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On The Frontier



Come in and sit for a spell!
Go ahead, kick off your boots.

We've got a lot of exciting things planned for you at the MPLA/OLA Joint Conference in Shangri-La, Oklahoma!



(See story, page 7)



Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section News

—**Roseanne B.D. Bory**
*Preservation, Archives, and
Special Collections Section Chair*

Reminder! The Preservation Section has changed its name and bylaws. It is now known as the Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section. This was done in order to expand membership in the Section, provide a wider selection of officers for the Section, and promote a wider variety of programs to be presented by the Section at the annual conferences.

Remember that there are no separate Section fees. Everything is included in your MPLA membership, but all Section memberships need to be recorded with the Executive Secretary (contact info on page 2).

Individuals who are already members of the Preservation Section will be considered to be members of the newly revised Section, unless they contact the Executive Secretary and tell him otherwise.

For any further information, contact Roseanne B.D. Bory at (719)549-2475 (voice) or (719)549-2378 (fax). Do not forget the Spring Conference and the upcoming program with the Colorado Preservation Alliance. The newly named Section will be there!

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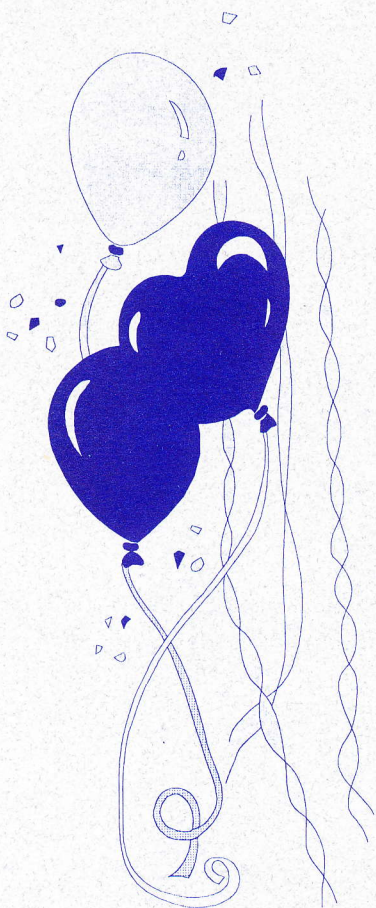




MPLA Executive Board Meeting Highlights 25 January 1997

—Cynthia Berner
MPLA Recording Secretary

- ↳ Approved the 1997 budget as presented by the Finance Committee
- ↳ Received suggestions for changes to the associations' bylaws and manual of procedure
- ↳ Heard a report of the progress of plans for the MPLA/OLA conference
- ↳ Held a brainstorming session on ways the association can be most valuable to its members
- ↳ Authorized appointment of a committee to review and recommend changes to policy and procedures for reimbursement of conference program participants
- ↳ Went on record as opposing any structural changes to the American Library Association which might include the elimination of state chapter councilors



MPLA Offers Professional Development Assistance!

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all of which may be used for 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.)

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Plan ahead now for your 1997 continuing education opportunities!

The Walrus Said...

—Judy Zelenski
MPLA President



My husband Jim, besides being a full-time deputy city manager and part-time professor of economics, is a writer. Last week the members of his writers group each took "the tower" as a theme. One wrote a folk tale, another a poem. Jim's piece captured a "conversation" among three people with diverse and unbending opinions – each expounding, no one listening, no one thinking. Most of the group knew immediately that he was referring to the Tower of Babel.

It made me think about words, and how the spoken (or hollered) word seems to have dominated for some time. In a recent bout of the flu, too woozy to read or sleep and completely bored, I resorted to television for three hours. Fortunately the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* was on. Not knowing how to use the "mute" I observed commercial after commercial suggesting "It's About.....(fill in the blank)." In a recent bout with grant-writing I wished it were that simple.

However, I don't think the proposal would have any chance if we just said "It's About Technology." The written word tolerates complexity (except for email). It also invites silence.

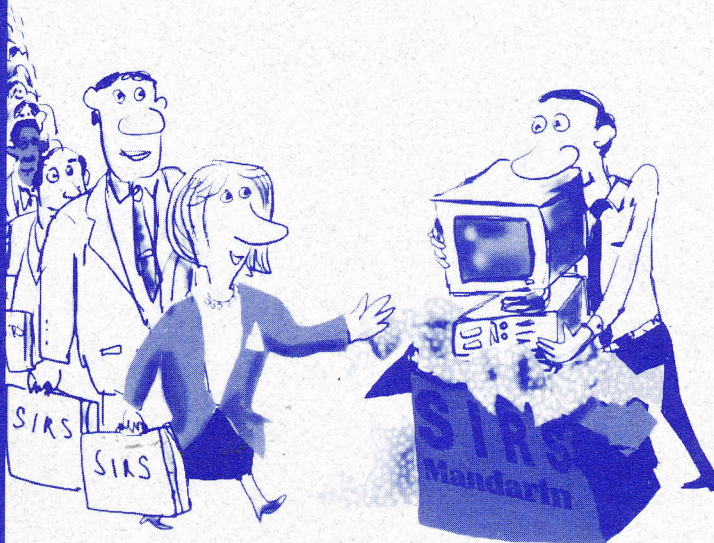
So I'm cheering for schools and libraries and counting on them to perpetuate the appreciation of the written word and the ability to create it. May there continue to be writers like Jim who make connections. May there be readers who understand them. Otherwise, in the form of shrieking radio and tv talk shows, overwrought news reporting, shouting sports announcers, and hollering preachers, we may be left with only the noise of the Tower.

Judy Z.

This is our rapidly-growing grandson Tanner at 10 months. He already has an extensive library of his own - though his love of the book is currently limited to using it for scooting across the floor, delighting in the sound of banging it closed, and holding it over his head like an umbrella. And reading - well, he likes to sit on Grandpa Jim's lap and crumple up the Wall Street Journal.



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Cool Stuff about the Library in your Neighborhood...

MPLA Area Libraries are "Poets in Person" Sites!

The Modern Poetry Association (MPA) and the American Library Association (ALA) have selected 50 libraries for the fourth round of "Poets in Person: Reading, Hearing, and Talking About Contemporary Poetry in America's Libraries" program, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The program is designed to encourage an interest in poetry and revitalize the place of the humanities in American society. MPLA area libraries taking part in this project include:

- Phoenix Public Library (AZ)
- Tucson Public Library (AZ)
- Craig-Moffat County Library, (Craig, CO)
- Mesa County Public Library District (CO)
- Wilkinson Public Library (CO)
- Winfield Public Library (KS)
- Harvey Public Library (ND)
- Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library (WY)

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to the ALA Public Information Office

University of Nebraska-Omaha Library Receives Canadian Grant

The University Library at UNO has received a \$2,500 matching grant through the Canadian government's library grant program administered by the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS).

Under the terms of the grant, the library will purchase up to \$5,000 (U.S.) of books relating to Canada. After being provided with proof of purchase, the ICCS will reimburse the University Library up to \$2,500. Materials purchased must relate to Canada and Canadian studies.

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to The Library User, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Pennsylvania Library Follows in Footsteps of Wichita (KS) Public Library



The Annual Friends' Auction of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library brought in a total of \$27,970.50. A public copier has been purchased with the proceeds,

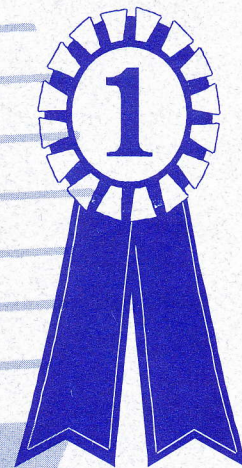
and a check will be presented to the library at a later date to be used to purchase books and other materials.

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to SCFPL Newsletter

Friends of Yuma County (AZ) Libraries Recognized by Arizona Library Friends

The Arizona Library Friends (ALF) recognized the Friends of Yuma County Libraries as the recipient of its 1996 Friends Group Award.

The Yuma Friends group's accomplishments include: "...purchase of a piano, \$1,000 awarded annually for staff scholarships, summer reading prizes for children, the B.B.C.



Shakespeare plays on video, TVs, a camcorder, a video projector, funds for special printing projects such as library placemats and memorial brochures, refrigerator magnets to promote Dial-a-Story, children's story rugs, children's furniture, lots of homemade goodies for library programs and receptions, and encouragement and appreciation for all the library staff...".

-Tip o' the mousy pointer to Yuma County Library District Newsletter



On The Frontier

OLA/MPLA Joint Conference at Shangri-La
April 30 - May 3, 1997 Grove, Oklahoma

— Carol J. Connor
MPLA Vice-President/President-Elect

Start planning now to attend the joint MPLA/OLA Conference at Shangri-La, Oklahoma. Besides an excellent program, you will have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the ambiance of a lake front conference location.

Shangri-La is located along the shores of Grand Lake O' the Cherokees in northeast Oklahoma. All accommodations are within easy walking distance to resort activities and the panoramic view of the lake front and golf courses.

The following is a brief listing of some of the highlights of the conference:

Keynote & Banquet Speakers

Patricia Glass Schuman - President of Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc., and past ALA President
Bob Edwards - All Things Considered, Public Radio

Luncheon Author Programs

C.J. Cherryh (suspense, science fiction)
Neal Shusterman, (young adult fiction and storytelling)

Pre-Conferences (Wednesday, April 30)

Evaluating Academic Library Services
Dewey 21 in Electronic Age
On the Precipice: Challenge of Preserving Electronic Records
Lobbying 101

Topics of Conference Programs (Thursday, May 1, and Friday, May 2)

Intellectual Freedom	Networking	Crisis Management Planning
Planning for Automation	HTML	Web Sites
Storytelling	Workplace Violence	Ergonomics
Dealing with Problem Customers		Ethics
Home Schools	Laws and Cyberspace	Oklahoma Authors
Archives & Special Collections	Access and Government Information	Government Documents



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Table Talks (Thursday, May 1, and Friday, May 2)
Current topics of interest to librarians

MPLA Forum for ALA Candidates

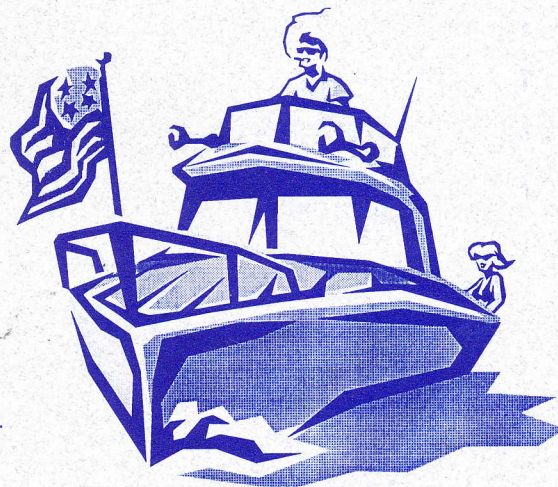
ALA Presidential candidates Ken Dowlin and Ann Symons will attend.

Special Events

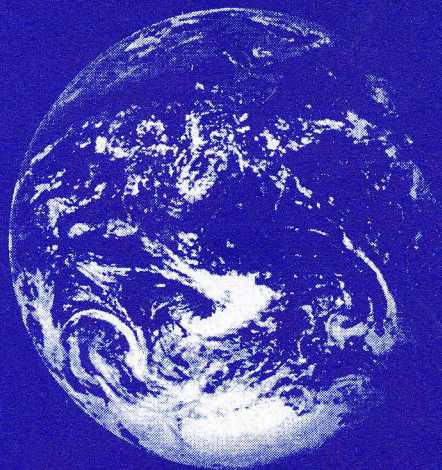
- Boat ride on the lake
- OLA 90th Birthday Celebration
- Golf Outing

The OLA Board and members have planned an outstanding and fun conference. MPLA Sections have contributed excellent programs too.

I encourage you to attend the conference. Oklahoma librarians are wonderful hosts and know how to have fun while working hard.



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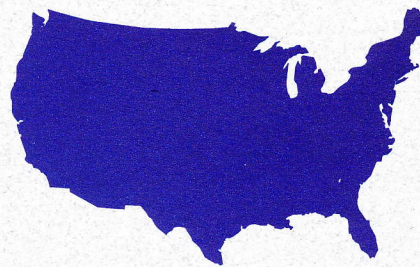
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March 1997

9-13 Mar – Computers in Libraries 1997 Conference, Arlington, VA

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10-12 Mar – Computers in Libraries Conference, Arlington, VA

20-22 Mar – Public Library Association 1997 Spring Symposium, Chicago, IL

April/May 1997

3-5 April – American Association of School Libraries, Portland, Oregon

11-13 April – Association of College and Research Libraries, Nashville, TN

13-19 April – National Library Week (Theme: Kids Connect @ The Library)

15 April – Library Legislation Day, Washington, DC

23-26 April – Montana Library Association Annual Conference, Great Falls

25-26 April – Rocky Mountain Children's Book Festival, Denver

30 April - 3 May – OLA/MPLA Joint Conference, Shangri-La, OK

*Check out the MPLA Jobline
info on page 12!*

May 1997

1-2 May – Colorado Interlibrary Loan Conference, Boulder

13-15 May – National Online, New York, New York

24-27 May – Medical Library Association Conference, Seattle, WA

29-31 May – Nebraska Governor's Conference on Information Technology, Kearney, NE

June 1997

8-11 June – Special Libraries Association Conference, Seattle, WA

June/July 1997

28 June - 1 July – American Library Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

July 1997

19-25 July – American Association of Law Libraries Conference, Baltimore, MD

October 1997

9-14 Oct – Colorado Library Association Annual Conference, Copper Mountain

16-20 Oct – Nevada Library Association Conference, Carson City

20-22 Oct – Online World, San Francisco, CA

November 1997

1-2 Nov – 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Book Festival

5-8 Nov – Arizona Library Association Conference



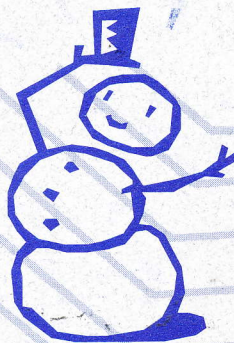
NTKs...

(Things that are Nice To Know!)

NORTH DAKOTA MEDIA SPECIALIST NAMED 1997 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Sam Johnson, educator and media specialist in Devils Lake, ND, has been named the 1997 North Dakota Teacher of the Year. Johnson directs the school media center and teaches a class to introduce students to great books of the world. He uses the Socratic method of leading students to ask questions on their own and discover the book's relevance to their own lives.

Johnson also established a Global Classroom in the high school and began training students and teachers in the 25-station Internet classroom. One of the initial site hookups was located at the local senior citizen's center, providing continuing education opportunities for seniors.



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MPLA Membership benefits are countless, and so are our reasons for having you join the MPLA family!

OCLC ILL MICRO ENHANCER FOR WINDOWS NOW AVAILABLE

OCLC has released its Interlibrary Loan Micro Enhancer for Windows software, which offers all of the functionality of the DOS-based ILL ME Plus with added features and the advantages of the Windows environment.

For more information, check out the OCLC Web site at <<http://www.oclc.org/>>.

AMERICAN LIBRARIES' JOB ADS NOW ONLINE

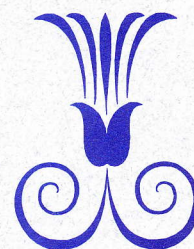
The classified ad section of *American Libraries* is now available on ALA's "ALA Job Line" Web site at <<http://www.ala.org/>>.

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jedelen@sundance.usd.edu

and tell him you'd like to become one of the few, the proud, the MPLA Listserv Members!



Welcome! Bienvenidos! Willkommen!
New Members Join the MPLA Family

ARIZONA

Iris Collard, Arizona Western College,
Yuma

Linda Taylor, Oklahoma State University,
Stillwater

MONTANA

Sharon McCoy, Philipsburg

SOUTH DAKOTA

Kay Dahl, Vermillion Public Library,
Vermillion

NEW MEXICO

Patricia Froehlich, New Mexico
State University, Sante Fe

UTAH

T. Elizabeth Workman, Salt
Lake County Library System,
Sandy

Elaine Goodman, New Mexico
State University, Sante Fe

Jan Porter, Brigham Young
University, Provo

NORTH DAKOTA

Lora Lee Cowell, Grand Forks
Public Schools

WYOMING

Josie Pearson, Sundance
Elementary School, Sundance

OKLAHOMA

R.D. Bell, ULT/RU Library,
Tulsa

*Take a Moment
to greet MPLAs
Rising Stars!*

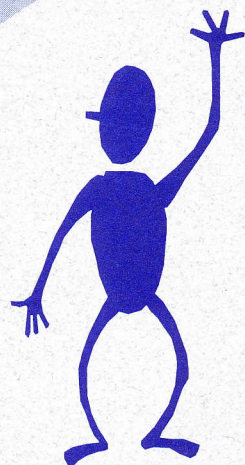
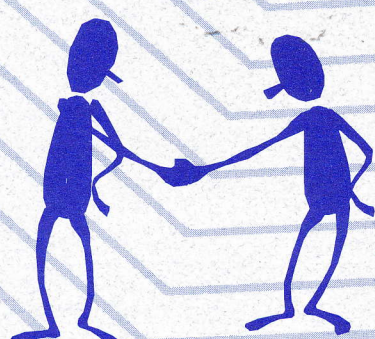
Joyce Roger, Wyoming State
Archives, Cheyenne

Harriet Briggeman, Harry Pratt Library,
Sand Springs

Martha Evans, Bridge
Creek Secondary
Library, Blanchard

Carol Ihrig, University
of Central Oklahoma,
Edmond

David Snider, Lawton Public Library,
Lawton





MPLA Jobline

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

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800/356-7820 from any of the eleven MPLA member states 24 hrs/day.

To submit an announcement to the MPLA Jobline, send it to:

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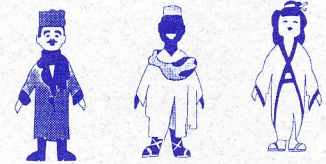


Noses In the News, or: Hail and Farewell

DAVE OLSON, Reference Librarian and Associate Professor at the ID Weeks Library of the University of South Dakota, has retired. He intends to promote even more time to his jazz piano pursuits.



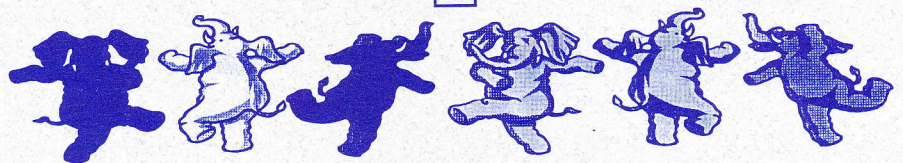
DARLENE STAFFELDT, Director of Statewide Library Resources at the Montana State Library has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of WLN.



MIKE JAUGSTETTER is the new State Librarian of North Dakota. He is a seven-year employee of the North Dakota State Library, and has worked with state and national groups to promote improved funding for all types of libraries.



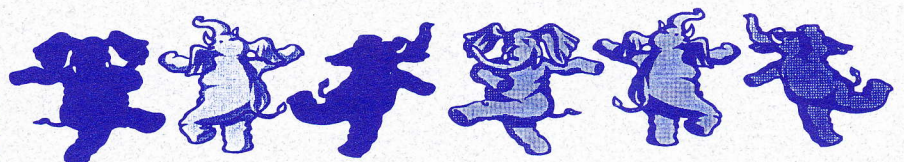
DUANE JOHNSON, State Librarian of Kansas, will spend five weeks providing assistance to the National Library of Tanzania. He will assist the national library in the design of organization and policy for greater local board and staff responsibility.



Come join us at the
1997 MPLA/Oklahoma Library Association
Joint Conference!



April 30 - May 3, 1997
Shangri-La, Oklahoma



Free Video From ALA

"Kids connect @ the Library" is the official theme of next year's National Library Week (April 13-19, 1997). Its intent is to highlight the value of bringing children to the library and show how communities can help in the effort. As part of the campaign, ALA has produced an eight minute video featuring President Mary R. Somerville. Libraries can get this video free to show to community groups.

For more information, contact: American Library Association Public Information Office, 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5044/5041, and <<http://www.ala.org>>.



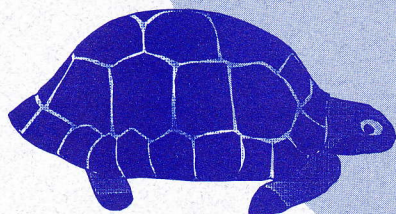
Preservation Alert!

Care of Archival Compact Discs

Do you know which CDs are the most durable? How to evaluate a CD? How one is made?

The Colorado Preservation Alliance Education Committee has recently published a *Preservation Alert* on the "Care of Archival Compact Discs." The alert discusses topics such as CD life expectancy, standard CD construction, types of CDs, the evaluation of CD materials, and how to (and not to!) preserve your archival CDs.

For more information, contact the Colorado Preservation Alliance, c/o Colorado State Archives, 1313 Sherman, Denver, CO 80203.



I live in South Dakota. We've had snow. Lots of it. Heck, we're in the middle of a snowstorm right now. And I'm in the south-eastern part of the state—where it hasn't snowed very much! The residents of South Dakota are tired of it. Every day I hear complaining about the weather; it's too cold, the wind's blowing too hard, the snow's drifting too high. Every day I hear someone say, "Boy, I can't wait for Spring!" There are real concerns here. Cattle and other livestock are having a hard time of it, the pheasant population is down, and, well, the wind's been blowing so hard that I can't even go cross-country skiing. The snow's been drifting so much that...

And I love it. Mother Nature is a powerful force. On those occasions when the dogs and I brave the wind and sleet and head out on the prairies for some skiing and a game of fetch, I'm reminded of all that I have to be thankful for. I live in a beautiful area that looks new to me each day. It is those times when I come back to work refreshed, ready for a new challenge and a new outlook on the same old same old. I return with a fresh enthusiasm for the work that I do.

MPLA does that to me, too. One of the strengths of MPLA is its diversity. Look to the Annual Conference for a refreshing break. Come to Shangri-La and re-charge your batteries!

EdLibs

—Heidi M. Nickisch
MPLA Newsletter Editor
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HERE COMES THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.

COULD LIBRARIES BE LEFT IN THE DUST?

YES. As the emerging superhighway sweeps the nation with electronic information, libraries could be pushed aside. But you can help to prevent it. Whether you're a librarian, student, teacher or library patron, you can help now by joining the American Library Association.

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GOAL 2000 WILL MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

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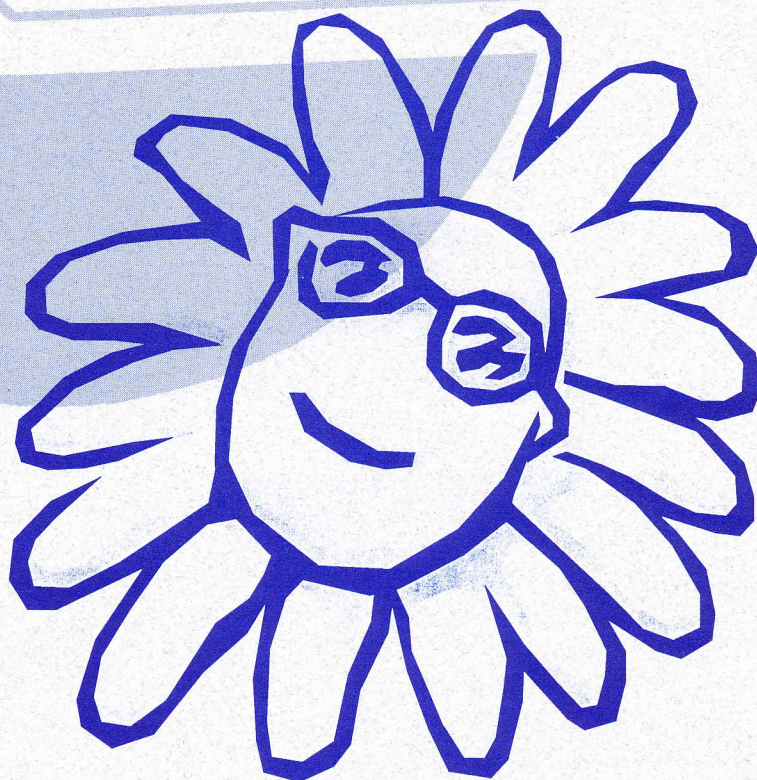
QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum qualifications include ALA-accredited MLS; knowledge and interest in educating library users; ability to work effectively with colleagues and diverse clientele; effective written and oral skills; experience with online searching; experience with WWW applications. Additional desirable qualifications include: 1) reference experience either in an academic or public library; 2) familiarity with science reference resources; 3) library teaching experience; 4) second master's degree (will be required for tenure and promotion).

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit letter of application, résumé, and the 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 57069-2390. Review of applications will begin March 3, 1997, and will continue until a suitable candidate is hired. AA, EOE.

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