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## Salt Lake City: "This Is the Place"

— Blaine Hall  
Chair, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Commemoration Committee



When Brigham Young, lying ill of mountain fever in his carriage, emerged from Emigration Canyon east of Salt Lake City on July 24, 1847, he rose, looked over the grassy valley with its lone juniper tree and salty lake shining in the sun to the northwest and said, "This is the right place." And on May 6-9, 1998, Salt Lake City will be the right place for you at the MPLA-ULA Joint Conference, where MPLA will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Don't miss the birthday party! The Utah Library Association, which will be celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the librarians of Utah are eager to welcome you to Salt Lake City for learning and fun.

Salt Lake City is a growing and thriving city with a population nearing 820,000 in the greater metropolitan area. Probably best known as the worldwide headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Salt Lake City is now only half Mormons. Many other faiths and nationalities now call the city home and help create its cosmopolitan atmosphere. People are attracted to the state by its booming economy, its striking scenery, its temperate climate, and its family-oriented society. Ranked one of the best environments for business, the Salt Lake area has among the highest concentrations of biomedical, high technology, and software firms.

Beginning in the 1960s with the Mormon Church investing \$40 million dollars in the development of a downtown shopping mall with ZCMI, the oldest department store in America, as its center, a \$500 million redevelopment program has helped the city to avoid much of the blight typical of many American cities and to transform the downtown area, enhancing not only business and commerce but also the arts. A new Symphony Hall, home of the Utah Symphony Orchestra, the Salt Lake Arts Center, and the restored Viennese Renaissance-style Capitol Theater, home of Ballet West, the Repertory Dance Theatre, the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, and the Utah Opera Company, as well as other arts-related institutions have greatly enhanced Salt Lake's cultural climate.

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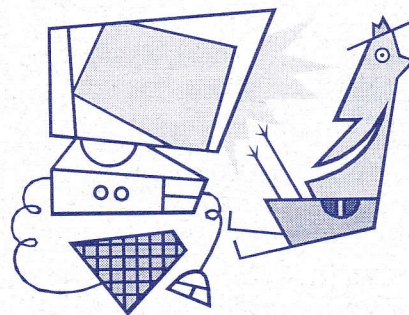
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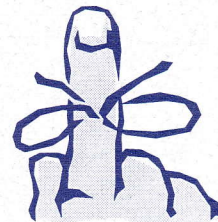
## MPLA President's Note

— Carol J. Connor  
MPLA President

Mountain Plains Library Association is a great organization! I believe MPLA members make the organization what it is. Let's share this opportunity with our colleagues by inviting them to join MPLA and to attend MPLA conferences. With the holidays approaching, this is a busy time for most of us but please take a few minutes to chat with a colleague about why you personally like being a member of MPLA and encourage your colleague to join MPLA.

Mark your new 1998 calendar with the dates for the Utah Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference May 6-8, 1998 in Salt Lake City.

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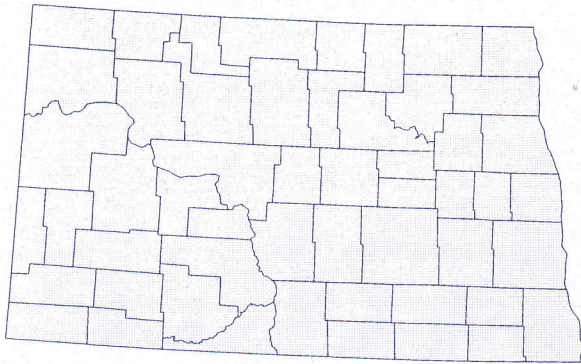
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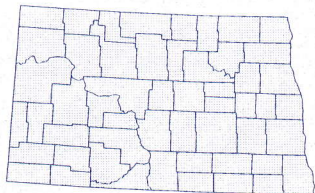
## Grand Forks Public Library

—Sept. 9, 1997

**Attention: No books are being accepted at this point. Cash donations only.**

Contact: Deborah Sales, Minnesota Library Association Foundation, 612-641-0982 and Mike Jaugstetter, ND State Library, 701-328-2492

Our thanks to all of you for the outpouring of generous offers of assistance that we have received in the past few weeks. We are confident that your assistance will give the affected libraries a critical boost toward recovering from this disaster. Library recovery will be vital in the restoration of these communities.



Although the other library buildings in Grand Forks, ND, did not get hit with flood waters (Grand Forks Public Library and the Libraries of the University of North Dakota), there are needs for those libraries as well due to the scope of the disaster as a result of materials that were in circulation -- a significant portion of which are probably destroyed.

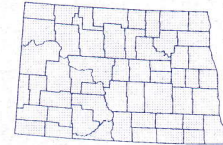
Grand Forks Public Library had 24,000 items and the Chester Fritz Libraries had 20,000 items in circulation and 8,000 UND items remain unaccounted for (it is expected that this figure will drop again as more items continue to be returned).

Those wishing to send cash donations to directly assist Grand Forks Public Library should send those to:

97 Flood Fund  
Grand Forks Public  
Library  
2110 Library Circle  
Grand Forks, ND  
58201-6324

## North Dakota's Red River Flood September Update

—Melody Kuehn  
NDLA Representative



### Public Libraries in Minnesota

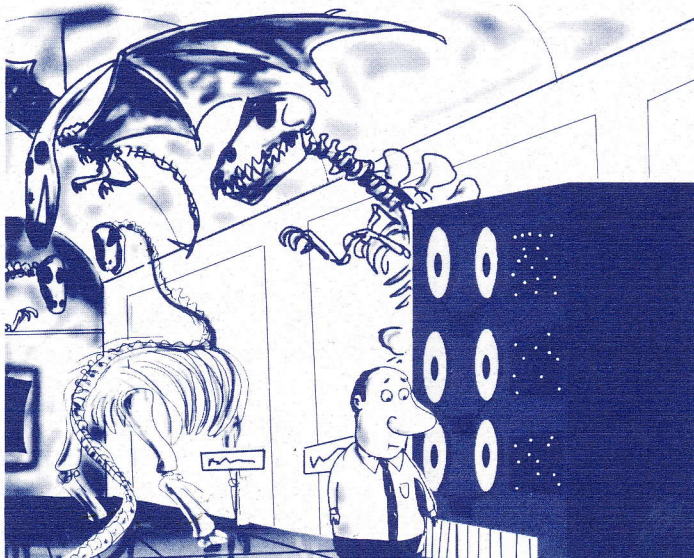
Neither of the public libraries in Minnesota that received serious flooding (East Grand Forks and Ada) are requesting donations of used books. However, if you wish to donate books, please send a listing ONLY to:

Minnesota Library Association  
Foundation  
2324 Univ. Ave W. Suite 103  
St. Paul, MN 55114-1843

Please send NO books at this time. You will be contacted when the libraries are ready to receive these donations and selected items can then be shipped. Neither have as yet moved into temporary space. Their lost collections will be temporarily replaced by items from other branch libraries in the Lake Agassiz Regional Library system. Lake

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May 6-9, 1998**

Papers will be selected by a jury of peers to be presented at the conference. A panel of judges will award a prize of \$100.00 to the best presentation. The abstract of the winning presentation will be published in the MPLA Newsletter.

**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

- Submit an abstract of 1½ to 4 pages in length
- Deadline for abstracts: January 15, 1998
- Abstracts that do not meet the above guidelines will not be considered by the jury

**Send abstracts to:**

Jean B. Anderson  
Chester Fritz Library  
Box 9000  
University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, ND 58202

Selected authors will be notified in March, 1998.



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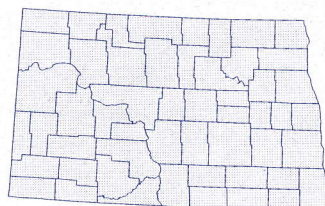
OLA Members:	340
MPLA Members:	101
OLA/MPLA Members:	50
Nonmembers:	27
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>518</b>

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Agassiz Regional Library (located in Moorhead, MN.) is coordinating the acquisition and processing of new books that will replace the collections at those two libraries.

Both libraries do need cash donations which are being handled through the Minnesota Library Association Foundation - Library Disaster Fund. If people bring used books to local libraries for the flood relief effort, it is recommended that these books be put into on-going book sales locally and that the proceeds (e.g. hard cash) from the sales be sent to the Minnesota Library Association Foundation - Li-

brary Disaster Fund. In addition, the foundation is also collecting funds for school and private libraries in Minnesota, as well as libraries in North Dakota. For example, we are not yet certain of the specific needs for Oak Grove Lutheran High School, Fargo, and Sacred Heart School, East Grand Forks, MN, but assistance will be directed to them.



### Publishers to Help

A new book campaign with publishers is also being coordinated through the Minnesota Library Foundation. Publishers are in the process of contributing new books from their current titles for use at libraries where needed.

The Bookmen, Inc, of Minneapolis is acting as a distribution point for this campaign. They will receive, store and ship the books to the affected areas when needed. Publishers in the metro area who are planning to drop books by are asked to call before making delivery or to set a time (call

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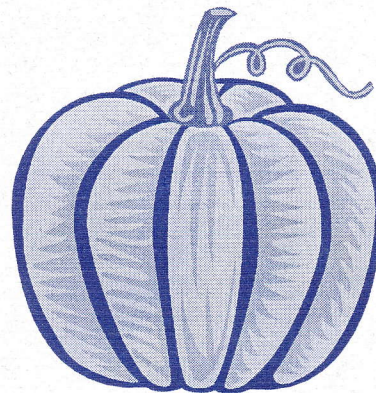
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## Noses in the News...

**GladysAnn Wells** has assumed the position of State Librarian of Arizona and Director of the Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records. She was previously with the New York State Library.

Longtime MPLA member **Donna Gilliland** is the new reference librarian at the South Dakota State Library.

**Amelia Shelley** has been named the Manager of Children's/Young Adult Services for the Laramie County Library System, Cheyenne, Wyoming.



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Many new office towers have changed the city's skyline, pushing it higher and higher with the highest the world headquarters of the LDS Church. And construction continues on another major office tower and a courts complex. Part of Main Street is closed to build a subterranean parking terrace underneath. Further enhancing the beauty of downtown, a number of redeveloped city blocks feature restored building facades and new urban parks.

But while downtown Salt Lake City is a modern business, cultural, and shopping

center, the prominent reminders of its historic pioneer past give the city much of its character and charm. Mormon pioneers laid out the city in a grid pattern of 10-acre squares with streets 132 feet wide-- "wide



enough for a team of four oxen and a covered wagon to turn around"-- with Temple Square, now the most popular tourist attraction in the state, both its spiritual and physical center. This walled ten-acre city block is dominated by the six-spired granite temple and the tabernacle, home of the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir and organ. The beautifully planted and groomed grounds and visitors centers are open daily, offering visitors a peaceful retreat from the bustle of the city outside the walls. Free organ recitals are performed in the Tabernacle

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Brett Waldman at 612-359-5757).

The address is:  
The Bookmen  
525 North Third Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
(Phone: 612-359-5757;  
customer service: 359-5959)  
(Fax: 612-359-5727)

Boxes should be addressed to:

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Association Foundation  
Library Disaster Funds  
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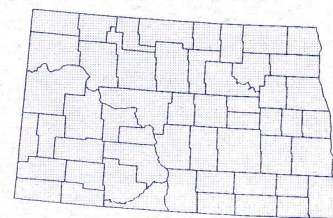
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## UND Library

None of the ND libraries that were impacted by the flood are accepting donations of used books any longer. You may either respond to inquiries to that effect or, if you prefer, forward them to me and I will decline the offers. (One minor exception to this:

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daily at noon, and the nationally televised Tabernacle Choir broadcast is at 9:30 Sunday mornings, all free to the public.

The city is also graced by many landmarks and restored classic older buildings, such as the State Capitol, Eagle Gate, the recently restored Roman Gothic Catholic Cathedral of the Madeleine, Brigham Young's homes - the Beehive and Lion houses, the former Hotel Utah (now the Joseph Smith Memorial Building), Hansen Planetarium (formerly the Salt Lake City Public Library building), the Capital Theater, and the recently restored Richardson Romanesque City and County Building.

As a convention city, Salt Lake's downtown is compact. Within two or three blocks of the newly rebuilt Salt Palace Convention Center, the conference site, are several major hotels, three major shopping malls, over 90 restaurants, night clubs, and most of the city's major attractions, including Temple Square and



the newly completed Delta Center, home of the Utah Jazz basketball team. Situated at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains, Salt Lake City also boasts some of the finest skiing in the world with its excellent powder snow. Salt Lake City is the site for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Only a half hour from downtown and served by Utah Transit Authority buses, some resorts will still be open for skiing in early May.



Utah weather in May can be a bit unpredictable, especially with *el niño* putting in its appearance this past summer. But spring in the valley is generally mild and green, while the Wasatch Mountains are still laden with snow. You can ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon. In May the average daytime high is 72 degrees and evening lows in the 40s. But no matter what the weather, most visitors are impressed with the city's safety, cleanliness, and hospitality. And getting here is easy. Greyhound buses, Amtrak, and Interstates 80 and 15 serve the city from all directions. (The



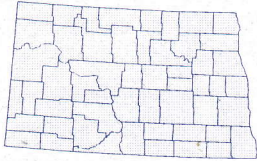
freeways, however, are under construction, requiring some detours and some slow traffic at rush hours.) The Salt Lake City International Airport, only ten minutes from downtown, serves nine airlines with over 500 flights per day.

Future articles will describe in greater detail some of the features of the Salt Lake City you will want to see and enjoy, such as its restaurants, cultural events, sight-seeing, and libraries, including the largest genealogical library in the world, the Family History Library of the LDS Church, where you can search your own family tree free of charge with the expert assistance of helpful librarians. So plan to come to Salt Lake City in May as spring is coming to the valleys of the mountains and enjoy not only an excellent conference, but also this beautiful, friendly city at the Crossroads of the West.



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UND has a web page that lists monographs that were lost IF someone wants to donate a specific replacement monograph from this list. The address is: <[www.und.nodak.edu/dept/library/](http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/library/)> ) 9/5/97



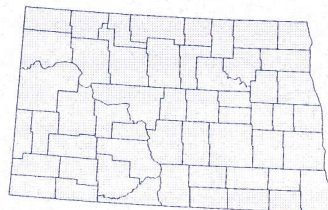
### Schools in Grand Forks

In ND, according to Virginia Tupa, Director of the Grand Forks school libraries, six elementary libraries are totally lost. They are: Lincoln, West, Viking, Belmont, Wilder, and Lewis & Clark. At this time, estimated losses are approximately 2 million dollars materials and equipment only). Because of the scope of the disaster, cash donations are preferred. Send cash donations meant for the Grand Forks school libraries to:

Library flood Relief Fund  
Grand Forks Foundation for  
Education  
308 DeMers Ave.  
PO Box 5475  
Grand Forks, ND  
58206-5475

The information that we had been given earlier regarding FEMA matching funds was INCORRECT and we apologize for any problems that may have caused. It seems that FEMA does not match any pri-

vate contributions. Contributions are however tax deductible. The school librarians are hoping to order as many materials as possible to arrive preprocessed. They are NOT able to accept shipment at this time for contributions of books. If you have books that are available, please consider having a local book sale and sending the cash proceeds to the fund (address above). If you wish to donate books, please send a listing ONLY and no books to the address above and you will be contacted when they are ready to receive and selected items can then be shipped. When they are able to receive shipments of donated books, they do plan to only accept books published 1980 onward and no encyclopedias older than 1990.



### From Virginia Tupa, Grand Forks School Li- braries, August 1997

Thank you all for the offer to volunteer to help us reestablish our libraries. At this time, it looks like we will not need volunteer assistance as FEMA and the National Disaster Program have supplied money for jobs to pay workers. They

have hired people who lost their jobs in the flood. We certainly appreciate the offers as they were certainly morale boosters.

As far as our schools and libraries, most are at different stages but I will try to explain their reestablishment process. Lincoln Elementary was a basement library and the entire school will not be redone. It will set up this school year in a church which was also flooded and is being refinished.

Wilder school stands completely gutted and will probably reopen in January at the soonest. The library design is for a bigger library. The positive can result from the negative.

Viking Library will open this fall and the library has been moved to a main floor location next to the office. The positive here is that is received a more central school location.

West will not be finished by school opening. It's basement library will go back into the same location. The librarian will have to travel to classrooms initially.

South Middle School Library was on second floor but the school will be torn down. The South Middle School library will share the Red River High School Library as

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their students will be housed there until next fall when a new middle school library will be built.

Belmont school will be torn down and those students will be entirely in portables. The library also will be in a portable. Plans are to build a combination Belmont /Lincoln school at the former Belmont site.

Our other two middle schools received damage as well-their libraries were spared but the computer networks still must be reestablished. Their wiring and hubs were located in basements and tunnels. Central High school library was on second floor but is still without electricity. It plans to be ready in two weeks for school.

Lewis & Clark library was also totaled and will be located in a portable next to the school this fall.

We received literally thousands of book donations across the United States. The librarians have spent their summer going through the hundreds of boxes and selecting books to put back into their collections.

As a Library Director, when I discovered the magnitude of the devastation of the libraries, my first thoughts were to confer with someone else who had gone

through a disaster of this proportion. I suddenly realized there probably was no one else in the United States who had experienced this. There is also no book on this.

Personally, it was very painful to see the devastation of these libraries and the dejection of the librarians as we toured their rooms. Years of lesson plans, collection development, etc., were lost. It has been particularly hard on one librarian who lost two libraries. She has her moments but is with a very supportive group of librarians who have pitched in to help her.

This is a slow process to recover and at times seems a daunting task which could never happen without support from everyone. I am very impressed with FEMA and the National Disaster Program in helping us rebuild.

This program enabled us to hire our librarians to work this summer to begin work on their programs.

I always think of the poster with Ramona Quimby on it which says, "Libraries are Forever" and with that thought in mind go back to the task of rebuilding these libraries.

Excerpts from *Flood Recovery by Minnesota and North Dakota Libraries*, Minitex/OCLC, August 1997.



## MPLA Jobline



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

**To call the MPLA Jobline, dial:**

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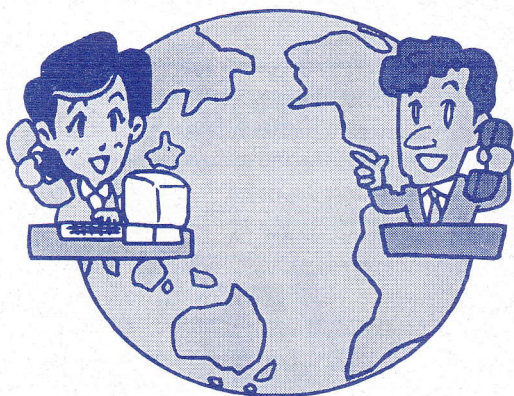
## Upcoming Events Calendar

### OCTOBER 1997

- 1-4 Oct — South Dakota Library Association, Huron
- 10-13 Oct — Colorado Library Association Annual Conference, Copper Mountain
- 16-19 Oct — Nevada Library Association Conference, Carson City
- 20-22 Oct — Online World, San Francisco, CA
- 29-31 Oct — Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association Joint Annual Conference, Omaha.

### NOVEMBER 1997

- 1-2 Nov — 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Book Festival, Denver.
- 5-8 Nov — Arizona Library Association Conference, Phoenix.
- 5-8 Nov — Colorado Educational Media Association 1997 Conference, Beaver Creek.



### JANUARY 1998

- 9-14 Jan — ALA 1998 Midwinter Meeting, New Orleans, LA

### MARCH 1998

- 10-14 March — 1998 Public Library Association National Conference, Kansas City, MO

### APRIL 1998

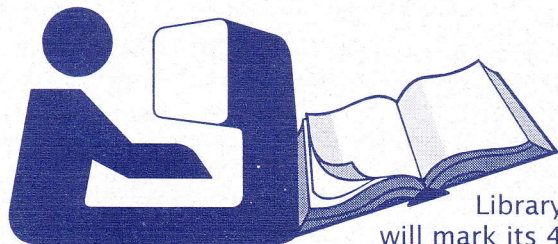
- 19-25 April — National Library Week

### MAY 1998

- 6-9 May — 1998 Joint ULA/MPLA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City

### JUNE 1998

- 25 June - 2 July — ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC



## National Library Week to Mark 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

National Library Week

will mark its 40th anniversary in 1998. Scheduled April 19-25, the annual observance will again carry the theme "Kids Connect @ the Library" or simply "Connect @ the Library" — but with a global twist. The focus will be on how libraries promote understanding of diverse cultures and connect people of all ages and backgrounds with the information they need to live in a global society.

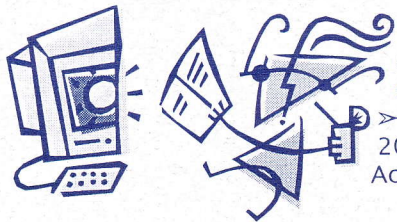
A new "Go Global" Tip Sheet provides tips and publicity materials for National Library Week, April 19-25, 1998, and all year long. Or enroll in the Go Global Online Workshop (<<http://www.ssdesign.com/prtalkshop/login2.html>>). Copies of items mentioned are available from the American Library Association's Public Information Office. Call 800-545-2433, ext. 5044/5041 or e-mail: [PIO@ala.org](mailto:PIO@ala.org)

## "Standards & Assessment Resource Bank" on CD-ROM New Version Now Available

The newly updated and expanded July 1997 edition of the "Standards & Assessment Resource Bank" is now available from the Colorado Department of Education. This dual-platform (Macintosh and Windows) CD-ROM features an easy, colorful, point-and-click interface, with more than 400 full-text documents and seven video clips.

Designed to support implementation of standards-based education at the local level, the Resource Bank is a valuable resource to the members of the education and library communities, as well as those citizens working on any aspect of standards-based education. Among the many key resources you will find on the new version of the Resource Bank are:

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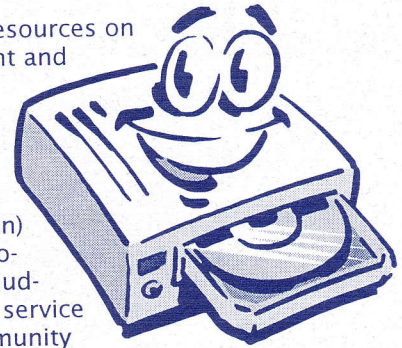
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