, January/February, 1994)

CFL Qualifies for Grant Availability

The Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota has qualified for eligibility as a major research library according to the criteria under the Higher Education Act, Section Title II-C. This eligibility will be valid through 1998, and allows the library to apply for Federal grants for improving access to research library collections. This is the first time any library in North Dakota has become eligible. (Library News, January/February)

Ban the Alphabet!

In a burst of emotion, education in Bismark's public schools became the hottest topic in North Dakota during January. First came a pitched debate over outcome-based education, then a drive to ban nine Stephen King books from the Simle Junior High School library. At the center of the controversy was a new School board member, Cindy Hochstetler, who made the motion for the book ban and last week condemned a "radical" minority of teachers, saying "I'm their boss."

In what may earn them an MPLA award simply for the most newspaper space devoted to coverage of an intellectual freedom the Bismarck Tribune has done an impressive job of representing all sides of the issue and insuring that its readers more than adequate cover. The letters of the editor represent some of the finest discussion of various points of intellectual freedom your editor has seen published in a long time. We wish we could devote space to share these with our MPLA readers. North Dakota's MPLA state representative, Roann Masterson, sent me lots of the Tribune's coverage.



Oklahoma

State Literacy Center

Oklahoma is nationally-recognized for its literacy efforts. Since ODL's statewide Oklahoma...Do you READ me? project began in 1983, more than 10,000 volunteer tutors have been trained to assist adults in improving their reading skills, and more than 100 local volunteer councils have been formed across the state to make services convenient to adult new readers. Recent programs involving families and the workplace are reaching more people who see a need for developing their reading and writing skills.

Three announcements made this August promise to expand and enhance Oklahoma's literacy success story.

State Literacy Resource Center. A local literacy program looking for funding or assistance will find it easier to track down information on grants and other services thanks to a new federal program.

The National Literacy Act, approved by Congress and signed by President Bush in 1991, authorized funding for the establishment of State Literacy Resource Centers to assist and improve literacy services.

ODL has been selected to receive the federal grant funds to establish the Center, and ODL Board members officially accepted the grant at their August 19 meeting.

ODL Director Robert Clark said the Resource Centers will work together to integrate the various literacy efforts around the country. "The project will create a whole new level of information sharing among literacy providers. Also, our Center will not only work with libraries and literacy councils, but with all types of educational providers," he said.

Much of the effort of the first year will be spent in setting up an electronic link with other State Literacy Resource Centers. Other planned missions of the Center include assisting literacy providers with public awareness efforts, continuing education opportunities and development of a speakers bureau. The Center will work closely with state agencies, the Literacy Initiatives Commission and the Oklahoma Literacy Coalition.

VISTA Grant. The Federal ACTION agency has awarded ODL a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) grant which will provide 10 literacy volunteers for up to three years. The volunteers will begin their service this October.

The VISTAs will work on projects to strengthen library/literacy partnerships. Some VISTAs will assist in ODL's Literacy Office while others will work with local councils and libraries on such projects as tutor training, public relations and fund raising.

LSCA Title VI Grant. For the ninth year in a row, ODL has been awarded a grant under Title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act. The \$33,160 in grant funds will be used to provide:

- Literacy enhancement grants to public libraries;
- Conference and workshop scholarships for volunteers and new readers;
- A public awareness campaign and materials;
- Education and support services for seven local literacy council boards; and
- Sponsorship of two statewide literacy workshops.

There's a Nightmare in My Library!

Autumn brings brisk winds, falling leaves, and, of course, ghosts and goblins. Karen Gleidt, children's librarian at Oklahoma's Miami Public Library, sent ODL Source a report on the library's annual Book Club Halloween Party. It's an unusual program, to say the least. But it's a program that fits the weird and wonderful spirit of All Hallow's Eve.

The program begins after hours, when Gleidt and the young Book Club members are locked in the darkened library. The kids hear ghost stories, play games, and watch their librarian slowly go insane. Gleidt becomes a character obsessed with tracking down missing books and the children who have kept them past the due date! With flashlight in hand, the insane librarian stalks the children, who race to the bookshelves to find a place to hide.

It's a scary game of hide-n-seek which the children look forward to each year. The annual nightmare ends when the annual pizza is delivered to the library's door.

"It's not only a lot of fun, but a memory in the making," Gleidt says. "When else will you ever be able to run screaming at the top of your lungs through a public building without being hauled away?" She says the event is good therapy for her, too. "But most importantly, I feel it makes me a little more approachable to the children. Next time they have a problem with a book or need help finding the right materials, they're more likely to come to the desk and talk to me."

After all, Gleidt says she can't be that scary. "I know how to sit on the floor and eat pizza and play a good game of hide-n-seek...important qualifications I forgot to list on my resume." (ODL Source, October)

Oklahoma City Mall Show Promotes Library, Friends

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, OK sponsored a three-hour promotional event at one of Oklahoma County's largest and busiest shopping centers. Held in the mall's food court, the show featured a potpourri of Oklahoma City's finest entertainers, storytellers, clowns, a library staffer dressed as a bookworm, musicians with kooky instruments singing silly songs, a mime, an African American drummer, and a children's theatre troupe.

A crowd of all ages gathered as library executive director Lee Brawner told them. "You can see these types of outstanding programs at your neighborhood library any day of the week!"

Storytelling took place in a "bubble" - a huge cylinder of plastic inflated by a single box fan, with an opening at one end for entering and exiting. Two storytellers stationed in the bubble took turns sharing favorite tales with children, and a few parents, who lined up for an opportunity to crawl inside the bubble.

Volunteers from the Friends, dressed in matching Friends sweatshirts, were in charge of everything from set-up, to helping children into and out of the storytelling bubble, to handing out "Fun! Find It In the Library!" stickers and literature about library services and volunteer opportunities.

The mall's promotions director arranged for set-up plus rental of sound equipment. The mall's security and maintenance crews did double duty. In return, the Friends agreed to end their program by creating a special situation for the arrival of the mall's Santa. (Library Hotline, December 20)

Oklahoma Research and Community Library Network Funded

A consortium of Oklahoma academic and public libraries recently received a grant for \$141,000 from the Mervin Bovaird Foundation of Tulsa. This grant, along with a previous challenge grant of \$250,000 from the H.A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust, also of Tulsa, completes the initial phase of ORACL, the Oklahoma Research and Community Library Network.

"This generous gift lays the foundation for library systems in Oklahoma for the next ten years. Libraries around the country are slowly moving toward networking their resources; however, ORACL places Oklahoma at the forefront of this movement," Edward R. Johnson, dean of libraries of Oklahoma State University, said.

ORACL uses a software application called PACLink, which gives libraries complete and "seamless" access to each other's online catalogs and databases and makes them appear as one catalog to the user.

The initial phase of ORACL connects the libraries of Oklahoma State University, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Tulsa, University Center at Tulsa, and Tulsa City-County Library System through a standardized communication system. One reason the network starts with these libraries is that several of them use the same library management system, NOTIS. The next phase of ORACL calls for adding popular features such as full-image and full-text article delivery from library to library.

As funding becomes available, other libraries, including the University of Oklahoma, OU Health Sciences, University of Central Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, will be added to the network. Eventually, any Oklahoma public, school, or academic library can be part of the ORACL network or be able to access it through the Internet or with a dial-in 800 number. (Oklahoma Librarian, November/December)

South Dakota Room Dedicated

The Hilton M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University dedicated its South Dakota Room on June 10, 1993. The room houses a collection of 10,000 books, journals and other materials related to the state's history and development. Works dealing with South Dakota as a subject as well as works of fiction, poetry, and drama written by state authors comprise the collection. (Conspectus, Fall 1993)

South Dakota Library Network

The South Dakota Library Network had recorded 17 million transactions by its 30 member libraries for the eleven months ending in November. On November 16, 1993, a record 115,343 transactions were logged on the system. SDLN is lobbying Governor Miller and the legislature to provide funding for the network to support ongoing costs. During the month of November the system was upgraded with PALS Version 6.

Great Issues Forum

The Great Issues Forum, "Utah Libraries: Gateways to the Electronic Highway" is a momentous occasion for the library community of Utah. This event offers us a unique opportunity to involve influential members of our communities in library issues and to broaden their understanding of libraries and information.

The concept of a forum for non-library policy makers was part of the long range plan formulated by a committee created by Carol Hansen during her term as ULA President. The recommendation to host a forum to increase understanding of library issues was given a high priority by the ULA Board.

Richard Sweeney, Vice Provost for Information Services at Polytechnic University in New York and a nationally recognized authority on information technology, will be the opening challenge speaker.

To help panel members better understand library issues, white papers have been written by each section of ULA discussing the aspects of library service that are relevant to that particular type of library.

The purpose of the forum is to offer a diversified thoughtful exchange of ideas about library services accessed via electronic means. Library board members, legislators, council members, and all those who participate in decision-making which affects libraries will benefit from this forum. There should be exciting visions of the future of electronic information in libraries, and those who attend will be in a better position to make information decisions regarding these expanding resources. — Marian Karpisek, *ULA President*. (Utah Libraries/NEWS, October)

Reading Marathon

In order to promote reading among families, the Salt Lake City Public Library and KUED 7, the local PBS affiliate, joined forces in October to host a two-week "Reading Marathon."

KUED produced television PSAs advertising the Marathon and aired them throughout the fall. The event worked in this way. A child entering the Marathon agreed to read a certain amount of time during the last two weeks in October. The amount of required reading time depended upon a child's age and grade level. The entry form provided space to record the number of minutes read each day. At the end of two weeks, any child who successfully completed the Marathon, returned their entry form to KUED. A parent's signature verifying time spent reading was required. KUED invited all children who returned their form to attend a party at the television station. The party includes a taped message from Mike Leavitt, Governor of Utah, author visits, performers, refreshments, a Super Reader Certificate signed by the Governor, and a librarian's table where City Library staff give away bookmarks and "Libraries are Awesome" pencils.

To kick off the Marathon which began on Friday, October 15th, each City Library location hosted an "In the Night Library Read-a-Thon" on that Friday evening. The Library rented large, flashing street barricades and attached signs stating "Don't Miss It!" to help promote the event.

More than 300 readers spent their Friday evening with us, curled up with their favorite book. By all accounts, both the evening Read-a-Thon and two-week Reading Marathon were a tremendous success. Plans are already underway to host a similar event in the spring. (News release)

Reading Recess Radio Reviews

The Salt Lake City Public Library and a local radio station—KKDS 1060 AM "The Imagination Station"—are working together to present book reviews by and for children on the radio.

This is an opportunity for children who love to read to share their favorite books with others. It is also meant to encourage youngsters to read as they listen to friends and classmates share their love of books.

The City Library System continually strives to help children discover the joy of reading. KKDS has a strong commitment to present quality programming to Salt Lake children. Together, the children's radio station, whose audience is elementary age kids, and the Library hope to promote reading and books to youngsters through these "Reading Recess Radio Reviews."

Children participate by picking up a "Reading Recess Radio Review" entry form at any City Library location. The child writes, in his or her own words, a brief review of a book he/she has enjoyed recently and returns the review to the Library. The Library will choose as many children as possible to present their book reviews on the air. Youngsters are invited to the KKDS station so they

across the desk, in neighborhood schools, and in the Library's monthly children's newsletter which is entitled "Reading Recess." (News release)

Timpanogos Festival

One of Orem's most popular cultural events, the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival, was attended by an enthusiastic crowd of 8,600. As in past years, a wide range of storytellers representing different genres, ethnic backgrounds, and styles was on hand. The estimated \$30,000 raised by the festival will buy new books for the children's library. (Directions for Utah Libraries, October)

Orem Breaks Ground for Children's Library

In an unusual ground breaking ceremony, the children of Orem were provided shovels, spades, and Tonka trucks and invited to dig into a spray painted and balloon marked outline of a new \$4 million facility to be built for them. Children's musical groups performed while over 1,000 people gathered for the ceremony.

The 35,220 square foot wing, which will be connected to the existing library by two bridges, includes a children's library, storytellers' area, interior reading garden, and more. An outside reading garden, a fountain, landscaped walkways, and an outside auditorium are also planned. The new wing will be twice the size of the present library.

Extensive fund raising brought in over \$1.1 million, mostly raised from the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival. (Directions for Utah Libraries, October)

Brigham City Chosen for Poetry Project

Brigham City Library has been selected by Poetry Magazine, the Modern Poetry Association, and ALA as a host site for "Poets in Person," a reading, listening, and discussion program about modern poetry. The library was one of 30 in the nation so honored. Sponsored by MPA, ALA, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project seeks to kindle interest in poetry. (Directions for Utah Libraries, November)

Innovative Davis Program Helps Students and Builds Support

The Davis County Library has completed the first year of an innovative program to help college bound students build their resumes while promoting understanding and support for public libraries. Under the "Students in Service to Libraries Program," high school students put in at least 24 hours of volunteer service to the Davis County Library. In return, they get a letter of recognition which can be included in applications for college admissions or scholarships, many of which ask for evidence of community service. Sixteen students have finished the program and eight are currently involved.

Unlike many volunteer programs using students, participants are not simply used for "drudge" work. Instead, the students move through a three phase program that allows them to try increasingly sophisticated tasks and culminates in an individually selected project.

According to Davis County Library Director Pete Giacoma, the program has several advantages. It has attracted some of the community's best and brightest students into the volunteer program. Generally, they are among the library's most productive volunteers and several have gone beyond the required hours. Participants get to see the library from the inside out and report they come away with surprising new insights about how libraries are organized and what it takes to provide library service. As a result, they are more effective library users and, hopefully, they become life long library supporters. (Directions for Utah Libraries, November)

Utah Universities Share Collections

Utah State University, Brigham Young University, and the University of Utah have each purchased NOTIS Systems' PACLink and PACLoan to make their collections accessible to one another and to any Z39.50 compatible library in the state. The decision will allow the three libraries to host databases and maximize the information resources available to the 70,000 students who attend the three schools. It saves significant costs by sharing resources and opens the door to more statewide cooperation.

The three universities are the largest members of the Utah College Library Council or UCLC. The other eight members have Dynix systems. Dynix and NOTIS are working together to expand the capabilities of their products and ensure that the two systems are interoperable. According to Kayla Willey, Library Automation Coordinator at BYU, when all eleven sites are linked, the smaller colleges will have information resources available that they could not afford alone.

The host sites incur the costs of storing data and licensing the database. The other sites pay an access charge. PACLink and PACLoan are easy to use because they have the same interface as the local online catalog. This, says Ken Luker, Assistant Director for Systems and Technical Services at the University of Utah, eliminates the mechanics of a remote connection. (Directions for Utah Libraries, January)

Dynix Announces Utah Valley Link Project

Dynix is celebrating its tenth anniversary by offering Utah County libraries \$100,000 worth of software products, installation services, and training to promote and enhance electronic access and information sharing. According to Paul Sybrowski, President of Dynix, "Many Utah Valley libraries were among our first clients years ago. They provided much needed confidence, encouragement, and expertise in those early years as business partners. We truly believe in providing the best library systems and services for our community and wish to recognize the contribution local libraries have made to our success."

Libraries benefiting from the Utah Valley Link Project include Provo City Library, Orem Public Library, Spanish Fork Public Library, American Fork Public Library, Utah Valley State College Library, and the Provo and Alpine school districts. Dynix hopes that the project will not only extend the electronic information resources of the project's libraries, but will also be a working model of how libraries can connect and use networked services.

Several of the software products offered take advantage of information resources on the Internet. Others will allow access to catalogs and indexes, provide reference tools, and make available a local events calendar. The Dynix Gateway software will also allow people to access information via their home computers. (Directions for Utah Libraries, January)

Natrona County Receives Good News

The Natrona County Public Library recently received word that it has been designated to become the only Patent and Trademark Depository in Wyoming, the nation's 75th depository of this nature.

The reason the library sought this opportunity, according to Lesley Boughton, director, is they felt "there is a demand (for this type of service) in Wyoming."

However, the library will have to come up with \$140,000 to buy a 20-year backlist of patents to "jump-start the depository," according to an article in the *Casper Star Tribune*. (A 20-year backlist is essential because patents are active for 17 years.) It will also have to make room for the equipment to run the CD-Rom and Automated Patent Service system. The library will be looking to the state and private sectors for funds, not the Natrona County Commissioners, Boughton said.

Previously, Wyoming entrepreneurs and researchers had to travel to Denver to get federal patent and trademark information, which is required to obtain a patent from the Patent and Trademark Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce. (Outrider, September)

Outrider Marks 25th

With this issue The Outrider marks its 25th anniversary. In September 1968, "No Name" made its first appearance as the Wyoming State Library news bulletin. In a front page story Mary Read Rogers, editor, announced the State Library, Archives and Historical Board had requested a monthly publication. "This is really not a new publication—it is merely replacing the 'News Corral' of the Wyoming Library Roundup," she wrote.

She announced a contest to name the publication and assured readers by January 1969 there would be a name and numbering of the news bulletin. Howard Fish of Wheatland, and then president of the Wyoming Library Association, submitted the winning name. Helen Schnase, member of the State Library staff, did the original pen and ink drawing of the cowboy, which was a prominent fixture for 25 years.

On page one, a story announced the State Library's new communications system, free telephone service to link public, academic and special libraries.

The *Outrider* was started to provide news about the State Library and libraries throughout the state. It was originally designed on a typewriter and mimeographed. Later there was a switch to word processors and subsequently to desktop publishing software on personal computers. While it has physically changed over the years, it has remained a news source about the State Library, libraries statewide and limited national library news. (The Outrider, September)

Electronic Service Offers Budget Information

WSL's state government information services (SGIS) electronic document offerings this month include state budget documents, in addition to federal grant opportunities.

SGIS has electronic copies of Wyoming Gov. Mike Sullivan's recent press release on his two proposed budgets, his budget-at-a-glance, and his budget message to the legislature. In addition, the federal grants opportunities, which are updated weekly, will be loaded on to WNET, which is the electronic mail service for the Department of Education.

Beth Rulli, SGIS manager, said she is "exploring" the possibility of offering electronic bill tracking and summaries during the 1994 Wyoming State Legislature. She is working with a representative from the Wyoming Taxpayers Association, whose service will be offered electronically for the first time this year. Rulli said she hopes the state library will become a licensed site to serve the state's electronic mail service, SYSM, and county and academic libraries. (Outrider, November-December)

Teton Screening

Approximately 500 people attended a special advance screening of the movie "The Fugitive" in Jackson and \$12,000 was raised for the Teton County Library. The film, which features Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones, is based on the hit television series from the 60s by the same name. Ford and his wife Melissa have a home in the Jackson area and supported the special screening. Frank Londy, owner of the Jackson Hole Twin Cinema, donated the use of the theater for two showings and the Wort Hotel provided a cocktail reception. Tickets were \$25 which included meeting Ford, cocktails and the film. (Outrider, November-December)

OPAC Fund Drive for Park County

The Park County Library System in Cody began its OPAC fund drive on a bright note with two anonymous donations of \$5,000 and \$7,000. With other donations they report they are now 18% of the way toward the \$80,000 needed for their proposed Online Public Access Computer, which will serve public libraries in Cody, Powell and Meeteetse. (Hart Beat, February)

Sheridan Gets Strong Support

The Sheridan County Library Foundation reported donations of \$54,000 from July, 1993 through the holiday season. In addition, the Library has been fortunate to have a friend in Bob Strickland, who volunteered to raise funds for reference materials. To date Bob has secured \$4175 to purchase many useful items. Major benefactors for the library this past year are Joe and Arlene Watt, who donated \$150,000 toward expansion of the Wyoming Room. (SCFPL Newsletter)

Statewide Public Access Catalog

A statewide committee continues to work on funding and decision making for a PAC. When a HEA grant was not received, individual institutions began forming strategies to acquire local financial support. Replies from vendors for a RFP are due back in early 1994. The State Library has agreed to find a gateway to CARL for members in the PAC. (State representative report)

MPLA 1994 Awards Nomination Form

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

- ☐ Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award ☐ MPLA Legislative Leadership Award ☐ MPLA Literary Contribution Award
☐ MPLA Distinguished Service Award ☐ MPLA News Media Support Award ☐ MPLA Beginning Professional Award

Name of Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____ Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Is 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 telephone: _____

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, 1994.**

Please send no inations to:
B. J. Kim
Hilton M. Briggs Library
South Dakota State University
Box 2115
Brookings, SD 57007-1098

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Carl Gauaer Exhibitors Award: To be given to the individual or company whose positive support of the 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 Auard: 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 a 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 basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

MPLA Beginning Professional Auard: To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service within the first five years after receiving a library/media specialist degree. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

Newly Minted

Research in Reference Effectiveness, ed. by Marjorie E. Murfin and Jo Bell Whitlatch. ALA, \$25.00.

Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies, Academic Year 1994-95. ALA, \$1.00.

Library Buildings Consultant List, comp. and ed. by Kazuko Dailey and James Estrada. ALA, \$12.50.

Public Libraries: Travel Treasures of the West, Marty and Anna Rabkin. North American Press, Ste. 350, 350 Indiana St., Golden, CO 80401, \$19.95.

Polar Pac, 3rd ed., CD-ROM database of international polar regions bibliographic information. WLN, 1-800-DIALWLN.

Telecommunications, Networking and Internet Glossary, George S. Machovec. ALA, \$18.00.

Musicals! A Complete Selection Guide for Local Productions, 2d ed., ALA, \$35.00.

The Newbery and Caldecott Mock Election Kit: Choosing Champions in Children's Books, ALSC. Includes certificates and bookmarks. ALA, \$20.00.

Introduction to Automation for Librarians, 3rd ed., William Saffady. ALA, \$45.00.

Guide to Selecting and Acquiring CD-ROMs, Software, and Other Electronic Publications, Stephen Bosch, Patricia Promis, Chris Sugnet. ALA, \$10.00.

Putting Service into Library Staff Training, Joanne M. Bessler. ALA, \$14.00.

Directory of Resources on Library Services to the Spanish Speaking, RASD. ALA, \$18.00.

International Business Information: How to Find It, How to Use It, Ruth A. Pagell, Michael Halperin. Oryx Press, 1-800-279-ORYX, \$74.95.

How to Write & Publish a Scientific Paper, 4th ed., Robert Day. Oryx Press, 1-800-279-ORYX, \$25.00 case, \$16.95 pbk.

SYSINFO, James Speed Hensinger, software which generates a printed report of the configuration of a micro-computer system, is available free to Bibliographical Center for Research members. (303)751-6277, (303)751-9787 (FAX), hensinge@csn.org (internet).

The People's University, 13-minute video. High Plains Regional Library Service System, 800 8th Av., #341, Greeley, CO 80631; 1-800-332-7335; \$10.00.

Continuing Education

March through November 1994

Leadership and Learning Institutes
Location varies

Association of Research Libraries, will present twelve institutes throughout 1994 on various aspects of library management, leadership, and diversity.

For information contact Gloria Haws, Program Assistant for Customer Services, OMS, 21 Dupont Circle, NW Ste. 800, Washington, DC 20036; 202/296-8656; 202/872-0884 (FAX).

March 20-25

Management Skills Institute II: The Management Process
Ogden, UT

Improving the performance of libraries requires strong individual leadership and effective management skills. Lectures, participant involvement, and presentations by Maureen Sullivan and Shelley Phipps.

Contact Janell Poole, Weber State University, Stewart Library, Ogden, UT 84408-2901; 801/626-6405.

March 24-25, 1994

Kindling Life into Your Library Career
Madison, WI

A conference for support staff, library assistants and paraprofessionals which will include discussion groups, tours of local libraries, hands-on network instruction, workshops on reference, cataloging, time management, etc.

For information contact Linda Mundt, Program Coordinator, School of Library and Information Studies 608/263-4452.

March 25, 1994

Using Micrographics and Optical Disks to Manage Records
Austin, TX

Seminar providing basic understanding of tools and technologies used to organize, store and retrieve records in various formats. Led by Dr. Eugenia K. Brumm.

For information or to register contact David Terry 512/471-8806; email gldt@utxdp.dp.utexas.edu.

April 7-8, 1994

LANning the Library; Developing Local Area Networks
Madison, WI

This course develops an understanding of the terminology and a pragmatic appreciation of the questions that librarians need to answer in developing a LAN. Instructors from various Madison libraries.

For information contact Jane Pearlmuter, Outreach Program Manager, UW-Madison School of Library & Information Studies, 600 N. Park St., Madison, WI 53706; 608/262-6398.

April 7-8, 1994

Building the Library/Information Center of the Future
National Library of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

This symposium will explore how the physical library/information center building of the future must differ from building now in use.

For information write: Building Symposium, Health Sciences Library, University of Maryland at Baltimore, 111 South Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-1583. Preference given to registrations received before March 15.

April 8, 1994

Non-Paper Based Collections: Strategies for Preservation
Austin, TX

Discussion of types of media, causes and rates of deterioration, copying, environment and management. Led by Paul Banks.

For information or to register contact David Terry 512/471-8806; email gldt@utxdp.dp.utexas.edu.

April 17-23

National Library Week

April 20-22, 1994

Total Quality Management Programs in Academic Libraries: Initial Implementation Efforts
Washington, DC

Sessions address TQM and higher education, TQM management and planning tools, benchmarking, starting a TQM program, etc. Includes keynote by Daniel T.

Seymour, presentations, panels, papers and poster sessions.

For information contact Brigid Welch, Conference Coordinator 202/296-8656.

April 23, 1994

The 6th Annual Young Adult Literature Conference

Denver, CO

A conference featuring Walter Dean Myers with regional authors, educators and experts in young adult literature for librarians, media specialists, teachers and others who connect with young adults and reading.

Contact Central Colorado Library System, 4350 Wadsworth Blvd. Ste 340, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033; 303/422-1150.

April 24-27, 1994

The 81st Annual Conference of the Montana Library Association

Butte, MT

Theme: "Libraries Coping with Change." Keynote speaker John Tyson on "Building a Statewide Network."

For information call 406/723-5454, ext. 72111.

April 29-30, 1994

The Magnetic Media Challenge: Preservation of Audio Tape & Videotape in Libraries and Archives

Long Beach, CA

Introduces the concepts and techniques of preserving magnetic media for librarians, archivists and other custodians of collections containing audio tape and videotape. Presenters include librarians, archivists and industry leaders.

To register contact Yvonne McLean, Magnetic Media Institute, ALCTS/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5032; 312/280-3257 (FAX); U34261CVM.UIC.EDU.

April 29, 1994

Business Reference: The Basics and Beyond

Austin, TX

Topics on "Know your Customer", "Laying the Groundwork", "Tools of the Trade" led by Elisa Bass.

For information or to register

contact David Terry 512/471-8806; email gldt@utxdp.dp.utexas.edu.

May 12

Customer Service Teleconference

Hardy R. Franklin, ALA president has scheduled a teleconference on customer service and libraries. In his inaugural address, Franklin urged that librarians adopt a "can-do spirit" and take themselves off the reference desk and into the streets.

To receive information on site locations or share information on your library's exemplary customer service program, contact Peggy Barker, ALA Associate Executive Director of Communication, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. 800/545-2433, 3xt. 3229.

May 19-20

Association of Research Libraries, Austin, TX

May 27-June 1, 1994

School Readiness Institute

University of Texas at Austin

The institute will study children's programs in public libraries as a tool to help achieve the first National Education Goal, that by the year 2000, all children in America will start school ready to learn. Participants will develop a prototype public library children's services model for achieving school readiness that will be published and distributed throughout the library community.

For more information, contact Dr. Barbara Immroth or Viki Ash-Geisler, 512/471-3875.

June 2-3, 1994

APPM and Archival Cataloging: A Workshop in the Practical Application of Archives, Personal Papers and Manuscripts

Austin, TX

A hands-on workshop, with lectures, discussion, and working exercises led by Steve Hensen, author of APPM.

For information or to register contact David Terry 512/471-8806; email gldt@utxdp.dp.utexas.edu.

June 17-19, 1994

The 7th Annual Storytelling Festival of Nebraska

Omaha, NE

Features national and local storytellers in workshops and concerts. Sponsored by OOPS (Omaha Organization for the Purpose of Storytelling).

For information contact Sheila Schumacher, 15005 Hawthorne Circle, Omaha, NE 68154; 402/493-9596.

June 21-25, 1994

Workshop in Visual Resources Collection Fundamentals: Current & Emerging

Austin, TX

Workshop considering traditional image management as well as emerging issues to be considered by visual resources curators. Speakers are Nancy Schuller and Christine Sundt.

For information or to register contact David Terry 512/471-8806; email gldt@utxdp.dp.utexas.edu.

June 23-30

American Library Association, Miami, FL

August 5-7, 1994

The 2nd Annual Conference of African-American Librarians

Milwaukee, WI

Theme "Culture Keepers II: Unity Through Diversity. Hosted by the Black Caucus of ALA for African-American librarians, Friends and other library professionals.

For information contact Estelle Black, National Conference Chair, Assistant Director, Rockford Public Library, 215 N. Wyman St., Rockford, IL 61101; 815/965-6731; 815/965-0866 (FAX).

November 9-13, 1994

American Association of School Librarian's seventh National Conference

Indianapolis, IN

Theme "Shape the Vision: Focus on Learning."

For information call AASL Office, 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4389.

1994 Regional Conferences

April 6-9	Kansas
April 24-27	Montana
April 27-30	Oklahoma
Nov. 30-Dec. 4	Arizona
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	South Dakota
Oct. 5-8	Wyoming

Oct. 17-23	Arizona
Oct. 26-29	MPLA/Nevada
Oct. 28-30	Nebraska

Future MPLA Joint Conferences

1995	North & South Dakota (Sioux Falls)
1996	Kansas (Wichita)
1997	Oklahoma (Shangri La)
1998	Utah (Salt Lake City)
1999	Montana
2000	Nebraska
2001	Arizona

Joblist

Deadline: April 15 or until filled
Reference Librarian/Government Publications Coordinator (salary negotiable from \$25,000 with benefits)

Reinert/Alumni Library, Creighton University

Seeking service-oriented librarian to perform general reference and to administer the federal documents collection.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, reference experience. Government documents experience given preference.

Send letter of application, resume and names of three references to Mary Nash, Head of Reference, Reinert/Alumni Library Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178.

Deadline: Open until appropriate candidate is identified.

Network Librarian

Bibliographical Center for Research (\$14,000-16,000)

Seeking a half-time member Services Librarian for the Reference Systems & Services department.

Duties include conducting training on the Internet and online and CD-ROM seminars, technical assistance, marketing online services. Train travel in Rocky Mountain Region.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and two years experience in professional library position, Internet, searching BRS, DIALOG, EPIC; teaching experience required. Preference given for experience in database training and UNIX.

Send letter, resume and phone numbers of three references to Joyce Hillshafer, BCR, 14394 E. Evans

Ave., Aurora, CO 80014.

Deadline: Open

Subject Specialist Librarian

(salary \$25,260-32,064 plus benefits)
 Tulsa City-County Library

Extensive public service position in busy Business & Technology Department of Central Library requires professional librarian with subject knowledge in science and engineering.

Duties include on-line database searching and collection development.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS plus one-three years experience.

Send resume to Personnel Manager, Tulsa City-County Library, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103; 918/596-7887.

Deadline: Open

Librarian II (salary \$26,404-35,727)
 Nevada State Library and Archives

Full-time permanent position includes reference, interlibrary loan and circulation duties.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and two years professional experience, excellent oral and written communication skills and ability to work with colleagues and library users in a team environment.

For application contact Nevada State Personnel, Blasdel Bldg, Room

200 Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 702/687-4050.

Deadline: Open

Librarian II (salary \$26,404-35,727)
 Nevada State Library and Archives

Full-time permanent position including reference, US Census - State Data Center and newsletter.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS and two years professional experience, excellent oral and written communication skills and ability to work with the public and maintain a network of Data Center affiliates, disseminate census data and compose and publish newsletter.

For application contact Nevada State Personnel, Blasdel Bldg, Room 200 Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 702/687-4050.

Deadline: Open

Cataloger (salary negotiable)
 Nevada State Library and Archives

Temporary contract position to handle cataloging and authority work for several mini-projects.

Qualifications: Professional experience working with OCLC and MARC records; familiarity with government publications helpful.

Contact Joyce C. Lee, Nevada State Library and Archives, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 702/687-8314.

State Association Pre-Conference Grants

MPLA will provide grants of up to \$500 to state associations to encourage continuing education for MPLA members and others through pre-conferences or conference programs held at the time of state association annual conferences.

For an application and/or additional information contact: Steve Skidmore, Chair, MPLA Continuing Education Committee, Ponca City Library, 515 East Grant, Ponca City, OK 74601. 405-767-0345.

SPECIAL JOBLINE INFORMATION

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

The Jobline updates its listing each Friday morning.

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

JOBLINE #S

The following numbers may be used in calling the MPLA Jobline: 605/677-5757 (nationwide 24 hours/day) or **800/356-7820** from any of the eleven MPLA states, during the following hours:
 Sunday—Thursday 11 pm—8 am each day; Friday—5 pm to Sunday—5 pm your local time.



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- Professional Development Grants
- Support of regional library efforts
- News of people and programs in member states



Inside MPLA



Beginning with this article the newsletter will in each issue feature a position, committee, section or other assignment which functions within MPLA to further the purpose of the association. It is hoped that these brief introductions will assist you in understanding more about the ways MPLA is trying to assist you and our region's library services.

Federal Relations Coordinator

The Federal Relations Coordinator is responsible for collecting information from the MPLA constituent states concerning issues of interest to the Executive Board, compiling it in clear and concise form, and presenting it with analysis and recommendations to the Executive Board.

The Federal Relations Coordinator shall maintain communication with any national or federal level as may be appropriate for timely action by the Executive Board. He/she will assist in the formulation of any statement of position as appropriate. This may include preparing testimony for presentation wherever the reflection of a regional point of view may be useful.

The position was created by the Executive Board in 1981. Duane Johnson, Kansas State Librarian and a Past President of MPLA, has served as Federal Relations Coordinator since that time. Below is Duane's most recent report to the Executive Board.

Re: Your Stake and Your Library's State in Cyberspace—The National Information Infrastructure and Related Policy Development

Concerning the National Information Infrastructure (NII), here's a developing policy issue—or matrix of issues, you should be aware of:

Electronic information networking is becoming an increasingly important tool, and responsibility, in the daily operations of many federal, state, local and private agencies. Because this is a relatively new information environment, few regulations, guidelines, and protections have been set.

Policy which will guide and regulate the operations of networking the public sector is in an early phase of development. As a private citizen, and particularly as a library official, you have a major stake in the details of this policy.

The over arching policy for the federal component of the network will be very influential—in the ways the federal government relates to you, the citizen, and to your library, and also in the manner in which state and local agencies use federal policy as a model for state and local implementations.

Now available is a brochure, Principles for the Development of the National Information Infrastructure, available from LITA/ALA, which shows an early expression of the librarian's opinion of the developing federal policy.

If you would like to give your comments or opinion to help develop the LITA/ALA statement, send your communication to: Carol Henderson, Director, ALA Washington Office, 110 Maryland Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20002-5675. FAX - 202-547-7363. E-mail - CCH@alawash.org
