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North Dakota Library Association Representative

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State Library Reports on Governor's Budget

Governor Ed Schafer presented his budget proposal which included (1) the funding of Library Vision 2004 with \$125,000 as in the present biennium plus is requesting an additional \$125,000. (2)The Governor recommended a 5% decrease in State Aid to Public Libraries in the budget and did not approve an increase to 1 million dollars. (3)The State Library lost funding for one position but retained permission to fill the position with federal funds if the job were to implement some aspect of LV2004.

1998 NDLA Conference News

Dr. Kendall Baker, President of the University of North Dakota, welcomed the NDLA Conference-goers to Grand Forks and to UND. He spoke of the threat to the Chester Fritz Library during the flood, and how volunteers built a dike on Washington Avenue which saved the building; he also recalled the trauma of trying to decide what to save in the Chester Fritz and other campus libraries.

The Grand Forks Foundation for Education received \$423,000 for flood recovery; \$107,000 of this was earmarked for libraries. Librarians were thanked for their help and contributions.

The Humanities grant administered by NDLA stands at \$ 5,098.37; this will cover the expenses for bringing Ben Mikaelson and Cynthia DeFelice to the conference. The book sales stand at \$ 3,601.28, the North Dakota Periodicals Index at \$ 6,660.22, and the Summer Reading Program at \$ 1,490.94. Income from the September conference is \$ 16,179.50. General operating expenses are at \$9,953.05. A total of 144 people registered at the conference. The conference brought \$ 2,596 in income; the auction brought in \$ 1,158.50.

In the State Librarian's report Mike Jaugstetter gave an update on Library Vision 2004 progress to date. The State Library has been working on linking disparate systems. The goal is that all library resources will be available to all citizens with one search. Some of the work is being done with federal funds. Other LV 2004 work concerns literacy, advocacy, and continuing education. The State Library is also involved with the ODIN office to find ways that small libraries can participate in this vision.

In the MPLA report, Melody Kuehn spoke about the triconference in Fargo in

2002. Diane Briggs will be looking at contracts, space, etc. with the Ramada Inn. She needs to know about workshops and people; there are 6 to 8 sites which can hold 60 people. Tables will eliminate seating by about one-fourth. She needs a breakdown of workshop attendance to map it out, and is working with Roann Masterson on this. Bill Gerlach would have the projected attendance figures and original materials. The Crystal Ballroom is a possibility for vendors; she needs to find out how many vendors can fit into it. The exhibitors will each have about 8', but in that facility there could be double the number of expected exhibitors and there would still be enough room for the general session. She needs to ask about computer hookups and access. The cost will be \$ 73-82/room, with the possibility of negotiating some at the state rate. Some of the rooms, and the meeting rooms, should be free.

Ellen Kotrba will be the interim editor of the GOOD STUFF. THE GOOD STUFF has a new design; it received many compliments.

Konnie Wightman spoke about Information Power Training, sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). INFORMATION POWER was updated last July and published along with INFORMATION LITERACY STANDARDS FOR STUDENT LEARNING. AASL is trying to train school librarians to go back into their communities and regions to help set and support the standards. The total cost is over \$1,000 for the training, which will be in Las Vegas in July. When she returns, she would then present a program at NDLA.

The Grand Forks Herald reported on November 9 that the UND Libraries were ranked 23rd of 150 in overall size by the ALA's Association of Colleges and Research Libraries. In 1989 the libraries ranked 65th. The story can be found at <http://www.gfherald.com/news/docs/1109/1109library.htm>

1999 NDLA Conference News

Guttromson reported on preparations for the 1999 conference. Diane Briggs will be the local arrangements chair. The keynote speaker will be Lucy Dagleish, speaking on the first amendment as it relates to internet issues. Clay Jenkinson may come as Thomas Jefferson, and other possible programs for the sections and roundtables include filtering, privacy, and similar topics which would fit the overall theme. The State Library will do a preconference on September 22, 1999.

Health Librarians Workshop

Lila Pedersen has contracted with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to do a "Train the Trainer" workshop with Medline on April 22 & 23 in Fargo.

Germans From Russia Documentary

Prairie Public Television and North Dakota State University Libraries in Fargo are collaborating on a groundbreaking one-hour documentary on the Germans from Russia. The documentary explores the history and culture of this unique ethnic group. The program will premiere on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 from 7pm to 8pm on Prairie Public Television. "The Germans from Russia: Children of the Steppe, Children of the Prairie" is 60 minutes, copyright 1999, Prairie Public Television.