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## Incline Village

Drive around town. Head up Ski Way to the town's own (public) ski area, or down Country Club Drive past the Hyatt Regency. Go right on Lakeshore Drive to check out the single most valuable one-mile stretch of real estate in Nevada. Tool around the town's own golf courses, tennis clubs, beaches, and ski resorts. If you haven't quite gotten the idea that Incline Village is prosperous, then count the number of real-estate agencies with more than 300 agents, the number of banks, and the number of title companies.

The village has been inclining upward since 1874, when the Great Incline Tramway was completed on Incline Mountain (it started at Tramway Drive at the far south end and oldest part of town, then passed through what's now the Ponderosa Ranch). This high-wire act rose 1,400 feet in elevation in only 4,000 feet of distance, for a straight-up grade of 35%. Two 12-

foot wheels powered by a 40-horsepower steam engine hoisted log-loaded flat cars up to the summit, where they were slid down a flume, milled in Washoe Valley, and freighted to Virginia City. The empty car going down counter-balanced the loaded one going up, using technology that later appeared in San Francisco's cable cars.

By the early 1890s, every single tree within 10 miles of the incline had been cut down, and the post office at Incline Village closed in 1895. The north shore of Lake Tahoe remained remote through the 1950s, when all there was at Incline was a trailer park (where Burnt Cedar Beach is today).

Then in 1960, a real-estate investor from Oklahoma started up Crystal Bay Development Company, purchased 9,000 acres for \$25 million, and designed a development for 10,000 people. The original layout is still very much intact, with mansions on the lake, chalets on the mountainside, and condos on the flats, all surrounded by dense forest,

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## “Libraries: the



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NLA/MPLA Conference at Lake Tahoe

Incline Village, Nevada, October 26-29, 1994

Don't delay any longer! This well-planned conference offers valuable programming and continuing education for nearly everyone.

Refer to your June MPLA Newsletter for complete program and activity information, plus details on accommodations, travel, and more.

Use the convenient mail-in forms for hotel registration (rates go up after September 26) and conference registration.

## MPLA Newsletter

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### **Incline Village...**

thanks to strict tree-cutting regulations.

Incline Village is still privately owned.

Incline is said to have the best weather on the lake: 300 days of sunshine a year, and the least accumulations of snow. Still, the population more than doubles in the balmy summer months. The Village has more outdoor-related stores than anywhere in Nevada.

And one thing hasn't changed a bit since the 1860s—it is next to impossible to find a level spot on which to park a car.

### **The Ponderosa Ranch**

"Bonanza" made its debut on NBC in September 1959, sponsored by Chevrolet. This show became the most popular and successful television program ever, eventually reaching 88 countries in 12 languages for a total of 400 million viewers—and this in the youth of the medium. It rendered Virginia City a household word; its effect on the ghost town's revival is incalculable. It became as much a myth of its own as the myth of the American West itself: God's country, where a man is a man, his word is his bond, reason and justice prevail, and the good guys always wear white and win.

Some scenes were filmed on location around Lake Tahoe, which gave Bill and Joyce Anderson the idea to buy some ranch property near the north shore, call it the Ponderosa, reproduce the sets and props of the

show, and charge admission. Immediately, the lines separating the global myth of the Cartwright family's ranch from the Ponderosa tourist attraction blurred into oblivion. In fact, even the writers and directors began believing it to be the mythical Ponderosa and filmed there frequently. The cast simply remained in costume to interact with the hordes passing through the gate. Truly a unique episode in the history of television technology and its effect on consciousness. Not to mention one of the most brilliant marketing coups heard of. (The above information came from Deke Castleman's *Nevada Handbook*, 3rd Edition, Moon Publications, 1993.)

## **Additional Conference Information**

**Wednesday, October 26th,**  
EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION. Get-together event hosted by exhibitors. Cash bar.

SOUTHERN DINNER WITH MARK TWAIN. This event will be held in the Incline Grove Pavilion, with live music by Shiloh. Mark Twain, portrayed by McAvoy Layne, will be in attendance to speak and mingle with the guests.

**Thursday, October 27**

AUTHOR'S RECEPTION. Free event to meet with Nevada authors, including Leo Buscaglia, for book purchases and authors' book signings. Music provided by guitarist, Ed Cory. Refreshments provided by Encyclopedia Britannica.

LUNCH WITH JEANNE HURLEY SIMON. Meet with Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chair of the National

Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences. Lunch will be at the Ciao Mein Trattoria in the Hyatt Hotel.

PONDEROSA FUN NIGHT BUFFET. Don't miss this fun event at the Ponderosa Ranch home of the Bonanza TV series. You'll see a presentation on the series, take a tour, visit shops, and receive a souvenir tin cup. There's an all-you-can-eat BBQ chicken and ribs buffet and an all-you-can-drink bar. 200 person limit.

**Friday, October 28**

DONNER MUSEUM/TRUCKEE. Travel by bus to historic Truckee, California to tour the Donner Memorial Museum, followed by a stroll down Commercial Row to visit shops and restaurants housed in 19th century buildings. 45 person limit.

GAMING WORKSHOP. Free demonstrations by card dealer-turned librarians, on how to play blackjack.

PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY. No host bar, with golden oldies music by Bill Holland.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER. The President's dinner in the Hyatt Ballroom will include awards presentations for NLA and MPLA. Entertainment provided by Glenn Little's five-piece Alpine Band.

**Saturday, October 29**

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE RESORT. Enjoy the great outdoors at Northstar-at-Tahoe. 18 holes of golf at \$40, includes cart—what a bargain! Or try horseback riding, \$15, the Adventure Challenge Course, mountain bike riding or hiking. Free bus from Hyatt Hotel.

HIKE LAKE TAHOE. A moderate to rigorous hike led by Susan Antipa from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

YOUNG READER'S AWARD LUNCH. Young readers will present awards honoring authors of the most popular book of the year.

HARRAH'S CASINO NIGHT. Free transportation provided by Harrah's Casino, South Shore.

## Around the Region



### Arizona

#### FRIENDS LEND A HELPING HAND

The Friends of the Pima-Green Valley Library recently awarded seven scholarships to staff members of the Tucson-Pima Library to continue their professional education in the Graduate College of Library Science at the University of Arizona. This program is significantly expanded from the three scholarships awarded last year by the Friends.

Liz R. Miller, Director of the Tucson-Pima Library, expressed her appreciation to the Friends and congratulated staff on their

awards. "I am pleased the Pima-Green Valley Friends have not only continued, but have generously expanded their scholarship program. This is the most positive kind of encouragement for our staff seeking professional careers in the library field." (Arizona Libraries Newsweek, July 4)

#### DYNIX EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION AWARD

Phoenix Public Library (PPL) has received the fourth annual Dynix Excellence in Information Award. The award honors a Dynix client library exhibiting excellence in disseminating information about library automation. Phoenix PL's winning entry was a video created to

help promote the library's unique city-wide information network.

According to Ross McLachlan, PPL's Technical Services Administrator, "This video educates and encourages city departments to participate in this information network and to reach out to various community groups to make their electronic resources available to citizens of Phoenix."

PhoenixNet, as the information network was dubbed, will provide access to city services through workstations at 42 locations in libraries, parks and recreational facilities in the city. Residents will have full access to PPL collections, databases and the Internet. Among other

things, they will also be able to apply for building permits, check out jobs, sign up and pay for continuing education classes and reserve sports



### Colorado

#### GOOD NEWS

An anonymous community donor has presented a \$400,000 gift to the Fort Collins Public Library (CO) and the Poudre R-1 School District to expand library services to children. A proposal was developed to satisfy the donors' interests; The Community Foundation serving Northern Colo-

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rado facilitated the gift. Funds will be spent to provide community-wide access to an online periodical index and the addition of multiple Kids Catalog stations via the City's Dynix system. Dynix look-up stations and dropboxes will be placed in the Front Range Community College Library and four school media centers (Tavelli Elementary, Preston Junior High, Cache La Poudre Junior High, and Poudre High School) and a courier service provided. The materials collections of the City library and the media centers will be expanded to support extended after school service hours. The openings will be staged so that the gift impact is felt for three years. The effort will be known as (LINC) Library Information Networking a Community.

Linda Saferite, Fort Collins Public Library Director, and Dr. Judy MacDonald, Director of the Poudre School District Media Center, are managing the partnership upon which future cooperation can grow. (No Silence, May)

### **MYRAJO MOON MEMORIAL PRESERVATION COLLECTION**

The Colorado Preservation Alliance is pleased to announce the availability of the Myra Jo Moon Memorial Preservation Reference Collection. This collection contains over 150 books and videos that Ms. Moon had acquired during her years of leadership in preservation in Colorado. The collec-

tion includes extensive information on all aspects of collection preservation.

The collection can be accessed through the ACLIN system by selecting "Jefferson County Public Library" and doing a subject search using "Myra Jo". All of the titles in the collection are available through Interlibrary Loan through Jefferson County Public Library. The Alliance is grateful to JCPL for providing access and housing for this collection and for all the support it has always shown to the CPA.

An endowment set up by the Alliance will insure that the collection can be maintained and enlarged to keep the contents current. Donations to the fund can be sent to the CPA, care of the Colorado State Archives, 1313 Sherman, Denver, CO 80203. (System Beat, May)

### **BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY TEENS GROUP PRESENTS PLAY ON CENSORSHIP**

The Young Adult Advisory Board of the Boulder Public Library performed "Don't Read This," a dramatic presentation by teens and for teens to raise awareness of censorship issues.

According to an article in the Boulder *Daily Camera*, some schools in the Boulder Valley District have cancelled scheduled performances after reading the script which was written by the teens. (NEXUS, June)

### **PIKES PEAK DISTRICT AWARDS**

Two awards received recently recognize the Pikes Peak Library District's (PPLD) achievements. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was given to PPLD for its comprehensive 1993 annual financial report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

For its *Tolerance/Intolerance in the Pikes Peak Region* programs presented in May/June 1993, PPLD was awarded a Public Library Association (PLA) National Achievement Citation. The citations were created in 1991 by the PLA, a division of the American Library Association, to give nationwide recognition to significant, innovative activities that improve the organization, management or services of public libraries (Check It Out, July)



### **MYSTERY WRITER MEETS WITH PIRANHAS**

Author Sara Paretsky recently spoke to twenty-three young readers and writers at the Lawrence Public Library. In town

for a book signing of her newest book, *Tunnel Vision*, she spoke to the afterschool library group, the Piranhas, and other young people as a special favor to her mother, Mary Paretsky, who, as head of the Children's Department, sponsors the Piranhas.

The author and Piranha members discussed with each other why they like to read and what they look for in mysteries, animal and adventure books, historical fiction and comedy material. They also discussed when they like to read, including in what kind of weather and how late at night. All writers, they shared their thoughts on why they like to write and how they get ideas.

Sara Paretsky, who grew up in Lawrence and Eudora, and attended Lawrence public schools, told how she and her four brothers had always read and been read to. Both as a group and separately, they had all made up stories and written plays and poetry in addition to fiction. She recalled recently finding an old school story on which her junior high teacher had written "too much detail," a comment later echoed by a critic in a book review. She answered questions on her life as a writer and on how she creates the plotlines and character of her female private eye, V.I. Warshawski.

In concluding the program, Mary Paretsky gave her daughter a Piranha's T-shirt, designed

## Research Shouldn't Be Like Looking for a Needle in a Haystack.

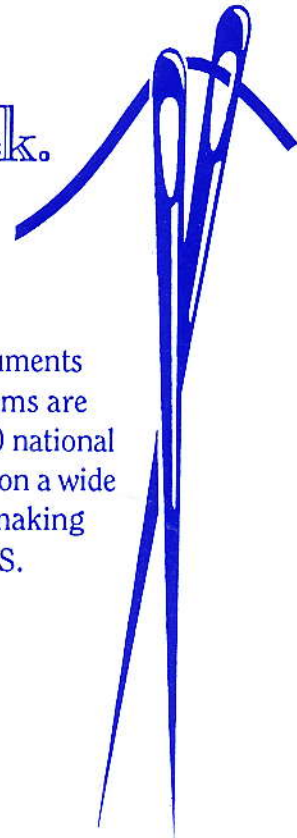
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by Brian Patton whose wife also works in the Children's Department. Sara then autographed the materials the students had brought with them.

The Piranhas are a group of ten students in 4th through 7th grades who meet weekly at the library. Named for the way they devour new books, club members read new books of their own choice for Mrs. Paretsky who has compiled two volumes of these reviews and sent them on to other schools and libraries. (NEKLS, July)

### AGING INFORMATION AND REFERRAL PLANNED

On April 12, 1994 a group of staff members from the Library and Aging networks met at the offices of the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging to discuss ways of building a coalition of networks for aging Kansans so as not to duplicate efforts and enhance services.

Roy Bird and Patti Lang brought program brochures from information conferences put on by MACA in Chicago and library network in Pennsylvania. Roy, Patti and Shannon Roy presented the idea that a

similar conference could be organized in Kansas that would focus on information among the networks working to benefit senior Kansans.

The idea would fit in with the Five-Year Information and Referral Plan created two years ago for the Aging Network in Kansas. The committee will review that plan at the next meeting and will concentrate planning on the five groups that were targeted.

The audience of the conference would be for professional information providers who serve the aging. The committee is tentatively looking at a

possibility of 200 participants for the conference.

A potential date for the conference is June, 1995 in central Kansas. It is projected to be a stand-alone conference to begin one day and end the following day. (Kansas Libraries, June)

### WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS AWARDS

The Wichita Public Library has received the Library Video Award sponsored by the Public Library Association and Baker and Taylor. The award honors the WPL with recognition and a \$1,000 honorarium

for demonstrating excellence and innovation in library programming with video, and having an outstanding general or subjects collection of video titles. The Library won the award for the Academy Awards Shorts program. The award was presented at the ALA convention in Miami this summer.

The Wichita Public Library was also awarded the annual Gale Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services. The award is given to the library with an imaginative and unique resource to meet patrons' reference needs. The award was presented to WPL for the Legal Connection project. This is a joint project with the Wichita Bar Association designed to provide information on low-cost legal assistance available in the community.

The Wichita Public Library Foundation has received a check in the amount of \$5,000 from Wichita billionaire William Koch. The gift goes into the Campaign For Books endowment, contributing to a designated goal for children's materials of \$300,000. This endowment fund was created by the Foundation to buy children's books for the Wichita Public Library System. (Kansas Libraries, April)



### NEW MONTANA INDEX

The Montana Historical Society opens doors to a rich source of Montana history. Leading Montana historians like Michael Malone, president of Montana State University have long called *Montana: the Magazine of Western History* a critical source for research into the state's history. Unfortunately, until now, that source has not been indexed.

"All of the characters and events of Montana history, from prehistory to movie reviews, Charlie Russell to native peoples, Custer and cattle drives to ASARCO and higher education—all of our heritage as Montanans is there in an easy to use [375 page, forty years comprehensive] index," says Charles Rankin, the magazine's editor. Malone, who co-authored the definitive *Montana: A History of Two Centuries*, adds "The index will prove invaluable for all researchers into the history of the state and the region be they amateur or professional."

The index was compiled and prepared over a two year period by professional indexer Douglas Easton of Denver, with the assistance of former editor Vivian A. Paladin, historian Dave Walter, and the staff of the Montana Historical Society. For purchasing information, call the Society at 1-800-243-9900. (Montana Library Focus, June)

### PILOT CONNECTIONS: INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR NON-ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

by Susan Schweinsberg Long

Since November 1992, two Montana hospitals, Kalispell Regional and Shodair Children's (Helena) have been a part of a National Network/Libraries of Medicine project, "Pilot Connections," which is researching and testing the usefulness of the Internet in six community hospitals. The project, based at the Region 06 Regional Medical Library (University of Washington, Seattle), includes four other hospital sites in the Pacific Northwest. At the Montana Library Association meeting in Butte, Neil Rambo, Associate Director of the Region 06 Regional Medical Library, Suzy Holt (Shodair Children's Hospital) and Susan Long (Kalispell Regional Medical Center) presented their experience with the Internet.

Three of the sites (including Shodair) were funded for full, institutional connections to the Internet. Kootenai Medical Center (Couer d'Alene, Idaho) and St. Peter Hospital (Olympia, Washington) have, after 18 months, just become full Internet sites. Problems encountered in connecting included security issues, lack of on-site systems personnel with appropriate technical experience, and the costs involved.

Shodair is still working on their Internet connection.

Of the three dial-up sites, only Kalispell Regional was unable to find local Internet access. Without local access, time on the Internet requires long distance telephone charges and greatly inhibits learning about and using information resources. This observation was echoed by all the project librarians. At the close of the project, one of the dial-up sites (Alaska Indian Health Service, Anchorage) plans on becoming a full connection site linking Indian Health Service providers across Alaska.

All Pilot Connections sites found the Internet provides access to resources which they can not afford to do without. All sites have made plans to maintain connections at the close of the project/grant period. Most sites found that they spent (on average) 1-2 hours on the Internet daily. Electronic mail was the most commonly used resource followed by discussion lists and gophers.

According to Rambo, the project has been invaluable in identifying issues involved in connecting and using the Internet which can be carried over to all non-academic library settings. As so many of our colleagues have commented, if we, as librarians, don't take hold of the information superhighway and build the on-ramps for our customers, someone else will. The Pilot Connections Project has shown that librarians are the ideal people to bring the

Internet to our customers, evaluate and locate information resources, and teach others how to use these resources. (Montana Library Focus, June)

### **LEVY PASSES BIG IN BILLINGS, MONTANA**

On April 5, voters in Billings, Montana approved a 5-mill levy increase dedicated to Parnly Billings Library by a vote of 6,242 to 2,247. In an April 7 editorial, the Billings Gazette hailed the vote as "an affirmation of the future," noting that the new levy is the first increase in the public library's funding structure in 20 years.

According to Library Director Bill Cochran, the approximately 50% increase in operating revenue should allow the Library to restore service cuts made in previous years, including returning the materials budget to adequate levels, restoring Monday hours of operation, and putting a new "infomobile" on the road to replace the discontinued bookmobile service.

The levy was among recommendations developed by a 75-member Citizens' Task Force on the Future of the Library, created by the Library's Board of Trustees. The Task Force worked for nearly six months to assess the community's needs for library and information services, recommend appropriate funding mechanisms, and initiate an information campaign. (News release)



### **EMPORIA CLASS GRADUATES**

Nearly all of the 58 Emporia MLS students have completed their comprehensive exams and will be graduating in Lincoln on June 11th. This completes over 2 1/2 years of study for the program participants. The Emporia MLS degree is known for being one of the first distance learning Library Science Masters programs in the country. We wish the graduates congratulations and good luck in your new careers. (NLCommunicator, May 6)

### **NEBRASKA LIBRARY PLANNING INITIATIVE DEVELOPED**

A new initiative is being developed to help all Nebraska public libraries evaluate and improve their services. The Continuous Library Improvement Program is a streamlined planning process. It emphasizes community assessment and determination of library mission, leading to specific short-term action steps to improve library services. The program is being developed in cooperation with the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, a nationally recognized planning and community development organization

based in Nebraska.

Support for the Continuous Library Improvement Program will include a guidebook/manual, four regional training workshops, and ongoing consulting support by Library Commission and library system staff. The first activity was an introductory satellite program on February 11. Additional satellite programs took place in March, April and May. All satellite programs were videotaped and available for loan to public libraries. (SoLis, April)

### **THE ARTHUR PAUL AFGHANISTAN COLLECTION: A CENTER FOR AFGHANISTAN RESEARCH**

In 1976, Afghanistan materials consisted of about a thousand items intermixed with the Library's general collection. In the early 1980s all Afghanistan materials were pulled from various sections of the Library's collections and were placed in Room 205 of the University Library's main floor. In the fall of 1986, the Afghanistan Collection was dedicated to its original donor, Arthur Paul, and was also named the "Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection." The Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection grew over the years due to the commitments of several individuals in the Library who were determined to build, in Omaha, a center for scholarly research of Afghanistan studies.

Over the past 14 years, the size of the Arthur Paul Afghani-

stan Collection has expanded almost six times. The Collection now contains approximately several thousand titles; about 4,000 of the titles have already been cataloged on the OCLC international data base. The Collection has been made available to scholars through the Library's on-line catalog, GENISYS, and has gained a national and international scholarly reputation.

In November 1993, a rare collection of Afghanistan maps was donated to the Library by Professor John F. Shroder, Jr., the Chair of the Department of Geography and Geology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Dr. Shroder's Afghanistan map collection consisted of more than 1,300 maps. In the late 1970s Dr. Shroder was in Afghanistan as the Director of the Natural Atlas of Afghanistan project. The project was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development through the National Science Foundation.

With such a unique collection of materials on Afghanistan, it is not unusual to receive requests for materials from around the world. In the past the Library has served scholars from more than 30 different countries including Russia, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, India, Czechoslovakia, England and Scotland. —Shaista Wahab (Library User, Spring)

## Nevada

### NEVADA JOINS BCR AS MEMBER STATE

The Bibliographical Center for Research welcomed Nevada as a new BCR state member on July 1. The Nevada State Library joined its counterparts in Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Utah and Wyoming, bringing the total number of BCR state members to six. The state membership automatically extends BCR membership to every library in those states.

Savings of both time and money for OCLC services by Nevada libraries was a primary reason for the Nevada State Library's decision to join BCR. Previously, Nevada libraries had to send all of their OCLC ILL requests through the state library. Now they have direct access to OCLC. The Nevada libraries also were limited to their individual systems for searches for holdings. Now they can do one search on OCLC and view the holdings of every other library in the state, eliminating the need to do multiple searches. That saves them time, which translates into saving money. (BCR News release)

## North Dakota

### DEDICATION OF CFL'S MILITARY HERITAGE COLLECTION

On April 22, the Chester Fritz Library, North Dakota State University, dedicated its Carleton Elliott Simensen Military Heritage Collection.

Michael E. Unsworth, an expert on Japan's use of intercontinental balloon bombs during World War II, was the quest speaker at the dedication. Unsworth's presentation, entitled "Floating Vengeance: Japanese Balloon Attack on North Dakota," focused on two balloons that landed in this state.

Begun last summer, the Simensen Collection provides a resource for researchers, writers, and others interested in how United States wars and military conflicts affected community and family life in North Dakota. Currently, the Collection includes photographs and books, as well as correspondence, memoirs, and other written materials that date from 1863 to 1990. (Library News, April/May)

### THE STOXEN LIBRARY 4 *by Mark Jastorff*

What do Dickinson State University librarians, Bennett Reinke, Eileen Kopren, Jim Martz and Lillian Sorenson have in common? Answer: They all graduated from Dickinson State

University, they all earned their MLS degree from George Peabody College, and they all currently work at the Stoxen Library, Dickinson State University.

DSU is home to what may be one of the most unusual library staffs in the nation. Each staffer graduated from DSU and each graduated from GPC at the Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Together, they have served Dickinson State for 81 years. As American Libraries put it, "nothing propinks like propinquity."

The ties that bind become even stronger upon further review. Reinke taught classes that included Kopren as a student. Martz, Kopren and Sorenson all worked for Reinke as students. Martz and Reinke both taught at Mott. Likewise, the pair were taught by Matilda Stoxen, who was the University's librarian for 39 years. Stoxen was a member of the first graduating class of the institution in 1920.

Although they have the same academic lineage, each has an area of expertise and each brings a special talent to the services that Stoxen Library provides.

Reinke, Class of '63 and Director of Stoxen, is justifiably proud of the library and the personnel. "Ours is one of the finest small college staffs in the country because of the diversity and interests," says the 28-year DSU veteran. "We make it

a point to help people, be it our students, faculty or area high school students and local business people." (Good Stuff, June)

### BOOK BANNING IN BISMARCK—PART II

Readers of the February 14 Bismarck Tribune were greeted by a huge pink and red Valentine's Day "thank you" listing more than 600 teachers' names. The full-page ad was purchased by parents and grandparents of Bismarck Public Schools children, who were alarmed by attacks on teachers and librarians and by an attempt from Bismarck's Religious Right to sweep nine titles from Simle Junior High and two other public junior high schools. Titles challenged included Stephen King's *Carrie*, *Cujo*, *Thinner*, *Christine*, *The Shining*, *Pet Cemetery* [sic] and *Drawing of the Three*. This challenge was brought by Rev. Sam Freshwater.

This was the second attack on the freedom to read by the same group. Previously, Cindy Hochstetler sought to remove five novels from Hughes Junior High School Library and reading classrooms: *James and Marceline*, *Dead Birds Singing*, *Deliverance*, *Vision Quest* and *Sex Education*. Hochstetler is now on the Bismarck School Board. She won the seat by one vote after a recount threw out eight votes for the opponent.

Bismarck Public Schools library staff Pat Sandness, Konnie



Wightman and Val Morehouse and reading teachers Fran Joersz and Peggy Hoge worked diligently to research, prepare and present the professional defense necessary for each step of the district's reconsideration policy.

In the ensuing months, some Protestant and Catholic clergy have distanced themselves from Hochstetler and others by sponsoring Teacher Appreciation Day in Bismarck churches. Parents have written supportive letters. Morehouse made many phone calls and testified before the School Board on behalf of school staff, students and the First Amendment. Librarians set anti-censorship letters to the Bismarck Tribune and the Bismarck School Board. The Bismarck Tribune itself editorialized against book banning and the tactics used by Hochstetler and others.

As of this writing, the King book issue has calmed down due to an agreement between Rev. Freshwater and Simle Principal Doug Johnson and Librarian Konnie Wightman to present the issue to Simle parents by letter with excerpted profanity and reviews of the book *Christine* available for parents to read. To date, only one percent of the parents wanted their teenage readers restricted from access to King's books. Meanwhile, Rev. Freshwater has not yet read all of the books which he challenged. At the time of his challenge, he had read none, an oversight for

which he has drawn journalistic and oratorical heat.

#### King Writes Letter of Support

Wightman sent a letter to King informing him of the challenge. King responded with a letter in support to the Bismarck School librarians and teachers. Jerry Spinelli also wrote a letter in support.

King wrote: "Obviously Rev. Sam Freshwater has forgotten Jesus's advice in the Bible, where He instructed His followers to render unto Caesar those things which belong to Caesar and render unto God those things which belong to God. This was Jesus's way of saying things go better when the secular world is kept apart from the concerns of religion and religionists. In their excitement and honest desire to do good, men of the cloth like Rev. Freshwater often forget something else: it is the job of the church to show what the choices are, not to make those choices for the people of the communities which they serve."

King went on to say that he admires Wightman and other librarians fighting to protect reading sources and that he believes it is the parents who have the final say in what their children should and should not read; but that the idea of censorship is wrong and "un-American."

#### Opposition to INTERNET

Hochstetler's most recent target is the on-line library catalog and its connection to INTERNET. Because INTERNET contains bulletin boards with

adult materials, Hochstetler is intent on preventing Bismarck Public School students from obtaining books via INTERNET unless a parental permission slip is on file. (Good Stuff, June)



### STORYTELLER GETS WARM RECEPTION FROM STUDENTS IN ALASKA

What do you get when you cross an Oklahoma storyteller with a whirlwind trip to Alaska? A trail of fascinated students.

David Titus, a former school librarian, travels all over the country visiting schools and libraries and captivating audiences with his unique approach to storytelling. He recently returned from a two week trip to Alaska, where he visited schools in several small, remote towns. Some villages, such as Lake Iliamna, Koconok, and Ivanof Bay, can only be reached by small airplane, boat, or snow machine.

Titus said he tried to convey to the students in these extreme rural areas that they aren't that different from children in other parts of the world.

"I told some stories about pots of beans and making biscuits, and these students seemed to understand better than the kids here," Titus said.

"In these small villages, the children know there's more to making biscuits than just opening the can and putting them in the oven.

"It was also easy for the high school students to get involved in what I was doing," Titus said. "Here, I have to convince older students that storytelling is OK."

Titus said each of the schools he visited had full-size libraries with at least 2,500 current volumes and many facets of modern technology.

"It was wonderful to see that even in villages of 40 people, including students, there were full libraries with CD-ROM encyclopedias, computers, and automated cataloging," he said.

This was Titus' second trip to Alaska, and he has three more trips to the state planned for next year.

"I felt like I was giving and not taking," Titus said. "Many men visit these places just to take home trophy fish or antlers. I just went to tell my stories." (ODL Source, May)

### HITACHI DONATIONS

Hitachi Computer Products (America), Inc., Norman, recently donated \$7,000 to help fund children's summer programs in the Pioneer Library System. "We sincerely appreciate Hitachi's continued interest and support of our effort to promote reading in central Oklahoma," said Mary Sherman, Director of the Pioneer Library System. "Together, the library system and Hitachi

have continued their active partnership to enrich the lives of many children." The grant will help PLS libraries conduct, "Summer Yummers: Come to the Book Banquet," a reading and educational program for children beginning in June. This is the fifth year that Hitachi Computer Products (America), Inc. has donated to the library system reading program. This brings the total donation to over \$31,000 for the five year period. (Oklahoma Libraries, May/June)

## South Dakota

### STUDENT TO LIBRARIAN RATIOS REMAIN INTACT

After receiving numerous calls and letters from librarians, the S.D. State Board of Education voted 9-0 on April 19 to uphold the current mandate that a full-time librarian be employed in school systems with an enrollment over 75. Kristin Leite, School Library Media chair, extends a hearty thank you to all SDLA members who wrote letters and called Board members protesting the proposed elimination of the mandate.

State Education Secretary John Bonaiuto issued a press release in April explaining that eliminating the ratio was not an attempt to undermine library programs, but a move to give local school boards more

control and avoid an unfunded state mandate. In the April 20 Capitol Journal Bonaiuto suggests that the rules should be changed because more librarians are needed in schools. "As well-meaning as our minimum standards are, they become maximums," he said. "I don't believe the ratios speak to quality of program or are adequate for staffing."

Without the state mandate, librarians argued, many local school boards may eliminate library positions in an effort to save money. (Book Marks, July/August)

### SDLN TO ADD IAC DATABASES

The SDLN Advisory Council voted Friday, June 17, to load Information Access Company's (IAC) Magazine Index, Expanded Academic Index, and Business Index as external files on the South Dakota Library Network. Gary Johnson, SDLN operations director, says he hopes to have the files up and running by September 1st. (Book Marks, July/August)

### VIDEO LOTTERY DECISION MAY CLOSE STATE LIBRARY

The South Dakota State Library faces closing after a video lottery system, which added \$1.3 million per week to South Dakota revenue for the past five years, was declared gambling, not a lottery. The lottery

was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court in June.

After the ruling, Governor Miller asked state lawmakers to put a constitutional amendment on the November ballot and to approve a temporary one percent addition to the sales tax, to recoup the \$65 million in annual revenue the state stands to lose. The legislators approved the ballot issue but refused to add to the sales tax. Instead, they authorized the governor to spend up to \$13 million of the state's \$28.7 million reserve fund until the matter is decided in November.

The governor identified the "non-essential" state programs among them the State Library, Cultural Heritage Center, state museums, and the Arts Council, which make up the \$5 million that he would cut from the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs. In an August 1 memo, State Librarian Jane Kolbe noted that services of the library, which have been continuously available since 1913, would cease ten days after the lottery was discontinued.

"We have been on a giant, 45-person roller coaster for weeks," Kolbe told Library Hotline. After the August 12 shutdown of the machines, the governor's budget director indicated that, because the lottery revenue continued for six

weeks into the new fiscal year, jobs are secure until September 23. At any August 15 press conference, the governor said layoff notices will be issued on September 8, effective November 18. With the election on November 8, everything could change ten days before the final deadline.

An informal newspaper poll indicates a 50/50 split on the video lottery issue. There has been a battle in the state for three to four years, Kolbe explained, in which opponents of gambling have tried many avenues to get rid of the lottery. The library community has launched a petition campaign aimed at the governor and the Secretary of Education. (Library Hotline, August 22)

## Utah

### ULA AND LIBRARY-RELATED EDUCATION

On March 10, Clifford L. Draper, a loner and convicted felon in California and Oregon, took 10 people hostage at the Salt Lake City Public Library. The incident started as Tibetan monks ritually dismantled a sand painting of a mandala—a ceremony intended to promote peace. Brandishing a gun and announcing that he had a bomb as well, Draper selected his hostages and herded them into a conference room. The hostages included citizens from many walks of life who had

come to the library for a host of different purposes. Among them was a librarian—Gwen Page—and a Salt Lake County Sheriff's officer—Lloyd Prescott. Both became hostages by choice, Gwen by passing up several opportunities to leave the area, and Lieutenant Prescott by smuggling himself into the room at the last moment. More than five hours after it began, as Draper became increasingly agitated and began threatening the lives of his hostages, Lieutenant Prescott brought the crisis to an end by shooting Draper three times in the chest. He and librarian Gwen Page were both acknowledged as heroes. Both as a library community and as citizens, we are grateful that a situation so potentially deadly ended with the loss of no more than one life.

This incident at the Salt Lake City Public Library, as well as other recent cases of deadly violence in public libraries in Buckeye, Arizona, and Sacramento, California, are the most dramatic illustrations I know of a simple truth: libraries cannot escape the currents that sweep through the society which they serve. An eloquently-worded mission statement, which seems timeless in portraying an institution that serves an ideal of the public good; policies designed to acknowledge to the greatest extent possible the rights of citizens to participate in the "marketplace of ideas"; and procedures in-

tended to make service "user friendly" and to insure that all patrons, regardless of their antecedents, are treated according to a high standard of fairness—none of these protect the library from the realities of

County Library System testifies). The decline in civil behavior and common politeness, recently addressed in a feature article in the Salt Lake Tribune and in a special CNN report, is now accepted as a matter of

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Homelessness and lack of adequate care for the mentally ill are evident each day in virtually every urban library in the country. Vandalism, especially in the form of graffiti, appears not only in urban settings, but in libraries serving upper-income suburban neighborhoods as well (to which the Sandy Branch of the Salt Lake

course at library reference, information and circulation desks.

What does this mean for librarians and library associations, such as ULA? ULA's mission dedicates it to advancing the interests of libraries and librarians. Certainly, this obligation includes expanding the notion of "library education"

beyond its traditional connotations. Along with cataloging, reference work, and information systems—the staples of graduate library education curricula—library employees at every level must have an opportunity to confront those issues and problems outside of "librarianship" proper which can have impacts on both their job performance and their personal safety.

Where will they find these opportunities? Many libraries do an excellent job of in-service training relevant to these concerns. Some cities and counties offer training which library employees can take advantage of as well. The Utah State Library is also actively involved in continuing education for library employees and trustees, especially through Project Uplift. But the major responsibility for meeting the needs of on-going library-related education clearly rests with ULA. It is a responsibility which ULA has held, and remains anxious to accept. Programs for the 1995 ULA conference are being planned now. If you have issues, topics or concerns which you would like to see addressed at the conference, now is the time to make them known to ULA officers involved with conference planning. These officers want the programs offered at the conference to be relevant to the needs of members. They can

best assure relevance by hearing from the members themselves.

Was there a time when libraries were seen as places of refuge from the world, ivory towers, or, in the words of a librarian in colonial America, a fair garden to be protected from the swarm of beasts? Perhaps there was; but it is not now. ULA is committed to insuring that continuing education in the state matches the needs of the times. The needs of our time clearly require us to understand, perhaps more thoroughly than ever before, issues such as personal and institutional liability, security, interacting with violent people, policies and procedures for dealing with crises, and the role of the library in serving the unserved.

Pete Giacoma, ULA President  
(Utah Libraries/NEWS, May)

## Wyoming

### LAN PROJECT UNDERWAY AT WSL

The Wyoming State Library has installed a local area network (LAN), which will eventually permit other state agencies to have access to its CD-Rom servers. WSL's LAN is connected to the Cheyenne campus area network, a fiber optics information backbone connecting state office buildings in Cheyenne, which is, in

turn, connected to the Wyoming Internetwork, a wide area network using the state's TI network.

Recent e-mail software configuration permits state library employees to send and receive mail via the Internet on the LAN. Additional benefits will allow employees to share files and printers, and file backups will be executed daily.

Plans for the LAN began in September 1993, when a team was selected to look into the costs and benefits. The team researched programs, costs and benefits for the LAN, with the assistance of the Computer Technology Division of the Department of Administration and Information. (Outrider, May/June)

### WSL WINS "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD

WSL's publications and marketing office received an American Library Association (ALA) "Best of Show" award for its *Catalog of Wyoming State Grant Programs*, published in September 1993. Julie Hurd, publications technician, designed the catalog and Priscilla Golden, WSL reference librarian, gathered the data.

The *Catalog of Wyoming State Grant Programs* was designed to outline grant programs administered by the state of Wyoming and serves as an aid for potential grant applicants.

The catalog placed first in a

category with 167 entries. The Wyoming State Library last won a "Best of Show" award in 1985. (Outrider, May/June)

### HIDDEN LIFE OF LIBRARIANS

As a part of a month-long, community-wide celebration honoring past and current contributions of women, the Teton County Library sponsored "Hidden Life of Librarians." The art exhibit ran from March 18-April 16 and demonstrated the talents and interests of the all-woman staff. Included in the exhibit were ink drawings, oil paintings, bargello needlepoint, outdoor adventures, wearable art, leaded glass, photography, collectibles and poetry. The public was invited to an opening reception with edible art prepared by the skilled library personnel. At least one art piece has been sold, and the community relations were great. Teton County staff recommends this kind of sharing of "secrets." (Outrider, April)

### RARE BOOKS, ARCHIVES AVAILABLE TO RESEARCHERS AT NEW MCCRACKEN LIBRARY

For over 65 years, the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, has collected rare books, periodicals, manuscripts, documents, and photographic materials to support

curatorial research in Western and regional history, in Western American art, in the history and technology of firearms, and in the cultures and history of the Plains Indians and other indigenous American peoples. Formally dedicated in 1980, the Harold McCracken Research Library's reference services are available to the visiting public as well as the museum's staff.

Since 1980, the library has grown from 3,000 bound volumes to 15,000. The collection features rare books such as Henry Lewis's *The Valley of the Mississippi* and George Catlin's *Native American Indian Portfolio*; the complete Pacific Railroad surveys with all illustrations intact; and over 3,000 Buffalo Bill dime novels and comic books. Another 7,000 volumes make up the Yale Western Americana microfilm files, a 61-reel store of rare books, pamphlets and broadsides concerning the history of the Rocky Mountain region and the western plains.

Extensive special collections available to serious researchers include photographs, manuscripts, scrapbooks and correspondence in the William F. Cody Archives; books pertaining to and written by Frederic Remington; the human history of Yellowstone National Park; the Winchester Repeating Arms Company Corporate Archives; and Reports and Bulletins from the Bureau of American Ethnology. Additional archival collections include those of Frank

Tenny Johnson, W.H.D. Koerner, and J.H. Sharp.

For researchers interested in photography and in photographic depictions of the American West, the Harold McCracken Research Library has acquired some 250,000 photographs covering Buffalo Bill's Wild West, early rodeo competitions, and other Western subjects. The glass plate negatives and prints of "cowboy photographer" Charles J. Belden, and the Vincent Mercado and Jack Richard collections of historical photographs depicting Plains Indian peoples visually document customs and housing styles that have evolved since the time the photographs were taken.

New in 1994 at the Harold McCracken Research Library is a 7,200 square foot facility which provides extensive storage, shelving, cabinets, and research space for collections previously housed within the 2,000 square feet originally dedicated in 1980. Computer automation including access to regional catalogues is in the planning stages.

The Harold McCracken Research Library, located on the lower level of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, is open to students, researchers, and patrons year-round, Monday through Friday, 8-5. Some materials and extended research are available by appointment only. During winter months when the museum is closed, access to the library is by appointment.



## ABOUT YOU

Ann Bailey, Northwest Kansas Library System, and  Jeff Hixon, North Central Kansas Library System, were accepted to participate in the Internetworking Rural Libraries Institute, an intensive training program on electronic networking ...  Mary Bushing, Head of Collection Development, Montana State Universities, was elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Montana Library Association ...  Mary E. DeGeer, Children's Librarian, Bartlesville (OK) Public Library, was named "Outstanding New Librarian" by the Oklahoma Library Association ...  Cary Hartmann, Assistant Director, Laramie County (WY) Library System, was been chosen as one of 32 librarians to attend the Snowbird Leadership Institute in Utah. July 28-August 2 ...  Helma Howkins, Head of Children's Services at the Jefferson County (CO) Standley Lake Library, is moving to Kansas City (MO) where she will be Coordinator of Children's Services for the Kansas City Public Library ...  Holly LaBossiere, formerly Adult Services Librarian, is the new City Librarian for Ponca City, Oklahoma ...  Joyce Lee, for-

merly Assistant Director, Nevada State Library and Archives, is now the Library Director for UWC-Barron County, in Rice Lake, WI ...  Janet Norrod, Children's Librarian, Laramie County (WY) Library System, will be traveling to China this fall. She was one of 20-25 people selected to represent the United States in the Citizens Ambassador Exchange program...  Steve Skidmore, formerly Ponca City (OK) Library Director, is now Administrative Librarian at the West Chicago (IL) Public Library District ...  Darlene Staffeldt, Director of Information Resources, Montana State Library, was elected as MPLA representative for the Montana Library Association.

## JOBLIST

Deadline: Not indicated.  
Branch Head Librarian  
Davis County Library  
Salary: \$28,060 to \$41,360  
DOQ

Need Branch Head for the Central Branch Library in Layton, Utah. Person will supervise a very busy branch with a staff of 14, and perform reference duties and will participate in the system's administrative group. Branch was built in 1988. 65,000 item collection. Utilizes Dynix system.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS; or a minimum of five years of full-time public library employment and a master's degree in public

administration or business management; three years of supervisory experience at the branch librarian level or higher preferred; minimum of two years of supervisory experience in a public-service setting required.

Request application from Davis County Office of Personnel Management, PO Box 618, Farmington, UT 84025. 801/451-3415. TDD 801/451-3228.

EOE

Deadline: October 7  
Branch Library Manager  
Mohave County Library District

Salary: \$27,185

Librarian needed to manage the District's C.C. Memorial Branch Library. 40,000 item collection. Must be able to work well within a strong district-wide system in the fifth largest county in the U.S. District uses Sirsi's Unicorn Automation system for OPAC and circulation functions. New building program initiated. Challenge guaranteed for a highly motivated, creative individual.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS, a minimum of two years supervisory experience, computer background, and a proven track record in library programming for youth, adults and special interest groups.

For applications, contact Mohave County Personnel, PO Box 7000, Kingman, AZ 86402. Call 602/73-0736, ext. 4116. TDD: 602/753-0726.

Deadline: October 21  
Assistant Professor/Assistant  
Cataloger  
Oklahoma State University  
Library

Salary: \$25,003 for 11  
months DOQ

Responsible for cataloging  
serials/monographs in all  
subject areas using  
AACR2, DDC, LCSH, and  
MARC. Assist in manage-  
ment of authority work and  
control. Supervise and  
train the database main-  
tenance staff. Participate  
in special projects. Train/  
supervise copy cataloging  
of one support staff.

Qualifications: ALA/MLS;  
experience with auto-  
mated cataloging system,  
preferably OCLC; one or  
more years cataloging ex-  
perience preferred.

Send resume and names  
and addresses of three  
references to: Mrs. Jackie  
German, Senior Adminis-  
trative Associate, Edmon  
Low Library, Oklahoma  
State University, Stillwater,  
OK 74078-0375. 405/  
744-6324.

EO/AEE

Deadline: October 21  
Library Director  
Rapid City (SD) Public Li-  
brary

Salary: \$37K to \$45K DOQ  
With an annual circulation  
over 400,000 the Library  
serves a progressive City  
of 55,000 in area with  
year-round recreational  
opportunities near the  
beautiful Black Hills, Bad-  
lands, and Mt. Rushmore.  
Manages a staff of 40

FTE's; promotes library and  
its goals in close working  
relationship with local and  
governmental entities and  
other libraries. Automated  
with Unysis PALS on state-  
wide network.

Qualifications: MLS, six years  
increasingly responsible li-  
brary experience, at least  
two years of which have  
been in a mid-level or  
higher supervisory capac-  
ity, and demonstrated ex-  
cellent interpersonal skills.  
For consideration, forward  
detailed resume to Per-  
sonnel Director, City of  
Rapid City, 300 Sixth Street,  
Rapid City, SD 57701, or  
fax 605/394-2232.

EOE

Available: January 1, 1995  
Government Documents  
Reference Librarian  
University of Oklahoma  
Salary: \$27K minimum

Under the general direction  
of the Head of the Refer-  
ence Department, this po-  
sition is responsible for the  
management of the Uni-  
versity Libraries' govern-  
ment publications collec-  
tions, including federal,  
state, and international  
documents. Supervises  
three full-time clerical staff  
and student assistants, and  
is responsible for the plan-  
ning, implementation, and  
review of government  
document services, proce-  
dures, and programs.

Qualifications: Require ALA/  
MLS; pre-professional or  
professional experience in  
a government documents  
department; and knowl-  
edge of data base search-  
ing and library instruction  
concepts and methods.

Desire experience in a li-  
brary reference depart-  
ment; knowledge of mi-  
crocomputer applications;  
effective communications  
skills; some supervisory  
experience; second  
master's degree or addi-  
tional graduate work in  
political science, history, or  
related field; and evidence  
of research and publica-  
tion.

Send letter of application with  
resume, a list of publica-  
tions and the names of  
three references including  
current supervisor to:  
Donald C. Hudson, Assis-  
tant to the Dean for Ad-  
ministrative Services, Uni-  
versity Libraries, University  
of Oklahoma, Norman, OK  
73019, 405/325-2611.

EO/AEE employer.

Available: January 1, 1995  
Cataloger (monographs)  
University of Oklahoma  
Salary: \$27K minimum

Under the general direction  
of the Head of the Catalog  
Department, this Cataloger  
uses the RLIN, OCLC, and  
NOTIS system to perform  
original cataloging of  
monographs in music and  
several other subjects and  
in a variety of languages in  
both book and non-book  
formats. This individual  
works with name, series  
and subject authority con-  
trol and other general as-  
signments.

Qualifications: Require ALA/  
MLS; knowledge of  
AACR2, MARC formats, LC  
classification and subject

headings; familiarity with  
automated cataloging sys-  
tems; bibliographic knowl-  
edge of European lan-  
guages. Desire broad edu-  
cational background in-  
cluding music; evidence  
of research or creative  
achievement; effective  
communication skills and  
some supervisory experi-  
ence.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Oct. 5-8 Wyoming Library  
Association, Gillette

Oct. 26-28 Nebraska  
Library Association,  
Omaha

Oct. 26-29 Mountain  
Plains Library Associa-  
tion/ Nevada Library  
Association, North Lake  
Tahoe

Nov. 2-7 Colorado Library  
Association, Keystone

Nov. 9-13 ALA/American  
Association of School  
Librarians, Indianapolis,  
IN

Nov. 30- Dec. 4 Arizona  
State Library Association,  
Phoenix

### 1995

Feb. 3-9 American Library  
Association (Midwinter),  
Philadelphia

- Feb. 8-12 Music Library Association, Atlanta  
Mar. 15-18 Utah Library Association, Salt Lake City  
Mar. 22-24 Kansas Triconference/KLS, KAECT, KASL, Topeka  
Mar. 23-25 PLA/Cluster, Chicago  
Mar. 29-Apr. 1 ALA/Assn. of College and Research Libraries, Pittsburgh  
Apr. 26-29 Montana Library Association, Billings  
Apr. 26-29 Oklahoma Library Association, Tulsa  
June 3-6 American Booksellers Association, Chicago  
June 10-15 Special Libraries Association, Montreal, PQ  
June 22-29 American Library Association, Chicago

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

## MPLA JOBLIST

JOBLIST is a feature of the MPLA Newsletter for advertising position openings.

- MPLA institutional members may place job advertisements in this newsletter's Joblist section at no charge.
- All other institutions may list jobs at \$1.25/line.
- JOBLIST appears in issues for the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- Send JOBLIST ads to Jim Dertien, MPLA Newsletter, Sioux Falls Public Library, 201 North Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57102. FAX 605/335-4312.

## MPLA JOBLINE

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.

# Professional Development Assistance

## Seminars Institutes Workshops Coursework Conferences Independent Learning/Research Projects

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all of which may be used for the following: formal college or university classroom work, independent study programs, attendance at workshops, conferences or seminars, or participation in any other activity that will benefit libraries and the library community in our region. (Members are eligible after one full year of membership.)

For more information see your Membership Information brochure or write: Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Executive Secretary, c/o I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.

**Plan ahead now for your 1994 & 1995 continuing education opportunities. Please contact us for application information.**



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## **Inside MPLA** Professional Development Grants Program

MPLA sponsors a professional development grants program to improve library service in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in library or related professions. The program is administered by the Professional Development Grants Committee.

**Projects funded:** The defined areas for which grant awards are given is intentionally a broad interpretation of possible actions for individual MPLA members to use when applying for Professional Development Grants. It is also intended to allow the Professional Development Grants Committee full latitude and responsibility for the evaluation and response to grant applications.

Grants are awarded to support the following (not listed in priority order):

1. formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or a related discipline;
2. formal course work not leading to an advanced degree but directly related to an individual's library position;
3. attendance as a participant or a presenter at a library or scholarly workshop, seminar, or conference, including the MPLA annual conference;
4. visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures; and
5. library related research projects.

MPLA sponsors two categories of grant listed below.

**Mini-grant** Funding for projects requiring minimal financial support.

**Regular grant** Funding for projects requiring substantial financial support, and for occasional funding of professional development opportunities requiring travel outside the United States.

The MPLA Board annually allocates a budget to support the grants program. Grant funding to an individual is awarded to reimburse actual expenses incurred during a project. The maximum amount awarded in each of the grant categories is: Mini-grant—\$150; Regular Grant—\$600.

**Eligibility:** An applicant must be a resident of a state in the MPLA region. For a Mini-Grant the applicant need only be a current member of MPLA. For a Regular Grant the applicant must be a current member of MPLA and must have been a member for the past two years (total of 3 consecutive years). A past recipient may not apply for another grant until three years have elapsed following the end of the calendar year in which the previous grant was approved.

For additional information and application information please contact Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.