

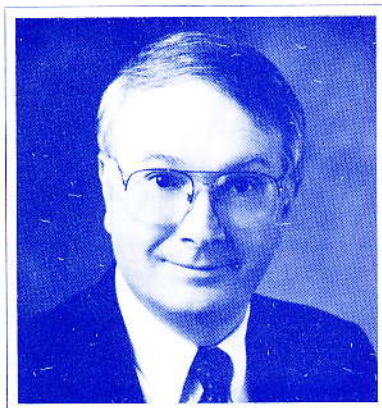
In memory of a

Master Librarian

J. Dennis Day
1942-1995

J. Dennis Day, director of the Salt Lake City Public Library System for almost two decades, passed away on August 3, 1995. Though he left a legacy of intellectual wealth to his community, the loss of this humble but dynamic leader still is —

and will continue to be — sharply felt in Utah and in the world of libraries.



Dennis died like he lived, with modesty and dignity, with little public notice. But his generous, behind-the-scenes contributions to learning are anything but modest. His reputation as a progressive protector of public information extended far beyond Utah's borders.

During Dennis' 19-year career in Salt Lake City, the city library system thrived. His mastery of the budget process facilitated growth and improvement, despite several lean revenue years. Besides adding two branch libraries and renovating the others, he boosted library usage to one of the highest levels of any major city system in the country.

His good humor and enthusiasm for life and learning were boundless. Instead of claiming credit for himself, he directed the spotlight to others, nurtured new librarians' skills and encouraged consensus. Though adroitly preventing controversy when possible—his library won the John Cotton Dana Award for outstanding community relations programs three times—he stalwartly championed individual freedom to read and obtain information that might improve lives.

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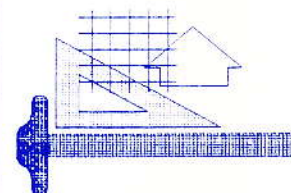
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In 1979 Dennis rallied librarians and others to the defense of Davis County Library Director Jeanne Layton, whose resistance to local censorship threatened her job.

Dennis held state, regional, national and international library leadership positions. Most recently, he served as the American Library Association representative for public libraries to the International Federation of Library Associations and chaired the American Library Association Development Committee. From 1986-1988 he was Chair of the American Library Association's Committee on Freedom and Equality of Access to Information., Additional leadership positions included President,

Mountain Plains Library Association, 1990-91; President, Freedom to Read Foundation, 1986-87; President, Utah Library Association, 1979-1980; President, Ohio Library Association, 1975-76; and American Library Association Executive Board, 1987-1993. He founded and directed the nationally replicated Snowbird Leadership Institute, which identifies and motivates leaders for libraries, and he oversaw the development of the library's first procedure manual and personnel code. His remarkable performance was recognized with the Freedom to Read Foundation's 1995 Roll of Honor Award and the Mountain Plains Library Association's 1993

Distinguished Service Award. (The above was adapted from an editorial appearing in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, August 15, and from a Salt Lake City Public Library media release.)



Blueprint for the Future Tri-Conference MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Sioux Falls, Oct. 4-7 Report

672 persons, including 74 exhibitors, were in Sioux Falls for the 1995 Tri-Conference.

Thanks to outstanding program planning by persons from all three associations, this proved to be a conference that kept attendees buzzing with excitement for what they were learning.

The local arrangements team provided an Internet room, terrific entertainment, and first-rate registration and visitor assistance.

Around the Region



Arizona

School Partnership

Joint-use libraries have arrived in Scottsdale, Ariz., to the delight of municipal officials and Scottsdale Public Library Director Judy Register. The Aug. 21 opening of Scottsdale Public Library's Palomino branch inside the new Desert Mountain High School is the first fruit of a recent public library-school district partnership that promises to triple the number of SPL branches by November 1996.

Register, who has received numerous calls from curious colleagues, emphasized that "this isn't a cheap way of getting out of providing library services. The savings is up front in capital costs." She told *American Libraries* that school district officials had contacted the library some five years ago as they made the municipal rounds "looking for partnerships" to help them "design a high school for the twenty-first century."

SPL administrators were receptive, having been stymied in locating

a site for a new branch in the same general vicinity because of a lack of available city land. (*American Libraries*, October)

YUMA-R What Yu-Eat

Get ready for more word play...the Friends of the Yuma County Libraries has once again announced the distribution of free placemats to all Yuma County restaurants. Funded by the Friends, the new placemat was created by Joan Murray and offers a palette of basic library district information and word game entertainment

for the kids. You might notice that one added item of interest on this year's placemat is information about the library's access service to the Current Community Information Database, which provides information about local current events, organizations and more. For more information about these new placemats or about Yuma County Library activities, programs and services, contact the Yuma County Library at (520) 782-1871. (*Arizona Libraries Newsweek*, August 7)

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A Home Library Away from Home

Out-of-town visitors come to the Main Library throughout the year - many of them just to read or relax, some to enjoy a change from motel rooms or recreational vehicle parks, most to find information on places to see while they're in the area.

While the handsome building off Wheeler Park is often the magnet that draws tourists, once inside, the Visitor Information Center introduces them to the area's scenic and historic attractions, offers in-depth information about Native American culture and crafts, and about recreational activities: hiking, mountain biking, camping, hunting, boating.

Tourists pour over the maps, pamphlets, and books in the Center and appreciate, in the words of one visitor, the "good resources on local information." Books on Flagstaff history, the natural history and geology of the area, even on Arizona place names are available there. Foreign visitors interested in the Grand Canyon find guides in five languages: Italian, French, Spanish,

Japanese and Chinese.

In the years since its opening was made possible in 1990 by the city's hospitality tax, the Center has drawn foreign visitors from places as distant as Singapore and Australia to our closer neighbors Canada and Mexico; and from New York on the East Coast to San Diego and San Francisco on the West.

More than one visitor registers an envious "Fantastic. Best library I've ever seen. How lucky you are." A Phoenician's generous statement.: "You can tell a great deal about a community by its library - yours is great."

Perhaps the finest compliment of all came from an Auckland, New Zealand visitor: "I'd like to take this library home with me." (*Flagstaff City - Coconino County Public Library Friends Newsletter*, Fall)

Flagstaff Receives Grant

A \$14,340 grant, funded by the Arizona Community Foundation, has been awarded to the Flagstaff City-Coconino County PL to support a series of storytime programs in Flagstaff and Coconino County for

preschoolers, including training sessions for their teachers, paraents and caregivers. This one year project, entitled "The Public Library, Emergent Literacy, and the Pre-school Age Child" will involve the library contracting for the services of professional storytellers Russell Mann and AnneDel Paxton to conduct on-site training at approximately twenty facilities, demonstrating how to present literature and language experience. A teacher handbook and parent pamphlet will also be developed to augment the training.

Colorado

Read the Rockies Program Reaches 6-Month Goal of 3 Million Books Read

Colorado residents successfully met a challenge by a coalition of reading groups to read 3 million books in six months from April to October. The final tally for the "Read the Rockies" program, sponsored among others by the Colorado Center for the Book, was 3,112,492.

Center for the Book Director Kimberly Taylor reported that by the end of October "we were inundated with tallies." A seventy-six year old couple from Aurora got their tally in just under the wire and it was postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma. Marjorie Stanley wrote, "Have been traveling and not reading as much - unless road maps count!" The Stanleys were responsible for 63 books between the two of them. The Delta Correctional Facility inmates sent in a tally of 131 books read. Kendallvue Elementary School in Jefferson County sent in a total of 8,005 books read. The Colorado Department of Education worked hard to encourage schools to read, but also had their own internal campaign for employees. CDE turned in over 1,100 books read.

Besides the Center for the Book, the campaign was sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, Aurora Public Library, Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Educational Media Association, Colorado Library Association,

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Colorado State Library, Denver Public Schools, Libraries Unlimited, Rocky Mountain News and the Tattered Cover. Plans are underway to launch a similar activity for 1996. (*Nexus News*, Oct-Nov)

Newest Branch Library Helps Bring Money to the Community

A unique partnership between the Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) and the El Pomar Foundation has resulted in the addition of a new branch library for PPLD.

The El Pomar Nonprofit Resource Library, in the El Pomar Center at 1661 Mesa Ave., has a collection for nonprofit personnel and those interested in the nonprofit sector to find funding resources and information on foundation and corporate giving.

The El Pomar Foundation, established by Spencer Penrose in 1937 to benefit the people of the state of Colorado, opened the El Pomar Center in 1992 to promote and recognize excellence in nonprofit

organizations through a variety of professional enrichment opportunities and activities.

The partnership between PPLD and the El Pomar Foundation is unique in that officials know of no other collaboration of its kind between a charitable or philanthropic institution and a public library.

"This collaboration is aimed at providing just another way of enabling nonprofits and others to reach into the vast storehouse of funding sources available,"

according to Bernard A. Margolis, PPLD director. "It's exciting that we can help people bring more funds into our community." (*Check It Out*, Nov.)

Westminster Public Library Wins PR Award

A recent marketing campaign for the Westminster Public Library, "I Found It Myself on the Library Shelf" has won a Silver Circle award in the ICMA (City-County Communications and Market Association) Savvy Public Information Competition.

The marketing campaign, which was launched last spring, so far has resulted in an average 25% increase in circulation at Westminster's two libraries. The campaign was designed to capture the imagination of what a library can be and increase awareness of the library. It included a color brochure distributed to all Westminster residents, bookmarks, a Library Fest event, promotional items, movie theater ads, and increased outreach programming.

The Savvy Awards are the highest honor 3CMA bestows, presented annually to local government professionals whose program and projects have demonstrated outstanding qualities of creativeness, innovation and effectiveness. (*Nexus News*, Oct-Nov.) **Business by E-mail**

The Business Resource Center of the Aurora Public Library announces a new reference service. Inquiries about information of a business nature may be sent by e-mail, with the goal of returning answers within 12 hours

depending on traffic. For more information contact Betsy Baxendale, Business Librarian at: borbiz@netman.ci.aurora.co.us (*Nexus News*, September)

Partnership for Teens at the Lakewood Library

Beginning October 5th, Jefferson County (CO) Public Library and Our Lady of Fatima School will offer after-school activities for Lakewood's 7th and 8th graders every Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm at the Lakewood Library.

Teens will talk about the coolest things to read, and do other neat stuff like produce readers' theater and work with videos. And they'll learn the absolute fastest ways to find what they need to do their homework. The free programs will be developed with advice from 7th and 8th graders, and parent volunteers.

Partnership for Teens is presented in cooperation with Our Lady of Fatima's "Safe and Drug Free School" Committee. Community volunteers are welcome. (news release)

Kansas



CyberVillage Comes to Lawrence

The Lawrence CyberVillage, the Official Internet Gateway to the community of Lawrence, KS, is online. This partnership is between the City of Lawrence and the Lawrence Public Library.

The Lawrence CyberVillage has been about a year in the making, with the role of the City and Library in developing the service crystallizing over the summer. Actual CyberVillage HTML coding began in earnest a couple of months ago. Four Lawrence Public Library staffers are the CyberVillage "webweavers": Karen Davis, John Funke, Kim Patton, and Jeannette Shawl. They will be joined by the City of Lawrence Public Information Officer, a new position that will be filled by January 1996. Rod Bremby, Assistant City Manager, and myself [Bruce Flanders], are the CyberVillage administrators. We will be advised by an "Internet Re-

sources Advisory Board," which is Mayor-appointed, and which is comprised of individuals from the community who represent major constituencies.

We invite you to view CyberVillage. Its Internet address is:

<http://www.idir.net/~lpl/lcv.html> This is a temporary address, as we will be getting our own Internet domain name soon. (*NEKLS News*, November)

Montana



GIS Clearinghouse

The Montana State Library, working with the federal Environmental Protection Agency, has developed a geographic information system (GIS) to support the Superfund cleanup of the Clark Fork River, which has sustained pollution of heavy metals leaching into its rivers and ground waters from years of copper mining and smelting activities. The library had a Natural Resource Information

System (NRIS) program already developed to make data on Montana's natural resources easily and readily accessible. The GIS program the library developed is heavily dependent on interagency agreements, such as those with the U.S. Forest Service, Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Department of State Lands, and Department of Agriculture. After focusing on the Superfund project for two years, the library began to take on a lot of new projects providing consulting and spatial analysis, cartographic and database design, maps and data acquisition and coordination, as well as water-quality assessment, timber management, wildlife habitat research, facility management, emergency and transportation planning, soil analysis, census, and legislative apportionment. Individuals who want to view GIS databases have free access via the computer in the library or via the Internet. In the last two years, the NRIS GIS has served more than 150 individuals on the Superfund project alone,

filled more than 3,000 requests for service, and delivered more than 8,000 copies of maps. (*Government Finance Review* August)

Activity Tables

Parmly Billings Library Youth Services is delighted with the addition of two activity tables designed to keep young patrons busy while their parents are looking for books and other library materials. The first activity table features connecting blocks which young patrons can use to build creations of their choosing. The second is a bead table that features a 3-dimensional maze that looks like a different face from each side. Parents and youngsters have been delighted with the activity tables which have been in constant use since they arrived. Parmly Billings Library would like to thank the Billings Women's Club, which purchased the tables for the Youth Services area. (*Turning Page*, August)

Parmly Billings Takes to the Airwaves

Each week staff members at Parmly Billings Library get an

opportunity to have their fifteen minutes of fame by participating in "The Library Show," a weekly half hour television show produced at the library by Community Seven, the local access cable channel in Billings, shown every Monday evening at 5:30.

"The Library Show," which began production last September, gives library staff members an opportunity to talk about ongoing children's and adult programs at the library, discuss new books or audio visual materials, and interview local guests who will give programs at the library.

Last summer, library staff began to examine additional ways to advertise the services and programs at the library. During the recent successful campaign that the library waged to increase its mill levy, KSVI-TV 6 produced two 30-second commercials for television and the library worked with Community Seven to produce a 40 minute tour of the library. The success of these efforts prompted the library to look seriously at a weekly television show.

Twice a month two

shows are taped that will be shown over four Monday evenings. Since the library building is wired for cable, and the television studio is across the street, the program is filmed and produced on the library premises at one taping. Three library staff members share the honors of being the host for the show. Others on the staff take turns discussing new books or audio visual materials.

Each program is divided into three parts. The first part consists of the host talking with a staff member about upcoming children's and adult programs. The second part consists of reviews of new library materials. In the third part, the host will conduct an interview with a local author or someone who will be presenting a program at the library.

Since beginning production of "The Library Show," over 20 programs have appeared on channel 7, and we have found that this has been another successful means of advertising our services. *Jim Peters*, Parmly-Billings Library. (*Montana Library Focus*, June)



Nebraska

Electronic Reserve

A portion of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Library's gopher, located on the library's REVELATION file server, has been set aside for electronic reserve. Many of you are familiar with the reserve room located in the northeast corner of the first floor of the library. Through placing material on reserve, professors can easily make available course related materials for their students by grouping them under an appropriate course number. Opening the "virtual reserve" on the Library Gopher permits greater access to many of these types of materials. Students can connect to the Electronic Reserve Desk and find a listing of electronic files listed under their professor's name or course number. The greatest advantage is that this can be done at any time and from anywhere. REVELATION remains on 24 hours a day, and can be accessed through the internet from one of the campus computer user

rooms, or from home or office through the use of a modem. (*Library User*, Fall)

Library Commission Receives Nebraska Development Network Award

The Nebraska Library Commission received diamond member recognition for its contribution to the Nebraska Development Network (NDN). The Library Commission's Nebraska@Online service was developed in cooperation with the NDN and facilitates access to information and communication for economic and community development purposes. Rod Wagner, Commission Director, serves as the Governor's representative on the NDN Board of Directors and is a member of the NDN Executive Committee. The NDN is a non-profit corporation with over 250 organizational and individual members, including a number of Nebraska libraries. The NDN was created to aid in the promotion of economic and community development. Bronze member contribution awards were given to: UNL's Love Library,

Clarkson College, and Irple Ruby, Librarian at McCook Community College. For more information, contact JoAnn McManus at NDN, 402-471-3775. (*NCompass*, Spring)



Nevada

1994 Francis Keppel Award Presented to Nevada

Nevada received recognition for the quality of information and the timeliness of submission of their annual public library statistics at the 7th annual Federal-State Cooperative System Training Workshop in Austin, Texas. The Francis Keppel awards are presented annually by the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS). Named for Dr. Francis Keppel, a former U.S. Commissioner of Education and a member of NCLIS, the award is an abacus with engraved brass plates.

The award was

presented to Diane Baker as coordinator of public library statistics and to State Librarian Joan Kerschner. This is the third consecutive year Nevada has received this award. (*InfoConnection*, Summer-Fall)

Washoe County "Branch" Opened on the Internet

The newest branch of the Washoe County Library, NV, is the "Internet Branch," available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, serving 15,000 Internet users in the county, and operated at a monthly cost of \$55, according to Library Director Nancy Cummings.

The menu of choices on the home page is arranged like a physical library. The "bookstacks" contain 850 electronic texts to read on-screen or download. The "children's room" offers illustrated children's books and background resources for parents and teachers. In the "local information center," users can view the latest weather forecast and satellite photo, check highway conditions, and explore web pages from local cities. Other

"rooms" are dedicated to reference sources, periodicals, government documents, and maps. Users can ask a question or offer a comment via an E-mail feature. Information is also available on branch locations and hours and library programs and policies and gateways lead to the University of Nevada and University of California library catalogs and the Library of Congress.

John Kupersmith is Internet services librarian. Contact him at 702-785-4137. (*Library Hotline*, September)

North Dakota

CD ROM Database Usage Proves to be Cost Effective

The popularity of electronic database products in the Chester Fritz Library continues to increase and is rapidly becoming cost effective as well. Overall usage rose from 11,392 users last year to 19,453 users this year, an increase of 59 percent.

As larger volumes of students use electronic

database products the per user cost of offering such services declines. The lower the cost per user the more efficient it becomes to make the database available and justify continuance of the subscription cost. For example, PsychLit, the most expensive database at \$4,252 cost only .90 per user because of the large volume of students using it. Dissertation Abstracts, another expensive database at \$2,145, cost .79 per user.

During the past year the Library networked heavily used databases so that more than one user may take advantage of them at the same time. [pederson@plains.nodak.edu] (*Chester Fritz Library, UND, Library News*, Sept-Oct.)

Lending to Physically Impaired

Beginning September 1, the North Dakota State Library has been offering those physically unable to read books the opportunity to hear them on tape. The Library began as a project just over one year ago. Sally Oremland is Coordinator of Library Services, and has processed over 10,000 requests during

the first month. This program replaces the lending program that North Dakota contracted with the South Dakota State Library. The Library is funded by congress as well as state and other private sources such as Bush Foundation and North Dakota Association for the Blind. In addition, the Library will be heavily dependent on volunteers, especially those who help shelve and record books on tape. Also, a special arrangement with the U.S. Post Office, called Federal Postage Forgone, materials will be delivered overnight. (*State representative report*)

US West Awards Grant to Library

Students in North Dakota will now have a place on the World Wide Web to find regional educational and historical information. The Chester Fritz Library has been awarded a \$10,900 competitive grant from the US West Foundation to purchase an Internet server for this innovative K-12 education project.

This project, tentatively named the Teddy Roosevelt Rough Rider Web, will enhance the

educational experience of North Dakota's children. Examples of the type of information that will be found on the web site include recipients of the North Dakota Rough Rider Award, government and legislative information, as well as primary information from the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections.

As part of the effort to provide information that compliments North Dakota education, regional educators will be asked to participate in identifying materials suitable for the project. (*Chester Fritz Library News*, Summer)

North Dakota State Library and Prairie Online

Online access to the North Dakota State Library has been expanded. Prairie Online (operated by Prairie Public TV in Fargo, ND) and the North Dakota State Library have formed a partnership to include electronic request forms for books, periodicals/newspaper articles, information, renewals, audio-visual, and request a library card. (*Flickertale*, May/August)

Oklahoma

Libraries Receive ALA Grants

Two Oklahoma libraries recently received \$3,000 grants from the Viburnum Foundation to develop family literacy programs.

The Guymon and Purcell public libraries received the grants for one-year projects that began on September 1, 1995 and will end on September 1, 1996. Guymon's partners in this project are the Guymon Literacy Council and the Cultural Awareness Committee of the Guymon Task Force. Purcell Public Library's partners include Purcell Public Schools-Oklahoma Parents as Teachers, and Delta Head Start.

Rural libraries in Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas also received Viburnum grants, made possible by the American Library Association Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. (*ODL Source*, September)

OneNet Grant

The Oklahoma

Department of Libraries has notified 100 public libraries in the state that they will receive hardware and software, which will enable them to access the Internet through Oklahoma's OneNet plan. Funds totaling \$100,000 for this project came to ODL from the U.S. Department of Energy due to a stripper well oil overcharge. (*ODL Source*, June)

Libraries Receive CD-ROM from State Representative

A new CD-ROM, containing all of Will Rogers' published writings, 1,400 photographs, four hours of his voice from radio talks, and 10 minutes of excerpts from movies and news reels, has been presented to the Stilwell Public Library and the John Henderson Public Library in Westville by State Representative Larry E. Adair.

Rep. Adair made the presentation to the library in the "spirit of sharing the wisdom, the wit, and the role model inspiration of Will Rogers in a new state-of-the-art media."

The CD-ROM was developed with public funds that included an

allocation for "intellectual capital improvements" concerning Oklahoma's favorite son. Private funds from the Sarkeys Foundation and Friends of Will Rogers were also used. (*Stilwell Democrat-Journal*, June 15)

Internet—Pornography

Oklahoma State University has issued an amendment to their policy regarding the use of Computing and Communications Facilities. The policy essentially states that facilities and services of OSU are primarily intended for educational use and **their use is governed by all applicable University policy including the sexual harassment...** If complaints are received that what one person is viewing in a public area makes another "uncomfortable" or "to feel threatened" they are to be asked to cease and desist. The University's position is that it is a sexual harassment issue and not an intellectual freedom issue. They can access what they wish in privacy but not on public terminals. Concerns about this policy will be discussed at the next

meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. (*State Representative report*)

South Dakota

AAAS Science Library Institute

The American Association for the Advancement of Science's Library Institute plans to make the library a focal point of school science and mathematics reform. Thirty-five librarians from the Rapid City, South Dakota metropolitan area will participate in five monthly institute sessions which will combine theoretical training in science and mathematics reform and practical hands-on science and mathematics training for school and public librarians serving elementary and junior high school-aged children. Special emphasis will be given to librarians serving minority and disadvantaged students, especially Native Americans. The institute is made possible by a \$110,000 Library Education and

Human Resource Development Program, Title II-E Higher Education Act grant.

Library Launches Home Page

In keeping with national trends in library development, Hilton M. Briggs Library is in the process of developing a home page on the World Wide Web (<http://www.-sdstate.edu/~whbl/http/homepage.html>). Providing information about the library, its services, and links to other useful sites, the home page has been designed primarily as a resource for the campus community at South Dakota State University. In addition to serving our campus users, however, our home page is a global resource in that it is accessible to all users of the World Wide Web, our virtual community. Currently, links to nearly ten information resources have been established on the home page. These include access to bibliographic databases such as the South Dakota Library Network (including the library's online catalog), the CARL UnCover database, and the FirstSearch database.

Links to higher education-related sites include American Universities Home Pages and the Chronicle of Higher Education - Academe This Week. A major presence on the World Wide Web is the United States Federal Government. Many of its resources can be reached through several of our links, including the FedWorld Information Network (NTIS), the Library of Congress, and the Federal Web Locator. Users can expect to see many additions and changes to our home page. As the World Wide Web continually evolves, so will Hilton M. Briggs Library's small piece of it. (*H.M. Briggs Library Conspectus*, Fall)

The Sky's The Limit

The grand prize winners in the Freeman Public Library's summer reading program received a free airplane ride at the Great Planes Airport, Tea, SD. Two Vanguard pilots, Terry Larson and Duane Koller, worked with librarian Bernie Koller to provide an incentive for young children to read. (*Book Marks*, November/December)

Utah



Utah Wins NII Award

The Utah Library Network (ULN) Initiative, a joint project conducted by the state and local governments, has won the first National Information Infrastructure (NII) Award. State of Utah Library Division Director Amy Owen said during the award's ceremony that the ULN project "demonstrates that librarians can use their knowledge and expertise to apply network technology and assume expanded roles in improving services to individuals and their communities."

Chip Ward, the Utah State Library's development services manager, credited the program's success to three primary factors: mobilizing support from local and state leaders, effective training, and solid information resources.

"The entrance to the information highway went through the governor's office, the legislature, the library boards, and many city and county commission chambers," he said. "Those folks had to catch the vision and be willing

to support it. Next, we realized that providing connections is not enough. We selected excellent information resources and arranged them in a way that was convenient and familiar."

The network had its beginnings in eight libraries linked to the net in a 1993 pilot project. That number has grown to 44 libraries, with additional connections in the works. Approximately 80 percent of the state's public library patrons have access to an Internet connection.

The NII Award is an effort by more than 50 public and private sector leaders to acknowledge uses of the NII that demonstrate its potential to improve people's productivity and well-being. (*ODL Source*, September)

Wyoming



Governor Helps Cheyenne Celebrate PAC

At Cheyenne's WYLD CAT open house, which had a theme of "Follow the tracks of the WYLD Cat," Governor Jim Geringer was among the honored guests at the event at the Wyoming

State Library on June 14. Gov. Geringer addressed the audience before cutting the ribbon draped around the public access catalog terminals. During his talk, he referred to a commencement address where he told graduates they now can choose where they want to live and work (because of technology) and that WYLD depicts this type of progress and growth. He also emphasized the cooperation it takes to have a successful network like the WYLD system.

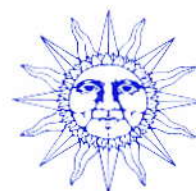
Afterwards, the governor sat down at one of the terminals and comfortably followed the instructions to search for his last name. The

computer was able to bring up the governor's inaugural address. After searching for his name, he conducted a search for the word "ferret." He selected an article and then printed it. (*Outrider*, June/July)

Media Specialist Presents Technology Demo to Congress

Pamela Berger, school library media specialist at Bryant Hills High School Library in Armonk, N.Y., represented the American Library Association (ALA) at a special demonstration of information technology held for members of Congress on Oct. 12 in Washington, D.C.

Berger described Socrates, the student of the future, and explained how ICONnect, a technology initiative developed by the American Association of School Librarians, a division of ALA, will prepare school library media specialists and teachers for the student of tomorrow. Berger chairs the committee that developed ICONNet, which offers online instructions, mentoring programs, mini-grants, a home page and gopher to help school library media specialists, teachers and students learn skills necessary to navigate the information superhighway. (*Outrider*, September/October)



PLA Travel Grants Announced

The Public Library Association (a division of ALA) and GEAC, Inc., have announced a New Leader Travel Grant program. Grants of up to \$1,500 will be available to enable new members of the library profession to attend a major PLA continuing education event. An applicant must be a current member of the Public Library Association, a practicing MLS librarian for five years or less, and must have been unable to attend a major PLA continuing education program in the last five years due to limited or nonexistent funding for travel.

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MPLA welcomes these new members

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Roberta Barg, Tucson-Pima Libraries, Tucson
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Nikke McCaslin, Auraria Library, Denver
Becky Meyer, Arapaho Library District, Littleton
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David Pauli, Missoula Public Library

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Heidi Nickisch, University of South Dakota, Vermillion
Polly Stewart, Vermillion Public Library
Joe Van De Rostyne, South Dakota State Library, Pierre
Warren Wilson, South Dakota State Library, Pierre

Wyoming

Francie Bauer, University of Wyoming, Laramie
Carla Howard, Natrona County School District 1, Casper
Patty Patterson, Natrona County Public Library, Casper



ABOUT YOU

Lynnette Anderson, Casper (WY) College Library director, receiving the Wyoming Library Association's 1995 Distinguished Service Award. ... **Bill Cochran**, director of the Parmly Billings Library, Billings, MT, has been appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Telecommunications. ... **Gail Dow**, Technical Services Director at the Denver Public Library, has been elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Colorado Library Association. ... **Nancy French**, young adult librarian at the Las Vegas Library, received a special award from the Nevada Library Association for her constructive accomplishments in outreach services to the Hispanic community. ... **Jim Heckel**, director of the Great Falls (MT) Public Library, is the new Vice-President/President-Elect of the Montana Library Association. ... **Louise C. Howley**, Librarian I at Yucca Branch Library of Phoenix Public Library received AzLA's 1995

Rosenzweig Award for his research and preparation of "On the PL Road" information profiles of smaller libraries throughout the state, which appeared in the *AzLA Newsletter*. ... **Ruth Mahan**, former North Dakota State Librarian from 1981 to 1986, died of cancer in a Mt. Vernon, IL hospital on July 13. ... **Alice Meister**, library director, Sheridan Fulmer County Public Library, Sheridan, WY, is on a one year leave of absence working as a librarian at the Vela School in Umtata, formerly the capitol of the Transkei, a "bantustan" or "black homeland" in South Africa. Alice also received the Wyoming Library Association's 1995 Librarian of the Year award. ... **Lucie Osborn**, County Librarian, Laramie County (WY) Library System, is the 1995-96 President of the Wyoming Library Association. ... **Leon Raney**, director of the South Dakota State University H.M. Briggs Library, received the South Dakota Library Association's 1995 Distinguished Service Award. ... **Jan Sanders**, director of the Bartlesville, OK, Public Library, is now president of the Oklahoma Library Association. ... **Jane Ulrich**, director of the Southwest Regional Library System, Durango, CO, was named by the Colorado Library Association at their 1995 Librarian of the Year.

... **Desiree Webber**, Children's Services Manager of the Moore, OK, Public Library, was one of nine recipients of the EBSCO ALA Conference Sponsorship Awards. Ebsco will reimburse up to \$1000 of her expenses to attend the ALA conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Transborder Library Forum (VI FORO)
Arizona Library Association
February 15-17, Tucson
The FORO brings together librarians and information providers from Mexico, Canada, and the US to work on common challenges.
For more information contact: AGSIM - Charlotte Cohen, 15249 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85306-6001.

8th Annual Young Adult Literature Conference
Jefferson County Public Library & Metropolitan State College of Denver.
April 20, 1996, Auraria Campus, Downtown Denver.
Keynote speaker: Lois

Duncan.
For more information, call (303) 275-2205.

Colorado Technology in Education Conference
Technology in Education
June 6-9, 1996, Steamboat Springs
For more information contact TIE at 4164 Austin Bluffs Parkway, #316, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Great American Bookmobile Conference
North Dakota State Library (host)
October 4-5, 1996, Bismarck
(More information later.)

1996 Conferences
April 10-12 1996 Tri-Conference—MPLA, KAACT, KLA & KASL, Wichita
April 24-27 Montana Library Association, Helena
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ALA Midwinter Meeting
January 19-25 — Chicago

Public Library Association
March 26-30 — Portland, OR

American Booksellers Association
May 25-28 — Chicago

Special Libraries

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June 8-13 — Boston

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Deadline: March 1

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The Association seeks a replacement for the current editor who has resigned.

Editor is responsible for preparing six issue per year, seeking advertisers, and working with association officers and members to maintain the newsletter as MPLA's primary communications tool.

Editor is paid and attends meetings of the executive board.

If interested, please contact Blaine H. Hall, MPLA President, 5226 HBLL Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602. 801-378-6117.

JOBLINE #S

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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.

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