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2000 SPRING WORKSHOPS--NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

The N.D. State Library will offer spring workshops on Professional Ethics and Licensing Electronic Resources on April 13-14, 2000, presented by Arlene Bielefield. Using ALA's Code of Ethics as the framework, Arlene will present ethical dilemmas facing librarians in today's information environment. In the licensing workshop, there will be a discussion of the general principals of licensing. A variety of common clauses will be examined.

LIBRARY VISION 2004 FORUMS

The State Library held a series of public forums across the state to report on the activities of the Library Vision 2004 (LV2004) program and solicit ideas for future developments. All types of libraries, government officials, and the general public were encouraged to participate to share their views on issues and strategies to address for library and information service growth in North Dakota.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOK, "GERMANS FROM RUSSIA SETTLERS"

"The Way It Was: The North Dakota Frontier Experiences: Book Four: Germans from Russia Settlers" Edited by Everett C. Albers and D. Jerome Tweton, The Grass Roots Press, Fessenden, North Dakota, 1999, 93 pages, softcover. The editors, Albers and Tweton, selected eighteen first person Germans from Russia histories as recorded in the 1930s by interviewers working in the Works Progress Administration. These histories, two of them by women, were selected to best represent the different German Russian settlement areas in both Russia and Dakota Territory along with the religious traditions of Evangelical, Catholic, and Mennonite of the Germans from Russia immigrants.

To secure the book, "Germans from Russia Settlers", view the GRHC website page: www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/gerrus/books/albers.html Book review by Mary Lynn Axtman, Fargo, North Dakota (TheAxt@aol.com)

INDEXES TO N.D. PERIODICALS

The North Dakota Periodicals Index (NDPI) was a centennial project to index various N.D. periodicals. Indexing was done for periodicals published between 1981 and 1985 but the data was never published. Kathy Thomas of the NDSU Library has proposed the mounting of the index data onto the web, making it a fully searchable database, easily available to all.

NORTH DAKOTA BIOGRAPHY INDEX DATABASE AVAILABLE

Accessing biographical information regarding North Dakotans has just become easier with the release of the North Dakota Biography Index (NDBI) database by the Institute for Regional Studies at the North Dakota State University Libraries. Searching the database will enable users to quickly determine which publication to consult for biographical information. More than 138,000 biographical sketches are indexed; found in some 540 publications. The site can be found at <http://dp3.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndbi/>

"SCHMECKFEST" VIDEO DOCUMENTARY

"Schmeckfest: Food Traditions of the Germans from Russia" Produced by Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. & NDSU Libraries, Fargo, ND, copyright 2000, funding by North Dakota Humanities Council, NDSU Libraries, and the Members of Prairie Public.

Prairie Public Broadcasting has announced the website page for the new 60-minute documentary, "Schmeckfest: Food Traditions of the Germans from Russia". The page is: www.prairiepublic.org/features/schmeckfest/index.htm
To purchase a copy, call Prairie Public at 1-800-359-6900."

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NDLA FALL CONFERENCE

The 2000 North Dakota Library Association Conference will be held in Dickinson at the Travel Lodge, September 20-23. The conference theme is ÒNorth Dakota Libraries at the Dawn of the New CenturyÓ