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Adventures in Wonderland

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ALA in New York City? In July?? You must be crazy! That was the response that I got from many friends when they heard that I planned to journey East toward the land of OZ (and Broadway theaters). This was not my first (nor even my fourth) trip to NYC so I felt that I pretty much knew what to expect... Crowds, traffic, pan handlers, crazy people on the street corners, smelly dirty subways, and glitz. The New York I found was quite a surprise.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has been working hard to clean up the city. Subways are cleaner, crime is down, pan handlers are much less evident, crazy people were not on the corners, and street people no longer seemed to be living in Central Park. What a difference! I was very pleased. The Mayor even arranged a special fireworks display (funded by Macy's and viewed by a cast of thousands) for me. OK, maybe it wasn't just for me, but it was wonderful anyway.

The weather was very cooperative. I only got rained on twice. It was warm but not exceptionally hot; humid, but I've experienced worse. All in all, it was a pleasant experience. My major complaint was that I just didn't have enough time to fit in the cultural activities that I wanted to see/experience.

While I was in New York I did manage to fit in quite a few library related activities. I attended the opening general session and thoroughly enjoyed the speech by keynoter, Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree. His main theme was a warning against inequities in access to cyberspace that might develop due to race, economic status, and location. He encouraged all librarians and library workers to become activists supporting the concept of an information superhighway available to all.

The All Conference Party at the New York Public Library included music by the Caribbean Rhythms, champagne, and way too many people trying to occupy the same space at the same time. After a brief tour past the refreshments table and a glance through the Library Gift Shop, I chose to wander back out into the fresh air and listen to the music while visiting with friends.



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The Walrus Said...

—Judy Zelenski
MPLA President



"Six Impossible Things Before Breakfast"

I thought that it was Alice who believed six impossible things before breakfast. But when I found my copy of *Through the Looking Glass* it was really the White Queen.

It was the logical Alice who said, "There's no use trying...*one can't* believe impossible things." The Queens' reply: "I daresay you haven't had much practice...when I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Sometimes I get discouraged by a pervasive reluctance to think of possibilities. It seems that groups automatically rely on last year's (or last decade's) procedure manual to guide their actions. They make rules and regulations which prohibit change. Even we individuals have internal procedure manuals which subtly but firmly remind us that there's only one "right" way to do something.

Even if you can't *believe*, I challenge you to *imagine* six impossible things before your next breakfast. *Pretend* to imagine if you have to. Do six from one of these categories, or try for six for each:

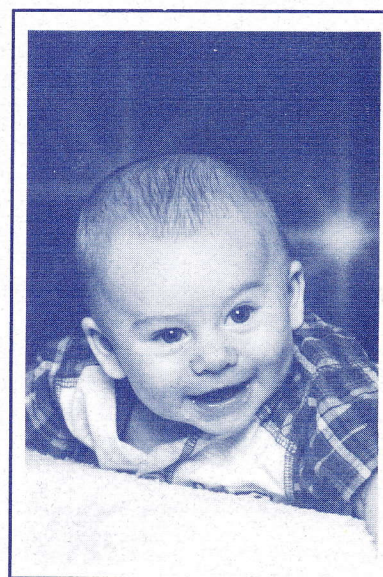
- ✦ 6 ways to accomplish group tasks without committee meetings
- ✦ 6 ways to organize a professional association without bylaws
- ✦ 6 ways to communicate without electricity
- ✦ 6 ways to finance a professional association without bylaws
- ✦ 6 ways to amuse oneself without noise
- ✦ 6 alternatives to an annual conference

If you need inspiration look at Roger von Oech's *A Whack on the Side of the Head*, or Edward de Bono's *Lateral Thinking*. The result of this thinking may confirm that how we do it now is ok, but the exercise may also suggest modifications or even great new ideas.

Remember what else the White Queen said: "It's a poor sort of memory that only works backwards."

Judy Z

This issue's "president's portrait" – our wondrous grandson Tanner at 5 months, who believes, and *tries*, impossible things all the time!



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National Library Week 1997

National Library Week, April 13-19, 1997, will celebrate the many ways libraries and librarians serve our nation's children with the theme "Kids connect @ the Library"

On Wednesday, April 16, ALA will again sponsor Logon @ the Library Day to focus attention on the key role of libraries in providing public access to the information superhighway.

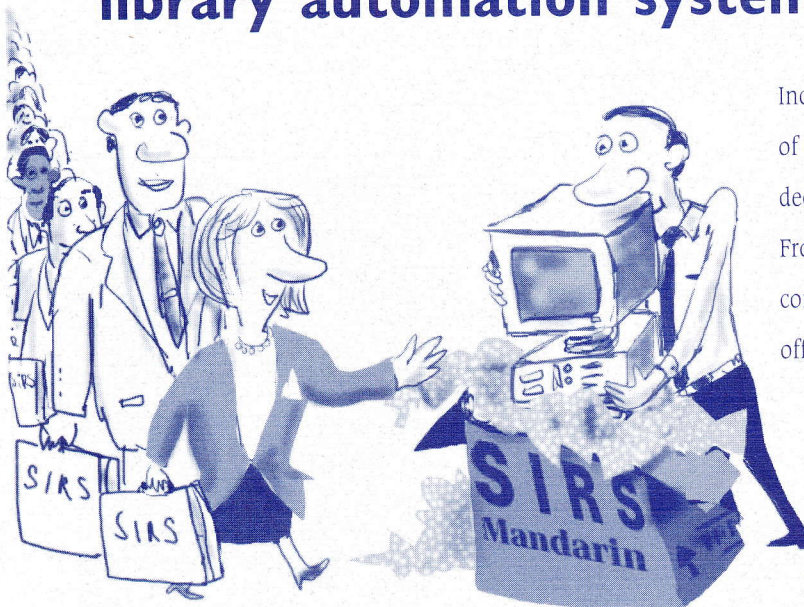
The Grolier National Library Week Grant has been doubled from \$2,000 to \$4,000 thanks to the generosity of the Grolier Educational Foundation. The grant is awarded for the best proposal for a public awareness campaign tied to the official National Library Week theme. All types of libraries and library associations are eligible to enter. Applications are available from the ALA Public Information Office. The deadline is October 11, 1996.

For information, contact the ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60618. Phone: 800-545-2433, ext. 5044/5041. Fax: 312-944-8520. Email: pio@ala.org.

For updated information about National Library Week and ALA's advocacy campaign, see the ALA Web page at <http://www.ala.org>.

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Cool Stuff about the Library in your Neighborhood...

Southeast Regional Library Announced

The Town of Gilbert (AZ) and the Maricopa County (AZ) Library District have signed a partnership agreement to develop a southeast regional library in Gilbert. The 40-50,000 square foot facility is scheduled to open in late 1998 or early 1999 and will serve residents of both Gilbert and the East Valley. The full service library will be part of the Maricopa County Library District system.

Gilbert has agreed to construct the facility on a site at Guadalupe and Greenfield Roads. When the new facility is completed, the existing town library will close, and the staff and collection will move into the new building. The Library District will operate the facility as a regional branch and employ all the staff.

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to Chris Cole, Maricopa County Librarian, and News Week

Jefferson County (CO) Libraries Install New Computer System

A world of new information resources will open up for Jefferson County library patrons when the libraries introduce their new computer system later this month.

All Jefferson County libraries will have closed for the installation, and when they reopen on August 17th, the new Explorer catalog will be available, both to those using computers in the libraries and to those who dial in from home through ACLIN (Access Colorado Library & Information Network).

Explorer will offer expanded search features, making it easier and faster for patrons to find the materials they want in the library collection. Computers in the libraries will also offer new information resources from the Internet.

Explorer will be available for remote computer access 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Customers searching the catalog from a home or office computer will have access to several new services, including a magazine index with full text.

More new services for remote users will be added through the end of the year.

Use of Explorer requires new bar-coded library cards, which are being issued now at all Jefferson County libraries.

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to Tamra Tate, Jefferson County Library System

Nebraska Library Association Announces New Web Site

The Nebraska Library Association Internet World Wide Web Page is up and running at: <http://www.nol.org/NLA>. Many thanks to Nebraska@ Online for hosting the page and for technical help provided free of charge as part of their service to Nebraska Libraries.

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to NCompass

Johnson County (KS) Library Announces Its New Homepage

Johnson County (KS) Library announces its new homepage for people wanting to find out more about the library via the internet. It provides general library information, the InfoCat catalog, and allows customers to place requests for library materials. In addition to these services, it has a library locations map, calendar of events, and links to other websites.

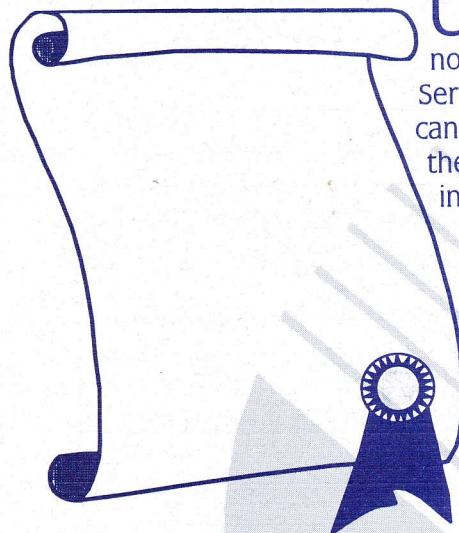


Mona Carmack, County Librarian, says, "By providing an internet link, a greater number of people can view the catalog and find out more about what the library can provide for them."

The address is: <http://www.jcl.org>

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to Loose Change

DU Library and Information Services Program Seeks ALA Accreditation



University College of the University of Denver is very pleased to announce the Library and Information Services Program was accepted into candidacy status for accreditation by the American Library Association (ALA) in July 1996.

"We look forward to working with ALA over the next two years to prepare for the program's accreditation and anticipate an accreditation decision by the winter quarter 1999," said Lynn Silipigni Connaway, director of Library and Information Services Department.

ALA accredits programs which not only embody academic excellence, but also offer broad-based curricula to prepare information professionals for leading roles in our rapidly changing information environment. The Library and Information Services Program integrates library and information science theory with practical applications, in the distinguished academic setting of the University of Denver.

"This is the only library and information science program offered at an institution of higher education in the state of Colorado that is seeking accreditation by ALA. Technological advancement has influenced the evolution of the information profession and created a need for an innovative, interdisciplinary library and information science program in Colorado, as well as in the Western United States," states Connaway. "We are very fortunate to offer this program at University College."

University College was founded in 1983 on the premise that education for adults should be immediately applicable, career-oriented, and guided by the industries served. University College offers master's degrees and certificate programs through an evening, weekend, and now distance delivery format. The University of Denver and all its academic programs are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

RASD now RUSA

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) members approved a new name for the division of the American Library Association (ALA) – Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) by a vote of 896 to 151 on the spring ALA ballot. The new name will be effective September 1. While the name of the division journal, *RQ*, will not be affected, the newsletter, *RASD Update*, will change to *RUSA Update*. A new logo and promotional materials will be developed this fall.


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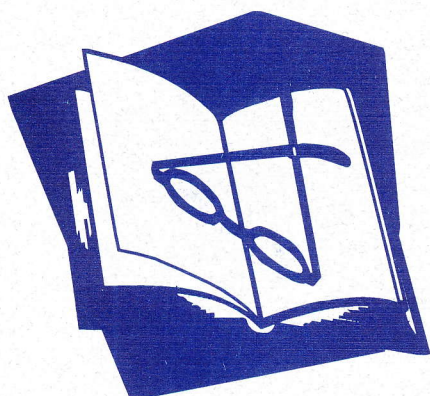
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Guidelines for Submission:

- ★ Authors must be current members of MPLA
- ★ Papers must be original (not published or presented elsewhere)
- ★ Selected authors will make a 20 minute presentation at the conference in Oklahoma
- ★ Submit an abstract of 1½ - 4 pages in length
- ★ Abstracts that do not meet the guidelines will not be considered by the judges

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A Note of Congratulations!

To Claudia Gibson...

Claudia Gibson, Deputy Director of Dodge City Public Library, was recognized for her work with the Kan-Read program at the monthly meeting of the DCPL Board of Trustees June 23 when she was presented with the Kansas Adult Education Association Volunteer Service Award.

The award recognizes volunteers who provide support and service to help Kansas adults learn to read better. Ms. Gibson has coordinated the Kan-Read program at Dodge City Public Library for the past 18 months, arranging tutor training and pairing learners with volunteer tutors.

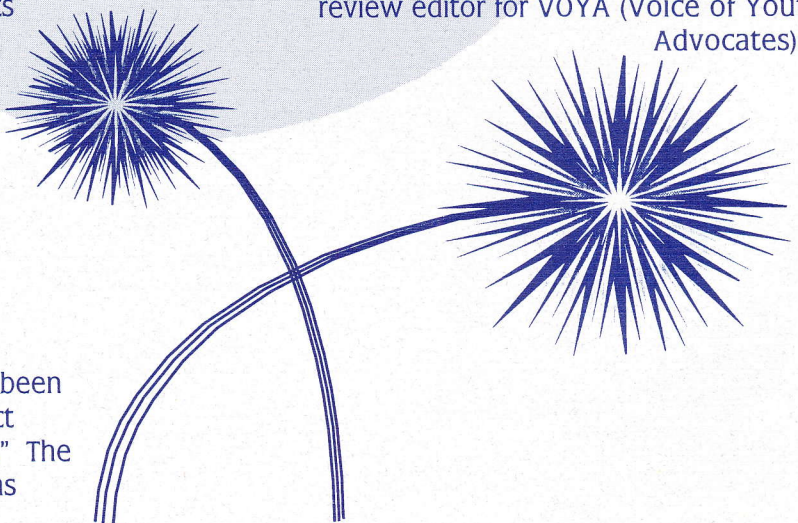
funded the project, which will supply additional books and audio tapes to the library's collection. The project aims to encourage Hispanic parents to read to and with their children.

To Cathi Dunn Macrae...

Cathi Dunn Macrae, the Young Adult Librarian at the Boulder Public Library, is the new book review editor for VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates).

To the Finney County (KS) Public Library...

The Finney County Public Library has been awarded a \$3,500 grant for a new project entitled "Read Together, Learn Together." The Kansas State Library Literacy Program has



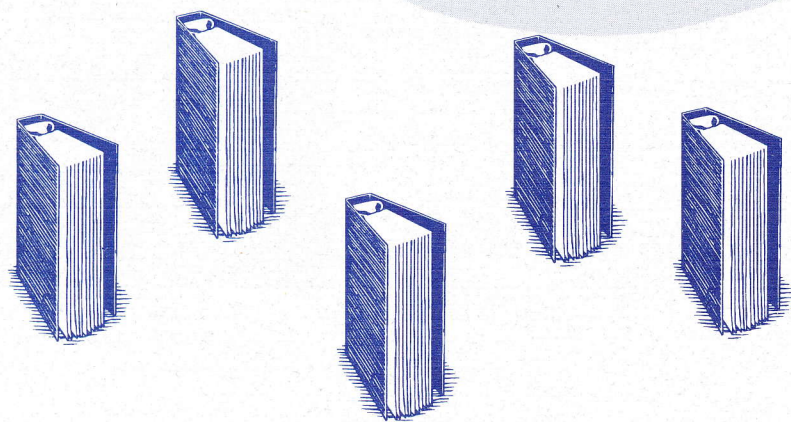
Rocky Mountain Book Festival Set for October 5th and 6th

The fourth annual Rocky Mountain Book Festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, 1996 at Currigan Exhibition Hall, 1324 Champa Street in Denver. This celebration of the written word runs from 10 am to 6 pm both days. Admission is free and open to the public.

Authors take center stage at the Festival. More than 300 authors will be in Denver to talk about their lives and their work. Pulitzer-prize winning author E. Annie Proulx (Shipping News) will make a rare public appearance. Two former TV personalities turned authors—PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil and Designing Women star Dixie Carter will talk about their careers. National Public Radio commentator Patricia Raybon, and Will Shortz, NY Times Crossword Puzzle Editor, will regale audiences with their particular interests. Nationally known science fiction/fantasy writers Orson Scott Card and Connie Willis will be in town for the event. Young Adult writer Joan Lowery Nixon and memoir writer Jill Ker Conway will both be featured as well. Colorado's very own Joanne Greenberg, Stephen White, John Dunning, John Fielder, Linda Hogan and Vine Deloria will also take part in the festivities.

The Festival, a project of the Colorado Center for the Book, will also feature panel discussions on subjects ranging from science fiction to women of the West, as well as more than 150 exhibitors, a giant magnetic poetry wall, book arts demonstrations, a children's performance stage, and competitive Scrabble. Back by popular demand is the Literary Chautauqua tent, featuring some of the authors who define our literary heritage. Chautauquans portrayed include Thomas Jefferson, Zora Neale Hurston, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Edith Wharton, Anne Sexton, James Joyce, and Walt Whitman.

The Colorado State Library and Colorado Endowment for the Humanities are the primary financial sponsors of the Festival. For more information, call the Colorado Center for the Book at (303) 273-5933 or check out their Web site at <http://www.aclin.org/code/ccftb>.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 1996

24-28 Sept – Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Snowbird, Utah

26-28 Sept – North Dakota Library Association, Bismarck, ND

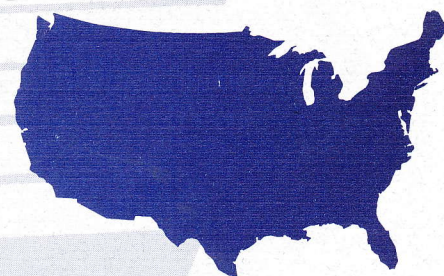
26-28 Sept – 23rd Plains International Reading Association Regional Conference, Bismarck, ND

October 1996

2-5 Oct – Wyoming Library Association, Casper, WY

5-6 Oct – Rocky Mountain Book Festival, Denver, CO (see adjacent story)

9-12 – South Dakota Library Association, Spearfish, SD



11-13 Oct – Nevada Library Association, Laughlin, NV

13-16 Oct – LITA/LAMA (Library Information and Technology Association/Library Administration and Management Association) National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

21-22 Oct – KLA-KPLACE Round Table Conference, Lawrence, KS

23-25 Oct – Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association (NLA/NEMA) 1996 Convention, Lincoln, NE

30 Oct -2 Nov – Southwest Regional Conference of the Special Library Association, Albuquerque, NM

December 1996

4-7 Dec – AzLA (Arizona Library Association) Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ

EdLibs

—Heidi M. Nickisch
MPLA Newsletter Editor

A VST (Very Sincere Thanks) to all of you who gave me compliments and feedback on my debut issue as editor. Please keep the comments coming! And thanks to all of you who have sent me information for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. If you don't see your submission this issue, look for it in the next, and please keep sending me information! Please put my name on your mailing lists for newsletters, brochures, press releases, and the like.

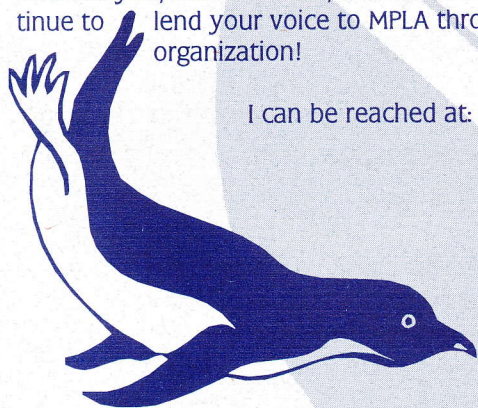
It has been a busy two months since I put the last issue of the *MPLA Newsletter* to bed. The CDA (Communications Decency Act) has been "put on hold"—for the moment. ALA has come and gone. Students, teachers, and librarians are gearing up for the next school year. Personally, I'm still waiting for summer so that I can catch up on all those projects I have brewing. Hmmm....

I hope that you all member that the *MPLA Newsletter* is the voice of MPLA. Without you, our members, the *Newsletter* has no *raison d'être*... Please continue to lend your voice to MPLA through your active membership in the organization!

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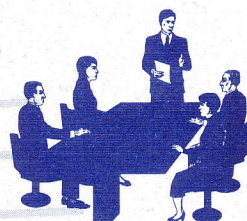
ACRL-OK Chapter Fall Conference

The ACRL-OK Chapter is pleased to announce its Fall Conference, "Realizing the Virtual Library" on Friday, 1 November 1996, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The conference will be held at Rose State College, Midwest City, OK (near Oklahoma City).

The morning schedule speakers and topics include Eric Lease Morgan (North Carolina State University Libraries): Online Periodical Access, Kay Flowers (Rice University Library): Electronic Reserves, and Erik Jul (OCLC): Online Catalog Links to the Internet.

The afternoon schedule is a breakout session into focus groups with summary reports issued by each group.

For more information, contact: Victoria Swinney, President, ACRL-OK Chapter, phone: 405/581-2960, email: vswinney@cuok.cameron.edu



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Selecting which programs to attend (try to attend) is always a difficult process. I always try to map out my battle plan the night before, selecting which meetings I must attend, which I prefer to attend, and alternates that I might attend. After looking through the agenda for the next day, I always envy my colleagues who have a "focused" job that allows them to select meetings in just one subject area (such as cataloging or children's services). Since I am a library consultant for public libraries, the director of Technical Services, LSCA Coordinator, an administrator, an audiovisual person, interested in children's and YA services... kind of a fractured Jack of All Trades existence... it is really hard for me to choose what to attend. Sometimes the Gale shuttle service is so bad that I choose by location. This year I found the shuttle service to be the best in my memory. What a pleasant surprise!

The first full day of meetings I started out with my list of meetings (anyone who tries to lug along the entire conference program book must be a novice). The first meeting I selected was on government documents. It was advertised as a look toward the new formats that we can expect and what impact that will have on the documents depository system. It wasn't. I left.

The next meeting was sponsored by ALTA. As a rule, anything planned by ALTA is good. This meeting was no exception. I learned about hiring and firing the director, evaluating the director, and more. The attendance from the MPLA region at this meeting was slim. I was the only person from the region that includes SD, so I joined the round table discussion group which included IA. Excellent program. MPLA region trustees and library directors would find the ALTA programs very helpful. Hopefully, more trustees from the MPLA region will be able to attend next year in San Francisco.



It's impossible to detail all of the interesting meetings that I attended, so I will quickly summarize what I learned. First, it is entirely possible to attend a conference with 23,000+ persons attending and not see another person from your home state. Second, it is not possible to attend all the meetings that you should or would, because they are scheduled concurrently. Third, it is permissible to build time into your schedule to attend the exhibits... in fact, the 600+ exhibitors are counting on your doing exactly that. (Don't ever skip the small press exhibits.

Some of the most interesting products can be found there.) And, fourth, give yourself some time to have fun (but remember to plan in time for sleep).

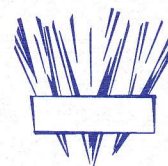


Did I have fun? You bet! I managed to fit in a quick trip to the Metropolitan Museum to see the Winslow Homer Exhibit. I dropped by the Museum of Natural History to see the Amber Exhibit. A couple of Broadway plays found time on my schedule, as did an appearance of Melville Dewey at the COSLA/ASCLA reception. I found the Golden Book Store and Barnes & Noble, Jr. I walked through part of Central Park and saw the Macy's fireworks. What more could I want?

Well, I missed all the tours of special libraries (such as the National Museum of the Native American) and the Open House at the Whitney Museum of American Art. I didn't have time to see most of the 13 "must-see" children's lit sites listed in the June issue of SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL. I didn't have time to go to all the programs that I wanted to and I could have spent more time in exhibits. I didn't get out of mid-town Manhattan, so I missed Battery Park (where there is a memorial with my uncle's name on it), Chinatown, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. I didn't get to a Yankees game and much, much more. I need to go back.

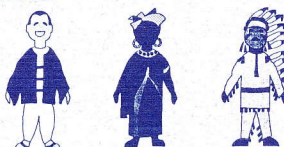
All in all, it was a very positive trip... until it was time to go home. Thunderstorms delayed all flights leaving New York so I missed my flight connection in Minneapolis-St. Paul. The closest available hotel was described as "only 15 mins. away" with no shuttle service at midnight. Sam (our cab driver) managed to accomplish what no one in New York had. He tried to take advantage of a couple of tired travel-weary librarians. When we arrived at our destination \$24 and many statements about "how nice and how honest he was" later, he tried to charge us double. It didn't work! We took part of his tip back and left his cab. Welcome to the friendly Midwest.

ALA was sensory overload. I love it! It recharges my batteries. My reservations for next year are already made. See you in San Francisco!

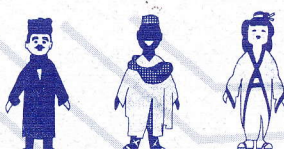


Noses In the News, or: Hail and Farewell

The Southwest Kansas Library System and Dodge City Public Library welcome **Rosanne Goble** as Director beginning July 22. Rosanne was most recently the Assistant Director/Consultant for the Southwest Kansas Library System.



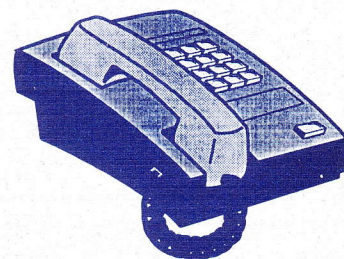
Neil Price is leaving the University of North Dakota. He directed the UND Department of Library Science and Audiovisual Instruction from 1974 through the spring of 1995. Most recently, he worked in USDs Center for Teaching and Learning.



Stan Gardner is the new director of the Library at Wayne State College in Wayne, NE.. Missouri's loss is Nebraska's (& MPLAs!) gain!



Karen Strege of Spokane, WA began her new position as Montana State Librarian on August 5th. Karen is past president of the Idaho Library Association.



MPLA Jobline

MPLA has long maintained a jobline for its members. This jobline is updated each Friday.

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Joseph R. Edelen, Jr.
MPLA Executive Secretary
I.D. Weeks Library
University of South Dakota
414 East Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069-2390

Voice: 605/677-6082

Fax: 605/677-5488

Email: jedelen@sundance.usd.edu

Oops!...Additions and Corrections...

CORRECTED ADDRESS INFORMATION

☛ Jean Anderson, Technical Services Section Chair
Chester Fritz Library
University of North Dakota
Grand Forks, ND 58202
Voice: 701/777-4639
Fax: 701/777-3319
Email: jeaander@prairie.nodak.edu

☛ Marcia Wright, Public Relations/Membership
Committee Chair
Fax: 307/686-4009

MISSPELLING

☛ New Member Deanell Backlund's name was misspelled! Shame on me.

EDITOR'S NOTE

By press time, the new chairs for the Continuing Education and Nominating Committees had not been named. Watch for that information in the next issue!



Job Opportunities

Academic

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

MEDIA SERVICES LIBRARIAN

DESCRIPTION: Mikkelsen Library's Instruction Media Service (IMS) department has primary responsibility for serving the multimedia needs of the Augustana community – faculty, students, and staff. Efforts are underway to install satellite downlink technology with IMS as the central point.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Media Services Librarian is responsible for ensuring that quality service is provided by designing a plan for expanded media services including managing the new satellite downlink site and providing consultation services for patrons needing assistance with multimedia presentations. S/he will supervise a staff consisting of one library assistant and 8-10 student assistants. This position reports to the Director of the Library.

The Media Services Librarian will participate in assisting patrons using the library via rotating reference desk hours (days/evenings). S/he will plan and teach bibliographic instruction sessions with a special emphasis in developing multimedia presentation skills. S/he will be assigned appropriate areas to serve as departmental liaison for collection development.

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified candidates for this position must demonstrate strong communication skills, an enthusiasm for new teaching methods, and experience with instructional technology, multimedia applications and presentation software, automated systems, the Internet, and database searching. An ALA-accredited MLS is required and two years of experience in an academic library is preferred.

COMPENSATION: \$22,000 minimum for a 12-month administrative contract.

APPLICATION: Send letter of application, résumé, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three current references to:

Jane Kuper
Human Resources
Box 763
Augustana College
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

Application review will begin September 9th

Academic

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SCIENCE REFERENCE/BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN

DESCRIPTION: Faculty rank, tenure-track, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota. USD is seeking an individual who will serve as the library's science specialist. This librarian is primarily responsible for planning services and library resource development for the University's science departments. Plans, recommends, and implements programs of instruction in library use and research methodologies with the aim of progressively developing research skills for undergraduate and graduate students. Position requires close cooperation with the library's research instruction and acquisitions departments. Additional responsibilities include working regularly scheduled hours at the reference desk and providing online reference assistance. Individuals applying should have an interest in working with the faculty and have a strong commitment to public service.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: ALA-accredited MLS; 1) undergraduate degree in a science related field; 2) knowledge and interest in educating library users; 3) ability to work effectively with colleagues and diverse clientele; 4) effective written and oral skills; 5) knowledge of online searching; 6) knowledge of microcomputer applications for word processing.

ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: 1) second master's degree in a science related field (will be required for tenure and promotion); 2) reference or BI experience either in an academic or public library.

SALARY: Commensurate with rank and qualifications, 12-month appointment.

APPLICATION: Send letter of application, résumé, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to:

Imre Meszaros, Director of Libraries
I.D. Weeks Library
University of South Dakota
414 East Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069

Review of applications will begin October 10, 1996, and will continue until a suitable candidate is hired. AA, EOE.

Public

CARNEGIE REGIONAL LIBRARY (ND) LIBRARY DIRECTOR

DESCRIPTION: A three-county library system in northeastern North Dakota seeks a Director interested in the challenges of rural librarianship.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The person in this position oversees library services to a population of approximately 30,000 through eight member libraries.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: ALA-accredited MLS, 2-3 years of professional experience in a public library is required and two years of experience in an academic library is preferred.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in any discipline, independent leadership abilities, and a strong commitment to the fundamentals of library service.

COMPENSATION: \$22,00 annually.

APPLICATION: Send letter of application, résumé, and contact information for three references to:

Search Committee
Carnegie Regional Library
7th and Griggs
Grafton, ND 58237

Check out the
MPLA Jobline
info on page 13!

Applications must be received by September 20th.

Public

MOHAVE COUNTY (AZ) LIBRARY DISTRICT OUTREACH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

DESCRIPTION: Seeking librarian in charge of outreach services in a large, rural county.

RESPONSIBILITIES: A creative, innovative, service-oriented librarian is sought to perform administrative and supervisory work involved in the management of six station libraries (remote communities, limited service) and to develop services to special populations. Headquartered at the District Library in Kingman, AZ, the librarian will work with the district team to plan, organize, and direct both station and district level programs. Plans include providing library stations with automated and online services, developing improved facilities, exploring other means of library service delivery, and assessing station collections so that they can be strengthened and improved to meet the needs of users.

QUALIFICATIONS: The district is looking for a librarian with an ALA-accredited MLS and three to five years of library experience in a progressively responsible position, including at least two years of supervisory experience. Good human resources and public relations skills are needed. Knowledge of current technology is essential.

COMPENSATION: \$27,996.80 to \$28,828.80 plus benefits.

APPLICATION: For applications, contact:

Mohave County Personnel Department
PO Box 7000
Kingman, AZ 86402-7000

Or call 520/753-0736.

Academic

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT BOZEMAN 2 POSITIONS: REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, SENIOR AND ENTRY-LEVEL (SEARCH REOPENED)

DESCRIPTION: FY, tenure track, Assistant or Associate Professor level, available January 1, 1997.

QUALIFICATIONS: REQUIRED—MLS from an ALA accredited program; a second graduate degree; excellent oral and written communication skills. Successful candidates will demonstrate the ability to relate to various constituencies, including students, faculty, the general public, co-workers, and administrators in an academic environment. Senior position requires a successful record of professional reference experience in an academic setting.

COMPENSATION: Entry level – \$30,500 minimum; senior level – \$33,500 (negotiable, commensurate with experience).

APPLICATION: All applicants MUST call MSU libraries at 406/994-3119 for complete application information (Fax: 406/994-2851).

Screening begins October 1, 1996 and continues until suitable candidates are hired. ADA/EO/AA/Veterans Preference.



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