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DRIS RECEIVES GRANTS FOR TALKING BOOK PROGRAM

A "talking book" library to be located at the North Dakota State Library is closer to reality after grants and pledges totalling \$35,000 were awarded to Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS).

Two grants have been received: \$20,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation, and \$10,000 from the RC&D Association. RC&D grants, a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, are funded and administered by the Soil Conservation Service. They are awarded for resource, conservation and development projects. Also, a pledge for \$5,000 has been received from the North Dakota Association of the Blind. The grants will be used to help meet the federally required match for a Library Services & Construction Act (LSCA) grant of \$51,185 to the North Dakota State Library. DRIS, which is the fundraising arm of the Talking Book program in North Dakota, will release necessary funds to the North Dakota State Library in order for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program to begin.

North Dakota is one of only two states in the Union that do not have a talking book library. The state's citizens who are unable to read regular print because of a physical, visual or learning disability, receive their books from the Talking Book Library located at South Dakota State Library in Pierre. The North Dakota State Library contracts with South Dakota for the program. The annual cost of \$82,500 is funded by LSCA Title I funds under the U.S. Department of Education. The service is free to anyone qualified as unable to read regular print.

DATES OF INTEREST

Jan. 30 - Feb. 1	- ND Assoc. of School Administrators Winter Conference, Bismarck
Feb. 5-10	- ALA Midwinter, Los Angeles
Feb. 6-8	- State Close Up Program, Minot
Feb. 28	- Advisory Council on Libraries, Bismarck
April 13	- Spring Workshops, Bismarck
April 17-23	- National Library Week
April 19	- Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC
June 23-30	- ALA Annual Conference, Miami

For over twenty years, blind, physically and/or learning disabled North Dakotans have been asking the State Legislature for a talking book library in North Dakota. They feel that they are singled out as the only group of citizens in the state who must go outside the state for basic library and information service. In 1992, the North Dakota Association of the Blind and the North Dakota Silver Haired Education Association passed resolutions asking that the 1993 Legislature appropriate funding for equipment and authorize three staff positions to bring the talking book program from South Dakota to the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck. Funding was requested for equipment to start the new program, including: high-speed tape duplicating equipment, shelving for 75,000 books on tape and disc, 5,000 square feet of additional new space, computers for the automated circulation system used by NLS regional libraries for the blind, tape inspection equipment, sound booths for the local production of books and other material needed by print-impaired persons, mail room equipment, work tables and desks. The Legislature authorized initiating the program in North Dakota, including three new staff positions, but did not appropriate any funds. DRIS was asked by the State Librarian to sponsor the talking book library project in North Dakota and to assist in finding funds necessary to initiate the program.

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Dakota Radio Information Service, Inc., a non-profit organization, is a closed-circuit radio reading and information service for visually, physically and/or learning disabled persons. The service was initiated in 1984, and has been broadcasting the reading of local and national newspapers and popular magazines to print-impaired persons in central and western North Dakota since that time. Studios are located at the State Library where the DRIS program is now a part of the agency. DRIS has expanded its corporate purpose to support the provision of a wide variety of information services to print-disabled persons in North Dakota, including such things as assisting the talking book library project and a personal reading service.

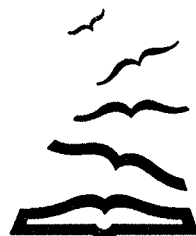
On September 30, 1993, 1,890 residents - located in every county of North Dakota - were using the talking books program. According to a formula developed by the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress, an estimated 8,890 disabled people in North Dakota may be in need of the service. Locating the talking book library in North Dakota will enable more eligible people to know about and apply for the service and will offer assistance with equipment and book selection by a staff located within their own State Library. It is a part of the plan to record a large number of works by North Dakota-born authors and books about North Dakota and add them to the talking book collection.

For more information about the Talking Book Program, contact Sally Oremland, consultant on service to blind and physically handicapped, at the North Dakota State Library (701-224-2497)

S.E.N.D. PROGRAM EXPANDS

Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (S.E.N.D.), a State Historical Society program for North Dakota schoolchildren, has been expanded to meet the growing demands from schools across the state.

Forty trunks are now available from the Society. The program also includes new topics on individual North Dakota Indian groups, developed by Native American consultants. Trunks contain "hands-on" artifacts, historical photographs and documents, and user guides with accompanying activities.



LANGUAGE OF THE LAND EXHIBITION OPENS

The North Dakota Center for the Book announces "Language of the Land: Journeys into Literary North Dakota." This is an exhibition and lecture series that examines the nation's and North Dakota's literary heritage through picturesque literary maps, photographs and quotations from authors who have created many lasting images of America.

The exhibition opens at the North Dakota Heritage Center on January 30, 1994 and will remain on view through March 26, 1994. The lecture series, featuring well known North Dakota writers, will occur Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center Auditorium. Writers include Kathie Ryckman Anderson, Kathleen Norris, Larry Woiwode, Larry Watson, Richard Critchfield, David Solheim, Lois Phillips Hudson and Louise Erdrich.

The North Dakota Center for the Book, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting books, the literary arts and North Dakota's intellectual heritage, is proud to sponsor this exhibition and lecture series. "Language of the Land" is made possible by a generous grant from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. Support for this project in North Dakota comes from the North Dakota State Library, North Dakota Humanities Council, North Dakota Community Foundation, North Dakota State Historical Society, and Maxwell's Books.

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Applications are being accepted for the Medical Library Association's annual Scholarship for Minority Students. Consideration will be given to current and prospective students entering the study of health sciences librarianship at the master's level. To be eligible, applicants must be a member of a minority group; such as Native American, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, or Pacific Islander. The scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000, paid in four equal installments. To receive complete eligibility requirements and terms for applying, contact: Professional Development Department, Medical Library Association, Six North Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602-4805 (312-419-9094)

MORE DOLLARS ANNOUNCED FOR NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARIES

In addition to the \$30,000 granted to the North Dakota State Library's Blind & Physically Handicapped Library Project, other North Dakota library programs have received significant funding support.

Donations totalling more than \$511,000 have been given to expand the Hoghaug Library at UND-Lake Region in Devils Lake.

University of North Dakota School of Medicine received a grant from the USDA Rural Electrification Act in the amount of \$497,186. The medical school represents a consortium of the 32 smallest hospitals in the state. It plans to establish a distance learning and medical link project to be known as MEDSTAR. It would connect hospitals, doctors, nurses, and other rural health professionals via satellite communications for information transfer to rural locations.

Velva voters approved a 20-year \$465,000 bond issue toward the cost of a \$700,000 library addition to the school.

Williston area New Dimensions Information Authority (NDIA) also received an REA grant in the amount of \$97,472. The grant will help the authority to develop a computer-based local area library union catalog of the collections of twenty-three school libraries, three public libraries, and the library at UND-Williston.

Another grant recently awarded was to the State Library in the amount of \$32,000. The grant begins funding the Statewide School Library Field position. These federal Chapter II funds will support technical assistance field work into all areas of the state, including the four units of NDEA/Library Media Association. These initial efforts are directed at networking across school district boundaries into statewide systems.

COLLEGE STAFF RECEIVE AWARDS

Stella Cone, Circulation Manager at Jamestown College's Raugust Library, is a recipient of a U.S. Department of Education fellowship through Clarion University of Pennsylvania to pursue a masters degree in library science. The grant, one of 159 nationwide, will provide full tuition and a stipend for the one-year masters program. While at Clarion, Stella will be assisting in activities of the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, which is operated by the College of Library Science. Clarion received its grant to train professional librarians who contribute to library development in rural areas.

Library Director Phyllis Bratton received good news as well. Jamestown College will be providing \$3,500 and professional assistance to develop grant proposals to establish a preservation program at the library and provide a full-time archivist's position.

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

CARRINGTON - Security State Bank donated \$150 to the City Library for children's books and videos; the ALCO Store "Cute Baby Contest" netted \$435.24 for a CD-ROM which will allow the Carrington Elementary School to add a computerized

encyclopedia to their collection. **DICKINSON** - Dickinson Public Library voted to accept a bid for a new bookmobile. Dickinson Charities donated \$2,000 toward that purchase. Bernnett Reinke, DSU Stoxen Library director, was elected to head ODIN for another two years. Lillian Sorenson, DSU, was appointed to serve on the ND Interactive Video Network Commission. **GLEN ULLIN** - The library moved into new quarters on November 8th.

MANDAN - The Public Library bought books with money raised by its annual book fair, and donated them to the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, Bismarck, for the RMHH family literacy program.

MAYVILLE - The city council approved a 3% mill levy increase for the Mayville Public Library.

ELGIN - Mr. & Mrs. John Bless donated a new set of Encyclopaedia Britannica to the library.

LANGDON - The Eagles Auxiliary donated \$500 to the Cavalier County Library for large print books.

MINOT - Minot Public Library and KXMC-TV are promoting "Family Reading Magic" - a program of reading by and to children - with prize drawings for participants. **NEW ENGLAND** - "Shoppers Coupons" earned \$179.49 for the Library.

TOWNER - A "Book Fair" grossed \$1,058 for the school library. **KILLDEER** - Recent library donations included \$1,000 from the Killdeer Lions Club and \$27.80 from the Little Missouri Jaycees; and Bob and Edna Sand donated 53 "westerns" to the library. **WATFORD CITY** - McKenzie County Library received \$200 from "Jeans for Charity" and a \$5,000 memorial from Cora Sanford in memory of her late husband, Arne "Bob" Sanford. **MICHIGAN** - The Dakota Prairie Michigan School Library "Book Fair" raised \$1,260.59, of which the library was able to keep \$693.32 in books and materials. And to encourage interest in the workings of a library, librarian Pat Schuh has created a program called "Adopt A Shelf" where 6th grade student volunteers take responsibility for placement and condition of books on specific shelves in the library. Good idea, Pat!

OREMLAND HONORED BY NDLA

Sally Oremland, the State Library's consultant on Service to Blind and Physically Disabled, was presented with the North Dakota Library Association's Presidential Award at the 1993 NDLA conference. The award recognized Sally "...for her contributions, meritorious service and legislative efforts on behalf of libraries ..." See NDLA's "The Good Stuff" for more details of other award recipients.

ALA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRINCIPLES

The American Library Association played a key role in developing public interest principles for the Telecommunications Policy Roundtable, a new coalition of more than 60 nonprofit, consumer, labor and civil rights organizations.

The principles are:

1. Universal Access - All people should have affordable access to the information infrastructure.
2. Freedom to Communicate - The information infrastructure should enable all people to effectively exercise their fundamental right to communicate.
3. Vital Civic Center - The information infrastructure must have a vital civic sector at its core.
4. Diverse and Competitive Marketplace - The information infrastructure should ensure competition among ideas and information providers.
5. Equitable Workplace - New technologies should be used to enhance the quality of work and to promote equity in the workplace.
6. Privacy - Privacy should be carefully protected and extended.
7. Democratic Policymaking - The public should be fully informed in policy making for the information infrastructure. Described as a "blueprint for the emerging information superhighway," the principles are designed to renew the commitment to a public interest telecommunications policy.

Libraries will serve as providers and consumers of information, as unique access points to the National Information Infrastructure (NII), serving the public in their vital role of protecting the public interest in access to information.

ALA has called on the Clinton administration and Congress to include libraries in planning and deliberations and to recommit to the long-standing federal role of stimulus funding for libraries to innovate with technology. The coalition's stated goal is that every school, college, public and state library be connected into the National Information Infrastructure.

The Telecommunications Policy Roundtable principles are contained in a document entitled "Renewing the Commitment to a Public Interest Telecommunications Policy." It is available from the Center for Media Education, 1511 K ST NW, Suite 518, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: 202-628-2620. Fax: 207-581-1653. E-mail: cme@access.dignet.net

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Contact Paula Binek at the State Library.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Two years ago the State Library identified SENDIT, North Dakota's Computer Telecommunication Network, as the gateway that could meet the 1907 legislative mandate to provide "informational materials, advice, assistance and support services to libraries and the citizens of North Dakota."

For two years the NDSL consulting and automation staff has worked in collaboration with the SENDIT design team to make library access and interlibrary loan easy for North Dakota schools and public libraries. Now SENDIT is connected to ODIN, and via the Internet, to other major remote library systems around the world. Librarians can easily access millions of bibliographic records and place on-line requests for interlibrary loans of items not locally owned.

The interlibrary loan menu allows librarians to take the description of a book or periodical article they have located in a remote library database, and request that item from the North Dakota State Library. The ILL menu is clear and the forms are simple and easy to use. So easy, in fact, that over 12,000 requests from schools and public libraries were received by NDSL and filled in the first year of operation (1/11/93-1/11/94).

SENDIT is fast becoming a powerful library tool. It's quick, simple, and inexpensive when compared to AT&T EASYLINK. However, the State Librarian recognizes that there are situations and needs that are met by EASYLINK. Therefore, NDSL will continue to support EASYLINK for those libraries who wish to continue using that service. Library administrators need to be aware that a 5% billing & photocopy charge on EASYLINK accounts goes into effect January 1, 1994.

School and public librarians who want to connect to SENDIT need a computer, a modem and access to a telephone line. The State Library is committed to staying abreast of developing technologies that enhance library service and adopting them whenever possible.

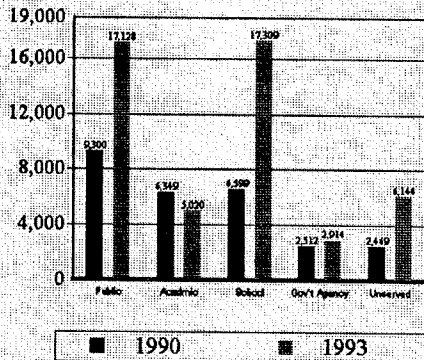
For assistance, contact Eric Halverson at the State Library: SENDIT: halverso@sendit.NoDak.edu
SENDIT=halverso; Phone: 1-701-224-4655..or
1-800-472-21204 #3 & #3; FAX 1-701-244-2040;
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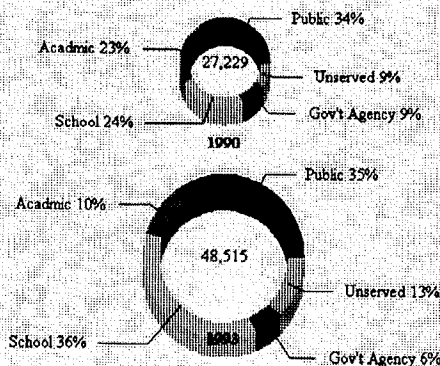
Since joining ODIN in 1990, the State Library has seen a 20% overall growth in interlibrary loan (ILL) requests. This is due in large part to the growing electronic telecommunications capabilities of libraries and individuals throughout the State. With the addition of SENDIT, ILL requests from schools and public libraries have increased significantly.

By streamlining procedures and using new technologies, current staff has been able to maintain the two-day turn-around time on requests - even with this hefty increase!

Interlibrary Loans FY 1990 vs. 1993



Interlibrary Loans FY 1990 vs. 1993



REFERENCE CORNER

New on ODIN are the materials of the State Film Library and the Adult Education Resource Center collection. Videos at the State Film Library are available for a rental charge. Please send requests to the address listed on the ODIN record.

The Adult Education Resource Center materials cover literacy and adult basic education. This collection is available on loan from the State Library. If you have any questions, please call the State Library Reference Desk at 224-4622 or toll-free (1-800-472-2104).

FEDERAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS UPDATE

ALA's Washington Office reports that education and library programs have so far escaped the list of cuts proposed under Vice-President Gore's "Reinventing Government" initiative. Programs which had been targeted for elimination included Title II (Public Library Construction and Technology Enhancement) of the LSCA and Chapter II funds contained in House Measure H.R.3130 for the reauthorized version of the ESEA called "Improving America's Schools Act of 1993." When President Clinton signed the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations Bill on October 21, funds were provided to libraries at approximately the same levels as in 1993. Exceptions include the elimination of funds for LSCA Title V, Foreign Language Materials.

Apparent new threats to access to government information have been introduced by Rep. Richard Gephardt as part of The Government Reform and Savings Act (H.R. 3400). This proposed legislation makes no provision for the free distribution of information through the depository program. This bill would virtually dismantle the Government Printing Office and concentrate in the Executive Branch the power over production and distribution of government information.

FARGO PUBLIC NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

Nann Blaine Hilyard, director of the Auburn (Maine) Public Library, has accepted the position of Director of Fargo Public Library. She will begin her new job on February 9th. Her husband, Stevens, has accepted a call as pastor of the United Church of Christ in Bismarck.

Hilyard has a master's in library science from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She previously has held director positions in Kansas and Texas libraries. She is a former president of the Maine Library Association and past chair of the Maine Library Commission. Hilyard has been a member of the New England Library Association and is vice chairwoman of the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services task force.

A warm North Dakota welcome to both of you!

GARD ON ALA COUNCIL

Betty Gard, Head of Reference and Research Services, UND Chester Fritz Library, has been re-elected to a second term on the ALA National Council. She is the only librarian in North Dakota serving on the council, which is the governing body for ALA. Betty was recently named chairwoman of ALA's Reference and Adult Services discussion group on Performance Standards for Reference and Information Librarians.

1994 LARGE PRINT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

G.K. Hall & Co. announces that entries are now being accepted in the 1994 Large Print Community Service Award competition. Libraries have an opportunity to win \$1,000 for their efforts in promoting the awareness and use of large print books in their communities. Libraries with limited resources will have an opportunity to win a \$500 grant. There are two entry categories: the Outstanding Large Print Program category and the Great Idea Grant category. The deadline for entering is March 31, 1994.

For more information or a copy of the application form, contact Sally Oremland at the State Library (701-224-2497).

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March 23-26	- Public Library Assoc., Atlanta
April 11	- MLA Board Meeting, Bismarck
April 13	- NDSL Spring Workshops, Bismarck
April 17-23	- National Library Week
April 19	- Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC
May 2-3	- Advisory Council on Libraries, Bismarck
May 15-18	- Medical Library Assoc., San Antonio
June 14-18	- Canadian Library Assoc., Vancouver, BC
June 23-30	- ALA Annual Conference, Miami
Sept. 15-17	- Small & Rural Libraries Conference, Bismarck
Sept. 22-24	- ND Library Association Conference, Bismarck
Oct. 20-22	- ND Education Association Conference, Minot
Oct. 27-30	- Mountain Plains Library Assoc., Lake Tahoe
Nov. 9-13	- School Librarians Conference, Indianapolis

ACTION NEEDED TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES

By William R. Strader, State Librarian

Now is the perfect time to contact our congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. We must express our need for a strong federal partnership in furthering library services here in North Dakota. A responsible federal government should help by working with our state to fund and assist our libraries, making certain that we are connected to the "Information Superhighway."

First priority is HR 6, the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, directed towards improving America's schools. The Elementary & Secondary School Library Media Act language has been amended into HR 6, with an authorization level for fiscal year 1995 set at \$200,000,000 of dedicated funding for school library improvement. This is a much needed and long overdue boost for school libraries. Good school libraries help students develop skills essential to reaching the National Educational Goals.

Second priority is "Information Superhighway" legislative pieces which require support from the library community. Refer to Senate Bill 4, which is similar to language used in HR 820 and HR 1757. Also mention the need for HR 2639, called NTIA Pilot Projects. North Dakota and rural America need access and connectivity to the "Information Superhighway."

In President Clinton's budget and appropriation requests for 1995, there is no funding for LSCA Title II Library Construction & Technology Enhancement, LSCA Title VI Library Literacy Programs, and, looking at the Higher Education Act (HEA), there is no funding for HEA II-A College Library Technology; nor for HEA II-B, Library Education & Training; none for HEA II-B Research & Demonstrations; and nothing for HEA II-C Research Libraries. North Dakota should try to see that funding levels established by Congress for Library Services & Construction Act and the Higher Education Act for the 1994 fiscal year are maintained again in 1995.

Budget and appropriations made for 1994 continue to be at risk with efforts towards the rescission of funds already appropriated by Congress for fiscal year 1994. Ask that our congressmen resist legislative efforts that would take back funding of appropriations made to libraries under HEA, ESEA, and LSCA for FY-94. Contact them at their Washington offices:

Sen. Kent Conrad (phone: 202-224-2043; FAX: 202-224-7776)

Sen. Byron Dorgan (phone: 202-224-2551; FAX: 202-224-1193)

Rep. Earl Pomeroy (phone: 202-225-2611; FAX: 202-226-0893)

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Your voice can make a difference for bettering North Dakota's libraries. These current federal legislative efforts are of great importance. I urge you to act today! Watch for the latest updates to be posted weekly on SENDIT, ODIN, and EasyLink. You may call for additional information by phoning 224-4652 or 224-4654 here at the State Library.

Federal legislative efforts will be followed through at ALA's Legislative Day on April 19th when representatives from the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries and I will meet with our congressional delegation. Your input and suggestions are most welcome, needed, and appreciated!

Please forward any concerns about your library or it's programs to:
ND State Library, 604 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800, or call me at 224-2717 or 1-800-472-2104.

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF LITERACY

The North Central Reading Council is sponsoring a state reading conference, "Discover the Magic of Literacy," to be held in Minot on April 8-9. Conference speakers are Lois Lowry, who has written numerous books for children in the middle grades; Laura Joffe Numeroff, who writes and illustrates stories for preschool and elementary age children in addition to writing for television and movies; and Dr. Caroline Feller Bauer, an authority on children's literature, who speaks on storytelling for professionals and parents.

For more information contact: Vicki Summerfield, Magic City Reading Conference, 215 2nd Street SE, Minot, ND 58701 (Dakota School, 727-6306).

REFERENCE CIRCULARS AVAILABLE

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress has recently published two reference circulars which are available to North Dakota libraries.

"Assistive Devices for Reading" lists devices designed to provide people with visual or physical disabilities access to print information. The circular includes devices that hold a book or turn the pages of a book, that magnify print material either manually or electronically, and that convert print into braille or synthetic speech.

"Bibles, Other Scriptures, Liturgies, and Hymnals in Special Media" lists sacred texts of many world religions in a variety of languages, translations, and versions. Commentaries, concordances, liturgies, hymnals, and prayerbooks are also included in this publication.

Contact Sally Oremland at the State Library (800-472-2104) for free copies of these circulars.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Betty Jean Schmidt, Head of Circulation Services at Bismarck Public Library since 1978, died suddenly on February 9, 1994. Betty was a native of Mapleton and was educated in Fargo. She is survived by her husband, Fred, three married daughters, their husbands, and six grandchildren.

Betty will be remembered by the BPL staff and patrons as one who loved life and lived it with enthusiasm. She was a loved and respected mentor to numerous young people who began their working careers at BPL.

Betty Schmidt's warm friendship extended not only to the BPL staff, but throughout the community, as manifest by the outpouring of tribute to her. A memorial fund has been established at the library in her memory.

A NATIONAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE COMES TO NORTH DAKOTA

On September 16 and 17, 1994, Bismarck will be the site of the fifth annual conference on the Future of Rural and Small Libraries. The conference series is designed by the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. It annually brings together approximately 200 participants from a variety of disciplines to discuss the emerging role of information providers and the technological advancements which are driving these developments.

This year's agenda includes Steve Cisler, Senior Scientist, Apple Computer; David Hendricks, External Affairs Director for Economic Development, Education, and Health Care; Frank Miller, Director of Marketing, H.W. Wilson Company; Sylvia Nicholson, Director, Manitoba Public Library Services; and David Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College.

CII AWARDED \$29,278 GRANT TO AID LIBRARIANS

The Center for Innovation in Instruction has been awarded a \$29,278 grant by the ND Educational Telecommunications Council (ETC) to develop and deliver technology workshops for school librarians.

The North Dakota State Library joined the Valley City State University Library Media Education Program and the Center for Innovation in Instruction in development of the project proposal.

Two workshops will be presented at six locations around the state during the 1994-95 school year. They are designed to meet critical needs of school librarians whose function as a resource person for teachers and students has changed dramatically as a result of new technologies. -Valley City Times

REFERENCE CORNER

As you may have noticed, the magazine indexes are now password protected. To access the indexes, type LOGON [your library card #] [password] and then type SET FILE [index]. If you do not know your password, please contact the North Dakota State Library at 224-4622.

"FLICKERTALE" MARKS 25 YEARS

February 1994 marked the 25th year anniversary of the State Library's FLICKERTALE newsletter. The first issue was published in February 1969 under the administration of Richard J. Wolfert, State Librarian from 1969-1979. It was typed by Shirley Ziegler Leno on stencil and run on an AB Dick mimeograph machine. Current technology is responsible for great improvement in the newsletter!

NORTH DAKOTA RECEIVES FRANCIS KEPPEL AWARD

North Dakota was awarded the Francis Keppel Award the second consecutive year by being one of 34 state library agencies to excel in the completeness, promptness, and high quality of local public library data that is collected, edited, and submitted annually to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

State Data Coordinator Nancy Maxwell received North Dakota's award, a working abacus with a plaque, at the annual Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) Training Workshop held in Alexandria, Virginia last December.

BOOK AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT ALA MIDWINTER

Newbery Award: "The Giver," by Lois Lowry. Honor books: "Crazy Lady," by Jane Leslie Conly; "Dragon's Gate," by Laurence Yep; and "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery," by Russell Freedman.

Caldecott Award: "Grandfather's Journey," by Allen Say. Honor books: "Peppe the Lamplighter," by Elisa Bartone; "In the Small, Small Pond," by Denise Fleming; "Owen," by Kevin Henkes; "Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest," by Gerald McDermott; and "Yo! Yes?" by Chris Raschka.

HARLEY FRENCH LIBRARY TRAINS HEALTH PROVIDERS

For the past two years, rural and Native American health providers have received specialized training in searching medical databases. Under two contracts from the National Library of Medicine (NLM), Lorraine Ettl, head of public services at UND Harley French Library of Health Sciences, has trained nearly 500 health professionals in a three-state area. Under both contracts, she taught them to search the MEDLARS databases online at NLM by using a software program called GRATEFUL MED, which assists users to formulate a search off line, dials the database at NLM, and executes the search. The LOANSOME DOC (puns fully intended) module of the program allows the searcher to mark the articles desired and electronically transmits interlibrary loan requests for the articles to the Harley French Library.

NLM is a strong promoter of the concept of enabling the end user to search medical literature, especially end users who are "underserved" - that is, who are unaffiliated with or geographically distant from a library. This part of the country, with its remote, sparsely populated communities, has no problem qualifying as an "underserved" area.

Under one contract, Lorraine visited 15 small cities in western North Dakota to train 145 health professionals and students. Under the other contract, she traveled to 36 Indian Health Service hospitals and clinics in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska to train 348 health professionals. All types of health providers were reached - not only physicians, but also pharmacists, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, physical therapists, administrators, and others.

The training was enthusiastically received by most people. Some of them realized that they were too busy and their time too limited in these small-staffed rural and IHS sites to do their own searching, but they now know which health science libraries to call to get information.

- submitted by Lila Pederson & Lorraine Ettl

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

ASHLEY - Heavy snowfall caused nearly \$10,000 damage when the library's roof collapsed. **CAVALIER** - Twenty volunteers are helping the Cavalier County Library develop a literacy program for that area of the state. **DEVILS LAKE** - Valentines from the Carnegie Library's "Valentines for Vets" project were forwarded to the VA Hospital in Fargo. **DICKINSON** - The second program in the "Great Books of the Great Plains" series will be held at the library on March 6 at 2:00 p.m. **DUNSEITH** - The Dunseith Day Indian School is having "Family Night" - when the whole community is encouraged to use the library. **ELLENDALE** - South Central Area Bookmobile Library added 208 new borrowers in 1993. **FARGO** - Former Governor Bill Guy and his wife Jean have donated their long-playing record albums to the NDSU Lawrence Welk Collection. **FORMAN** - A check for \$515 was presented to the library by the "Women of Today" for the purchase of new books. **GARRISON** - Proceeds from a bake sale sponsored by the library will be used for National Library Week activities and a summer reading program. **HARVEY** - A \$2,300 grant from the Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. will be used to purchase children's books. **HEBRON** - A book lease program with Baker & Taylor has been established and new books will arrive at the library every month. **JAMESTOWN** - Senior High Library Club members promote reading by working in the high school library, holding contests to get students to look up information in reference materials, making displays for the library, and holding book drives. Up to 22 students per week help out in the library. The Alfred Dickey Library has developed a parent/teacher section, containing resource and activity books from all sections of the library, for daycare providers, preschool and primary teachers, and parents. **MAX** - The Community Library has expanded to double the original size it was when it opened in June, 1983. **NEW ENGLAND** - "Grandpa Walt" Jacobs was a big hit with seventeen "little people" at the February 4th Story Hour. **RUGBY** - The Rugby Faculty Wives "Tour of Homes" brought in \$200 for the Heart of America Library. **VALLEY CITY** - The Eagles Auxiliary gave \$500 to the Valley City-Barnes County Library for the purchase of large print books for the elderly. **WASHBURN** - The Washburn Library has recently switched to the SENDIT system.

LSCA EXPENDITURE REPORT

Each year the U.S. Department of Education provides the State Library with a report summarizing North Dakota's expenditures under LSCA Title I - Public Library Services, and Title III - Resource Sharing. A summary of the percent of total expenditures under each category for all states is also provided for comparative purposes.

North Dakota expends Title I funds under six categories:

1. Services to areas without services: Provides direct reference and ILL services to residents of areas with no local library. The project also allows State Library personnel to work with interested local individuals to establish public library services in these areas.
ND = 10.45% US = 14.26%
2. Services to areas with inadequate services: Provides reference and ILL staff and materials to meet the needs of public libraries with inadequate resources. The project also includes continuing education and consultant services.
ND = 36.18% US = 27.12%
3. Blind and Physically Handicapped Services consists of the talking book program.
ND = 29.96% US = 5.59%
4. Institutional library services provides competitive grant funds for the six state institutions (e.g. School for the Deaf) to improve public services for their clients.
ND = 9.57% US = 4.67%
5. Strengthening State Library Agency provides for toll-free access to ODIN and ODIN training, as well as collection development funds to meet statewide requests.
ND = 9.91% US = 18.93%
6. Administration provides for one-fourth FTE to prepare LSCA plans and reports and to monitor the LSCA program. Funds are also used to support travel and activities of the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries.
ND = 3.92% US = 2.74%

North Dakota expends Title III funds under one category.

Establishing and expanding resource sharing networks: The program provides full funding for three FTE to operate the State Library's ILL loan program, which serves all types of libraries.

ND = 100% US = 54.27%

If you are interested in more details concerning the LSCA program, please contact Mike Jaugstetter at 701-224-4654 or 1-800-472-2104, #3, #1.

1992 NORTH DAKOTA EXPENDITURES					
TITLE I	FY92	LSCA	% OF LSCA	STATE	LOCAL
1 WITHOUT SERVICE	40,000	40,000	10.45%	100,000	0
2 INADEQUATE	137,000	138,481	36.18%	773,450	0
3 DISADVANTAGED	0	0	0.00%	0	0
4 BLIND/PHYS HAND	114,674	114,674	29.96%	0	0
5 INSTITUTIONAL	36,620	36,620	9.57%	81,550	0
6 STRENGTHENING	37,937	37,937	9.91%	295,000	0
7 MURLS	0	0	0.00%	0	0
8 STRENGTH METRO LIB	0	0	0.00%	0	0
9 LIMITED ENGL SPKG	0	0	0.00%	0	0
10 ELDERLY	0	0	0.00%	0	0
11 COMUN INFO REFER	0	0	0.00%	0	0
12 LITERACY	0	0	0.00%	0	0
13 HANDICAPPED	0	0	0.00%	0	0
14 INTERGENERATIONAL	0	0	0.00%	0	0
15 CHILD CARE	0	0	0.00%	0	0
16 MODEL LITERACY CTRS	0	0	0.00%	0	0
17 DRUG ABUSE PREV PROG	0	0	0.00%	0	0
18 ADMINISTRATION	15,000	15,000	3.92%	0	0
TOTAL	381,231	382,712	100.00%	1,250,000	0
TITLE I	FY92	LSCA	% OF LSCA	STATE	LOCAL
1 PLANNING	0	0	0.00%	0	0
2 ESTAB, EXPAND	83,979	83,979	100.00%	0	0
3 RESOURCE SHRG	0	0	0.00%	0	0
4 TECH CAPACITY	0	0	0.00%	0	0
5 PRESERVATION	0	0	0.00%	0	0
TOTAL	83,979	83,979	100.00%	0	0

1992 EXPENDITURES FOR ALL STATES					
TITLE I	LSCA	% OF LSCA	STATE	LOCAL	
1 WITHOUT SERVICE	11,575,780	14.26%	46,288,512	19,757,405	
2 INADEQUATE	22,015,696	27.12%	181,700,836	88,982,361	
3 DISADVANTAGED	6,028,871	7.43%	8,109,280	307,862	
4 BLIND/PHYS HAND	4,533,386	5.59%	22,501,485	2,089,133	
5 INSTITUTIONAL	3,791,218	4.67%	24,045,543	208,668	
6 STRENGTHENING	15,363,641	18.93%	32,705,611	139,296	
7 MURLS	5,166,043	6.36%	872,224	347,658	
8 STRENGTH METRO LIB	1,974,456	2.43%	3,990,992	25,030,635	
9 LIMITED ENGL SPKG	1,378,639	1.70%	30,914	52,690	
10 ELDERLY	1,113,226	1.37%	237,207	85,405	
11 COMUN INFO REFER	1,597,916	1.97%	4,658,719	80,354	
12 LITERACY	2,411,173	2.97%	133,036	87,990	
13 HANDICAPPED	600,013	0.74%	224,601	18,823	
14 INTERGENERATIONAL	281,802	0.35%	19,756	19,987	
15 CHILD CARE	452,035	0.56%	121,959	27,808	
16 MODEL LITERACY CTRS	43,873	0.05%	3,000	0	
17 DRUG ABUSE PREV PROG	611,556	0.75%	870,336	0	
18 ADMINISTRATION	2,226,468	2.74%	2,526,379	0	
TOTAL	81,165,793	100.00%	329,040,391	137,236,075	
TITLE I	LSCA	% OF LSCA	STATE	LOCAL	
1 PLANNING	4,136,740	21.99%	384,978	0	
2 ESTAB, EXPAND	10,208,846	54.27%	5,380,744	0	
3 RESOURCE SHRG	3,700,373	19.67%	0	0	
4 TECH CAPACITY	586,038	3.12%	653,882	0	
5 PRESERVATION	180,179	0.96%	1,681,978	0	
TOTAL	18,812,176	100.00%	8,101,582	0	

**STATE LIBRARY SPRING WORKSHOPS
COMING UP**



Registration materials for the April 13th Spring Workshops have been mailed. The workshops - covering ODIN, SENDIT, the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and Cataloging - will be presented at the Heritage Center in Bismarck. If you have not received your registration form, please contact the State Library.

1994 NLW GRAPHICS AVAILABLE

New graphics illustrating the 1994 National Library Week (NLW) theme, "Libraries Change Lives," are available from ALA Graphics. Materials include posters, bookmarks, pencils, postcards, campaign book supplement, banners, and t-shirts. National Library Week is April 17-23.

To order with a credit card or organizational purchase order (\$30 minimum on billed organizational orders), call 800-545-2433, press 8, or send payment with order to: ALA Graphics, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. For a free catalog of materials, send a postcard to the same address or call 800-545-2433, ext. 5046.

"SPOTLIGHT ON BOOKS"

The 6th annual "Spotlight on Books," a conference for adults focused on youth literature, will be held April 15-16 on the campus of Bemidji (MN) State University. Noted speakers include Jane Kurtz, author of "Ethopia: The Roof of Africa;" Will Weaver, who wrote "Red Earth, White Earth," "Striking Out," and "A Gravestone Made of Wheat;" and Jane Yolen, who has published over 100 books, including her 1974 National Book Award finalist, ALA Notable Children's Book & Golden Kite Award winner, "The Girl Who Cried Flowers."

To register, or for more information, contact Joan Larson, P.O. Box 845, Alexandria, MN 56308 (800-450-1032).

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DATES OF INTEREST

May 15-18	- Medical Library Assoc., San Antonio
June 7-9	- TNT Conference, Bismarck
June 14-18	- Canadian Library Assoc., Vancouver, BC
June 23-40	- ALA Annual Conference, Miami
Aug. 8	- Advisory Council on Libraries, Fargo
Sept. 15-17	- Small & Rural Libraries Conference, Bismarck
Sept. 22-24	- ND Library Assoc. Conference, Bismarck
Oct. 20-22	- ND Education Assoc. Conference, Minot
Oct. 27-30	- Mountain Plains Library Assoc., Lake Tahoe
Nov. 7	- Advisory Council on Libraries, Minot (tentative)
Nov. 9-13	- School Librarians' Conference, Indianapolis

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

William R. Strader, State Librarian

I've just returned from a series of meetings held in Washington, DC in conjunction with American Library Association's "Legislative Day." It was a very busy and informative experience.

I must reiterate how important it is that we focus our energies on getting Senate Bill S.266 passed. This is the School Library Media Act, co-sponsored by Senators Paul Sarbanes and Paul Simon, and supported by North Dakota's Senator Kent Conrad. Language in the bill needs to be incorporated into the Senate version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization effort, which is currently lacking in the Administration's Senate Bill S.1513.

The House passed it's version for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, HR.6, with language very similar - if not identical - to S.266. The language of the School Library Media Act now appears as Title II part C and carries an appropriation level of \$200,000,000, with allocations for school library materials.

Please ask our congressmen to back combining legislative efforts on S.266 and HR.6 that significantly support our school libraries. Contact their Washington offices:

Sen. Kent Conrad (phone: 202-224-2043; FAX: 202-224-7776)

Sen. Byron Dorgan (phone: 202-224-2551; FAX: 202-224-1193)

Rep. Earl Pomeroy (phone: 202-225-2611; FAX: 202-226-0893)

At the State Capitol during hearings of the Education Finance Committee on March 29, 1994, the following five elements to quality school library media improvements were detailed: (1) equal access to library materials and resources for all school districts and all K-12 students; (2) technology and connectivity for school library and research services; (3) district, consortium, and state directed resource sharing for K-12 student access; (4) Department of Public Instruction and State Library joint coordination, administration and assistance for school library improvements; and (5) professional training and accreditation of school library media personnel.

We need school library media center programs that develop a total information studies curriculum integrated and taught within the curricula of each school in order to ensure that all students are effective users of ideas and information. Our programs must recognize three vital roles of the school library media specialist: information specialist, teacher for K-12 library science curriculum, and instructional consultant. Individual school library media programs cannot contain all the resources needed by students and teaching staff, so the program must provide access to resources beyond the school. Finally, a systemic planning process must be included, which defines the mission, sets goals, assesses needs, and implements a quality program, including evaluation and performance standards. It bears repeating that good school libraries help students develop skills essential to reaching the National Educational Goals - GOALS 2000.

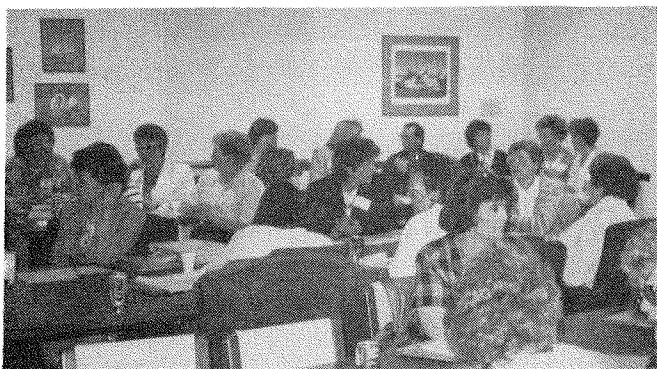
Back in DC, issues affecting public libraries were the focus of meetings dealing
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with the reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act. That will be a topic for discussion in my next FLICKERTALE article. What is still very critical at this time is the Administration's elimination of LSCA Title II funding. Will North Dakota librarians support funding LSCA for the next year at the level funded for 1994? Please help restore Title II funds! Call, FAX, or write today.

SPRING WORKSHOPS

On April 13, nearly one-hundred librarians attended the State Library Spring Workshops in Bismarck. The workshops were designed to provide librarians with information in three major areas: new technology (ODIN and SENDIT), basic skills



Librarians gathered in Bismarck for Spring Workshops

(cataloging), and the social/legal scene (ADA full compliance).

The State Library staff greatly appreciated attendees' understanding and good humor as three times the expected turnout caused many last minute rearrangements to accommodate both people and technology. Observations and formal evaluations in all sessions pointed out the continued need for training on all levels - from introductory to expert - in all types of libraries. The State Library is cooperating with other information technology providers in the state to ensure quality educational opportunities for everyone.

GIVEAWAY: 1993 Thomas Register, mint condition. Contact Madeline Peyton at the Grand Forks AFB; she'll ship it free. Address: Base Library, 511 Holzapple Building 201, GFAFB, North Dakota 58205-6309 (701) 747-3048

GRANTS ADVANCE ADULT LITERACY

"Literacy North Dakota" and the North Dakota State Library have been awarded a \$35,000 LSCA Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will help reduce the rate of illiteracy among adults, help libraries be more actively involved in adult literacy, encourage cooperation among literacy providers and promote volunteerism. The grant has been used to coordinate and plan library literacy programs using local volunteers to train tutors, to recruit students to participate, and to purchase books, videotapes and other teaching materials. Materials are now available via ODIN.

In many rural North Dakota communities, adults who want to improve their reading, writing and math skills must travel long distances to receive tutoring. This project is attempting to provide volunteer tutors in more communities throughout the state. Seven rural public libraries were assisted in implementing long-term adult literacy programs: Velva, Langdon, Hebron, New Town, McClusky, Goodrich, and Fessenden.

A recent Department of Education survey indicated that nearly half the adults in the U.S. could benefit from help to improve literacy skills. "Literacy North Dakota's" primary focus is to provide tutoring for adults who believe that improving their basic skills would make a difference for them economically, socially, or in personal self esteem. "Literacy North Dakota" is a non-profit organization whose mission is to coordinate efforts to combat illiteracy in North Dakota, and to promote and support literacy tutors and programs throughout the state.

The Fort Berthold Reservation Library in New Town also received a 1993-94 LSCA Title VI literacy grant. That program will focus on adult literacy tutoring and inter-generational and life-long learning programs.

For more details on funding opportunities, contact Barbara Humes, LSCA Title VI Program Officer at 202-219-1315.

ALA TRUSTEE POSITION OPEN

Nominations are being accepted for an ALA Endowment Trustee position. The trustee, who will serve a 3-year term beginning in September, will be elected by the ALA Executive Board during the ALA Annual Conference, June 23-30, in Miami Beach. Submit applications by June 17 to: Peggy Sullivan, ALA Executive Director, ALA Headquarters, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 (Phone: 1-800-545-2433, ext. 3203 or 3205)

SUMMER COURSES OFFERED AT BSC

The UND Graduate Center at Bismarck State College is offering summer and fall classes for teachers and administrators. Programs offered include Credentialing, Certification, Master, 6th Year Specialist and Doctoral. For more information, call 224-5437.

- CTL 501 - Psychological Foundations of Education
- CTL 559 - Seminar in Educational Administration
- CTL 550B - Microcomputer Applications in Educational Admin.
- CTL 522C - Science in the Elementary School
- COUN 518 - Group Dynamics

JAPANESE DONATE CRAFT ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Two libraries in the state gratefully received limited editions of encyclopedias (with videotapes) on Japanese arts and crafts. Soroptimist International of Fargo presented the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota State University Library with copies of "The Crafts of Japan" at a special ceremony held in Fargo on March 9th. The encyclopedias document the historical richness of Japanese arts and crafts, including history, traditions, techniques and tools. They were produced by Diamond Inc. of Tokyo, and made available to Soroptimist clubs throughout North America by Yasuda Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Tokyo, for presentation to selected libraries.

SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER PROGRAM

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has awarded the North Dakota State Library a \$32,000 grant to begin a school library/media center program. The program, which starts July 1, 1994, will include developing, coordinating, consulting, networking and technical support to school library media centers. A statewide committee worked with the State Library to identify critical issues, needs and expectations; to develop the position posting and job description for the field librarian; and will advise in the interview and selection process.

This grant will allow the State Library to hire a trained school librarian from July 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995. The pilot project is expected to be continued and moved into a permanent funding basis. For more information, including job announcement and description, contact Cindy Larson (224-4652) at the State Library.

REFERENCE CORNER

"The Bismarck Tribune" is indexing local stories, in addition to marriage announcements, obituaries, and other local statistics/information (in "Nubs") from issues dated January 1, 1993 to the present. The State Library now has online access to "The Bismarck Tribune," so if you need information on area topics, please call the reference desk (224-4622) for assistance.

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

New Rockford - The Lions Club bought a refrigerator to be used for functions held at the library. The Eagles Club gave \$1500 towards the school library computer project.
Cooperstown - School children were thrilled when one of their storybook favorites, Clifford, The Big Red Dog, visited their classroom during the Annual Book Fair (the fair raised \$2,113.42!)
Cando - The Senior Class registered on SENDIT so they can do much of the research for their term papers themselves.
Hankinson - The board voted not to charge rural library patrons for library cards in 1994.
Rugby - Heart of America Library has recently received a collection of 172 books on World War II, and nine volumes on World War I.
Devils Lake - The Eagles Club donated \$250 to Carnegie Public Library for new books.
Killdeer - Thanks to money donated by the Lions Club, the library now has a new bookdrop.
Lakota - Cargill, Inc. has joined the American Library Association in "Partners for Family Literacy" - where Cargill employees are encouraged to team up with a partner such as a library or literacy group, to promote literacy in their communities. Cargill has renewed its partnership with Lakota City Library, and has also donated a printer for the library's computer. Melody Johnson, a Cargill employee, will coordinate Lakota's summer reading program. And the State Bank of Lakota donated \$300 to support monthly book drawings. What great community support!
Grand Forks - UND Chester Fritz Library dedicated its Carleton Elliott Simensen Military Heritage Collection on April 22nd. The collection documents Japan's use of intercontinental balloon bombs during World War II, one of which was found near Ashley in the 1940's.
Harvey - According to the Harvey Herald-Press, the Harvey Public Library (home to 20,000 books) is the busiest little library (population category of 2,000-7,399) in North Dakota!
Williston - Moose Lodge #239 gave \$100 to help buy a replacement computer and software for the Williston Community Library's children section.
Dickinson - The Dickinson Public Library is using "Story Kits" developed by the North Dakota State Library to help communities promote family literacy.
Bismarck - State Librarian Bill Strader's wife, Nancy, has been selected "Teacher of the Year" for the Carson City (NV) Unified School District. She now becomes one of seventeen finalists for Nevada's "Teacher of the Year."

"BOOKS CHANGE LIVES" WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Amanda Potter, 1994 North Dakota winner of the "Letters About Literature" contest, co-sponsored by the North Dakota Center for the Book and READ Magazine. Amanda's letter to author Alex Haley explaining how "Roots" changed her life won out over more than 190 entries from North Dakota. She received \$100 cash prize from READ Magazine.

This year's theme, "Books Change Lives," challenged entrants to "write a letter to your favorite (or least favorite) author." Letters had to be under 1000 words and could be addressed to authors living or dead. Formerly a contest with one national winner, the sponsor expanded this year's contest to include ten state Centers for the Book, each of which would select a state winner. North Dakota judges were Mary Hines, Cavalier Chamber of Commerce; Dianne Aull, Coordinator for Literacy North Dakota; and Vera Uyehara, Center for the Book board member from Grand Forks.

Teachers of students in grades 6-12 who would like guidelines for next year's contest - "Letters About Literature '94," a copy of this year's national winning essays, and a sample issue of READ Magazine, should write to: READ, 245 Long Hill Road, Middletown, CT 06457.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

- * The State Library processes about 50,000 information requests each year? That's about 200 requests per day!
- * 50% of North Dakota's interlibrary loan transactions are performed via electronic mail?
- * More than 230 North Dakota libraries have access to the Internet via SENDIT?

Need information right away? Recent changes instituted at the State Library will help you and your patrons find the answers you need. Technology at the State Library is helping to meet user demands in the fastest, most efficient way possible. It also provides a variety of methods for communicating and document delivery.

Bibliographies and abstracts can now be faxed directly from the State Library's databases. For instance, if you are interested in a bibliography on cataracts, "Health Index," ODIN, and "Readers Guide" abstracts could all be accessed and the information from each database downloaded and faxed to your library or company from State Library computers.

The State Library has twenty different CD-ROMS available, including the 1990 census, the database of the National Agriculture Library, AGRICOLA; Health Index; ERIC; Books in Print; and Newsbank, in addition to the databases found on ODIN.

TOP TEN ACTIONS LIST FOR TRUSTEES

In true David Letterman tradition, Malcolm Hill of the Mid-York Library System, Utica, NY created a list of ten things every good library trustee should do:

- #10 - Give a speech about your library. Rotary Clubs, PTAs and other groups are always looking for programs and the world won't know what your library has to offer unless you tell them.
- #9 - Visit another library and steal a good idea!
- #8 - Don't ever stop learning. It's hard enough to keep up - even when you work at it. Seek out learning opportunities which will help make you a better trustee.
- #7 - Be ACTIVE. Being a trustee is more than just going to the board meetings every month. Write a letter to the governor about state aid. Take the editor of your local paper to lunch.
- #6 - Spend your money wisely. Don't hoard it. Your funding bodies didn't give you tax money so you could put it in the bank. They are buying service from you.
- #5 - Never forget that it's the public's library, not the board's. On the other hand, remember that the board governs the library, not the staff, not the town board, and not the Friends of the Library.
- #4 - Pay your staff a decent wage. They work hard - - sometimes in less than ideal conditions, and their pay rates almost everywhere are pretty bad.
- #3 - Have a plan for your library. If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there.
- #2 - Embrace change. Welcome it. Create it.
- #1 - Have FUN. As a trustee of a library, you should love what you're doing, and it should be obvious to everyone.

(Source: Library Hotline, 12/6/93)

ACOL REVIEWS GRANTS

The Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries met in Bismarck May 2-3, 1994 to review grant applications for LSCA funds.

The Council discussed five applications for Title I, State Institutional Library Services, and twenty applications for Title II, Public Library Construction and Technology Enhancement funds. Under each title, more dollars were requested than were available for award, with \$36,620 allocated to North Dakota in Title I and \$125,000 in Title II. Council made recommendations to State Librarian Bill Strader on distribution of available funds among applicants. Strader will review recommendations and make grant award decisions by June 1.

Council also passed a resolution of thanks to outgoing chair, Judy Ringgenberg. Ringgenberg, State Industrial School librarian, continues on the Council as the representative for state institutional libraries.

ND CENTER FOR THE BOOK 1993-1994

North Dakota Center for the Book's first year in existence has been very eventful. Thanks to generous grants from the Lila Wallace Readers Digest fund, the North Dakota Humanities Council, the North Dakota Community Foundation, North Dakota Council on the Arts and a long list of other donors, including the State Library, the ND Center for the Book has been able to provide a variety of literary events and learning opportunities in North Dakota this year.

A September event - "Books without Borders" - was sponsored by the ND Center for the Book and the State Library, and was hosted by UND-Chester Fritz Library and the Grand Forks Public Library. Both Canadian National Librarian Marianne Scott and Director of the Library of Congress' Center for the Book, Dr. John Y. Cole, spoke at UND. Dr. Cole delivered Librarian of Congress James H. Billington's prepared address. At Grand Forks Public Library and Grand Forks High School, Clay Jenkinson presented his historical re-enactment of Thomas Jefferson. The event honored Jefferson's 200th birthday, his connection with the Library of Congress, the history of the Canadian National Library, and how all of these parts interconnect with North Dakota.

"Writer Wire," an on-line bulletin board for authors and students, began in October via SENDIT electronic bulletin board system. Each month a different North Dakota author - such as Larry Woiwode, Jim Corcoran, or Bill Lowman - has been available to discuss writing, how they got started, etc. This project will continue to provide a forum for authors and students through May. The bulletin board also features a literary calendar and a variety of book-related options. If you would like to post a literary event on "Writer Wire," please call 701-224-3681.

"Tellabration '93," the second annual evening of storytelling for adults, was held November 20, 1993. This fundraising event benefits the North Dakota Center for the Book and the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling. Ceil Anne Clement, Chuck Suchy and Mick Mabin performed. Audio tapes of the 1993 and 1994 performances are available for check-out at the State Library.

The "Books Change Lives" essay writing contest for students in grades 6-12 was sponsored by READ Magazine, the Library of Congress Center for the Book and North Dakota Center for the Book. Over 190 entries were received. Judges Mary Hines, a library user from Cavalier; Dianne Aull, Literacy North Dakota, Bismarck; and Vera Uyehara, Center for the Book board member, Grand Forks, chose Amanda Potter's letter to Alex Haley to be entered into the national contest. Lt. Governor Rosemarie Myrdal presented Amanda, an eighth-grade student from Underwood, with a check for \$100 at a program held at the State Library on April 20th during National Library Week activities. Other finalists received certificates of honorable mention.

"Language of the Land: Journeys into Literary North Dakota," a Library of Congress traveling exhibition and lecture series comprised of seven North Dakota authors, began January 30 and continued through March 26, 1994. Featured authors included Larry Woiwode, Louise Erdrich, Larry Watson, Lois Phillips Hudson, Richard Critchfield, Kathy Anderson and David Solheim. Video and audio tapes of the well-attended lectures will be available soon for check-out at the State Library. A poster-size North Dakota literary map was also produced in conjunction with this exhibition.

A bibliography, "Language of the Land: Journeys into Literary North Dakota" (Winter, 1994) has been prepared by Kathie Ryckman Anderson and is available at the State Library. The bibliography represents a core collection of works by North Dakota authors. Please contact the State Library for a copy.

Once a year, the Library of Congress Center for the Book hosts an Idea Exchange Day for state Center for the Book affiliates. This year's meeting, held April 18th in Washington D.C., provided an opportunity to do network building and program development with other state Center for the Book coordinators. Topics covered membership structure, organization strategy, and fundraising.

The North Dakota Center for the Book will be involved in a Library of Congress Center for the Book workshop to develop partnerships with libraries, literacy groups and Head Start agencies to promote reading in 1994-95. The workshop will be held in Topeka, Kansas and hosted by the Kansas Center for the Book. This workshop will dovetail with the efforts of the State Library and Literacy North Dakota in providing family literacy in North Dakota.

A "Book Arts Workshop" is planned in cooperation with BAGA (Bismarck Arts and Galleries Association) for May 14, 1994. Artist Carol Scott (Fargo) will work with 4th, 5th and 6th graders on paper marbling techniques and book binding projects.

The North Dakota Center for the Book will help sponsor the national Rural and Small Libraries Conference to be held in Bismarck on September 16-18, 1994. For more information about this conference, please call 224-4654.

If you've enjoyed programs sponsored by the North Dakota Center for the Book in the State Library, let us know. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to: North Dakota Center for the Book, ND State Library, 604 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0800. For more information about the North Dakota Center for the Book, it's non-profit foundation and other programs, please call 701-224-3681.

Nancy Maxwell
Director, ND Center for the Book

DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Blind and visually impaired person in North Dakota will now be able to join their sighted friends in watching Hollywood movies on their VCR and hear not only the dialogue, but also what the characters are doing, what they are wearing, and what they look like. Descriptive videos add narrated descriptions of people and their actions, facial expressions and gestures, as well as costumes, settings and scene changes - all inserted in the natural pauses of the movie's dialogue.

Both the North Dakota State Library and Bismarck Public Library have added descriptive videos to their collections. All movies are also closed captioned for use by persons with hearing impairments and are available through interlibrary loan. The videos owned by the State Library can be accessed by ODIN.

The State Library owns: BEVERLY HILLS COP, FIELD OF DREAMS, TERMS OF ENDEARMENT, STAR TREK V: THE FINAL FRONTIER, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, 101 DALMATIONS, INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE, PRETTY WOMAN, THE GODFATHER, RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, and TOP GUN. Bismarck Public Library owns: ANNE OF GREEN GABLES, ANNE OF AVONLEA, PARENTHOOD, THREE MEN AND A BABY, BEACHES, DEAD POETS SOCIETY, TRUE GRIT, THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER, DICK TRACY, and BEETHOVEN. Other libraries holding descriptive videos in the state are Fargo Public, Grand Forks Public, and Minot Public. All librarians are urged to attend!

1994 NDLA CONFERENCE

North Dakota Library Association's 1994 conference will be held September 22-24, 1994 in Bismarck at the Ramada Hotel (1152 Memorial Hwy, P.O. Box 1015, Bismarck, ND 58502). Conference theme: "Libraries Keep U.S. Free." Conference Chair: Kathy Waldera; Exhibits Coordinator: Donna Maston. Address/Phone/FAX for both is: Bismarck Public Library, 515 N. 5th St., Bismarck, ND 58501 701/222-6410; FAX 701/221-6854. All librarians are urged to attend!

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Aug. 5-7	- WHCLIS Annual Conference, Santa Clara, CA
15	- Advisory Council on Libraries, Fargo (rescheduled)
Sept. 15-17	- Small & Rural Libraries Conference, Bismarck
22-24	- North Dakota Library Association, Bismarck
Oct. 20-22	- North Dakota Education Association, Minot
27-30	- Mountain Plains Library Assoc., Lake Tahoe, NV
Nov. 9-13	- American Assoc. of School Libraries (AASL), Indianapolis

REINVENTING THE LIBRARY SERVICES & CONSTRUCTION ACT

(Draft Consensus Document)

Building Partnerships - An Introduction for the Library Community

Background

Now is the time to draft new legislation, which continues the spirit of the Library Services & Construction Act, and is tailored to the information needs of people into the next century . . .

A number of factors have come together to provide the momentum for change, including the Administration's focus on reinventing government; the expiration of LSCA in 1995; the recommendations of the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services . . . These developments have opened the door for new opportunities for libraries.

White House Conference on Library and Information Services, 1991

The 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS) provided a blueprint for the further action and development of library and information services to the people. Building on the mission of LSCA to provide library and information services for all of the people in this country, provisions must be made to ensure information services for minorities and target groups that are often neglected, underserved and/or overlooked. Because WHCLIS identified one of the highest priorities to be the needs of children, especially those living in poverty, this act includes per capita support for each child in poverty . . .

National Education Goals

These goals, recommended by the President and Governors and enacted in 1994 as the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, focus on quality education for all ages - from early childhood to lifelong learning - with an emphasis on educational opportunities, readiness to learn, and high achievement for all students. Because a major component of quality education is access to learning resources, this proposed library act promotes partnerships between and among school, public and other types of libraries and calls on state libraries to exercise a leadership role . . .

National Information Infrastructure

In this proposed library act, libraries would be positioned as the natural points of access for all people. In his January, 1994 State of the Union Address, President Clinton expressed his commitment to the "...development of a National Information Infrastructure that enables every person in America to access information and communicate with each other using voice, data, images, or video at anytime, anywhere" and to connect all libraries to the NII by the year 2000 . . .

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NORTH DAKOTA TALKING BOOK LIBRARY NEARING REALITY

On June 30th, the Bush Foundation announced the award of a \$50,000 grant to Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) for the purpose of establishing a Talking Book Library at the North Dakota State Library.

This grant, along with grants from the Bremer Foundation, Lewis & Clark RC&D, and Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds, now makes it possible for North Dakota to have a Talking Book Library within the state. Nearly 2,000 North Dakotans now receive Talking Book service from Pierre, South Dakota.

GREAT PLAINS CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY PLANS EVENTS

The Great Plains Chautauqua Society, Inc. presents "American Writers of the Gilded Age" August 5-9 in Bismarck. Scholars will interpret Mark Twain, Stephen Crane, W.E.B. Du Bois, Jack London and Kate Chopin. The Chautauqua tent will be raised on the Bismarck State College grounds on August 4th at 6:30. Everyone is invited to help raise the tent, take part in the potluck and kick-off Chautauqua '94!

The tent forms the hub of a five-day program of lectures, readings, book discussions, and workshops. There will be "prologues" to help acquaint participants with one particular book by each author, "pub nights" for those who REALLY want to get to know Mark Twain and Jack London, programs for kids, storytelling, riverboat rides and other activities to bring these first-person characterizations of historical figures to life.

The Lewis and Clark Riverboat will be the location of the first prologue to Chautauqua and discussion of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," led by Brian Palecek and hosted by the North Dakota Center for the Book and the North Dakota State Library. On Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m., Brian will be joined for a fun, but in-depth discussion of Huck Finn by David Peterson, a literature scholar who has done extensive research of rivers in American literature. Other books that will be featured in subsequent prologues to Chautauqua will include "The Red Badge of Courage" by Crane, "The Soul of the Black Man" by Du Bois, "The Call of the Wild" by London and "The Awakening" by Chopin.

If you don't own the books to be discussed, check your local library. The books are available from the ND Humanities Council for \$12/set of 5; individual titles sell for cover price. All Chautauqua events are free and open to the public.

MINIBIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE AMBER SERIES AVAILABLE

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) of the Library of Congress has developed a minibibliography of books available in Braille and on cassette from Roger Zelazny's science fiction epic, THE AMBER SERIES.

According to NLS, "Zelazny, an American writer of science fiction and short stories and winner of numerous science fiction awards for his innovative techniques, has combined his knowledge of myth and folklore with plenty of riveting action, tense conflict and vivid characters to create a science fiction/fantasy series that is immensely popular with young adult and adult audiences."

Contact Sally Oremland at the State Library (224-2497) for a free copy of the minibibliography.

E-MAIL ETIQUETTE

Some often-repeated guidelines for dealing with electronic communication have become widely accepted on the Internet:

- * Try to stick to one subject per e-mail message. It makes it easier for people to reply to and forward it.
- * Use both upper and lower case. YOU APPEAR TO BE SHOUTING IF YOU ONLY USE UPPER CASE.
- * Give yourself time to think before replying in anger. Computer-readable messages are easily recorded and "played back."
- * Use a "sideways smile" :-) when you want to show humor or ;-) for a wink.

- from Internet Connections: A Librarians Guide to Dial-Up Access and Use.
American Library Association, 1993

NOTED GEOGRAPHER & SCIENTIST TO SPEAK IN BISMARCK

Dr. Peirce Lewis, Professor of Geography, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, will be a featured presenter at the conference on the Future of Rural and Small Libraries in Bismarck on September 16-17, 1994. Most recently, Dr. Lewis was featured in the June, 1994 issue of the National Geographic Magazine. The article describes the historic role geography has had on the lives and culture of rural Pennsylvania residents. Dr. Lewis' Bismarck presentation will speak to this issue, as well as how change in rural North America is affecting traditional lifestyles and economies.

Another featured speaker at the conference, Steve Cisler, Apple Library's Senior Scientist, has a regular technology column in LIBRARY JOURNAL. Additional information about the conference can be obtained from Mike Jaugstetter at the State Library (224-4654 or 1-800-472-2104, #3, #1).

ARE YOU BREAKING THE LAW?

Copyright ... keeps popping up when working with interlibrary loan. Laura N. Gasaway, director and professor of law at the Kathrine Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina, recently spoke to librarians in Iowa about copyright laws and what they mean to libraries.

The philosophy of law is not just to give authors, publishers and producers the right to sell, publish and reproduce their materials; it's also designed to give the public the right to use copyrighted materials in certain ways. The law attempts to balance the rights of each of these groups.

Topics covered included interlibrary loan, especially requests for photocopied periodical articles. The "Suggestion of Five" limits the number of requests a library can make during any calendar year: a borrowing library may make five requests from a periodical published in the last five years. For example: In 1994, your library may request articles five times from a particular periodical for the years 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990 and 1989 (a total of five from all these years, not five from each year). Your library may request five articles from National Wildlife from these years, five articles from Boating, five articles from Sierra, etc. Note that this restriction of five is per library, not per patron. This restriction prevents interlibrary loans from becoming a substitute for purchasing. If you're receiving frequent requests for the same periodical, your library should be subscribing to it.

Other stipulations:

1. The borrowing library must track periodical requests by title for three calendar years. Libraries should check these records before requesting a periodical article to determine if the request complies with copyright.
2. The copied article must become the property of the patron. The library should not accept it back from the patron even if the patron wants to give it back. It definitely should not end up in your library's vertical file.
3. The library can deny a request if it knows the patron will use the article for any purpose other than private study, scholarship or research.
4. The library must prominently display a copyright warning in accordance with the Register of Copyrights regulations. This warning can be printed on or posted near the order forms. If a library takes requests by phone or fax, it needs to take other steps to meet this requirement.

- Sue Wieben, "Directions" 5/94

LOCKREM RETIRES AFTER MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

After more than 25 years of being "out on the road," Ella Mae Lockrem has retired. An open house was held June 26 to honor the "bookmobile lady" and assistant director of the McLean-Mercer Regional Library in Riverdale.

Ella Mae delivered books to patrons since January, 1969 - in fact, some of her patrons were second-generation families of readers. She said she will miss fellow employees and library patrons, but she won't miss "being out on the road in adverse weather conditions and eating a cold lunch for 25+ years!"

REFERENCE CORNER

Through ODIN, you now have access to the Prevention Resource Center's collection. The Center is a division of Human Services that deals with drug and alcohol related materials. To obtain materials housed at the library, you can contact the Center directly by dialing 1-800-642-6744.

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLICATIONS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Two books published by the ND State Historical Society were named to the 1993 Notable Documents List by the American Library Association. "Directory of North Dakota Museums" and "Every Place With a Name: Photographs from the Dakota Photo Documentary Project" were among 63 national and international government publications selected.

Both books are for sale through The Glass Box at the North Dakota Heritage Center. For further information about them, call 224-2666.

GOT ONE, TOO!

In addition to the State Library and NDSU getting gift sets of "The Crafts of Japan" (FLICKERTALE, June 1994), we have recently been informed that UND also was given a set of the encyclopedia. -ed.



Iola Kaldor, Beulah Eagles Auxiliary, presents librarian Myrtle Sailer with \$500 to support Beulah Public Library services to the aged. Large-print books will be purchased. (photo: Beulah Beacon)

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This proposed library act emphasizes evaluation required by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. It institutionalizes evaluation as the final step in a planning process that begins with needs assessment and includes goals and measurable objectives.

Guiding Principles

A number of guiding principles underpin the proposed library act:

1. **The Act joins each state with the federal government as partners/implementers for change.**
 - *The Act recognizes diversity among states.
 - *Fiscal capacity of local government varies greatly; therefore, federal and state funding is needed to ensure equitable library service.
 - *The Act allows libraries varied roles as delineated by each state's plan.
 - *The state library agency should be an active participant with other agencies . . .
2. **The Act is state based.**
 - *Each state can best ensure the closest mesh between the diverse needs of its people and federal priorities.
 - *States direct federal funds to meet federal priorities at state and local levels.
 - *Each state library agency has statutory responsibility for library development within the state . . .
3. **The Act supports programs based on state plans.**
 - *The focus of state plans shall be on development, expansion and improvement of library services to all people regardless of type of library providing the service.
 - *State planning is essential for a national library network which will provide the greatest accessibility to library resources and services.
 - *Planning and distribution of resources at the point closest to service delivery . . .
 - *State library agencies shall involve libraries and users throughout the state in policy decisions regarding implementation of the Act.
4. **The Act provides for maximum flexibility consistent with the achievement of its goals.**
 - *The Act has as few separate titles as possible to achieve its purpose.
 - *The Act stimulates significant improvement and innovation in state and local programs.
 - *The Act helps states achieve maximum effectiveness in the provision of library services.
 - *While the primary focus of the Act is on people's access to information and education, it recognizes the importance of cooperative activities between all types of libraries . . .
5. **The Act should provide for forward funding or a three-year spending authorization.**
 - *Advance appropriations are needed for continuity of the program and the timely administration of the award.
 - *This allows for optimal planning . . .

I. VISION

Between 1995 and the year 2000, Americans will prepare themselves to live in a world that is increasingly international and dependent upon information, much of which will be delivered electronically. Information literacy is increasingly important because it enhances performance in the workplace, provides access to educational and cultural resources, and has the potential of transforming many people's lives for the better . . .

The library community supports the following goals for the year 2000:

- *Every person in America will be served by a library that provides its users access to electronic information through national and international networks.
- *Every person in America will be served by a library that contributes to lifelong learning and to workforce and economic development by providing resources and services designed to meet local community needs.
- *Every child in American will be served by a library offering a full range of resources and programs to develop reading and thinking skills and a readiness to learn.
- *Every person in America will be served by libraries that offer targeted services to people of diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, to people who have disabilities and those with limited functional literacy or information skills.
- *Every person in America will be served by libraries with adequate facilities, staff, collections, hours of operation and electronic access to information.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Act is to stimulate excellence and enhance equity in the delivery of library services within a framework of accountability. In order to keep and improve the library services that a democracy must have to survive, the federal government has a vital role as a partner with state and local governments in assuring provision of these services . . .

This Act contains two titles, Title A: Access/Technology and Title B: Access/Special Services. The purpose of Title A: Access/Technology is to improve library services and facilities so that all people have convenient and appropriate access to electronic information, whether it originates locally, from the state, nationally, or globally, through library service. The purpose of Title B: Access/Special Services is to improve library and information services targeted to those who have difficulty getting to a library, who need special materials or services, or who would benefit from outreach services for equity of access to library services and information technologies, including children of all cultures living below the federal poverty level.

III. POLICY DIRECTIONS

The two proposed titles, Access/Technology and Access/Special Services are statements of broad direction and flexibility . . .

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TITLE A: Access/Technology

Purpose: Improvement of library services and facilities so that all people have convenient and appropriate access to electronic information through library service, whether the information originates locally, from the state, nationally, or globally.

1. **Information: Organization, Access and Delivery**
2. **Lifelong Learning, and Workforce and Economic Development**
3. **Supporting Technology Infrastructure**

TITLE B: Access/Special Services

Purpose: Improvement of library and information services targeted to those who have difficulty getting to a library, who need special materials or services, or who would benefit from outreach services for equity of access to library services and information technologies, including children of all cultures living below the federal poverty level.

1. **Serving the Nation's Diversity**
2. **Serving People in Rural and Urban Areas**
3. **Supporting Special Services Infrastructure**

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These are excerpts from a working document developed by an *ad hoc* inter-association Task Force on LSCA Reauthorization, with representatives from a wide range of library organizations and interests, for consideration by the parent bodies of Task Force members and other interested organizations.

- Council of State Governments, May 1994

CENTER FOR THE BOOK ACTIVITIES

Would you like to be more involved with Center for the Book activities? The North Dakota Humanities Council has offered the North Dakota Center for the Book an opportunity to raise a little money at Chautauqua (see article on page 2). Center for the Book and Literacy North Dakota will benefit from the sale of concessions at each evening performance. Volunteer help is needed to pour pop, collect money, and bag popcorn before each presentation. If you can help or would like more information, call 224-3681.

Kathleen Norris, author of "Dakota: A Spiritual Geography," will be giving a lecture on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 in the ND Heritage Center Auditorium. This event is in conjunction with "The 21st Century: The Future of Rural and Small Libraries" conference. The lecture is free and open to the public; conference registration is not required. For more details about the conference, call 224-4654.

FOUNDATION OFFERS TECHNOLOGY TO SCHOOL LIBRARIES

John Gallaher, Jr., chairman of Electronic Publishing International Corp., and his wife recently established the C.E. Stone Foundation with \$500,000 to fund information technology projects in elementary and secondary school libraries. Informal commitments have been received for donations toward a fundraising goal of \$40 million over the next 18 months.

The foundation seeks educators' input to develop 100-200 pilot projects exploring effective use of computers in classrooms. The goal is to give more than 150,000 school libraries CD-ROM equipment and grants for training and curriculum development.

Elementary and secondary schools are invited to compete for inclusion in the pilot program by submitting proposals, which need not be longer than two pages, on how students could benefit from information technology in the classroom. The amount of support will depend on applications. There are no deadlines. Serious consideration will be given to brief letters of inquiry from economically disadvantaged schools which may not have the ability to prepare elaborate proposals. "We hope school districts and teachers will be able to say they finally found someone they can go to with their ideas," Gallaher said.

Contact C.E. Stone Foundation, c/o Blake Cabot, Cudaback Strategic Communications, 11B Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138, (617) 661-6330.

ACRL LISTS MAIN CONCERNS: TECHNOLOGY, MONEY, STAFF

Survey results from a sample of Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) members identified issues of primary concern. Taken last fall, the results show top issues to be: keeping current with technology, assisting faculty and students in using information resources, using electronic communications effectively, obtaining access to electronic communications and information, coping with shrinking library budgets and rising journal prices, and finding quality professional staff.

A similar survey in 1989 identified the top issues as rising journal prices, access to information, preservation of library materials, recruitment and retention of library staff, and maintaining security of collections and users.

- LJ HOTLINE, 6/13/94

MULTICULTURAL AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are being accepted for the Gale Research/American Library Association Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Roundtable (EMIERT) Multicultural Award. The deadline is December 1.

\$1,000 and a citation donated by Gale Research Co. is given annually to a person from the library world in recognition of outstanding achievement and leadership in serving the multicultural/multiethnic community with significant collection building, public and outreach services to culturally diverse populations, and creative multicultural materials and programs.

Nominations should be sent to: David Cohen, Chair, Gale Research/EMIE Round Table Multicultural Award, Queens College Library School, NSF Building - #316, Flushing, NY 12367.
-ALA News, June 1994

A SILENT PLEDGE

National Grange, the nation's first rural service organization, provides free educational materials through its Deaf Activities Program. An 18"x24" poster translates the Pledge of Allegiance into sign language, providing an image to engage children's imagination, and spark interest in deaf culture and American Sign Language. "Sound and Hearing: Understanding the Hearing Impaired" is a packet of materials designed for upper elementary teachers that includes activities and lessons about the mechanics of the ear and deafness. The packet contains a reproducible master for classroom use and a colorful 22"x34" poster of the manual alphabet. To order these free materials, send a letter on library stationery to: National Grange Sales Dept., 1616 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-4999.

- School Library Journal, 1/94

NORTH DAKOTA AUTHOR HONORED

Congratulations to North Dakota author Mary Helen Pelton! Her book, "Images of a People: Tlingit Myths and Legends" was selected as one of the winners of the "Second Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award." Mary Helen Pelton is Assistant Dean of Continuing Education at UND and is President of the North Dakota Center for the Book.

DOPP NEW LIBRARIAN AT ENDERLIN



Susan Dopp

Susan Dopp, a former teacher in the Enderlin school system, has accepted the position of head librarian of the Enderlin Municipal Library. She replaces Charlotte Helgeson who has moved to East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS SELECT BEST BOOKS

The annual bibliographies "Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children" and "Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies" are now available from the Children's Book Council. The lists include books written primarily for children from kindergarten to eighth grade, are fully annotated, including bibliographic data and suggested reading levels, and are divided into subject categories to help teachers and library media specialists locate new titles of particular use and interest to them. ISBNs for all available editions are included.

The Children's Book Council, Inc. is a not-for-profit association encouraging the reading and enjoyment of books for young people. Its members are U.S. publishers of trade books for children and young adults. Reprints are available from the Children's Book Council, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012. Single copies are \$2.00 and require a stamped, self-addressed 9x12 envelope with 3 ounces postage, and designated either Attn: "Science List" or Attn: "Social Studies List."

ATTENTION: PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS

The State Library is updating the Directory of North Dakota Libraries. It will be available for a minimal fee on disc in mid-September. More information coming in the next "FLICKERTALE."

Please submit - by August 15th - your library's hours of operation, name of the director, library FAX number, any change of address or phone number, and any other changes to your library's entry in the directory to Paula Binek at the State Library (FAX: 224-2040). Thank you!

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

Aneta - Morris Aaser donated a copy of his book, "Voices: Letters from World War II" to the Dakota Prairie McVile-Aneta library.

Beulah - The library's annual Open House and Art Show drew a large crowd; Delora Blohm won the "People's Choice Award."

Bowman - The Yellowstone Consortium received a \$20,000 grant to connect the libraries of Bowman, Rhame, Scranton, Reeder and Hettinger. The Consortium is concentrating on curriculum development in several subject areas.

Carrington - The City Library declared amnesty during National Library Week for delinquent book borrowers.

Devils Lake also offered the same privilege.

Dickinson - "Friends of the Library" used book sale netted \$1,300 for the library. The Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club donated 22 books to the library.

Edgeley - Nichole Wiederrich is the first recipient of the Ruth Evert Award (\$250) established by the Edgeley Public Library Board for the purpose of encouraging students to participate in the Library Trainee Program. The program was begun by former librarian Myrtle Bloedow in 1951.

Fessenden - The school board approved a grant application that will allow the school library to computerize its records.

Hazen - A silent auction of poster prints held at the library during National Library Week raised \$152.

Hebron - Russell Gietzen, author of "A Dakota Boy Goes to War," autographed copies of his book at the library during National Library Week.

Hettinger - The Hettinger Eagles Auxiliary donated \$500 to the library for its services to the elderly program.

Lakota - The State Bank of Lakota furnished special book bags, buttons and book markers during National Library Week.

Lisbon - The Lisbon Eagles Auxiliary donated \$500 to the library. And, Arleen Bunt, Director of Lisbon Public Library, recently received a BA in Political Science from NDSU. Congratulations, Arleen!

Mandan - "Go Wild for Libraries" is Morton County Library's theme for their summer reading program.

Minot - Three writers - Laura Numeroff of Los Angeles, Lois Lowry of Cambridge, MA, and Caroline Fetter Bauer of Miami Beach, sponsored by the Minot Teachers Learning Center and the Minot Public Library and Reading Association, attended activities in Minot during National Library Week.

New England - Regent Lions Club donated \$1000 to the library for shelving in the childrens room.

New Rockford - The Eagles Club donated \$500 to the library as a gesture of support for its services to the elderly.

Rugby - New juvenile books were featured at the Heart of America Library during National Library Week.

Turtle Lake - The library celebrated its 15th anniversary during National Library Week.

Velva - State Librarian William Strader and some members of the State Library staff attended groundbreaking ceremonies on May 16th for the school/public library addition to the Velva School. The project is one of 20 winners in "Midwest Living Magazine" 1994 "Hometown Pride Awards Program" of \$1,000 cash and will be featured in the magazine's October issue. More than 450 applications were entered in the contest.

Walhalla - The Walhalla State Bank recently donated 2-year subscriptions of nine magazines to the school library.

Williston - Eighth-grader Adam Hamilton won a 2,000-page McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms at the State Science Fair and donated it to the Williston Junior High School Library. The American Legion gave \$500 toward the purchase of a computer for the Children's Section of Williston Community Library.

1994 LSCA AWARDS

The North Dakota State Library has awarded \$161,620 of Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds to six state institutions and eighteen public libraries.

\$36,620 went to improve public library services for residents and other users of the following institutions: School for the Blind (\$2,100), School for the Deaf (\$5,600), Veterans Home (\$4,620), Industrial School (\$5,800) State Hospital (\$5,500), and the State Penitentiary (\$13,000). The main focus of these grants is for collection development to provide materials in all formats. The State Penitentiary's award provides extended hours at times when inmates may use the library for personal recreation or education.

Public libraries received \$125,000 to improve their physical facilities or technological resources. Funds to improve or expand library technology were received by: Bismarck (\$3,437), Edgeley (\$1,500), South Central Area, Edgeley (\$1,250), Ellendale (\$1,350), Garrison (\$1,200), Carnegie Regional, Grafton (\$8,950), Harvey (\$1,500), Hazen (\$2,500), Cavalier County, Langdon (\$1,100), Petrie Library, Linton (\$1,500), McKenzie County (\$65,000), Mandan (\$2,500), Mayville (\$1,657), Turtle Lake (\$3,797), Ward County (\$3,000), and Williston (\$20,259).

Technology and construction projects cover a variety of activities. Examples include Turtle Lake and McKenzie County. Turtle Lake will purchase equipment necessary for the library to become the local bulletin board on the community's cable station. McKenzie County will construct a new 7,500 sq. ft. library incorporated in a new multi-purpose building in Watford City.

**EXPENDITURES ON VIDEO GAMES
COMPARED WITH LIBRARY SUPPORT**

Home video games are \$5.5 billion a year industry according to a recent "Fast Facts" sheet prepared by the Library Research Service, State Library and Adult Education Office, Colorado Department of Education. That statistic is compared to statistics for support of libraries in the United States.

The video expenditure is four times the \$1.5 billion spent annually on the curricular resources in public and private school libraries. It's five times the \$1.0 billion spent annually for educational and research materials for college and university libraries. It's eight times the \$0.7 billion spent annually on the information, literature, and lifelong learning materials available in public libraries. In total, it is 72 percent more than the \$3.2 billion for all materials in all types of libraries.

-LJ HOTLINE, 2/14/94

FREE TAX INFORMATION

The 1994 edition of "State and Local Taxes in North Dakota: An Overview and Comparative Guide," has been printed. It explains each tax in general terms, provides a summary of historical changes and revenue collections, and shows how North Dakota taxes compare to those in other states.

For a free copy, call the North Dakota Tax Department (224-2770), or write to the ND Tax Department, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0599.

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
LIBRARIES CHANGES MEETING DATE**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Advisory Council on Libraries (ACOL) meeting date has been changed to August 15th in Fargo.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in the meeting. If you need assistance, please notify Shirley Leno at the State Library no later than Friday, August 5th (224-2717 or 1-800-472-2104).

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Sept. 15-17	Small & Rural Libraries Conference, Bismarck
22-24	ND Library Assoc. Conference, Bismarck
27-30	Mountain Plains Library Assoc., Tahoe, NV
Nov. 9-13	American Assoc. of School Libraries, Indianapolis
17-18	SENDIT Curriculum Connections Workshop, Bismarck
Dec. 1	SENDIT Introductory Training, Dickinson
2	SENDIT Advanced Training, Dickinson

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Feb. 23	SENDIT Introductory Training, NDSU
24	SENDIT Advanced Training, NDSU
Apr. 30-May 5	International Reading Assoc., Anaheim, CA
Sept. 28-30	Reading Assoc. Regional Conference, Des Moines

CUTS THREATEN STATE LIBRARY BUDGET REQUESTS

Governor Schafer's Administration has directed all state agencies to provide a budget request for the 1995-1997 biennium. The requirements to the budget request are to cap state general fund expenditures at 95% of what was appropriated for the 1993-1995 biennium. State Librarian William R. Strader took action to attempt to get an exemption for the State Library's budget request cap and replace it with a budget that more accurately described the real needs for libraries. Those efforts were unsuccessful. Here are the current results and possible budget reductions which have been reviewed and accepted by Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Superintendent of Public Instruction:

- **MINITEX CONTRACT PAYMENT CUT TO \$210,000.00**
- **STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES CUT TO \$880,000.00**
- **MULTITYPE LIBRARY AUTHORITY STATEWIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE CUT TO \$4,000.00**
- **LOSS OF 1 FTE: THE DAKOTA RADIO INFORMATION SERVICE**
- **LOSS OF 1/2 FTE: TECHNICAL PROCESSING**

Cuts to the State Library budget requests total: \$135,580.00

Some possible good news is that the State Library was also allowed to submit a "supplemental needs" package, and filed a request with the Office of Management and Budget exceeding \$700,000.00 in general fund restoration:

- **FIRST PRIORITY: REESTABLISH THE DRIS POSITION**
- **FUND STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES AT ONE MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH RETURNS FUNDING TO THE 1991/1993 LEVEL**
- **\$150,000 TO ESTABLISH MULTITYPE LIBRARY AUTHORITIES STATEWIDE**
- **FULLY FUND THE MINITEX CONTRACT FOR 1995/1997 AT \$300,000, PROJECTED AS OF 8/19/94.**
- **INITIATE SCHOOL LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: \$88,000**

OMB will soon be scheduling hearings on agency budget requests. I will keep you informed on our progress to improve library services statewide. Working together will certainly further ensure our successes.

- William R. Strader

NDLA CONFERENCE SET FOR BISMARCK SEPTEMBER 22-24

Judith Krug, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, will be the keynote speaker at the annual conference of the North Dakota Library Assoc. being held at the Bismarck Ramada Inn, September 22-24. The conference theme is "Libraries Keep U.S. Free."

Children's book illustrator Janet Stevens will speak at the Flicker Tale award luncheon and will present a program. North Dakota Public Service Commissioner and humorist Leo Reinbold will be the banquet speaker.

Among the program presenters are Ted Smith, Rhonda Schwartz and Wayne Turnquist of the UND Law Library, who will explore the World Wide Web at the conference luncheon program on September 22. Described as an expanded gopher but easier to set up and with all the features of gopher and more, the presentation will cover the steps in setting up a gopher or WWW, features of each, and equipment and expertise needed. Wally Kalmbach of the North Dakota Workers Compensation Bureau will present "Ergonomics for Libraries," a program designed to teach library personnel about using computers and video display terminals safely. Bismarck author and librarian Jennifer Berry Jones will discuss the research behind her first book, "Heetunka's Harvest." Bismarck storyteller Ellen Knudson will present "Native American Stories of the Plains."

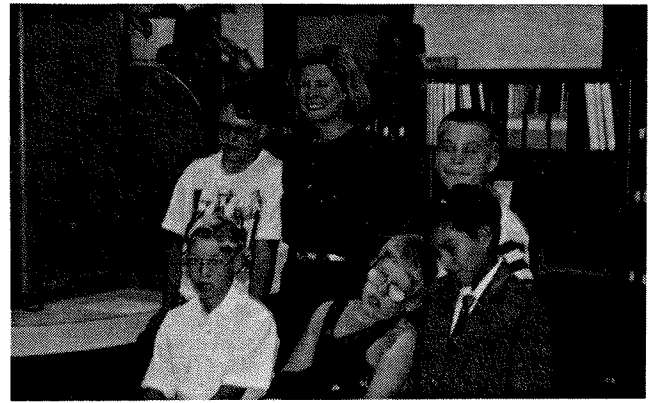
Preconference workshops scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 are "CD-ROM Networking" with Dan Lester, network information coordinator at Boise State University, and Gail Lester, information research analyst and learning resource center manager for Hewlett-Packard's Boise site. There will also be a workshop for current users of the IBM-compatible version of the CIRC/CAT system, presented by Linda Eppelheimer of the Winnebago Softwear Company.

If you have any questions about the conference, contact Kathy Waldera at Veteran's Memorial Library in Bismarck (222-6416).

CENTRAL DAKOTA COOPERATING LIBRARIES AWARDED STATE PLANNING GRANT

Central Dakota Cooperating Libraries, a local library federation first established in Bismarck-Mandan in 1990, and now consisting of nine Bismarck-Mandan area libraries, has been awarded a state planning grant to create a statutory library authority.

As funded by the 1993 North Dakota legislature, this \$4,000 planning grant will be used for involving interested outlying libraries and schools in south central North Dakota into an expanded network planning process which will begin this September. Specific areas of focus will include needs for local library staff development; achievable economies of operation through cooperative activities; technological connectivity to expand the availability of Bismarck-Mandan's Info*Lynx online library system and other available online library and information resources; and improvements in delivery of needed materials to users at remote sites.



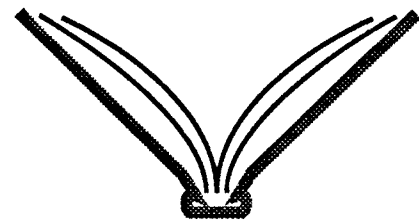
GOVERNOR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM WINNERS HONORED

North Dakota's First Lady, Nancy Jones Schafer, presented prizes to winners of the sixth annual Governor's Summer Reading Program for children with physical or learning disabilities. A reception was held in their honor at the North Dakota State Library on Wednesday, August 24.

The program, which is sponsored by the governors of North and South Dakota and the North Dakota State Library, was conducted by the Talking Book Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled in Pierre. It is the only summer reading program in the two states which is specifically designed for children who are unable to read material in regular print. All the books were read in Braille or on tape cassette.

Thirty-three North Dakota children between the ages of 6 and 15 participated in the program. They were divided into groups according to age and medium used to read the books. All of the children who enrolled in the program received letters from Governor Ed Schafer congratulating them on their participation in the program.

First place winners: Chad Sand, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sand, Grand Forks; Timothy Nordquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nordquist, Bismarck; Francisco Villarreal, son of Vivian Newbury and Gary Miller, Beulah; and Shawn Venstad, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Venstad, Belfield. Second place winners: Jacqueline Krein, daughter of E.R. and Joan Krein, West Fargo; Michael Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Thomas, Hazen. Third place winner was Kyle Hoselton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Hoselton, Drayton.



**September 24 - October 1
Banned Books Week**

CONE ATTENDING CLARION UNIVERSITY

Mike Jaugstetter of the State Library staff recently received a letter from Stella Cone, Circulation Manager of Jamestown College Raugust Library, who is attending Clarion (PA) University. Stella was awarded a one-year full scholarship in the Masters of Library Science program at Clarion through a Higher Education Act (HEA) Title II-B, from the U.S. Department of Education. - ed.

"The one word (that) keeps surfacing for me when asked about Clarion is FUN. One professor said he had never heard that word used to describe any classes. The fun for me is learning new information and technology. I keep thinking of times at Jamestown when I could have either answered or added to the information for which a patron asked if I had known (about) a particular piece of information or resource. I will say library literature in CD-ROM is much better than the "traditional" way - but then so is everything else. I am very slowly getting acquainted with INTERNET. So much information at your fingertips is a little intimidating at first, but I will triumph. Very soon I will be learning the secrets of DIALOG.

"Classes have gone very well. I have two down and ten to go at this point in time. In two more weeks that will be four down and eight to go. I will say cramming a full semester's work into five weeks will keep you off the streets (and out of stores). During the last eight weeks I have written several papers, critiqued many journal articles, written two book reviews and a collection development policy, and examined hundreds of reference sources. During the next two weeks I must write a bibliographic essay, a job description for my dream job, an ad for that job, and a budget for a thriving library undertaking a special project. As I said, busy but FUN.

I am working in the Center Monday-Friday, four hours each day. At this point I have either talked with, written to, or received letters from people all over the world. Some want to know more about the Center, others want to begin a subscription to Rural Libraries, others want to know what happened to their last issue (gives one a whole new perspective of publishers), still others want to know about Rural Libraries Newsletter, and others want to purchase any one of the other publications the Center offers. Dr. Vavrek is continuing to do workshops on many topics of interest to rural librarians. I hope lots of people will attend the conference in Bismarck ..."

IN REMEMBRANCE

Alice Dewald, bookkeeper at the State Library from 1976 until she retired in 1991, died Thursday, July 14 at her home in Bismarck. Alice was a native of Streeter. She is survived by her husband, Helmuth, and daughter and son-in-law Janet and Jeff Andrews, Lakeville, MN. Alice loved fishing and enjoyed working in ceramics. She will be missed by her many friends, her family, and her former co-workers.

REFERENCE CORNER

The 1995 legislative session is an important session to the North Dakota State Library. A portion of the State Library's budget is used to purchase reference books that are circulated to libraries across the state. Your support of the State Library's budget would be appreciated so that the circulating reference collection can be kept current.

ATTENTION POETS:

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE. Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to: The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-1951, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by September 30, 1994.

BUSH FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS

The Bush Foundation of St. Paul has awarded grants to a number of North Dakota and Minnesota colleges, universities and organizations.

The grants were among 56 totaling \$10.1 million that the foundation's board approved for organizations in eight states for arts and humanities, education, human services, health, fellowships and miscellaneous projects and programs.

Area grant recipients included: University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, \$471,688 for a tribal court training program; Fort Berthold Community College, New Town, \$75,000 for faculty development; Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt, \$75,000 for faculty development; Dakota Radio Information Service, Inc., Bismarck, \$50,000 toward the Talking Book Library; and North Dakota Board of Higher Education, Bismarck, \$10,000 to plan faculty development programs for two-year public colleges.

- The Fargo Forum

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

BISMARCK - Info*Lynx, Bismarck-Mandan area libraries' online computer catalog, is now accessible by computer modem, and is expected to be on the ODIN system by the end of summer. With net gambling revenue down, local libraries are feeling a money crunch for special projects, like a new reading program at Veterans Memorial Public Library. Mandan Public Library hasn't received any gaming funds since March, 1993. **COOPERSTOWN** - Griggs County Library received a \$250 grant from Sheyenne Valley Electric Cooperative, Finley. They have repainted the walls and installed new carpeting in the library. The big job of moving all the books was done quickly, thanks to volunteer help. **DEVILS LAKE** - The issue of a new county library for the Devils Lake region will be on the ballot again this fall. Groundbreaking was held July 29 for the Paul Hoghaug Library expansion project at UND-Lake Region. **DICKINSON** - When Lincoln Elementary School children were asked what they wanted most for their new library, they asked for a glass bubble over the whole thing. But the Dickinson Public School board could not justify spending \$15,700 for the skylight, and decided not to fund it. So parents, children, business people and other private parties began a drive. They have already collected over \$14,000 towards the "bubble" and expect to reach their goal shortly. **ELLENDALE** - Elmer Schock won the Weber Barbeque Grill (donated by Metropolitan Federal) in the library's raffle. The \$177 raised from the raffle will be used to purchase children's books. **FARGO** - The Foundation Center, a national nonprofit organization that collects, organizes, analyzes and disseminates information on foundation and corporate philanthropy, has provided the Fargo Public Library with specialized research tools that profile foundations and corporate funders by subject areas and cities, states or regions. **FINLEY** - The library held a book exchange in June. **GRAND FORKS** - Sacred Heart Grade School students Brandi Boushee and Amber LaMoine were named winners of a drawing contest to create a book plate for books donated by the Robert Campbell foundation, established to honor the late former librarian. Because of its work with PAL (Project Advancing Literacy - a program to teach adults to read), the Grand Forks Public Library has been named the outstanding contributor to adult literacy in North Dakota. **HEBRON** - Karen Schafer has been elected president of the library board. **MINOT** - A recent survey taken by Minot Public Library showed that while 97.6 percent of the patrons were satisfied with the library, they would like more audio tapes and longer library hours. **NEW ENGLAND** - Matt Botheim's stories ("Farming in North Dakota in the Early Homestead Days") has become one of the library's most popular pieces of media. His experiences cover the years 1909-1936. **NEW SALEM** - The New Salem Historical Society is considering turning one room of the historical John Christianson house (in the New Salem Heritage Park) into a library. **RUGBY** - On June 26th, The Heart of America Library celebrated the 25th anniversary in its present building. In the Spring of 1969, a human chain of 500 students from Ely Elementary School transferred the books from the old library located in the City Hall to the new building. Florence Hornstein was the librarian. The first "reading room" - which preceded the formation of the public library - was established by a women's group in 1905. **TURTLE LAKE** - Twenty-nine readers turned in over ten booklogs with ten book titles on each log during the Summer Reading Program. **WATFORD CITY** - McKenzie County Public Library has revived "Story Hour" for young readers again - and has many enthusiastic youngsters attending the twice-a-month sessions.

DRIS VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT RECEPTION

Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) volunteers were honored at a reception held June 30th. The twenty-nine volunteers donated a total of 3,500 hours to DRIS.

With volunteer readers, DRIS provides news from six daily newspapers published in western North Dakota to persons who are unable to read regular print because of a visual or physical disability. The broadcast originates at a studio in the State Library and is heard on closed-circuit receivers through the transmission facilities of Prairie Public Radio. Currently there are over 500 print-disabled listeners in western North Dakota who are patrons of the free service.

Honored volunteers included: Duke Ellingson, Clarence Freimarck, Bernie Prouty, Vivian Kuipers, Sharon Zastoupil, June McCann, Marcella Schmaltz, Corinne Easton, Shirley Homuth, Joan Nelson, Carol Letteer, Susan Tschider, Linda Schwartzbauer, Rae Bloom, Elaine Geiger, Brian McClure, Melissa Pohlman, Becky Tschider, Evelyn Greisch, Bob Brown, Mark Zimmerman, Bill Cairns, Ott Helpfrey and Brenda Fossen.

ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

Beginning September 15, 1994, the North Dakota State Library is offering an electronic directory of North Dakota libraries on disc. The directory will include public, school, academic and special libraries.

For each directory, please send your request, along with \$5.00 payable to the North Dakota State Library, to: North Dakota State Library, 604 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800 - ATTENTION: Paula Binek

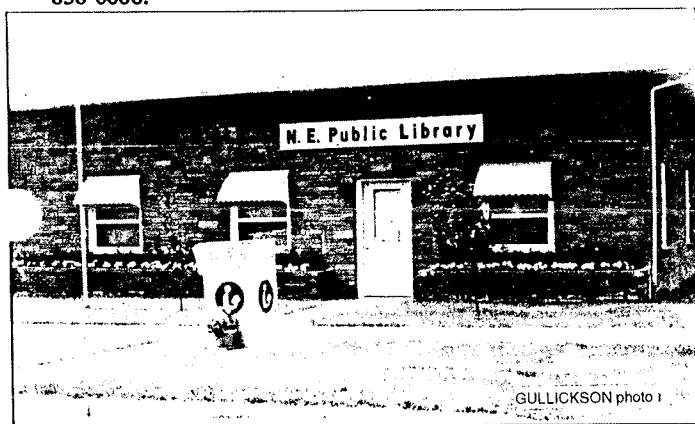
NORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED

This spring twenty-eight libraries and schools in eight north central North Dakota counties organized to work towards improving access to information and materials. In April the Authority received a \$4,000 planning grant to work towards that goal.

Members of the authority will focus on (1) providing electronic access to over 350,000 books and materials in the region that currently are not accessible through a centralized database; (2) developing a cooperative collection development program within the region for print and audio-visual material and data bases; (3) developing continuing education workshops and training on the use of technology, collection maintenance, interlibrary loan, access to information databases and collection development; and (4) improving delivery of materials and information between member libraries and clients.

MINOT TO HOST CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE

"A Celebration of Children's Literature: Reading - The Connecting Thread" will be the theme of the Children's Literature Conference being held in Minot on November 18-19, 1994 at the International Inn. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and Emily Arnold McCully, keynote speakers for the conference, will address the conference on Friday night and at separate sessions on Saturday. There will be a reception and booksale on Friday evening. Participants will also be able to hear a wide variety of speakers during the small group sessions which will be held throughout the conference. The conference is dedicated to the promotion of children's literature, reading, writing, and literacy. It is open to all who wish to learn more about promoting these activities: librarians, teachers, parents, university students, child care providers, and others. This event is funded in part by Poets and Writer, Inc., through a major grant it has received from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. Conference fee is \$30. For an additional \$30 registration fee, one-half-hour of graduate credit will be available through Minot State University. For more information contact: Paulette Nelson, Children's Librarian, Minot Public Library (701) 838-0606.



A goal of the New England Public Library has finally become a reality. A new book return has been set up in front of the building. This will enable patrons to return books at any time - day or night - at their convenience. The book drop was partially funded by a contribution from Squaw Creek Farms. *Helinger County Herald*

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK NOTES 75th ANNIVERSARY

The Children's Book Council is launching a major campaign to commemorate the 75th anniversary of National Children's Book Week, November 14-20, 1994. An Honorary Committee of celebrities is lending its support to the celebration. National plans include a series of city-wide events to be held during Book Week on "Read Across America Day." Hillary Rodham Clinton, as well as top children's book authors and illustrators and noted celebrities from the arts, sports, and politics, has joined the Honorary Committee to help promote literacy and enthusiasm for reading. "Read Across America Day" will take place on Saturday, November 19, 1994.

Teachers and librarians interested in 75th anniversary plans and materials may request to be placed on a list to receive information by sending a self-addressed label to CBC, 75th Book Week Celebration, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012. For further information, contact: Allan Marshall, The Children's Book Council 212/966-1990.

FOCUS ON TRUSTEES

by David Miller

The worst reason for continuing to do anything is because "that's the way we've always done it."

This syndrome can strike any library. Like most diseases, early detection is the key to limiting its spread and hopefully eliminating the disease.

Hearing those seven words should be an automatic trigger to examine the issue and decide whether to continue the practice based on logic, not history.

The issue could be as apparently harmless as time of day your board meets each month. Is the time set for the convenience of the board, the staff or the public?

Another example could be libraries that for years have offered Sunday hours during the school year but not over the summer. While such a policy is popular with staff, a board must not forget that its role is to represent patrons and taxpayers. Even though the number of Sunday patrons will be lower during the summer, Sunday afternoons remain a prime time for parents and children to visit your library together.

Even weekday hours of a library can be a symptom of the syndrome. If your board has gone years without discussing what hours would best serve the public, it is time to put that on the agenda for your next board meeting.

Monitor library traffic for several weeks and then conduct a survey to find out what hours the public would prefer. A key to the success of this is whether you seriously attempt to survey more than just your patrons. Maybe the current library hours are why some people in your community do not use your library.

Once a board discusses the pros and cons of such an issue, it may decide to continue the old practice. There's nothing wrong with that as long as it is a conscious board decision based on reasoning, not simply on tradition.

Closely related to this disease is the "that's-what-other-libraries-do" virus.

Examples of this could include library staff not having to pay fines on overdue books and libraries with a two-tiered vacation policy (staff with MLS degrees get hired in with 20 to 22 vacation days, while those without such degrees might have to work two decades to get that many days off).

Again, the way to treat this virus is to examine the issue and officially decide if these are policies you want to continue.

Your board may surprise you in how it votes on such issues. You may find yourself in the minority side of the vote. But at least you and your fellow board members will have discussed the merits and drawbacks of the issues. Your collective wisdom is why we have library boards.

- David Miller is a member of the Wood County (Ohio) District Public Library Board of Trustees and editor of the SENTINEL-TRIBUNE, Bowling Green, Ohio

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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES MEETS IN FARGO

The Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries met in Fargo on August 15 and 16. The two-day meeting presented Council members with multiple opportunities to discuss telecommunications and its growth and impact on our region.

On August 15th, members attended the Red River Valley Trade Corridor's conference on telecommunications. Senator Byron Dorgan (ND) and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, U.S. Department of Commerce, provided attendees with an overview of new federal initiatives designed to assist in the development of information infrastructure. Other presentations and group discussions showcased telecommunications opportunities in medicine, business, and education.

Continuing at the Fargo Public Library on August 16th, the Council heard updates on the telecommunication developments within North Dakota concerning ODIN, SENDIT, Prairie Public Broadcasting, and Great Plains Software.

Council business included the approval of the State Library's Annual Plan and update on the Long Range Program for the use of Library Services and Construction Act funds.

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LIBRARY ADVOCACY NOW!

- WHO:** Library advocates include librarians, trustees, Friends, and everyone who values and supports America's libraries.
- WHAT:** A mobilization effort sponsored by ALA to develop a national network of library advocates who are committed to speaking up and speaking out for libraries.
- WHEN:** Coming this fall to a library conference near you. (at NDLA, Thursday, September 22, 2-4 p.m.)
- HOW:** The NDLA session will provide training and support materials to help North Dakota library advocates polish their skills as spokespeople for libraries, mount public awareness campaigns, mobilize citizen support and influence legislators.
- WHY:** America's libraries are at a critical juncture. Library use is increasing, yet funding has decreased. Hours have been reduced, maintenance deferred, acquisitions postponed. Formerly public sources of government information are being privatized. Intense competition for public and institutional dollars makes it more crucial than ever that policy-makers and decision-makers understand that libraries - public, school, and academic - provide essential services in the information age. Other groups advocate forcefully for their interests in the media, in executive chambers and legislative halls. The library community must also speak out - loudly, clearly, and with a unified voice!

WHCLIST HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

"Building Alliances" was the theme of the 1994 annual meeting of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Task Force (WHCLIST). 125 library supporters from across the country met August 5-7 in Santa Clara, CA. North Dakota was represented by Fargo Public Library Director Nann Blaine Hilyard, professional delegate to the task force, and Bill Strader, State Librarian.

The program addressed the critical needs libraries have in dealing with the demands of existing constituencies while, if they are to continue to exist, adapting and planning services to accommodate complex social changes and rapid technological developments. Speakers included Paul Saffo, director of the Institute for the Future; Ted Nelson, founder and CEO of Project Xanadu; and Arthur Curley, ALA president.

Debaters agreed that libraries are needed in an electronic world, but presented different ideas about information storage and dissemination. As Saffo said, "The 1980's were about processing information; the 1990's are about accessing information." Nelson advocates a "populist" view: "Believe in the highest standards and bringing people up to them."

The WHCLIST celebrity award was presented to Ronald McDonald "for inspiring efforts to encourage reading by children and families." Other awards presented: Rep. Jack Reed, D-RI, Legislative; Joan Ress Reeves, Providence, RI, Citizen; Georgia Gov. Zell Miller, State Elected Official; Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan, State Elected Official; Robert Thompson, Clarksville, TN, Local Elected Official; San Jose Mercury News, Publications; Pacific Bell's Education First Initiative, Special; Columbia Online Information Network (COIN), Columbia, MO, Special.

WHCLIST's mission is two-fold: to monitor progress on the implementation of the recommendations from the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and to encourage advocacy for libraries at the local, state, and national levels. Of the 96 recommendations, 56 - or 58.3% - have been implemented in part or in full. A detailed progress report has been prepared by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences and is available from Bill or Nann.

*September is
Library Card Sign-
up Month!*

Technology Workshops Available to School Librarians, Media Center Staff and Library Aides

The Center for Innovation in Instruction, the VCSU Library Media Education Program and the ND State Library announces two in-service Library Technology Workshops to be offered at various locations in North Dakota.

The workshops will be delivered on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. between September 1994 and May 1995. Each workshop will consist of at least two sessions with two-to-three weeks in between sessions. The workshops are funded by the ND Educational Telecommunications Council.

To register, call the Center for Innovation in Instruction at 845-7435. Registration fees are \$45 for credit or \$15 w/out credit.

Workshop 1 "Online Database Searching" (LibM 495. 1 credit)

Topics:

SENDIT connectivity and login (review); basic ODIN searching; advanced ODIN searching strategies; selecting and searching other online databases; & electronic interlibrary loan requests.

Activities:

Hands-on practice practice of each skill; assignments replicating realistic search scenarios; transmission of accurate electronic interlibrary loan requests; & electronic delivery of assignments and discussion via e-mail.

Minot - September 17 & October 1
Devils Lake - October 29 & November 12
Williston - January 14 & January 28

Bismarck - September 24 & October 8
Dickinson - November 5 & December 3
Wahpeton - February 4 & February 25

Workshop 2 "Ethical Use of Library Resources and Technologies" (LibM 495, 1 credit)

Topics:

Copyright law/fair-use; photocopying/duplicating print, music, AVs & software; record keeping requirements; state & national interlibrary loan codes.

Activities:

Assignments demonstrating copyright compliance; development of spreadsheets to track interlibrary loan activity; sending interlibrary loan requests w/appropriate compliance coding; & use of Internet discussion groups to track current library issues.

Valley City - November 19 & December 10
Bismarck - January 21 & February 11
Minot - March 4 & March 18
Williston - *March 11, April 8, *May 6
Wahpeton - *March 11, March 25, *May 6
Devils Lake - *April 1, April 29, & May 13
Dickinson - *April 1, April 22, & *May 13

*Indicates 4-hour sessions delivered via ND Interactive Video Network.

ODIN COUNCIL MEETS

The Fall ODIN Advisory Council meeting was held August 11th and 12th in Medora. In addition to a number of social activities and time spent enjoying the beauty of the North Dakota Badlands, participants were presented with a full agenda. Tony Stukel, the new director of ODIN, addressed a wide variety of ODIN issues, including IAC full text and internet access. Ellen Kotrba, ODIN tech support, presented a problem reporting protocol; and Nadine Kotowicz, UND Computer Center Operations manager, gave an operations status report with a listing of current priorities. A committee was formed to develop an allocation formula for funding 1995-96 IAC full-text subscription costs and a reference user group will be established. There was much discussion on the upcoming 1995 legislative session and what efforts ODIN might wish to pursue to receive adequate funding. Gary Johnson, the South Dakota Library Network Director, gave a report on SDLN activities and issues.

D'ANDRAIA HEADS NATIONAL COUNCIL

Frank D'Andraia, director of libraries at UND, has been elected to chair the Council of State University Libraries.

CONSUL is a coalition of peer research libraries formed in 1992. Members are lead universities among public institutions of higher education in their respective states. These schools represent comprehensive institutions with doctoral programs and have statewide roles and missions primarily to serve the research needs in states with small and widely dispersed populations. - Grand Forks Herald

YALSA SELECTS BEST OF THE BEST

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has released its list of 100 "Best of the Best" titles commemorating a quarter century of quality writing and distinguished publishing for young adults. The selections were made by young adult librarians during the ALA Annual Conference in Miami Beach.

The books were selected from the past 25 years of Best Books for Young Adults, a list of fiction and nonfiction titles appropriate for young adults, ages 12-18, published annually by YALSA.* Best Books are selected based on their proven or potential value to young adults and span a variety of subjects as well as a broad range of reading materials. A new ALA publication, "Best Books for Young Adults" (ISBN 0-8389-3439-0) by Betty Carter chronicling the last 25 years of the selection process, is \$25 (\$22.50 for ALA members). It is available from: ALA Editions, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 - Telephone: 800-545-2433, press 7.

* For a list of the selected books, contact the State Library, 604 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0800.

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NCLIS HOLDS HEARINGS

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) was established as a permanent, independent agency of the federal government. NCLIS members are the Librarian of Congress and fourteen members appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for 5-year terms. NCLIS is charged by law to advise the President and the Congress on policies and plans for national and international library and information services.

When Vice-President Gore met with NCLIS on July 29, 1994, he called for "... a concerted effort to ask the questions and to inventory the challenges and to come up with the best answers ..." regarding libraries. Twice within the last two years, State Librarian William Strader has had the opportunity to address NCLIS on library issues of importance to North Dakota.

At the latest NCLIS public hearing, "The Federal Role for Libraries: Planning for the Reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)," held during the Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, part of Strader's remarks included the following:

"This is an opportunity to create a growing consensus within the library community to communicate and work in partnership with NCLIS in providing Congress and the Clinton Administration with advice on the proper federal role in meeting the library and informational needs of the American people. It will prove helpful for this growing consensus on the reauthorization of LSCA to know that a commission which carries presidential appointment is actually an independent agency charged by law to advise the President and Congress...

"This new Library Services and Technology Act would join each state with the federal government as partners to implement change. The state-based act would work to ensure better matching the needs of the people with federal priorities. It would provide for planning, and for distribution of resources in each state. This act's primary focus is on people's access to information and education, and recognizes the importance of cooperative activities between all types of libraries. This act should also provide forward funding necessary for sustaining continuity between the old LSCA and the new LSCA/LSTA. The North Dakota library community wishes to join with the Clinton Administration and Congress in recognizing that libraries are an essential public service, and that this act will properly reflect the spirit of the National Goals and the National Information Infrastructure."

I think it is important - and indeed, it may be critical - that the Commission receive testimony from our statewide library community to help shape the advice NCLIS provides to Congress and the Administration about the role of the federal government in meeting the information needs of the American people. Testimony presented at this hearing will be provided to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts and the Humanities for possible inclusion in the official hearing record for the reauthorization of LSCA in the next upcoming Congressional session. **The record will remain open for testimony until November 30, 1994.** In addition to focusing on the reauthorization of LSCA, this is an opportunity to address a variety of issues of concern in the region with emphasis on library and information service needs of rural populations. Please direct your comments to: United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, 1110 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 820, Washington, D.C. 20005- 3522 (FAX: 202-606-9203). North Dakota joins with other Mountain Plains states in communicating our common views to the commissioners.

DATES OF INTEREST

Nov.	9-13	Amer. Assoc. of School Librarians (Indianapolis)
	16	Young Readers Day
	17-18	SENDIT Curriculum Connections Workshop (Bismarck)
	18-19	Children's Literature Conference (Minot)
Dec.	1	SENDIT Introductory Training (Dickinson)
	2	SENDIT Advanced Training (Dickinson)
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Feb.	3-9	ALA Midwinter (Philadelphia)
	23	SENDIT Introductory Training (NDSU, Fargo)
	24	SENDIT Advanced Training (NDSU, Fargo)
March	29-April 1	Assoc. of College & Research Libraries Conference (Pittsburg)
	31-April 1	North Dakota Reading Association (Fargo)
	April 27-28	Spring Workshops (Bismarck)
	April 30-May 5	International Reading Assoc. (Anaheim, CA)
June	15-18	Canadian Library Association (Calgary, Alberta)
	22-29	ALA (Chicago)

NEW BOOK ON INTERNET

A 124 page book, **51 REASONS HOW WE USE THE INTERNET**, shows how computers are used for research. Of special interest is the account about how a small library in the wilds of North Dakota is doing active research on the information superhighway. Les Snavely, Bowman educator, describes his use of SENDIT in North Dakota's entry entitled: "Paleontology at the Speed of Light."

The book is based on work supported in part by the National Science Foundation and published by FARNET, Inc.

QUAMME ND LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR



Bev Quamme, longtime librarian at Fargo's Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School, has been named North Dakota Library Association's 1994 librarian of the year. The Fargo School District's staff nominated her for the honor.

Quamme has written several magazine articles and worked with others during the 1992-93 school year to write the North Dakota section of a book entitled "Exploring the Plains States Through Literature."

She was selected for her dedication to the betterment of school libraries, participation in library and professional organizations, commitment to library education, professional writing, years of involvement in the library association, and as school library representative on the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries.

GOOD DEAL: UND-Lake Region Hoghaug Library has the following duplicate copies for giveaway: **NORTH DAKOTA SESSION LAWS** (1969, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1985, 1987); **BOOK REVIEW DIGEST** (1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969). Contact Sharon Evensen at the library (701-662-1533).

CITIZENS BENEFIT FROM COOPERATIVE EFFORT

What do library users want most? Easy access to exactly what they're looking for - right now! And when full text magazine databases are installed on ODIN in the near future, that's exactly what they'll get.

Here's how it works: ODIN users will dial into one of the IAC serial databases (General Magazine Index, Expanded Academic Index, or Business Index) and do the desired search, following the usual steps. They will be able to see the entire article on the computer screen immediately. No more waiting for interlibrary loans, no more special trips to the stacks, no need to make a photocopy of the original article - just print it off the screen. More than 800 different periodical titles will be available, with approximately 1200- 1300 titles on the database when the system is fully functioning. However, since the text will be in ASCII, no graphics will be available. All of this state-of-the-art technology to access library holdings has been made possible to North Dakota users through start-up grants from the Educational Telecommunications Council and the University of North Dakota IVN. ODIN libraries will pick up the remaining half of the start-up costs and all of the on-going costs for this service.

Thanks to the cooperation of these various groups, this service will be available to every North Dakota citizen!

1995 ON-LINE BILL STATUS

Libraries wishing to subscribe to the 1995 on-line bill system should write to Mr. John D. Olsrud, Director, Legislative Council, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505. A letter to that effect has been mailed to all academic, public, and special library directors. The cost to subscribe to the on-line service is \$250. In addition, there will be a computer access charge imposed by the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and Budget. During the 1993 session, there was a \$33 per month computer access charge and a 55-cent per CPU (computer processing unit) second charge. Those access charges may change for the 1995 session. The 1995 on-line database includes the status of all bills and resolutions, their full text, sponsor information, text of House and Senate journals, and daily calendars. The system provides the most up-to-date report available on committee hearings and on committee and floor action.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 1995 RASD AWARDS

Nominations are being accepted for 1995 awards by the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD), division of the American Library Association. Deadline: December 15, 1994.

The RASD/Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS) Disclosure Student Travel Award (\$1000) enables a student with an interest in a career as a business reference librarian to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

The Facts on File Grant (up to \$2000) is awarded to a public, academic, or school library for imaginative programming which would make current affairs more meaningful to an adult audience.

The Gale Research Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship (BRASS) - \$1000 - is given to an individual who has distinguished him- or herself in the field of business librarianship.

The Gale Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services (\$1000) is presented to a library or library system for developing an imaginative and unique library resource to meet patrons' needs.

The Genealogical Publishing Company/RASD History Section Award (\$1000) recognizes and commends professional achievement in historical, reference and research librarianship.

The Isadore Gilbert Mudge/R.R. Bowker Award (\$1500) is given to a person who has made a distinguished contribution to reference librarianship.

For more information, contact the RASD Office, 800-545-2433, ext. 4397, or 312-280-4397.

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON ACCESSIBILITY

A reference bibliography entitled ACCESSIBILITY: A SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY has recently been published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

The 1990 "Americans With Disabilities Act" has created an awareness that facilities accessible to people with disabilities benefit everyone, including the nation's aging population. The bibliography is intended for people who design accessible spaces and those who assure that their facility is in compliance with the regulations. It cites articles in books and pamphlets, most of which have been published between 1988-1993. Most of the audiovisuals included were produced between 1991-1993.

For a copy of the bibliography, contact Sally Oremland at the State Library (701-328-2497).

REFERENCE CORNER

The following library systems are now accessible via the ODIN network:

SYMBOL INDEX

INF	INFOLYNX (Bismarck-Mandan) Login: pac (lower case)
FIR	FIRST SEARCH (OCLC) (must have an account with OCLC)
CAR	CARL (CO Alliance of Research Libraries)
LUM	LUMINA - (University of Minnesota)
LOC	LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
GLA	GLADIS (University of California at Berkeley)
UIA	OASIS (University of Iowa)
UNI	UNISTAR (University of Northern Iowa)
CRL	CARLETON COLLEGE - Northfield, Minnesota

Note: Some of the above systems ask for a terminal type. Type in or select VT100 emulation. The search commands for the above libraries may be different than the commands for the ODIN system. For assistance in searching the above libraries, use the help system while logged into that library.

To access the above library systems, type: SET HOST [SYMBOL].
To return to the ODIN system, type: SET HOST LOCAL

If you have any questions about the system, please call the North Dakota State Library at 701-328-4622.

DPI TELECONFERENCE

ND Department of Public Instruction announces the first teleconference on the new Prairie Satellite Network will be held November 7, 9, 10, and 14, 1994 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. CST. The teleconference is being provided free of charge to all educators in North Dakota. It will be held at 70 downlink sites throughout North Dakota and will feature the Office for Civil Rights and expert guest speakers from across the nation. Participants may call in toll-free to ask questions. One hour of graduate credit will be available. For further information, contact Coral Mahler at 701-328-2271.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Bessie Boehm Moore Award Jury Panel is seeking nominations for the 1995 award which will be given to a public library that has developed an outstanding and creative program targeted to serve the aging population. The winner will receive a citation and \$1000. Program components may include outreach, collection development, staff training, and/or other aspects of library service. For nomination forms and selection criteria contact Nicky Stanke, Stockton- San Joaquin County Public Library, 605 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202. Deadline for nomination is December 1.

RURAL CONFERENCE HUGE SUCCESS



Dr. Bernard Vavrek, (left) Director of Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, Clarion University, discusses issues of rural libraries with Dr. Peirce Lewis, professor of Geography, Pennsylvania State University

More than 150 librarians, trustees and government officials from fourteen states and four Canadian provinces gathered in Bismarck September 15-17 for three days of intellectual stimulation and networking. The event that brought them together was the 5th annual conference on the Future of Rural and Small Libraries, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship and the North Dakota State Library.

Presenters from government, business and the library world discussed the impact of technology on small libraries. Highlights included an introduction to North Dakota's telecommunications plans by Lt. Governor Rosemarie Myrdal, multi-media delivery legislation by Bell Atlantic, and a report by the president of United Tribes Technical College on tribally controlled colleges' collaborative efforts.

Every comment and evaluation praised the conference's content and organization. It should be noted that there was not one negative remark on the facility or food - a first in conference history! Attendees made valuable contacts with their peers from across North America, which will



Lt. Gov. Rosemarie Myrdal (left) and John Beecher, Director of NDSU Libraries, discuss library technology.

ensure a continuing source of ideas and support in years to come.

In conjunction with the conference, the North Dakota Center for the Book sponsored a lecture by Kathleen Norris, author of *DAKOTA: A SPIRITUAL GEOGRAPHY*. This well-attended program provided a stimulating bonus for conference participants.

Mark your calendars for the next conference in this series to be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin May 2-4, 1996.

FOCUS ON TRUSTEES

by David Miller

In my last column I wrote that the worst reason for continuing to do anything is because your present practice is "the way we've always done it." This column will focus on the worst reason for never trying anything new: Because "we've never done it that way before." It's one thing to say "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," but how do you know "it just doesn't get any better than this" unless you try something else?

"The way we've always done it" might be why a library's hours are the same as they were in 1964. Every few years, libraries should survey their patrons as to when they would like the library to be open. And libraries should attempt to survey non-patrons to see if the present library hours might be one of the reasons they don't use the library.

When I asked trustees from other libraries why they don't have Sunday hours in the summer, the answer often is "because that's the way we've always done it." Have they ever surveyed their patrons about this? No. Have they ever tried it as a pilot project? No. If Sunday is a good family day at the library during the academic year, it should be the same during the summer. The numbers will be down during the summer, but so are a lot of libraries' weekly statistics. Should we shut down the entire library during the summer? (Library staff need not reply.)

One of the reasons libraries get stuck in the "we've never-done-it-that-way-before" rut is because they don't actively look for better ways. In general, when budgets get tight some library trustees turn to a false economic savings - cutting back on travel to seminars and conferences for staff and trustees. It's when money is tight that such seminars pay their best dividends. Staff and trustees need to keep current on what other libraries are doing to not only better serve patrons, but also to improve cost efficiency. And when trustees do attend seminars and conferences, they need to break away from their fellow trustees and staff. If there is more than one talk at any one time, don't attend the same talk. And during socializing times (lunches, hospitality rooms and even 15-minute break in sessions), talk to people from other libraries, not your own.

During these informal talks, ask how other libraries are responding to issues that are confronting your library. Then bring those ideas to your own board meetings. When considering such ideas, you and your fellow board members must first decide if the ideas can be adapted to your library. If you agree, your board then just needs to find the courage to try them even though "we've never done it that way before." There are no guarantees that ideas that work at other libraries will work at yours. But no library ever improves by standing still.

- David Miller is a member of the Wood County (Ohio) District Public Library Board of Trustees and editor of the *SENTINEL-TRIBUNE*, Bowling Green, Ohio.

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SCHOOL LIBRARIES COORDINATOR HIRED



Donna Gilliland has accepted the position of school library consultant at the North Dakota State Library.

Donna comes to Bismarck from the South Dakota State Library at Pierre, where she was the school library media coordinator for the past 12 years. Prior to that, she was K-12 librarian at Doland, South Dakota. She has worked in a community college library, and as a high school social studies teacher. She has a BA from Bethel College (MN) and an MLS degree

from the University of Missouri.

Donna is looking forward to meeting and working with the school librarians in North Dakota. One of her first activities may be to gather some basic information about school libraries in the state. Watch the next issue of "Flickertale" for more information about this. You can reach Donna at 701-328-3296 or by e-mail: Gillilan@sendit.nodak.edu

1995 LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The survey to determine which academic, public, and special libraries plan to participate in the 1995 legislative document distribution program has been mailed to library directors. The Legislative Council's interim Legislative Management Committee set the subscription rate at \$150, the same as in 1993. The program provides daily UPS delivery of bills, bill status reports, House and Senate journals, and hearing schedules. Libraries requesting the service after November 21 will be charged an additional \$25 as a late fee.

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

Two resolutions on library services were passed in July at the annual convention of the American Council of the Blind.

For copies of these resolutions, contact Sally Oremland at the State Library (701/328-2497).

JOB OPENING: Full-time librarian at Griggs County Library, Cooperstown. The city-county library serves approximately 3,000 patrons. Preferred qualifications: 4-year degree with emphasis and experience in library administration, automation, budget planning and preparation, community outreach and public relations. Salary negotiable. Direct inquiries to Amy Winning, Griggs County Library, P.O. Box 546, Cooperstown, ND 58425

LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

Aneta - Lutheran Brotherhood Stump Lake Branch No. 8849 and Hazelton teamed up to donate \$170 worth of books for children and teens to the library. **Cooperstown** - A \$600 grant from AAL Branch, matched by the AAL Home Office, will be used for video library shelving. **Dickinson** - The library received a magnifying machine known as a closed circuit television (CCTV) from the North Dakota School for the Blind Foundation. **Elgin** - A new coat of paint, refinished floor and new draperies have brightened up the library. **Finley** - Eighteen books of the R.L. Stine series "Goose Bumps" have been added to the library. **Gackle** - "Rural Memories Along Life's Pathway" tapes were donated to the library by the Wildlife Unlimited Foundation. **Glen Ullin** - The library held an "open house" in conjunction with the Historical Society during the 1994 Fall Festival. **Grafton** - Some high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or better volunteer "special senior privilege time" at the library (4 hours per week). **Hankinson** - Library patrons enjoyed coffee and cake as they said farewell and thank you to Peggy Lammers. Marcia Hauser will be the new librarian. **Harvey** - Members of Harvey High School class of 1944 donated \$200 to the library. **Hatton** - Residents voted October 4 for a media center addition to the school. It will also be open to the public. **Hebron** - A "Friends of the Library" volunteer group is being organized. **Mayville** - Trail Aerie Eagles #3052 Auxiliary donated \$500 to the library for large-print books. **Northwood** - The library received four new books from sales at the "Reading's Fun" book fair. **Riverdale** - For the fourth year, Lake Region Branch No. 8226 of Lutheran Brotherhood presented non-denominational videos to the McLean-Mercer Regional Library. **Walhalla** - Superintendent of Schools Merlin Dahl was named 1994 Administrator of the Year by the North Dakota Library Association.



Ruth Heck (left) has retired after more than 30 years of service as the assistant librarian at Casselton Public Library. Heck ended her years of service, which she called "a labor of love," by turning over her keys to librarian Bernice Mattson. She was recognized for her service during a retirement party hosted by the library board.

PLA AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are available for Public Library Association (PLA) awards and honors. **Deadline: December 1, 1994.**

The **Allie Beth Martin Award** (\$3000) honors a public librarian who has demonstrated an extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books and other library materials and the ability to share that knowledge.

The **Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award** (\$1000) recognizes a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less that demonstrates excellence of service to its community as exemplified by an overall service program or a special program of significant accomplishment.

The **Leonard Wertheimer Multilingual Public Library Service Award** (\$1000) is given to a person, group or organization for work that enhances and promotes multilingual public library service.

The **New Leaders Travel Grant** (up to \$1500) is designed to enhance the professional development and improve the expertise of public librarians new to the field by making their attendance at a major PLA continuing education event possible.

Applications and nomination forms are available from: Public Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA. PLA is a division of the American Library Association.

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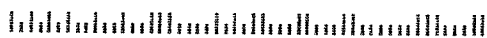


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