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— Blaine Hall
Chair, 50th Anniversary
Commemoration Committee

This is the first of three articles on the founding and history of MPLA to be published in the MPLA Newsletter as we commemorate MPLA's 50th Anniversary.

From Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Utah, and Wyoming they came--217 librarian delegates--to the 1948 Mountain-Plains Library Conference. Invitations had been mailed to all librarians within a 600-mile radius of Denver. The purpose? To discuss creating a regional library organization.

The idea for organizing such an association grew out of the cooperative efforts already begun in the region by the Bibliographical Center for Research. BCR, the dream of Dr. Malcolm Glenn Wyer, then the director of the Denver Public Library, had been created in 1935 with a \$30,000 Carnegie grant. The center, created as a clearinghouse to locate books for member libraries and to facilitate their interlibrary loan, also brought together librarians from the region, working cooperatively to meet recognized needs for

library services in their states and communities. Some of these librarians, representing Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah, and Wyoming, met in Denver in May 1947 and appointed a Conference Planning Committee chaired by Mr. Ralph Esterquest, assistant director of the University of Denver Library.

On Sunday, August 29, 1948, Mr. Esterquest gavelled the first general session to order at 3:00 p.m. in the West Room of the Manor House of the Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colorado. The delegates unanimously elected him as presiding officer. After reviewing the developments that led to calling this conference, he introduced the other members of the Planning Committee: Miss Dorothy Comin, Abilene, Kansas, Mr. Frank Lundy, Lincoln, Nebraska, Miss Mary E. Marks, Laramie, Wyoming, Mrs. Ruth V. Tyler, Midvale,

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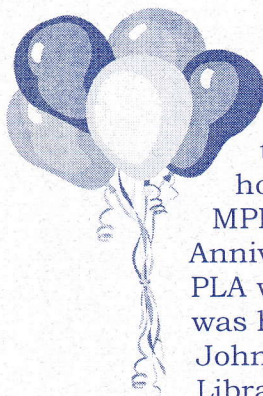
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MPLA President's Note

— Carol J. Connor
MPLA President



The reception in honor of MPLA's 50th Anniversary at PLA was great. It was held at Johnson County Library's Central Resource Library in Overland Park, Kansas. The birthday cake itself was quite unique - it was in the shape of a stack of books. It tasted good too. An ice

sculpture enhanced the table.

In his greeting, the new Executive Director of the American Library Association, William Gordon, had warm words to share about MPLA. He had found memories of the organization and its conferences.

T-shirts and caps recognizing the 50th Anniversary of MPLA were sold at the re-



ception and will be available to purchase at the 1998 MPLA/ULA Conference in Salt Lake City. They look great!

A big thank you to Jean Hatfield, Kansas Rep to MPLA, and to long-time friend of MPLA, Mona Carmack, Director, Johnson County Library, Kansas for holding the reception in honor of MPLA.

See you in Salt Lake City on Thursday, May 7 at MPLA's 50th Birthday Party!



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Paul Needham

Scheide Librarian, Princeton University
Conducting a one-day workshop entitled

Why Preserve Old Bindings?

In this one-day presentation, Mr. Needham will trace the historical development of the book, underscoring its scholarly and artistic importance and the need to preserve the physical integrity of original book bindings as primary research materials. Mr. Needham's encyclopedic knowledge of book history makes this workshop a unique educational opportunity, this workshop is open to non-ULA members.


In addition to his responsibilities at Princeton, Mr. Needham is a regular instructor at the University of Virginia's Rare Book School. His accomplishments include the Directorship of the Books and Manuscripts Department at Sotheby's in New York City, and the Associate Curatorship of Printed Books and Bindings at The Pierpont Morgan Library. He is the author of *Twelve Centuries of Bookbindings: 400-1600*, as well as numerous scholarly articles relating to book history.

Salt Lake City, The Salt Palace, Room 150 G
Wednesday May 6, 1998

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COME CELEBRATE MPLA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

All MPLA and ULA members are invited to celebrate **MPLA's 50th Birthday** (and **ULA's 85th Birthday**) at the **MPLA/ULA Joint Conference** in Salt Lake City. Join your conference colleagues for an evening of fun, frolic, hilarious entertainment, and birthday refreshments. The event is free (thanks to our sponsors), but sign up on your pre-registration form.

WHEN: Thursday, May 7, 1998

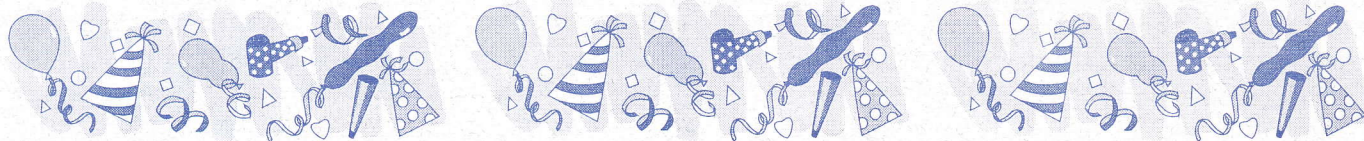
WHERE: Hellenic Memorial Cultural Center at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 279 South 300 West, an easy two-and-a-half block walk southwest of the Salt Palace. (Plenty of free parking north of the center, if you prefer driving.)

TIME: 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT: James Arrington performing "Members of the Farley Family Reunion," the most hilarious one-man play in Utah. Don't miss it!!

SPONSORS: Bibliographical Center for Research, Denver

***FOUNDING:** At a Mountain-Plains Library Conference held at the Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colorado, August 29-31, 1948, 217 librarians from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, and Wyoming, formally created the Mountain-Plains Library Association. Mr. Ralph T. Esterquest, Asst. Director, University of Denver Libraries, chaired the conference and was unanimously elected its first president. The impetus for this new regional association grew out of the cooperative efforts made by region librarians as members of the Bibliographical Center (now the Bibliographical Center for Research), established in 1935 by Dr. Malcolm Wyer, director of libraries and dean of the College of Librarianship, at Denver University. Over the years, MPLA and BCR have worked closely together to promote and improve library services to the member states. Now eleven states strong (Arizona, Montana, Nevada, and Oklahoma have become member states), the MPLA region encompasses nearly 25% of the continental United States.



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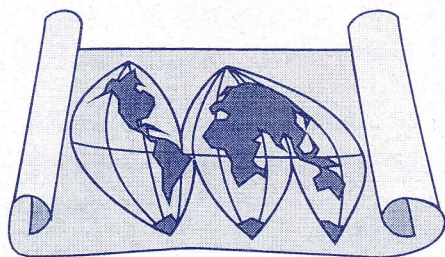
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Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report

— Lynn Silipigni Connaway
Director, Library and Information Services Program
University College, University of Denver, Denver, CO



The paper, "Identifying and Representing Electronic Engineering Resources: A Case Study in Knowledge Management," by Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Rochelle Logan, and Christopher C. Brown, describes a project completed by the University of Denver's Library and Information Services Department. It was selected as a short paper for the poster session at the International Symposium of Research, Development & Practice in Digital Libraries: ISDL '97. The Symposium was held at the University of Library and Information Science in Tsukuba Science City, Japan, November 18-21, 1997.

The project described in the paper was funded by Engineering Information, Inc. The purpose of the project was to identify electronic resources that could be of value to engineers and to represent these resources in a manner that enables engineers to make timely, informed decisions about the usefulness of the resources. The specific objectives of the project included: 1) the development of selection criteria for electronic engineering resources; 2) the identification of electronic resources of interest to engineers, as defined by the selection policy; and 3) the creation of abstracts for these electronic resources that will include at least two hyperlinks to other related electronic resources.

As director of the Library and Information Services Department at University College of the University of Denver (DU), I was the principal investigator for the project. Four research assistants, graduate students in the Library and Information Services Program, worked on the project. Two of these research assistants, Rochelle Logan and Christopher C. Brown, completed the majority of the work for the project.

Rochelle, Chris, and I submitted the paper for review to the ISDL '97. Since the conference was specifically targeted for research and practices for digital libraries, it was a perfect opportunity to promote the interdisciplinary curriculum of the DU program, the research being done in the department, and the accomplishments of the students enrolled in the program, at an international conference.

We provided a computer demonstration of the project and displayed posters identifying the highlights of the project at the symposium poster session. The complete paper was published in the Symposium Proceedings. The project demonstration is available at www.virtualref.com/_japan/.

Many of the symposium presenters and attendees were not librarians, although some were information professionals. The professions most represented were computer scientists, engineers, and electronics and telecommunications experts.

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Utah, and Miss Laura Makepeace, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Following three papers on the subject, "Why have library associations?" presenting state, regional, and national points of view, Mrs. Tyler moved that "this conference resolve itself into a regional association and that the chairman appoint a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and such other committees as he might see fit."

Following the second, discussion began.

Immediately, someone questioned whether or not the group had authority to take such action. Mrs. Tyler pointed out that this was not an organization of state associations but a group of American Library Association members and said that "such a regional set-up would provide machinery to implement plans for ALA regional meetings. Members would have the privilege of attending a regional meeting of their choice. The matter had been brought to the attention of the Utah Library Association Executive Board and had been approved."¹

Others wondered whether a regional organization might swallow state groups, whether those attending were committing themselves as individuals or as representatives of state library associations, or whether membership in ALA would be

a prerequisite for librarians in attendance at the regional conference.

Mr. Esterquest observed "that a regional association stands on its own and does not necessarily have to make any affiliations with the American Library Association or with state associations." He also suggested that the group was perhaps "giving too much thought to state lines and state associations and should concentrate any emphasis on organizing a regional association on the basis of common problems facing librarians."

Gordon Bennett prophetically observed that "state associations must get behind the regional association if it is to succeed." Mr. Lundy believed that the whole proposition needed more thought from the group and moved that action on the Tyler motion be postponed until Tuesday. At the question, his motion lost.

The Tyler motion was voted and carried. The Mountain-Plains Library Association was born! And the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The delivery took three hours.

By dinner time, the Planning Committee had appointed Constitution and By-Laws and Nominating committees with a charge to complete their work by the Tuesday general session.

At the third general session, Tuesday afternoon, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee introduced their "Temporary Constitution" for discussion and adoption. Its five brief sections established the fledgling organization's 1) name (Mountain-Plains Library Association), 2) object (the promotion of library service in the Mountain-Plains region), 3) officers (president, vice-president/

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1. For 1949, ALA had decided to hold seven regional meetings instead of one central conference. The Pacific Northwest Library Association was acting as the planning group for that regional conference, but there was no such group available for planning the Trans-Mississippi regional conference that included Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri. Thus the reference to ALA's regional meetings.

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president-elect, secretary, treasurer), and 4) governing body (an executive board consisting of association officers and a representative of each state to be appointed by the MPLA president).

Some delegates had questions about membership requirements (for now it was on an individual basis), the selection of state representatives (should they be elected or appointed and by whom), additional officers (a second vice-president had been proposed), and even a different name (the Trans-Mississippi Association). Since this was only a temporary document, all questions or suggestions for changes or additions were held off to allow a committee appointed to draw up a permanent constitution and the executive board to address these and other questions and concerns.

With constitutional authority now in place, the Nominating Committee announced its slate of candidates for officers: Ralph T. Esterquest and Frank A. Lundy for president; Ruth V. Tyler and William Baehr, Kansas State College, for vice-president; Miss Hail Fischer, University of Wyoming, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Hall, trustee from Hutchinson, Kansas, treasurer. Frank Lundy declined the nomination and moved that Ralph Esterquest be unanimously acclaimed president. In the voting, Ruth V. Tyler

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Years	Name	Affiliation
1948-49	Ralph T. Esterquest	Asst. Director, U. of Denver Libraries, Colorado
1949-50	Ruth V. Tyler	Director, Salt Lake County Library, Utah
1950-51	Frank A. Lundy	Director, U. of Nebraska Library, Lincoln
1951-52	Jerome Cushman	Director, Salina Public Library, Kansas
1952-53	H. Dean Stallings	Director, North Dakota Agricultural College Library, Fargo
1953-54	Arthur H. Parsons	Director, Omaha Public Library, Nebraska
1954-55	Eulalia D. Chapman	Director, Bibliographical Center for Research, Denver
1955-56	N. Orwin Rush	Director, U. of Wyoming Library, Laramie
1956-57	Leonard J. Kirkpatrick	Director, U. of Utah Library, Salt Lake City
1957-58	Lora Crouch	Director, Sioux Falls Public Library, South Dakota
1958-59	Robert E. Thomas	Director, Hutchinson Kansas Public Library
1959-60	Milton C. Abrams	Director, Utah State Agricultural College Library, Logan, Utah
1960-61	Ford A. Rockwell	Director, Wichita City Library, Kansas
1961-63	Stuart Baillie	Director, School of Librarianship, U. of Denver
1963-65	Russell L. Davis	Director, Utah State Library, Salt Lake City
1965-66	Frank J. Anderson	Director, Kansas Wesleyan University Library, Salina
1966-68	Charles E. Dalrymple	Director, Lincoln City Libraries, Nebraska
1968-69	Evelyn Brewster	Colorado State Library, Denver
1969-70	Ford A. Rockwell	Director, Wichita City Library, Kansas
1970-71	Harold G. Morehouse	Director, U. of Nevada Libraries, Reno
1971-72	Kilbourne L. Janecek	Director, North Dakota State U. Library, Fargo
1972-73	Wilmot C. McFadden	Rock Springs Public Library, Wyoming

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1973-74	Kathlyn K. Lundgren	Nebraska Western College Library, Scottsbluff
1974-75	Herschel V. Anderson	Director, South Dakota State Library, Pierre
1975-76	August (Gus) Hannibal, III	U. of Utah Library, Salt Lake City (Resigned May 10, 1976, for poor health.)
1976-77	Wilfred L. (Vern) West	Jefferson County Library, Denver (Appointed to replace Gus Hannibal.)
1977-78	H. Robert Malinowsky	University of Kansas Library, Lawrence
1978-79	Jim Dertien	Director, Bellevue Public Library, Nebraska
1979-80	Joseph J. Anderson	Director, Nevada State Library, Carson City
1980-82	Jane Kolbe	Director, Sioux Falls College Library, South Dakota
1982-83	Dorothy Middleton	Librarian, East High School, Cheyenne, Wyoming
1983-84	Donna R. Jones	Director, Colby Public Library, Kansas
1984-85	Dorothy M. Liegl	Deputy State Librarian, South Dakota State Library, Pierre
1985-86	Thomas T. Jones	Director, Bismarck Public Library, North Dakota
1986-87	Duane F. Johnson	Kansas State Librarian, Topeka
1987-88	Sara Parker	Montana State Librarian, Helena (Resigned July 1987 to become Pennsylvania State Librarian.)
1988-90	Jerry Kaup	Director, Minot Public Library, North Dakota
1990-91	J. Dennis Day	Director, Salt Lake City Public Library, Utah
1991-92	Corky Walters	Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne
1992-93	Bunny (Alma) Morrison	Librarian, Skyview High School Library, Billings, Montana
1993-94	Ronelle Thompson	Director, Augustana College Library, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1994-96	Blaine H. Hall	Brigham Young University Library, Provo, Utah
1996-97	Judy Zelenski	Asst. Director, Central Colorado Library System, Wheat Ridge
1997-98	Carol Connor	Director, Lincoln City Libraries, Nebraska

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was elected vice-president/president-elect.

To show their support of the new association, the presidents and vice-presidents of the Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska library associations, who were in attendance, reported that their groups were favorable to affiliating with the new regional association. The Colorado Library Association, supported by a generous donation of \$100 by Gladys Osmer, a former member of the University of Denver Library staff, who was at the conference, agreed to publish the proceedings of this historical conference in the next issue of the *Colorado Library Association Bulletin*.

To fund the new organization, a motion called for the immediate institution of \$1.00 annual dues, but died for lack of a second. Considering the overwhelming support for creating MPLA, the reluctance of the delegates to set dues probably shows their desire to have a formal proposal from the executive board on the matter. However, another motion calling for each delegate to be assessed \$1.00 to build up a fund in the treasury for immediate expenses was passed, with the added proviso that those making the contribution would be considered charter members. (In February 1949, the treasury contained \$205.)

The Conference Planning Committee had appointed librarians from several interest groups to prepare sessions for the conference. These programs were well received and most of them elected chairs for the next year to perpetuate their groups. These sections included Large and Medium Public Libraries; Small Public

Libraries; County Libraries; School, Children's and Young People's Libraries; Catalog; Music and Art Libraries; and Business and Technology Libraries. Only the College and University libraries failed to organize at this first meeting. Not all these groups survived very long and the public library sections later combined, but from the beginning they set the pattern for subordinate units that still forms the structure of MPLA.

Another special feature of this first conference was the two hours set aside on Tuesday morning for the state associations to hold their annual



meetings. The planners of the conference envisioned the state associations, most of which were small with limited resources, holding their annual meetings with the regional association. Such an arrangement, they thought, would enable them to provide their members with stronger conference programs than they could afford on their own. In his letter inviting the state associations to hold their meetings at this conference, Esterquest assured them that they would "have an important voice in planning the general program, naming general session speakers, and combining with the other states in the section meetings." However, only Colorado, Kansas, Utah, and Wyoming accepted the invitation.

Still, the idea of enhancing conference programs through cooperative efforts between the states and MPLA has borne

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Gary M. Olson, Associate Dean of the School of Information at the University of Michigan was the keynote speaker. He discussed the various knowledge networking projects completed or in progress at the school. These projects are connected to private sector organizations and corporations which supports my theory that the faculty and students of library and information science programs must promote the unique knowledge and skills of the profession with organizations that are not aware of our expertise in the electronic environment.



Thomas Baker from the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, and Stuart Weibel from OCLC each discussed metadata architecture for the World Wide Web and the Dublin Core in relation to semantics, structure, and syntax of resource description. An entire session was dedicated to the selection, organization, dissemination, use, and user evaluations of electronic journals and the digital library. Speakers from the United Kingdom, Japan, and Germany addressed these issues in their presentations.

Yi-Tzue Chien from the US National Science Foundation discussed the NSF-funded digital library projects and NSF's current research agenda. This was followed by a presentation describing the progress of the University of Illinois' NSF-funded digital libraries project.

Mel Collier from the United Kingdom and Michael Buckland from the University of California, Berkeley, discussed the general theory of the digital library and the selection of libraries, documents, and data for the digital library. Representatives from Yonsei University, Korea, described a multimedia document retrieval technique for digital libraries.

Presenters from Japan and the University of Southern California described information

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 1998

- 19-25 April — National Library Week
- 29 April - 2 May — Oklahoma Library Association, Tulsa
- 29 April - 1 May — Montana Library Association, Missoula

MAY 1998

- 6-9 May — "The Service Connections: A Vision for Tomorrow," 1998
Joint ULA/MPLA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City

JUNE 1998

- 26-30 June — "Global Reach ... Local Touch," ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC

SEPTEMBER 1998

- all month — Library Card Sign-Up Month
- 23-26 September — "North Dakota Libraries—Bridges to the Future," North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference, Grand Forks, ND
- 30 Sept. - 3 Oct. — South Dakota Library Association Annual Conference, Pierre, SD

OCTOBER 1998

- Oct. 9-13: Colorado Library Association, Copper Mountain.



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fruit. The states meet separately, but the now traditional joint conferences with the member states on a rotating basis, has proven to be mutually beneficial to MPLA and the state associations.

One of the important benefits of MPLA membership has always been the opportunity members have had to travel to various places in the region, not only to conduct business and to be instructed and informed, but to have fun. The program for the Estes Park meeting provided for a balanced experience between business and recreation. In fact, a prime consideration in selecting Estes Park was its location at a resort in the Colorado Rockies, only four miles from Rocky Mountain National Park. Monday afternoon featured hikes to Glacier Basin and Fern Lake, naturalist-conducted nature walks around Bear Lake, an auto caravan trip along the Rail Ridge Road, and chartered bus trips to scenic attractions. Swimming, horseback riding, and other sports were also available at the hotel. In the evenings, after hours of meetings, these librarians watched colored films on Rocky Mountain National Park, listened to Chief Eagle Plume perform songs and costumed dances and talk about Indian Lore and the Indian's contributions to civilization at an outdoor barbecue dinner, and square danced in the casino.

The Stanley Hotel sat on a prominence, with its windows looking out on a wide panorama of mountain peaks. And while



it was considered a high-priced hostelry for the times, its rooms were "luxuriously comfortable." One librarian observed later, however, that "hotel rates were out of reason and I rather doubt if the prestige of the Estes Park Stanley Hotel was really worth the rates charged." A room for three persons was \$11 per person, including three meals. A room with running water, but without a bath, cost \$6-\$8. A double room with bath, without meals, cost \$12-\$20 per day. But these rates only applied if you bought the three-day package. Otherwise, you paid their higher tourist season prices. Breakfasts were \$1, lunches \$2, and dinners \$3.50 for those not paying for them with their room.

But those who attended were enthusiastic about their conference experience. Alice Williams, Chief Librarian of the Fort Logan VA Hospital, wrote:

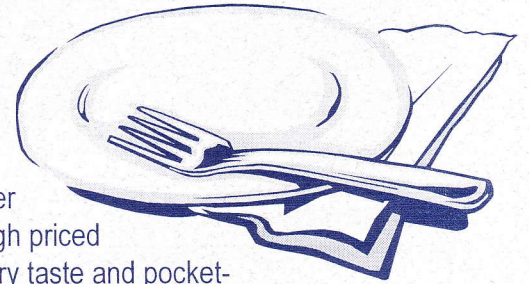
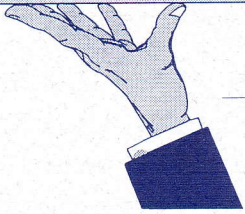
As to the good features of the Estes Park meeting--they outnumbered the bad features at least three to one. There was excellent planning of a balance between recreation and business; also there were so many different types of recreation planned that were suited to every one whether they had special skills or no skills at all. The section meetings were well planned and brought information of interest to that particular group and gave groups a chance to be together in work. . . . It was so good to be able to talk with librarians from other areas and to see how they planned regional meetings and what they learned from this planning.

Virginia Hanson, director of the Cache County Public Library in Logan, Utah, enjoyed not only the conference but the trip

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Salt Lake City Restaurants and Clubs

— **Blaine Hall**
Chair, 50th Anniversary
Commemoration Committee



With over 800 restaurants, delis, and other eateries of all varieties, inexpensive to high priced and casual to formal, Salt Lake City has food and atmosphere to satisfy every taste and pocket-book. Here are just a few of the possibilities for good eating, most within easy walking distance of the hotels and the Salt Palace.

For a busy conference-goer, finding a good place for a quick breakfast and a fast lunch is a high priority. Your hotel restaurant or cafe will usually suffice for a quick or leisurely breakfast, or you will find your favorite Mcthings at **McDonald's** in the food court at the Crossroads Mall on South Temple, which opens at 7a.m.

For a quick, delicious, inexpensive lunch close to the convention center, try the **food court** on the lower level of Crossroads Plaza across the street from the Salt Palace or directly through a short tunnel from the Marriott Hotel lobby. Over fifteen fast food shops feature a surprisingly good selection of sandwiches, salads, hot dogs, burgers, tacos, pizza, pasta, and hickory-smoked barbecued meats in American, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Japanese, and Mexican styles. Tables in the center of the court allow you to sit and relax while you relish your repast. Prices start at about \$2.00. Up the street at the **Carriage Court** in the new Inn on Temple Square, you can get a large helping of Frontier Stew or other moderately priced dish in a gracious, pleasant, smoke-free atmosphere. Or the delicious homemade food served cafeteria-style at the **Lion House**, Brigham Young's historic home, a half block east of Main Street on South Temple might appeal to you.

South of the Salt Palace at 149 West 200 South enjoy **Marianne's Delicatessen** where you can sit down in the Gasthaus for authentic German food and full service amid steins, nutcrackers, flags, and scenic paintings of Germany. **Siegfried's** on 300 South east of West Temple Street, offers similar choices cafeteria style. Select at reasonable prices from a variety of homemade sausages, wursts, sandwiches, salads, sauerkraut, red cabbage, strudels, tarts, cakes and German beers. Open only for lunch. The **Cafe Bacchus**, 358 South West Temple, offers a variety of lunch and dinner choices for discriminating tastes.

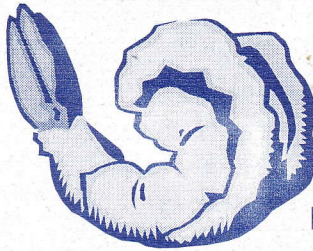
On Main Street you can get quick service on sandwiches, fresh salads, and soups at **Quizno's**

Classic Subs at 132 South Main. At 169 South Main, step into the past at **Lamb's Restaurant**, Utah's oldest continually operating restaurant (1919), and still popular with the downtown business people, shoppers, and tourists. Rated in January 1998 as Salt Lake's best restaurant by *Salt Lake City Magazine*, the **Capitol Cafe** at 54 West 200 South, just around the corner from the Salt Palace, features salads, sandwiches, and pastas for lunch as well as a varied dinner menu.



For dinner, the **Market Street Grill**, one-and-a-half blocks south of

the Salt Palace on Market Street, serves fresh fish, chops, and prime rib as well as an early bird reduced-price special from 5:30 to 7:00. **Squatters** and the **Red Rock Brewing Company** and **Salt Lake Brewing** are nearby brew pubs featuring ambiance, sandwiches, pizza, pastas, grilled foods, and a variety of entrees for lunch and dinner. **Peery Wasatch Pub & Bistro** features continental cuisine and a casual atmosphere including fresh fish, homemade pasta, beef, and lamb. **Baci Trattori** offers a northern and southern Italian menu, and next door at **Pierpont Cantina** you can dine on fresh tortillas, fajitas and other Mexican dishes. The **Rio Grande Cafe** in the restored Rio Grande Train Station, the home of the Utah History Museum at 300 South and Rio Grande Street is also a popular Mexican restaurant, and the site of the Wednesday night conference activity. Salt Lake City also features a variety of other ethnic restaurants from Afgahn to Thai, many of them in the downtown area.



For dining with a panoramic view try **The Roof Restaurant** on the top of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building at Main Street and South Temple or **Mulboon's 13th Floor** at the Olympus Best Western Hotel at 161 West 600 South. Here the popular steamed shrimp bowl appetizer is a favorite.

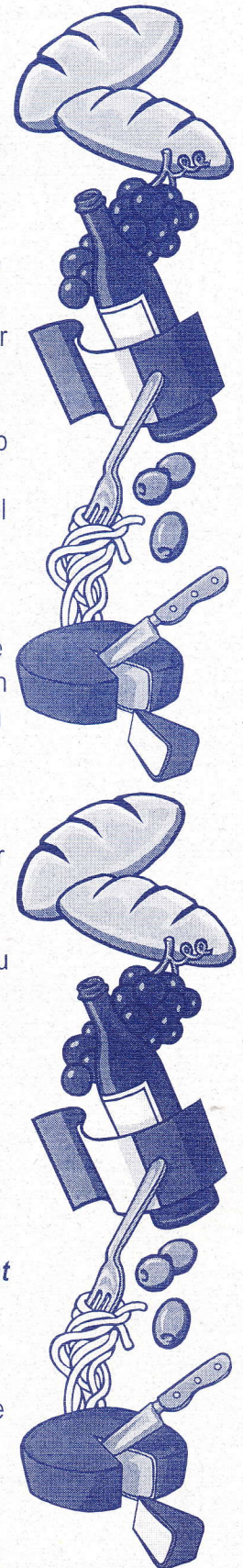
Away from downtown and the central city, dozens of excellent restaurants offer a wide choice of atmosphere, cuisine, and prices. To get away from the urban setting, you might enjoy a run up 400 South to Emigration Canyon to **Ruth's Diner** for Chinese, Italian, Cajun, and Mexican dishes in a 1940's atmosphere. (Yes, the old trolley car is still part of the building.) For cozy canyon dining, ride out to Mill Creek Canyon at Wasatch Blvd. and 3800 South to **Log Haven**, four miles up the canyon, or the **Mill Creek Inn** three miles up, where the windows look out over the natural landscape and where you might be visited by deer or other wildlife. Prices are moderate. For a pricier canyon experience, **Le Caille** at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, 9565 South Wasatch Boulevard, features the finest in continental and French dining. From the moment you enter the gate, you'll find yourself transported to a 18th century estate, complete with a winding brick road, ponds, trees, flowers, and vineyards. Dinners are priced from about \$30 up.



Beer is available almost everywhere, and many restaurants serve alcoholic beverages with meals. Many private clubs in Salt Lake offer temporary memberships where you can enjoy not only great food and drinks, but the hottest jazz, the music of a piano bar, or the latest dance tunes. Near the convention center you will find the **Oyster Bar** next to Market Street Grill, **Club Baci** on Pierpont Avenue, the **Green Parrot** at 155 West 200 South, and **Room at the Top**, 150 West 500 South at the Hilton Hotel.



This is just an appetizer to Salt Lake's great eating. For additional suggestions stop by the Convention Bureau Information Center at the Salt Palace and browse the restaurant kiosks for brochures and menus of some of the city's dining and entertainment spots.



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home as well:

The Estes Park gathering was most satisfactory. It was really wonderful to be on the spot all the time; with no cabs to hail, no traffic to struggle through, no shopping and sight-seeing tours to leave one frustrated and breathless; and time to become acquainted with the interesting new people from Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

On the way home Mrs. Seal [her traveling companion] insisted on popping out of the DeSoto at frequent intervals with her camera. It seemed as if she photographed every speck of flora, fauna, and geological remains en route. Even an occasional biped, indigenous to the locale, claimed her attention. . . . Those of us who had been at Estes Park were invited to Mrs. Seal's home. . . Her pictures of the scenery in Colorado were super-special, and we exclaimed anew at what we had seen on our trip. It was fun to talk about the whole mountain-Plains Conference again.

Fifty years have passed since this historic meeting, and most of the librarians who attended are no longer with us. But today we still have similar experiences and feelings from our membership in MPLA. Truly, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to those pioneering librarians who gave us MPLA, the successful, respected, and well-loved regional association that enriches us today both as librarians and as human beings.

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retrieval technologies for very specific sites and types of information. Complete information about the ISDL '97 is included on the symposium web site, www.DL.ulis.ac.jp/ISDL97/.

Attendance at and participation in the symposium gave me the opportunity to learn about others' experiences and research findings addressing digital libraries and to establish a new group of international colleagues to collaborate with in research and teaching. I was also exposed to new research methodologies, projects, and ideas, which I will utilize for future research and teaching. The experience has contributed to my personal growth as well, by exposing me to other cultures, social customs, and practices.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the research assistants, too. They were involved in a digital libraries project and were given an opportunity to present their work at an international conference.

As a member of MPLA and the director and associate professor of one of the master's in library and information science graduate programs that serves the librarians and information professionals in the MPLA region, I will share my experiences and newly-gained knowledge with members of MPLA through conference presentations, published papers, and teaching graduate classes and continuing education workshops and classes for the members of MPLA.

The ISDL '97 was very well organized and included several excellent presentations. I would recommend attendance at the symposium if it is held again, or attendance at another international symposium or conference that pertains to the library and information science profession.





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