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President's Letter



Linda Rea MPLA President

To use the words of John Lennon and Paul McCartney "I get by with a little help from my friends." The strength of MPLA lies in the extraordinary talents of its members who are willing to share their expertise.

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Several years ago at an MPLA Conference a woman at our lunch table said she always "paid" for her trip to conferences by the ideas that she garnered from the people she met. She

then proceeded to go around the table asking each of us for solutions to her current problems/questions. I'm not as methodical as she was, but I have always relied on the talents of my friends and colleagues in MPLA, whether it was picking their brains for a kernel of knowledge that would help me solve a problem or improve a service, or getting inspired to try something new. Tap into this marvelous reservoir — the MPLA membership!

As I "pass the gavel" (which I think exists only in the imagination of Past Presidents) to Debbie Iverson, our incoming President, I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. Thanks for your help in making our organization stronger as we worked together to achieve the many goals in our long range plan. Let's continue to give Debbie, the executive board, and all the committees our support in 2002. The MPLA Newsletter is published bi-monthly. Material of regional interest may be submitted to:

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MPLA Award Winners

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Literary Contribution Award

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Legislative Leadership Award **Barbara Staggs** Oklahoma State Legislator

News Media Support Arizona Republic Newspaper

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Please join us in honoring these outstanding award winners at the **MPLA Awards Banquet** at Conference on December 6th!

Come Early, Stay Late While "Rising to New Heights!" AzLA/MPLA Conference Dec. 5-7, 2001

Jane Kolbe 2001 AzLA/MPLA Conference Program Co-Chair

One of the perks of conference attendance is the opportunity to schmooze and network with others in our profession. It provides a chance for us to catch up on each other's lives, hear the latest gossip, meet new people, and just plain have fun!

Nothing beats having a leisurely meal, strolling down the many aisles of vendors, chatting away or just



sitting around people watching. So why not come early and stay late for the Joint AzLA/MPLA Conference in Phoenix Dec. 5-7, 2001.?!?!?!

We have made arrangements to have busses on hand to take attendees to the Wednesday, Dec. 5 evening soiree at the beautiful Heard Museum. We will have full access to the museum, including the ever-popular gift shop. Plans are underway to make this the most talked about reception for years to come!

Bob Boze Bell will be the speaker at Friday's luncheon. As an added bonus, special arrangements have been made for a trip to Scottsdale Fashion Square for a Saturday shopping extravaganza! Get that holiday gift buying out of the way early and in the company of great friends. It's the perfect ending to a perfect annual conference. The Program Committee deserves a pat on the back for a job well done. They have put together a perfect program schedule.

Be sure to visit the website for the latest conference information at <u>www.azla.org</u> or <u>www.usd.edu/mpla</u>

At the Conference --Professional F



Here are the presentations for the Professional Forum, sponsored by the MPLA Academic Section and the AzLA College & University Libraries Division (CULD), to be held at the Joint AzLA/MPLA Conference in Phoenix, Dec. 5-7, 2001.

Gwen Alexander (Wichita State University Libraries). Opportunity structure: The role of public libraries in the economic development of small and very small communities.

Michelle Armstrong (Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND), University of Wyoming). Policies for improving accessible Web development techniques and management.



Jeffrey Belliston (Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University). Building a 21st century data collection mousetrap.

Cheryl J. Heser (Rosebud County Library, Montana). Putting PR principles to work in libraries: A project of the MLA Marketing and Public Relations Committee.

Poter L. Kraus (Marriott Library, University of (ah). "I didn't know that was available"; of treach education by government documents librarians at a university to librarians in small, rural public libraries.

n Exciting Addition to the AzLA/MPLA Program

Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG, has been added to the Friday, Dec. 7 AzLA/MPLA Conference program. Hank will be presenting a talk on "How Psychic Roots Became an Unsolved Mystery," which is an extension of his popular "Psychic Roots" and "More Psychic Roots" books. Have you ever found an answer to a question in an "unusual way"? Did you ever find an answer to a question where it should "not" have been? Because we all have found some serendipitious ways of doing research, this talk will show that we should expect to find answers — even in unusual ways! The producers of the TV show, "Unsolved Mysteries" thought enough of the books to devote a whole segment to them! Come and learn how research can be fun — and rewarding in a variety of ways!

Hank will be appearing in the Tucson Room #43 at 1pm on Friday, Dec. 7, 2001. Hope to see you there!

MPLA Members Should Check This Out in AZ \$250,000 Grant Provides Electronic Access to Hundred of Business Publications for AZ Libraries

Linda McCleary Arizona State Library, Archives

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has awarded \$250,000 to 28 Economic Development Information Center (EDIC) libraries in Arizona for ABI/INFORM business databases, and the Wall Street Journal. These databases from ProQuest, Inc. offer in-depth coverage of business conditions, trends, corporate strategies and tactics, management tactics, competitive and product information. Anyone with a public library card who is registered with an EDIC library may access the databases from home or office computers. The services became available at the end of August 2001.

ABI/INFORM databases provide national and international information in abstracts and complete articles from over 700 of the most important and popular business publications. Periodicals and business-focused wire services offer full access to hard-to-find local and regional information from the U.S. and Canada. Users will find data on employment and personnel, businesses and industries in particular locations, and local effects of regulation and legislation.

Since 1992, 27 public and community college libraries throughout Arizona have created Economic Development Information Centers (EDIC) to help provide assistance that local businesses and economic development practitioners need. They offer materials for small business, a staff person to help make them usable, access to a network of business information specialists throughout the state, and now access to ANI/INFORM and the Wall Street Journal.

This project was supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

MPLA Members Needed for Local Mentoring Programs

Joint Action in Community Service (JACS), a national nonprofit organization, is seeking to partner with local libraries and librarians to support young men and women who are graduating from Job Corps, America's premiere residential job training program. Being a Community Mentor is a great way to help a young person in your community keep on the road to success, and an excellent way to introduce youth to the concept of utilizing the local library not just for books, but for information as well.

Over 60,000 young adults throughout America attend Job Corps each year to overcome their obstacles. Whether they dropped out of high school, lacked sufficent job skills, or simply did not have the necessary support of their family and community, youth attend Job Corps to make a difference in their lives. But when they graduate from the program, they are often thrust back into the same environment where they once failed. By giving these graduates a caring, responsible adult in the community on which to rely for advice and guidance, we build a bridge from the success of Job Corps to success in independence.

You can be that bridge. As a librarian, you are not only a member of a "helping profession," but also a conduit of information. Libraries have become more than just a place to borrow books; they are a vital component in the life of a community. By being a JACS Community Mentor, you will be able to show your assigned student how to utilize this great resource, while also showing that the community cares about his or her success.

We need volunteers in MPLA's territory (except New Mexico and Oklahoma). If you want to learn more about the program, contact Christopher Setti

at (800) 852-8988 or e-mail *csetti@doleta.gov.*

Let's Put on a Show!

The New Mexico State Library is requesting proposals from professional performers in support of its 2002 Summer Reading Program. Three performers will be contracted to perform at approximately 20-25 library sites each from June through August 2002. Additionally, performers will be required to give presentations at three Summer Reading Program training sessions in November 2001, at which time they will schedule their summer appearances with individual libraries.

Performances must relate to the theme "READiculous/Leer el Ridiculo." Wanted are creative, imaginative people to focus on Humor from A to Z — Amusing to Zany (to include an emphasis on the alphabet and/or alphabet books). Audience range is three years old and up, often including teens and families. Appropriate performers would be musicians, storytellers, magicians, and puppeteers. Please contact Kathy Barco at (505) 476-9755 or *kbarco@stlib.state.nm.us* for more information.

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Utah Construction is Focus of Special Exhibit



Weeks after the 1941 bombing attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese warships were reported in Alaskan waters. Between 1941 and 1943, the company became a partner in building the Alaska Military Highway to connect Alaska with the contiguous United States.

Linda Sillitoe Stewart Library, Weber State

A symposium held Oct.10-11 at Weber State University, in Ogden, UT opened the valuable and extensive Utah Construction/Utah International Collection in the Stewart Library Special Collections. The records of this construction company, founded in Ogden in 1900, reflect national and world events throughout most of the twentieth century.

Weber State University President Paul H. Thompson officially opened the collection during a reception and photographic exhibit on Oct.10.

The Utah Construction Company began by building railroads in the West and in Mexico, then expanded its mining and building projects into 13 nations on five continents before merging, in 1976, with General Electric — the largest merger in United States history to that time.

The collection, which contains some 500,000 photographs, as well as company records, was donated to Special Collections, in October 1999, by Edmund Wattis Littlefield, a former company president and chair of the board of directors, and by Broken Hill Proprietary, Ltd. (BHP). Littlefield is a grandson of Edmund O. Wattis, one of the company founders.

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Left, Utah Mining & Construction blasted and leveled roads in the Rockies near Colorado Sprngs in order to build an underground combat operations center known as NORAD in the heart of Cheyenne Mountain. At right, in 1955-56, following the Korean War, the company contracted with the U.S. government to furnish professional advisors for the building of two extensions of the Korean National Railway.



In founding the company, Wattis and his brothers William H. Wattis, and Warren L. Wattis enlisted the help of bankers and principal stockholders Thomas D. Dee, David Eccles, Joseph Clark, and James Pingree. In 1931, the company successfully bid to construct the Hoover Dam for the federal Bureau of Reclamation. As cost estimates for the dam mounted, Utah Construction became a major partner in Six Companies, which completed the dam in 1935, well ahead of schedule. It remains the highest concrete arch-gravity dam in the world.

During World War II, the company undertook projects at Pearl Harbor and in Guam, and participated in building the Alaska Military Highway. Residential and commercial building mushroomed during the post-war boom, as did military construction during the Cold War.

In 1944, the Utah Construction Company acquired its first mine. When mining became a major venture, the company name changed, in 1957, to the Utah Construction & Mining Company. In 1969, the privately-owned company issued public stock. As its enterprises expanded, it adopted the name Utah International, Inc. In 1976, Utah International merged with General Electric. Utah International continued to operate as an independent entity until its 1984 purchase by BHP.

The photographic exhibit will stand in Special Collections until the end of December.

New Column Debuts!

Business Sense



Jean Anderson Business Librarian Fort Collins Public Library, CO

Patents

Trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and patents are all ways to protect your work. This issue of

Business Sense begins the discussion of intellectual property by looking at patents.

A patent for an invention is the grant of a property right to the inventor, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The term of a new patent is 20 years from the date on which the application for the patent was filed in the United States or, in special cases, from the date an earlier related application was filed, subject to the payment of maintenance fees. U.S. patent grants are effective only within the U.S., U.S. territories, and U.S. possessions.

The right conferred by the patent grant is, in the language of the statute and of the grant itself, "the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling" the invention in the United States or "importing" the invention into the United States. What is granted is not the right to make, use, offer for sale, sell or import, but the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, selling or importing the invention. (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.)

To explore the world of patents, try the following Internet sites.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

www.uspto.gov/web/menu/pats.html

This is the official site of the federal government for patents. This site includes basic information about patents, current fees, application forms, filing software, and guides. It also includes a link to the CNIDR (Center for Networked Information Discovery and Retrieval) patent searching database.

Patent Searching – Delphion

www.delphion.com

Search here for U.S. patents from 1974 to the present. Registration not required. Premium features are available for a fee. (Delphion Intellectual Property Network is the former IBM Intellectual Property Network).

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Please complete MPLA Survey

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is conducting a survey of library personnel to determine continuing education (CE) needs. This information will be used to develop a plan to guide MPLA activities for the next few years, and will be shared with regional networks and state library associations.

In addition, we are hoping to identify possible continuing education providers in our region. All answers will remain confidential unless you choose to identify yourself as a CE provider.

The survey is available on the MPLA home page at: <u>http://www.usd.edu/mpla/</u> or at the survey site at: <u>http://intercom.virginia.edu/SurveySuite/</u> <u>Surveys/ContinEd/index2.html.</u>

Please take a few minutes to complete and submit this survey. Estimated completion time is 10-15 minutes. If you are not comfortable completing an online survey, a Word version of the survey can be printed from the MPLA Homepage, completed, and mailed to the address listed.

We need your input whether or not you are an MPLA member. Your responses are important to us as we plan for the future.

If you have any questions, please contact: Ann Bailey Northwest Kansas Library System PO Box 446 Norton KS 67654 (785) 877-5148 nwkls@ruraltel.net



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Inventor's Digest Online

www.inventorsdigest.com

This site features numerous free articles from Inventors Digest Magazine and some reprints are for sale. A broad range of subjects can be found here including information for beginners, links to inventor's organizations, legislation, and trade shows. The Inventor's Clubhouse is a great place to find help and advice such as tips on how to avoid scams, a collection of stories on successful inventors, and more.

Rocky Mountain Inventors and Entrepreneurs Congress

www.rminventor.org

The Rocky Mountain Inventors and Entrepreneurs Congress (RMIC), formed in 1978, is a non-profit corporation dedicated to helping people with new ideas. Members include novice and successful inventors and entrepreneurs as well as proto-typers, manufacturers, marketers, patent attorneys, and others. This site offers help to novice inventors.

·United Inventors Association

www.uiusa.org

The United Inventors Association is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation formed in 1990 solely for educational purposes. The mission of the UIA is to provide leadership, support, and services to inventor support groups and independent inventors. Membership is extended to these as well as to others who provide reputable service and support to the inventor community. This site provides brochures, bulletin boards, featured articles, and advice for the novice inventors.

• European Patent Office (EPO)

www.european-patent-office.org/online Not just for European information, this site is a master list of links for all national and international patent sites. Some of the links include patent offices, patent software providers, directories of patent attorneys, patent licensing exchanges, legal information, mailing lists, and News groups.

Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program

www.uspto.gov/go/ptdl/

This site provides information about the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program. A Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) is a library designated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to receive and house copies of U.S. patents and patent and trademark materials, to make them freely available to the public, and to actively disseminate patent and trademark information.

Nebraska Leadership Institute a Resounding Success

Kathy Tooker Eastern Library Systems Administrator

The Nebraska Library Leadership Institute held at the St. Benedict's Center in Schuyler, NE Aug. 26-30 was a resounding success. In fact, another one is already in the planning stages for July 2003. Thirty-one participants, six mentors, four system administrators and one administrative assistant spent four very intensive days and evenings exploring leadership skills, developing a clearer understanding and appreciation of one's unique leadership style, and forging life-long relationships with library leaders from across the state.

Upon arriving at the Institute, participants were divided into four learning groups, each of which



Participants at the Institute work on a group activity.



Republican Valley Library System member Mo Khamouna, left, receives his "diploma" from Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission.

worked closely with two mentors. Through a variety of structured and informal activities designed by consultants Becky Schreiber and John Shannon, facilitators for the past ten years at the Snowbird Leadership Institute, participants identified their personal leadership styles, discussed transition and change, and learned how to be courageous followers. Doug Roesemann, President of the Library Division, infoUSA, spoke one evening on leadership in the business world. The next evening, Maxine Moul, former Lieutenant Governor (1991-1993) and current president of the Nebraska Community Foundation, spoke on the need for leadership on the local level and in the state. Both talks were very well received and proved to be highlights of the Institute. Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission, attended the final day's luncheon and awarded a certificate to each participant.

The Institute was sponsored by the six Regional Library Systems of Nebraska.



Colorado Library Associations Unite

The "Federation" Task Force has been busy working through the details for uniting the main Colorado library associations under one umbrella organization. After much consideration and discussion with the two boards, it has been decided that this new organization will be the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL). The bylaws adopted by both the Colorado Educational Media Association (CEMA) and the Colorado Library Association (CLA) members at their most recent conferences are available at <u>http://www.claweb.org</u> and <u>http://cemacolorado.org</u>.

This single organization will be comprised of four associations for public, school, academic, and special/institutional librarians, staff, and other members. Divisions, sections, and interest groups may also be formed by the membership for more focused, librarian-specific activities.

Eloise May (CLA) and Judy Barnett (CEMA) are serving as the nominating committee to name candidates for president from the School Library Association, vice president from the Public Library Association, secretary from the Special/ Institutional Library Association, treasurer from the Academic Library Association, and three at-large positions.

The group is in the process of getting an attorney to assist in the incorporation and IRS status of CAL as well as the dissolving of CLA and CEMA. They are also working on guidelines and a firm timeline for those divisions becoming associations (College & University and Public Library), CEMA to become the School Library Association, and for organizing the Special/Institutional Library Association. Divisions of CLA will also need to revise their bylaws and roundtables to decide whether to be divisions or interest groups.



Around the MPLA Region

ARIZONA

Library program receives large grant -- The University of Arizona's School of Information Services and Library Science (SIRLS) recently received a \$492,798 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for its *Knowledge River* project, a two year project that is aimed at increasing American Indian and Hispanic recruitment in library and information science degree programs and addressing the information needs of these communities.

Kathy Kaya, MPLA member from Montana, has being appointed to the Knowledge River Steering Committee, a national advisory committee formed to develop the plan for the Knowledge River program. Kathy is also appointed to the University of Arizona's SIRLS Advisory Committee.

COLORADO

Summer readers set record in Jeffco -- The library was the place to be in Jefferson County this summer-- and reading was the activity of choice.

More than 14,600 kids signed up for the summer reading programs at 11 Jefferson County public libraries, an increase of more than 21 percent over last year.

The summer readers logged more then 119,339 hours of reading time, an increase of more than 22 percent over the previous year. They participated in two different summer reading clubs, one for elementary kids, the other for teens. All those who completed eight hours of reading received a new paperback book, selected at books fairs. They also enjoyed a line-up of entertaining and educational programs.



A challenge grant to keep kids reading was issued by the Jefferson County Library Foundation, which promised to donate \$1,000 to provide books for a new library at the Emily Griffith Treatment Center if the readers logged more than 80,000 hours. The foundation also supported the summer reading clubs by providing prizes and program funding.

Belmar Library celebrates successful first year -- The Belmar Library, in Lakewood, CO celebrated its first anniversary in its new building on August 5, 2001. Nearly 350,000 people visited Belmar, checking out almost half a million items since its opening a year earlier. The Belmar computer training lab has offered 140 free classes for youngsters and adults. In its first year in its new location, the library offered 550 activities for children and adults. The Village Roaster coffee cart and the Friends Books and Gift Store add to the enjoyment of a visit to Belmar.

Lakewood manager authors resource book -- Lakewood Library Manager Brett Lear has written a comprehensive books on adult programming for public libraries, which is being published by the American Library Association (ALA). *Adult Programs in the Library* is the first in a new programming guide series from the ALA.

The book is a guide to developing outstanding programs to help revitalize public libraries, as technology and bookstores pull customers away from traditional library services.

The text takes readers through a two-part process. The first section addresses demographic analysis and target audiences, tying the library mission to program offerings, finding local performers, fund raising, generating publicity, and producing programs that run smoothly from start to finish. The second part features more than twenty noteworthy programs from around the country.

The book is available from the ALA and through local book-stores.

Bulgarian sister libraries meet with Colorado partners – The Bulgarian/Colorado Library Project continues with some exciting successes. Jack O'Boyle, Mayor of the City of Lone Tree in Douglas Public Library District, CO visited the Lone Tree Library's partner library in Dobritch, Bulgaria, in early June. Another participant in the early June trip was Susan Thornton. Mayor of Littleton. She and Colorado State Librarian Nancy Bolt presented

a program at the Bemis Public Library in late June.

Eagle Library District Assistant Librarian Patty Gibbons visited the Eagle Library's partner library in Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria, in late June.

"Midnight at the Internet Café" – The summer issue of "Midnight at the Internet Café," written by Christine Hamilton-Pennell and published by the Central Colorado Library System, features food and cooking.

The free publication is distributed in hard copy and is also available online at <u>http://www.cclsweb.org</u>.

KANSAS

Wichita Public Library helps stranded travelers contact home --After 22 planes were diverted to Wichita, KS following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the Wichita Public Library offered those passengers free Internet access and e-mail services so they could let their families, friends, and co-workers know of their safe arrival.

Director of Libraries Cynthia Berner Harris said she responded to a need in the community. "While it seems like such a small thing given the magnitude of the events, we were able to help bring joy and relief to families not just here in the U.S., but around the world. A Canadian family was

Welcome to MPLA

New Members

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Jennifer L. Jones Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

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WYOMI NG Jerry Krois Wyoming State Library

able to reassure their family that they were safe, and countless others were able to communicate with their loved ones in a trying time.

Staff volunteered to transcribe brief messages over the phone if travelers were unable to get to the central library (located within walking distance of one of the city's largest hotels) or any of its eleven branches. Citizens called in and offered their help in delivering messages.



South Central Kansas Library System issuing Request for Information with regard to its proposed long range plan --The South Central Kansas Library System, a 146 member regional system serving a 12-county area, has issued a Request for Information regarding a potential long range plan for the system. The deadline for proposals is Friday, Dec. 7. The SCKLS Executive Committee will review the RFIs at its Dec. 14 meeting. The scope of services includes: review of SCKLS documents such as the annual plan, directory, newsletters; survey SCKLS membership, executive committee, and staff regarding services; conduct a goal setting session with SCKLA membership; provide written summaries of surveys and goal setting; and prepare written recommendations for a strategic plan. For more information, contact Paul Hawkins at *phawkins@hplsck.org.*

New facility calls for a celebration -- The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library will celebrate the completion and opening of its new facility Jan. 12-18, 2002. The celebration will be a communitywide celebration focusing on the cultural diversity of Topeka and Shawnee County, and will feature programs, activities, and performances from area ethnic groups for all ages. A schedule of events and activities will be available later in 2001. For information, call (785) 580-4486.

Performer's Showcase gives schools and libraries a sneak peek -- On Sept. 15 at Newman University in Wichita, KS, local historical performers, storytellers, musicians, puppeters, magicians, and other performance artists performed for an audience of teachers, librarians, community arts organization leaders, and other decision makers. The Performer's Showcase allowed those who schedule programming to see first-hand the abilities of Kansas' treasure trove of talent.

Julie Linneman, Programming and Outreach Coordinator at the Wichita Public Library, developed this program to connect educators and entertainers with audiences. "This showcase allows libraries, schools, and others to see first-hand the variety of exceptional performers that they can bring to their organizations. Brochures and word-ofmouth praise are helpful ways to learn about different programming options, but they are no substitute for seeing the show in action."

WSU provides online Kansas maps -- A special collection of historical maps of Kansas is now available online at <u>http://www.twsu.edu/library/</u> <u>specialcollections/sc.html.</u> Among the maps available is one that contains the first printed use of the term "Quivara," which was used by the Spanish explorers in the 16th century. Another map from the 1850s shows the gold field routes across Kansas to Colorado. The maps are part of the Robert W. Baughman Map Collection at Wichita State University Ablah Library.

"The maps are scanned in full color and viewers can zoom in on details," says Mike Kelly, Curator of Special Collections at WSU Libraries. "We're rediscovering some literally breathtaking maps in their quality, color, size, information, and historical importance."

This project allows a person to view the actual pre-1900 maps online without having to travel to Wichita. The maps are useful for any kind of research that deals with changes over time, particularly the very important first 40 years of statehood when Kansas' counties, towns, and railroads were being developed.

A \$10,000 Kansas Library Network Board digitization grant and a \$5,000 gift from the Dr. James Mershon Endowment helped fund the project,

which was begun last year.

MONTANA

Money helps state library provide training in the use of information technology -- The Montana State Library has received \$53,700 to provide technology training for library staff members across the state. This training program grant, awarded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will help library staff members sustain and expand public access to computers.

"We will use this grant money to provide software training to 150 library staff members," said Karen Strege, state librarian. "This will help public libraries extend access to computers and the Internet for people in need throughout Montana."

Montana State Library will make the specialized training available at three Gates Summer Institutes scheduled in 2002 on university campuses in

Billings, Bozeman, and Missoula. Each Institute will offer three days of intense training in Internet use, Web page design, network management, and methods for teaching patrons to utilize the Internet. The Gates grant will be used to pay mileage, dormitory accommodations, and meals for all librarians attending the Institutes.

Libraries in Montana received computers and an initial round of training as a result of a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2000. The libraries have received technical support from the foundation since that time. This new training grant is the final component of the foundation's library program and will build on the training already received by the library staff.

Book challenged in Great Falls -- The book, "the Hammer of Eden," by Ken Follett, was challenged in the Great Falls School District. This led to a review of the entire book selection procedure by a committee, which included Jim Heckel, director, Great Falls Public Library and co-chair, MPLA IF Committe.

The school board voted to retain the book and the committee recommended that purchase and review procedures be expanded to include input from parents and students, and that parents be given greater latitude in denying access to materials for their children, but only their children.

Festival of the Book -- Jim Heckel was a participant in the Montana Festival of the Book in Missoula, Sept. 6-8. 140 authors and presenters took part in the celebration of books and writing. Heckel gave a presentation on book banning through the ages and participated in a panel on library funding.

Bozeman passes bond for new library --Thanks to the efforts of an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers, Bozeman voters passed a \$4 million bond referendum June 28, with a resounding 66 percent in



favor of the issue! The Vote Yes for Our Library campaign committee worked tirelessly for four months, creating an informative presentation (given to over 35 area groups) distributing yard signs and brochures, and making sure everyone in the community was aware of the need for a larger library. The passage of the referendum allows the library board to continue with its plans to purchase a 14.3-acre site near the present library location.

NEBRASKA

One hundred years - On November 9, 2001 the Nebraska Library Commission will be holding a daylong Centennial celebration at the Library Commission. The occasion? A celebration of November 11, 1901, the day the first office opened in the basement of the Capitol building. An open house, luncheon, and other activities are planned, as well as a special presentation by Jim Carmichael. Associate Professor of the Department of Library and Information Studies, School of Education, University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Carmichael will speak on "Miss Bullock, Miss Templeton, and the Nebraska Library Commission." Carmichael has done extensive research to uncover the stories of the individuals that provided leadership in the early days of the information profession. He will share his findings on the role of historic library leaders and the model they provide for us today.

NEVADA

NLA Scholarship Winners -- The Nevada Library Association Scholarship Committee is pleased to

announce the recipients of the James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship.

Receiving \$1,000 scholarships are Jean Adams, Deborah Fiedler and Kristine Hingtgen. Jean and Deborah are pursuing certification through the Nevada State Library and work at the Churchill County Library and the Amargosa Library District, respectively. Kristine is seeking an endorsement through the Nevada Department of Education as a School Library Media Specialist and is a teacher in the Clark County School District.

Marc Tiar, Forrest Lewis and Kimberly Stubblefield each received \$2,000 to assist them in their pursuit of ALA accredited graduate degrees in library science. Marc is employed by the Washoe County Library, and Forrest and Kimberly are with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Theresa Kenneston and Caron Schwahn each received \$3,000 scholarships to pursue ALA accredited Master's degree programs. Theresa is with the Lyon County Library System and Caron works in the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

The Scholarship Committee expresses congratulations to each of the recipients for their scholarship award and best wishes in their academic pursuits. The Nevada Library Association membership looks forward to many years of service to librarianship in Nevada as the recipients progress in their careers and provide leadership to NLA.

A sincere thank you is expressed to the NLA membership for

their generous support of the scholarship program. Thanks also to our vendor colleagues and friends for their loyal support of the NLA scholarship program, and to the leadership in the Nevada State Library & Archives who strongly advocate the goals of the Committee.

Nevada Young Readers Awards 2001

PICTURE BOOK Mouse, Look Out! Judy Waite

YOUNG READER Harry the Poisonous Centipede Lynne Reid Banks

INTERMEDIATE Among the Hidden Margaret Peterson Haddix

> YOUNG ADULT *Hero* S.L. Rottman

NEWMEXICO

Sante Fe Festival of the Book -- The Friends

of the Santa Fe Public Library recently hosted the 4th annual Santa Fe Festival



of the Book, Oct. 9-13, 2001. The event was billed as a free festival of books, authors, artists, poetry, entertainment, workshops, book signings, exhibits, and a party.

NORTH DAKOTA

Flickertale Children's Book Award 2001 -- The ballots are in! The votes are counted. 13,000 youngsters across the state of North Dakota voted for their choice of picture book or juvenile book to receive this year's Flicker Tale Award. And....those choices are: Hooway For Wodney Wat by Helen Lester and Frindle by Andrew Clements

Plans to offer Master of Library Science degree program in North Dakota -- Following a recent series of public information sessions to measure interest, the School of Librarv and Information Management (SLIM), Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, has decided to move forward with its plan to offer its Master

> of Library Science (MLS) degree via distance education in North Dakota for the second time. The Kansas institution offers undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees in library and information management and is the only school accredited by the American Library

Association in a twelve-state region that includes North

Dakota. Sixty-four potential students attended the meetings held in Bismarck, Fargo, and Grand Forks.

SLIM first offered the MLS program in North Dakota from 1994 through 1996 and 41 students graduated from that program. Classes were held in Grand Forks on the University of North Dakota campus and faculty would travel from Kansas to teach classes on weekends. Students traveled from Fargo, Winnipeg, and western Minnesota to attend classes that were held about once a month. This time around, SLIM plans to make the curriculum more available to students living outside of the Red River valley.

The program will be delivered using a mix of distance education technology and faceto-face instruction. SLIM hopes to have three classroom locations wherever clusters of 15-20 students can be recruited to participate in the program. Tentative locations are Bismarck, Fargo, and Grand Forks. Classes will again be offered on weekends and the will take program approximately two years and eight months to complete.

Canoe Kudos -- The North Dakota Library Association is now sponsoring Canoe Kudos to recognize individuals who have shown support or done something special for libraries and for those that have just done a wonderful job of making your day at the library.

Any member of NDLA can honor deserving individuals by submitting a written nomination along with a \$10 donation to the Professional Development Committee. NDLA will present the pin to the honoree and publicize the kudus in "The Good Stuff," the NLDA newsletter.

This is a fundraiser and is modelled after the Texas Armadillo Acalades!

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Masters in Library Science Student Support Group -- South

Dakota formed a SD Masters in Library Science Student Support Group this fall. This group is in its formation stages, but already has served as an invaluable tool for the several MLS students around the state.

As all SD MLS students are utilizing distance education in their pursuit of their MLS degrees, the need for a statewide student support group is greater. Students are located in Aberdeen, Brookings, Deadwood, Pierre, Rosebud, Trent, and Sioux Falls, among others.

This past 2001 South Dakota Library Association Annual Conference saw the first gettogether of several MLS

students at the Dessert Reception on Thursday evening, Oct. 4, on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen, Five current MLS students networked. vented. compared classes, instructors, and programs. As the students were visiting, the one empty chair in the group was filled with a librarian who listened. supported, and encouraged them. When one librarian left the chair after a few minutes. another librarian joined in. Their interest and support were

expreciated by estudents.



Alfred G. Trump Reading Room

dedicated – On May 8, 2001, the new Alfred G. Trump Reading Room at South Dakota State University was dedicated. Over 70 people attended the dedication. Guests included President Emeritus Hilton Briggs, Dean of Libraries Emeritus Leon Raney, and President Peggy Gordon Elliot. Trump's widow, Anne Trump, was in attendance, along with four of the Trump children.

Alfred G. Trump served as Librarian at SDSU from 1948-1972. From 1972-1982, he acted as Archivist Emeritus for the University. In view of Trump's long and distinguished service to the university and his legacy of valuable and rare books collected with care, the university named the reading room for him. The room will serve as the reading room for the Special Collections Department. In it, patrons will be able to access the library's collection of South Dakota titles. Patrons may also access the other Special Collections, including the Rare Book Collection, the University Archives, and the Manuscript Collections.

This move brings about other changes as well. Patrons no longer need to request permission to borrow books or use the room. The collection is now browseable, and patrons need only sign a sign-in sheet upon entering. The materials will no longer be checked out on reserve, but will also be available in the reading room.

South Dakota Depository Library Program – Established in 1975, the South Dakota depository library system provides a mechanism for the distribution of materials to libraries across the state. Publications created by faculty or staff members at SDSU that may be of interest to state residents can be submitted to the South Dakota State Library for inclusion in this program. Once submitted, the documents are distributed as part of the monthly shipment to other depository libraries in the state.

SDSU's Hilton M. Briggs Library is one of nine libraries that have been designated as an official depository for state publications. Other state depository libraries include: Beulah Williams Library, Northern State University; Huron Public Library; South Dakota State Library; Rapid City Public Library; Siouxland Libraries; E.Y. Berry Library, Black Hills State University; I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota; and Yankton Community Library.

UTAH

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Library Association in San Francisco, coming away with two Public Relations All-Star awards. They won top prize for *Rough Draft*, a Friends of the Library newsletter, and for their 2000 Summer Reading Program, which concentrated on nonfiction materials.

Summit County's temporary library -- Last June, Bonnie Mellor, Summit County Librarian, arranged the loan of a bookmobile from the Utah State Library Division in order to establish a temporary library in the Snyderville Basin. That part of the county lost its library in April due to an expired lease, and a new 6,000 square foot facility near Kimball Junction was already eight months behind schedule for completion. The bookmobile was loaded with close to three thousand new books that had been accumulating for the new library. It was parked at the Jeremy Ranch Elementary School and is open to the public until the new library opens its doors. This innovative new service has been well received. recording more than one thousand items checked out during the first three weeks of service.

Building 21st Century libraries --The Eccles Foundation pledged \$1,000,000 matching funds to the Utah State Library to assist Utah communities in building 21st century libraries, including that buildings will accommodate the demand for collections, computers and programs. The Utah State Library established the 21st Century Library Challenge Fund to raise the state portion of the matching fund.

New Library Technician Program -- The Salt Lake Community College initiated a Library Technician Program fall semester to provide training for entry level positions in library systems, or to improve skills for advancement. *Librarians in the News* – James D. Cooper has been appointed Director of the Salt Lake County Library System. Cooper has more than 25 years of experience in the public and private sectors, most recently as president of his own company, JDC Resources, and has also served as the assistant director of minerals for the state of Utah and as an independent geologist in Salt Lake City. Copper has served seven years on the Salt Lake County Library Board, including three as chairman.

Dr. Larry Dorrell has become the Director of Learning Resources at the Salt Lake Community College. Dr. Dorrell comes to Utah from Central Missouri State University where he has been Chair of the Department of Library Science and Information Services.

Ski Archives – The Conference of Intermountain Archivists held its annual meeting Oct. 12 at the University of Utah Marriot Library. The conference focused on winter sports archives and explored the relationship between the history of skiing and the historians and archivists who make that history come to life. The group will tour the Utah Ski Archives in the U

of U Special Collections. The archive contains erhaps the ation's most omprehensive collection on the history of skiing.

WYOMING

Shelley Named Wyoming Librarian of the Year -- Just about anyone who has seen Amy Shelley in action will tell you that the efforts she gives to the community are remarkably special.

This year, the Wyoming Library Association agreed with that thought.

Amy Shelley, the children's/ young adult services manager of the Laramie County Library System, was named Librarian of the Year by the WLA at its annual conference in September.

"This award is really a victory for everyone who works at the library, especially the children's/ young adult services staff," she said. "I couldn't be so successful without their hard



Amy Shelley

work and great ideas." Shelly graduated from the Graduate School of Information and Library Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1997.

number Among а of accomplishments, Shelley was recognized for bringing a tremendous amount of grant monies and opportunities to LCHS, including "Arthur's Library Adventure." This program extended far beyond the library's walls, as she took Arthur to 1,200 children in 50 Chevenne classrooms. The program's success continued throughout the state, as Shelley offered instrumental support and guidance to other Wyoming libraries that were able to participate in the "adventure" thanks to her efforts.

The award recognized a variety of her other achievements, such as pioneering a baby lapsit storytime for parents and children, creating numerous partnerships with community organizations, expanding the library's Summer Reading Celebration to include over 2,500 participants, and greatly enhancing opportunities for young adults and teens in Laramie County.

Shelley had no knowledge that she was even being considered for the award until she received the letter informing her that she won. "I feel very blessed to live in such a supportive community and to work for such a great library system," she said.

Wyoming Library Association Conference held -- Park County librarians hosted over 200 librarians from around the state at the annual Wyoming Library Association Conference held at the Holiday Inn September 26-29 in Cody. Frances Clymer, Library Director at McCracken Research Library at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, and Arlene Ott, Library Director of Park County Library, were local arrangement co-chairs.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center during the opening reception on the evening of September 26. A pre-conference tour into Yellowstone National Park with a naturalist from the McCracken Research Center took place on September 26.

Keynote speaker was Mamie Bittner. Director of Public and Legislative Affairs for the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington D.C. Presentations included programs by the Dr. Mike Eisenberg, Director, University of Washington Information School. who presented "Teaching Essential Information and Technology Skills," and programs by the U.S. Census Bureau, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, Wyoming Patent and Trademark Library, and the University of Wyoming, just to name a few.

GoWYLD.net offers access to hundreds of links -- GoWYLD.net is a portal page and database created by the Wyoming State Library that offers links to more than 750 Wyoming Web sites.

GoWYLD.net accepts links to non-commercial, Wyoming-related Web sites and personal Wyoming Web site pages provided Web site submission guidelines

are meet: 1 the site does not require a fee or; 2) the site does not

primarily advertise a product or service. Web sites links can be submitted using the form at <u>http://gowyld.net/</u> <u>submission.html</u>. Libraries and other sites are welcome to link to GoWYLD.net from their Wyoming sites.

GoWYLD.net also has a frequently asked questions page, email reference form and a search engine.

The Wyoming State Library is distributing a supply of bookmarks, table tents and computer cards with the "GoWYLD@ your library[™]" theme to libraries around the state. The theme corresponds with @ your library[™], The Campaign for America's Libraries, a five-year program designed to inform the public about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century.

For more information on GoWYLD.net, contact Erin Kinney at the Wyoming State Library, *ekinne@state.wy.us* or (307) 777-6332.

A new mobile training lab for the GoWYLD program and for database training at the Wyoming State Library has been purchased. The mobile

raining lab consists of nine Dell Latitude laptops featuring wireless networking.

People – After 20 years, 9 months, and

23 days, Judy Yeo retired from the Wyoming State Library. Jerry Krois, Wyoming deputy state librarian, will serve as president of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. Dr. Richard Machalek became the University of Wyoming's interim dean of libraries in July, 2001. Becky Hawkins has been appointed the new Big Horn County Library Director. She has been with the library system for 18 years. Frank Zielke, Greybull High School Librarian, has taken early retirement. He has been the librarian since 1976.



ALA Announces \$25,000 Research Grant

The American Library Association (ALA) is seeking proposals for the second year for the \$25,000 ALA research grant to support problembased research for the profession. The research grant is a response to recommendations made by the Congress on Professional Education (COPE) in April 1999.

Research grants should address one of the following questions:

- In what ways do the services of libraries have a positive impact on the lives of users?
- What is/should be the role of librarians in adding value to electronic information?

Proposals are due by December 15, 2001 and results will be announced by Feb. 1, 2002. For



more information. contact Mary Jo Lynch, Director, ALA Office for Research and Statistics at (800) 545-2433, ext. 4273 (phone), (312) 280-3255 (fax). or mlynch@ala.org. Proposals should be organized according to a list of criteria that can be found at http:// www.ala.org/alaorg/

ors/research grant.html. Also located on the Web page is a payment and reporting schedule and outlines for required reports.



Esther J. Piercy Award Call for Technical Services/ Collections Librarian Candidates

The members of the Esther J. Piercy Award Jury are pleased to call for nominations of candidates

for the award. The deadline for submitting a nomination package is December 1, 2001.

The Piercy Award, sponsored by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, consists of a citation and a \$1,500 grant donated by YBP,



Inc. The award recognizes contributions to those areas of librarianship included in collections and technical services, that is, collection development, acquisitions, cataloging, preservation, and serials, by a librarian with not more than ten years of professional experience who has shown outstanding promise for continuing contributions and leadership. The winner is not required to be an ALCTS member. The criteria include such activities as:

a. leadership in professional organizations at the local, state, regional, national, or international level;

b. contributions to the development, application, or utilization of new or improved methods, techniques, and routines;

c. significant contributions to professional literature; and

d. conduct of studies or research in collections and/ or technical services.

The award will be presented to the winner at the ALCTS President's Program during the 2002 ALA Annual Conference.

Please submit a formal statement of nomination, the candidate's vita, other relevant documentation, supporting letters, and up to three examples of the candidate's publications to the Chair of the Award Jury. Persons nominated but not selected for the award in previous years may be renominated provided the candidate still meets the ten-year limit on length of professional experience.

The complete package must be postmarked or sent via e-mail no later than December 1, 2001, to John Haar, Chair, Piercy Award Jury, Vanderbilt University Library, 419 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37240-0007.

LSTA Success Stories Web Site

ALAWON, a publication of the American Library Association Washington Office, has announced the launch of a new Web site developed in a collaborative effort between the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the ALA Washington Office.

The LSTA Success Stories Web site (<u>http://</u>cs.ala.org/lsta) contains a searchable database of stories about how Library Services and Technology Acts funds have improved libraries throughout the country. The site is searchable by state and Congressional district and will prove to be an invaluable tool to help secure future LSTA funds.

Library Work Linked to Headaches

In a recent survey of occupations in which workers reported frequent headaches, librarians ranked second after accountants. According to the Excedrin@Work Headache-by-Profession Index, 43 percent of librarians reported getting headaches during the workweek.

Larry Newman, director of the Headache Institute at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, New York,



NY, said "This survey mirrors what I see in my practice. Too often, factors such as stress, environment, and even skipped meals lead to on-thejob headaches and reduced productivity." Seventy-seven percent of the surveyees said at least half of their headaches strike during working hours and 21 percent stated that all their headaches occur on the job.

For more information about headaches, and to request a free bottle of Excedrin, go to <u>http://</u><u>www.excedrin.com.</u>

Money from ALA available

There are many ALA awards, grants and scholarships available to you. See <u>http://www.ala.org/work/awards/</u>. There are outstanding opportunities to recognize all types of libraries and librarians - and many of these include significant cash awards. Did you know that ALA provides over \$300,000 annually in scholarship money? Deadlines for many of these are coming up in December!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Joint AzLA/MPLA Conference in Phoenix, AZ will be held Dec. 5-7, 2001. The theme is "Rising to New Heights."

The 2002 ULA Conference will be held May 2-3 in Sandy, Utah. The theme is "21st Centuries: Building for the Future."

Job Openings

SOUTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST AND HEAD OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

South Dakota State University seeks a dedicated professional archivist to administer, develop, and promote its archival and rare book collections, housed within the Hilton M. Briggs Library.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Identify, acquire, organize, preserve, describe, promote and facilitate the use of archival, manuscript, and rare book collections. Provide research guidance in all special collections. Prepare guides and bibliographies. Develop exhibits and publicity publications. Supervise support staff and students. Participate in library reference services.

REQUIRED: ALA accredited MLS or a Master's degree in a related field with course work in archival management. Minimum of two years of full-time professional library or archival experience in an academic or research setting. Familiarity with archival theory, principles, practices and procedures as applicable to an academic organization. Demonstrated effective oral and written communication skills and evidence of success in interacting with colleagues, administrators, staff, patrons and donors. Knowledge of preservation techniques for special materials and laws regarding freedom of information, privacy and copyright. Ability to perform physical activities associated with archival environments, i.e., a tolerance for dust and mold, and an ability to move materials up to 40 lbs. in weight.

DESIRED: Experience with automated file management, MARC format, and the digitization of archival materials. Ability to meet the qualifications of a tenure track appointment including an ALA-accredited MLS and a second Master's degree, preferably in history or other academic discipline closely related to the archival field. Both Master's degrees will be required for promotion and tenure.

SALARY: Minimum \$35,000. Twelve-month contract. Competitive benefits package.

Review of applications will begin on November 1 and continue until filled. Send letter of application with resume, transcripts and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three professional references to:

Ms. Carlene Aro, Chair University Archivist Search Committee Box 2115 South Dakota State University Brookings, SD 57007-1098 Telephone: (605) 688-5106 FAX: (605) 688-6133

E-mail: Carlene_Aro@sdstate.edu (inquiries only)

SDSU is an AA/EEO employer and encourages applications from women and minorities. ADA accommodations: (605) 688-4504/TTY (605) 688-4394.

I.D. WEEKS LIBRARY INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN

POSITION: The I.D. Weeks Library is seeking a creative and energetic person with a strong public service orientation who will participate in the Library's information literacy program. The primary responsibilities include assisting in the development and marketing of the existing instructional program. The successful candidate will be a member of a three person instructional team. Additional job duties include providing reference service, collection development and serving as liaison to one or more academic departments. Excellence in teaching is expected - both in the classroom and in mentoring students outside the classroom. Faculty rank, tenure-track position, 12-month appointment.

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum qualifications include ALA accredited MLS; excellent interpersonal and organizational skills. Flexibility and the ability to work collaboratively with others. Strong public service orientation. Knowledge of teaching and research methodologies and their application to information literacy. Experience with presentation software. Additional desirable qualifications include: 1) second Master's degree in subject field (will be required for tenure and promotion); 2) reference experience; 3) teaching experience.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit letter of application, resume and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Instructional Services Librarian Search Committee, I. D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, S.D., 57069-2390.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of applications will begin November 30, 2001 and will continue until position is filled.

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