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1. MLA NEWS:

● OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As my term as President draws to a close, I'm torn between displaying pride in what has been accomplished and disappointment in how much is left to be achieved. There are so many initiatives the Association could pursue.

In many ways, it has been a year of firsts for the Association and it has been my pleasure to be involved. For the first time in recent memory the Executive has held business meetings outside of Winnipeg, in both Brandon and Portage La Prairies. One of my goals this year has been to develop closer ties with the rural library community. Our participation in the Brandon Career Symposium was an example.

At our recent AGM, we successfully passed three resolutions that resulted in the establishment of a Westman Division of the Manitoba Library Association. This vote of confidence from the membership provides an exciting opportunity for the new Executive to make the Association more representative to all libraries in the province. This initiative allows us to do that while broadening our membership base and solidifying our financial position. This is becoming more and more critical as provincial grant money continues to dry up. We must find new ways to finance the initiatives of our Association. Initiatives designed to meet the growing needs of our membership.

We also began to consolidate many of the Executive's functions through our new Office Manager. Memberships are now distributed, processed and updated through this person. In the coming year, this will allow our Membership Director more time to actively pursue

membership recruitment. Several of our financial transactions are now handled by the Office Manager. This relieves the Treasurer of much of the work placed on that person and allowing us to respond quicker to membership concerns. One of the goals for the coming year will be to continue the transfer of the financial affairs to the Office Manager. I believe this will place the Association on firmer ground by providing the Executive with the time to explore the needs of the membership and respond more effectively to the issues of the day. I would like to thank **Jeanette Dankewych** for all her hard work to date. We still have some way to go, but it's a learning process for all of us, so I ask for your patience and cooperation as we reach our goals.

Other firsts of note have been a "first-timers" night for new staff in the library community, a Book-Booster Award as part of Manitoba Library Week, a lunch hour workshop and many of the achievements of this year's conference have been "firsts" for the Association.

Clearly, the Executive has been very busy on many fronts. This is a trend that will likely continue. I am a firm believer that our Association is what we make of it and how much time and energy we are prepared to devote to it. To this end, we have tried to take the lead in holding a Citizen's Forum on Access to Government Information to help the community at large prepare for upcoming hearings on the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to thank Paul Nielson for his work in organizing this session (see below). We also successfully put forward a position at the National Summit on Information Policy in Ottawa at the end of last year. We continue to facilitate the work of the Access-to-the-Law Advisory Group, and have lobbied the government on the closure of the Natural Resources Library, the withdrawal of the R.M. of Cornwallis from the Western Regional

Library System, and other provincial and municipal government issues as they have arisen. A significant effort has also been made to re-establish the Manitoba Library Development Committee to encourage the provincial government to release the results of the PLAB report on public library service in Manitoba. I encourage all MLA members to actively lobby the government to release this report and act upon the recommendations included.

As I step down and head for Presidential meltdown, I wish my successor good luck and offer my continued assistance as Past-President. It is with great appreciation also that I say goodbye to **Eric Marshall** who is stepping down as Past President after three years on the Executive. To the other members of the Executive, I thank you for your incredible hard work. A special note of thanks goes out to **John Tooth** and the rest of the Conference Committee for putting together an excellent conference for the second year in a row. Thanks to **Ed Cuddy** for stepping in mid-term to fill our Director of Publications position. And continued thanks to **Norma Godavari** for her work as *Newsline* Editor. I would also like to recognize my employer, the City of Winnipeg, Library Department, for the past year. And finally, thank you to all the committee members for your continued support and hard work!

Rick Walker

Past-President, Manitoba Library Association

●INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I asked Norma if I could contribute a regular column and she said that would be okay with her, so here goes the first one. I want to start by thanking, on your behalf, our Past President, Rick Walker, for his hard work. His greatest contribution has been in getting the Westman

Chapter off the ground. I know that the Chapter is going to ensure better service for members in the Westman region. It will also be a model for future Chapters in other regions of the Province.

My main goal for the year ahead is to start planning for the next 5 - 10 years in the life of our Association. On September 11 the executive will meet for a planning day to begin a strategic planning process which will, over the next few months, involve you all in setting goals for the years ahead. What would attract a larger number of library employees to become members of M.L.A.? What new services would the present membership like to see? We need to answer questions like these and develop an action plan to bring about the necessary changes.

The worsening crisis in the library world also needs attention. Downsizing is being done in an unplanned way and managers are closing libraries to meet budget reduction targets without considering the larger issue of Manitoba's ability to support the research and development we need to do to work our way out of the present financial crisis.

This year we will be trying to get the government to address this situation and begin working toward a Manitoba Information Policy.

The Public Library Advisory Board's Report could form an important element in such a policy, but we need to get it released first. Elsewhere in this issue is a copy of a letter that was distributed at the conference and mailed out to a variety of people. Please show it to your friends and encourage as many people as possible to speak to their M.L.A. or write letters this summer.

Elsewhere in this issue there is a report of

MLA's submission to the Legislative Committee reviewing the Freedom of Information Act. We made an impressive showing and I want to thank Paul Nielsen, Eric Marshall, Rick Walker and John Eaton for the work they did to get the Brief written and present it.

Jim Blanchard
President, Manitoba Library Association

●FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

On the evening of Tuesday, June 22nd Eric Marshall and Rick Walker made a presentation on behalf of the Association to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections as part of the public review of the Freedom of Information Act.

Some of the points raised in our brief were:

- ✓ The Act needs to be more widely publicized. The Association has organized two workshops on the Act (May 1989 and January 1993) but we are not able to reach all potential users of the Act.
- ✓ Our research was limited by fact that latest annual reports published are for 1991 - those for 1992 not yet out. We urged prompt publication of such reports within three months of the end of the period covered.

Some problems we identified were:

- 1) Ombudsman's office takes three & half months (on average) to deal with a complaint. Are they short of resources? These delays too long for users - can a thirty day limit be aimed at in getting an initial response to parties concerned? Such a standard time could be added to the Act. Can the Ombudsman add to his report dates of enquiry & response in case summaries.

2) General level of complaint resolution is good compared with other similar jurisdictions but a low level of appeal to Court of Queen's Bench is noted. There are three cases the Ombudsman notes in one report as not receiving sufficient remedy but only one case of appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench is noted. Is the cost of appeal too great for individuals? Has the whole process taken too long and the complainant is exhausted? Are complainants discouraged by the fact that evidence collected by Ombudsman cannot be used in Court?

The appeal mechanism needs to be strengthened perhaps allowing a judge to recommend awarding court costs in advance in specific cases.

Direct appeal to the Court should also be allowed if the Ombudsman cannot report within time limit (30 days?)

The Ombudsman should be allowed to report promptly to the Committee any ongoing problems which are not resolved satisfactorily. With regards to items being declared as exemptions to the Act it appears that Cabinet documents are contentious. Can documentation supplied to Cabinet be separated from the subsequent deliberations and recommendations and the documentation released?

Some additional provisions are required to ensure that personal information is safely handled by all Provincial departments & agencies.

The Access Guide appears to be one of the better guides. However all such guides have problems is being kept up to date. Cannot the Guide be issued in machine readable form (e.g. on disc).

Now is age of computer networks. MBnet now

in existence in Province with a potential to be expanded to cover all major centres. If public libraries gain access to this network then we have an excellent means of distributing information. It is suggested that as a start an electronic Access Guide be mounted on the network which could be more easily kept up to date than the printed one. This would provide a key to all users of the network. Other information sources could be added (suggestions in brief).

Separate but parallel Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Acts should be enacted to cover Municipal Governments in the Province.

The presentation closed with an offer to provide the Committee with an offer further consultation should it be required. The presentation was well received by the Committee members of which showed particular interest in the comments on MBnet.

If any members have any further comments on this matter please pass them to Rick Walker.

Paul Nielson

● DIRECTORY UPDATES

1. Transport Canada. Library and Information Centre: (page 35) Change ILL to "Yes".

2. ADD THE FOLLOWING LIBRARY:
ARCOR (Canadian Aging & Rehabilitation Product Development Corporation) 265 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, R3B 1N9 943-9400 Fax: 943-4088 Library Technician: Cheryl Mannes Staff: 1 Collection: Bks: 500 Pers: 170 Newsp: 3 Reprints: 300 Product Cat: 500+ Collection is catalogued: ILL: yes ILL symbol: MWARC Specialties: Seniors & Disabled (focusing on non-medical info.), Seniors Marketing, Independent Living, Product Design, Demographics, Rehabilitation, and Seniors Housing. Pop. Served: Internal staff, clients, Business Community, Health Care Professionals & Public.

2. NEWS:

●BUSINESS LIBRARY UPDATE

Jane Bullied of the Manitoba Industry, Trade and Tourism's Business Resources Centre will be seconded to the United Way Campaign from September 7th to November 19, 1993. As a loaned representative, Jane will work full-time with community and business organizations in a marketing and training capacity.

●MALT EXECUTIVE NAMED

The MALT Executive for 1993-94 is as follows:

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●UofM NEWS

✓St. Paul's College Library To Be Renamed

On September 24th, 1993, the St. Paul's College Library will be renamed the *Fr. Harold Drake, S.J. Library*. Fr. Drake retired last year from his position as Head of the St. Paul's College Library after having been a member of St. Paul's College since 1959.

Fr. Drake was honoured with the Father Cecil Ryan Rector's Award at last year's Baccalaureate Mass, and by a special award from the students at their 1992-93 Graduation Dinner and Dance. A portrait of Fr. Drake will be hung inside the library.

✓ZIPDOC Service at UofM

The term *document delivery* refers to the manner in which a library delivers a requested book or journal article to a person who is some distance away. For trial period, the Libraries are offering ZIPDOC Service, a free 48-hour

delivery on selected documents not available in the Libraries' collections. It is available only to the University community. This service may eventually become an alternative to expensive journal subscriptions.

These selected documents presently include articles from approximately 60 research journals. Records for ZIPDOC journal titles have been loaded into Bridge and may be listed by typing "*te zipdoc*" while on Bridge.

In offering ZIPDOC Service, the Libraries are testing two large commercial document delivery services, CARL UnCover and Faxon Express.

For more information on this service, contact Keir Reavie at the Medical library (788-6344) or Barbara Bennell at the Dafoe Library (474-9873).

✓Duckworth Donates Papers

The UofM Archives and Special Collections is pleased to announce that Dr. Henry E. Duckworth, former Chancellor of the University, has donated his career papers to the University. A nuclear physicist by professional training, Dr. Duckworth has had a distinguished career in academic research and university administration.

Born in Brandon, Dr. Duckworth earned his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Chicago in 1942 and almost immediately thereafter became involved in defence research with the National Research Council until the end of the Second World War. He went on to teach physics at United College, Wesleyan University in Connecticut, McMaster University and the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Duckworth's collection of personal career papers document not only his scientific interests

and contributions, but also provide rich insight into the changing history of higher education in Manitoba during the past 25 years.

✓Archives of Prairie Theatre Exchange

The latest exhibit in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library is titled, "The University of Manitoba Libraries feature the Archives of the Prairie Theatre Exchange." The PTE archives were officially presented to **Carolynne Presser**, Director of Libraries, at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Libraries in June 1993 at the Prairie Theater Exchange.

The display features many of the PTE archives that will be housed in the libraries' Archives and Special Collections, as well as props and posters on loan from PTE. The display is on from June 1 to August 16, 1993.

●U OF BRANDON UPDATE

Brandon University is in the middle of their move to new quarters--laying out shelving, etc. However, Dick Bazillion produced a paper, entitled: Information Technology: a Model for Brandon University. The intent, as he states in the forward, is "to argue the case for integrating information technology into the curriculum and to describe the potential role of our new library complex in the teaching function of the university."

●WHAT'S IN AN IMAGE?

In the latest issue of Library Journal (June 1), there is an ad on pages 6-7 for the Sirsi Corporation. They would like to entice us to buy their product by showing a full-page photo of an older male (well, it is a male for a change) in suspenders and suede shoes at an old wooden desk, next to a water cooler, jumping for joy at a new computer. I don't

know how others feel, but the image I want projected from my library is one of up-to-date technology. I don't appreciate vendors trying to sell me something by using a "cute" stereotype. If there are others who agree with me, the phone number for Sirsi is in the ad: 205-536-5884.

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**●DIVIDED WE FALL
or
Do you want to work in a virtual
warehouse?**

Michael Gorman
Dean of Library Services
CSU-Fresno

ITEM: The Spring 1993 (vol.3, no.2) issue of the Tattler, the newsletter of the 3M Corporation's Library Security Systems, contains a sentence that begins: [The] library security market manager at 3M Canada, likes to think of libraries as "information warehouses." I do not share her liking for the term and would go so far as to express a strong dislike for the notion of an "information warehouse" and the set of beliefs that underpin it.

ITEM: In the March 15th, 1993, issue of Library journal one of the gurus of the Doing-Away-With-Libraries movement, Raymond Kurzweil, offers some charmless visions of the "virtual library" and decries what he is pleased to call "a storage facility for stacks of compressed wood pulp" and "museums for a quaint technology." If I thought for a minute that Kurzweil's predictions of a future full of virtual books, virtual libraries, virtual cities, and "virtual physical relations" (though he does allow as how the latter is "a more complex undertaking") had any chance of coming true, I would be scared to death. I am sure, however, that they do not and am left to wonder why the largest circulation library periodical pays for regular columns full of this anti-library mush. It

is as though the editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association were to commission a regular series of articles from a proponent of some quackery like aromatherapy.

ITEM: The California State University system has announced that its newest campus--to be built on the site of Fort Ord--will not have a "traditional library" (for those without the interpretive skills necessary to construe officialese, it means "will not have a library"). The students, one assumes real rather than virtual, will rely on electronic sources and the use of other libraries to round out their educational experience and many of the faculty of CSU-Monterey will have to learn to relax and enjoy the drive down the coast or up to the Bay Area if they wish to pursue meaningful research. By the way, John Scully of Apple Computers has volunteered to help build this non-library--the latest in a long line of computer types who think that they can "solve" the library "problem." Back in the real world.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, librarians up and down this state are trying to deal with the problems of providing materials and services to an ever-hungry clientele; of combatting the tragedy of illiteracy and the wider evil of semi-literacy; and of using such technology as they can afford to enhance and extend library services. There is a terrible discontinuity between the wild ideas of the technofreaks and the realities of modern library life. The things that lie at the heart of that discontinuity are the denial by the futurists of the importance of books and reading to our culture and the fearfulness that many librarians evince in their failure to assert that centrality. Let it be clearly stated: Students who cannot read books or who do not read books cannot reason. Their "education" is a hollow sham. They may have gathered a some information (or even a lot of information) while at a university or college, but they are not knowledgeable and they lack understanding. We will end up with an increasingly ignorant, uncultured society full of powerless people if teaching and education are reduced to the imparting of "information" by

teachers (mostly via television, if the "virtual education" boys are to be believed) and to the use of snippets of texts and graphics plucked from databases.

No librarian should be ashamed to assert that books matter and that lifelong learning is a function of lifelong reading. There are a number of divisions in the library profession (one need only look at the longtime estrangement between library practitioners and library educators) and I fear that current extreme views on the role of technology as a supplanter rather than an enhancer of library services are driving another wedge into our community. One is in danger of being labelled as a reactionary if one believes that books change lives and that reading empowers. We have to come together in the belief that such views are not in any way inimical to the use of advanced technology in areas in which it is helpful. Books and technology are not in opposition; one can be a reader and a computer user in the same happy, productive life.

On the one hand, you have the ineffable Kurzweil and his "virtual life." On the other hand you have Rudolfo Anaya--"... [I give] thanks to those librarians whose efforts helped to establish this library. In their spirit we will offer help to each person who comes through the doors of this library in that curious but unalienable right to search for knowledge." I stand with Anaya.

- forwarded from Larry Schwartz, North Dakota State University, Fargo.

●BERKELEY LIBRARY SCHOOL UPDATE

The Academic Senate of the University of California, Berkeley, passed a resolution at its meeting May 12 asking the campus administration to reinstate admissions to the School of Library and Information Studies and criticizing the lack of due process and lack of consultation in suspending admissions to several campus units. The resolution is not binding on

the administration, and it does not appear likely that the admissions suspensions will be reversed.

What the resolution does is to express the views of the Academic Senate which represents the campus faculty. "We appreciate the support of the Academic Senate," says Acting Dean Nancy Van House. "We understand that the campus faces a serious budgetary situation. The Academic Senate is asking the campus administration to consider the process by which such decisions are made and the cumulative impact on the campus of these individual decisions. The administration keeps warning the state of the difficulty of rebuilding programs that are dismantled as a result of the budget crisis. The Academic Senate is warning the administration of the same thing."

The other graduate programs whose admissions have been suspended are Dramatic Arts and Art Practice.

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A student has responded:

Many of you have followed the struggles of the UC Berkeley library school. Today, UCLA Chancellor Young is recommending that the UCLA GSLIS be totally shut down as of July, 1994, as part of a general consolidation of UCLA professional schools.

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● NATIONAL LIBRARY NEWS

✓ Amicus Project:

The first phase of the NLC's Amicus project is in full swing. Phase I will see the installation of a new computing platform in the NL, including improved telecommunications links with other Canadian library systems and networks. A new bibliographic management system to replace DOBIS will be operational on April 1, 1994. Later phases of the project will focus on new information systems to support the NL's other core services, such as interlibrary loan, reference, and collections management. The implementation of AMICUS will enable the NL to improve its services, and result in significant benefits for the NL's clients, partners and staff.

The AMICUS project has completed the definition of user requirements as well as the high-level system design. NL user representatives on the project team have ensured that the AMICUS specifications reflect the needs of the Library's external clients, both individual researchers and other Canadian libraries who search and contribute data to the NL's bibliographic database.

The AMICUS project team is currently working on the detailed design of system modules. The actual programming of the system will be done during the summer and early autumn of 1993. This will be followed by a period of extensive system testing, including the transfer of data on the DOBIS database to the AMICUS system. User training will take place in early 1994, so that all current DOBIS clients will be able to switch to AMICUS when it becomes operational.

✓ Interlibrary Document Delivery Study

In 1992, to build on the work done earlier by another NL working group, the NLC contracted Peat Marwick Stevenson & Kellogg to conduct an interlibrary document delivery study.

The consultants were asked to investigate and

develop, in consultation with provincial agencies, national/provincial library associations, libraries and delivery providers, new delivery services to improve the timeliness and lower the costs of ILL document delivery.

The study began with a review of the ILL process at the NL and identified several areas that needed attention, including the Priority Post bulk delivery sites, and internal procedures and planning for document delivery at the NL. The review also assessed the document delivery across the country.

Overall, it was discovered that while regions are working on the problems of document delivery, and using local and regional solutions as appropriate, there is a lack of coordination of regional delivery services with inter-provincial and national services. In addition, there is a need for a common statistical base on which standards and guidelines could be developed, and which could be used to negotiate agreements with carriers.

The consultants concluded that a national document delivery strategy should have a number of components, including:

- ▶ group contracts for urgent delivery that take advantage of bulk discounts;
- ▶ a national subsidy program for high-volume, low-priority document delivery;
- ▶ locally developed and managed regional delivery systems that can take advantage of the above program, and are designed to link to national services where appropriate;
- ▶ electronic delivery mechanisms that are integrated with the national strategy and are appropriate to the format of material and level of urgency for delivery.

A copy of the consultants' report is available from the NL's Library Development Centre.

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✓Major Canadiana Collection at NL

An outstanding collection dating from the 17th and 18th centuries and comprising rare French official publications and other documents relating to the colony of New France has been acquired by the NLC from the Montreal scholar-bibliographer Dr. Lawrence M. Lande.

The greater part of the collection was given by Dr. Lande as a gift to the nation. It consists of 635 French official publications dating from 1607 to 1809 and focuses on commerce and finance, the fur trade, cod and whale fisheries, and the colonization of the French Empire in North America. The collection is dominated by documents related to Scottish monetary theorist John Law, his Mississippi Scheme and the Compagnie des Indes, set up in the early 18th century, in part to help eradicate France's massive debt.

Also included are 193 rare books dealing with mainly economic policy and practices of the major colonial powers of Europe in the 17th and 18th centuries, particularly those of France. This part of the collection was purchased by the NL.

●AUTHORS ASSOCIATION MOVING

The Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Authors Association is moving from the Pantages Playhouse Theatre to the heart of Winnipeg's old Market Square District in July. The new address will be

The Hammond Building
208 - 63 Albert Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 1G4.

The phone number will remain the same, 947-0512.

●SPRINT, MCC FORM ALLIANCE

Sprint and the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC), an information technologies research consortium, has announced a strategic alliance that will allow -- for the first time -- the manufacturing, health care, financial, retail and other business communities to do business electronically with their suppliers and development partners worldwide through a universal internetwork service.

The alliance will pair MCC's Enterprise Integration Network (EINet) with Sprint's data transport products. EINet provides a set of advanced network services that link networks and industry-specific applications. These services ensure secure transactions, provide the navigation tools to locate information and services on-line, and support multimedia electronic messaging.

The combined Sprint and EINet capabilities will provide the connectivity, tools and services necessary to seamlessly interconnect businesses for broad-based electronic commerce on any of the more than 11,000 networks worldwide connected to the Internet.

The strategic alliance between Sprint and EINet includes a co-marketing agreement through which Sprint will be the first commercial reseller of EINet services. Similarly, MCC will offer Sprint services for EINet customers.

EINet, when combined with Sprint services, will support business processes such as agile manufacturing and concurrent engineering. For example, a purchasing agent for a manufacturing company might use the service to look up parts through an electronic catalog

of suppliers worldwide, view items for purchase via an electronically submitted photograph or video, order and pay for parts online -- all through the click of a mouse on the buyer's computer screen.

EINet's directory services, security and advanced electronic messaging capabilities will be the first commercial service of its kind for users of the Internet. These services will enable Sprint Link(sm) customers to locate and interact with other users on any of the more than 11,000 networks in over 100 countries that make up the Internet global network.

●SCIENCE MUSEUM LIBRARY UPDATE

Science Museum Library to be closed to the public from 5 July - 18 September, for phase 2 of the Library development project. The second major phase of the Science Museum Library development project will take place this summer. The Library's specialist stock and services on the history and public understanding of science and technology will be set up in a new and improved layout, and a single joint sequence of periodicals on modern science and technology will be created in conjunction with Imperial College. This further rationalisation will allow them to provide a more focused service to meet the needs of our primary users: the public, those working in "science and technology studies", and the staff of the museum.

Almost every volume in the public areas, and many of those in the basement, will have to be moved, and to give them space for moving and construction they shall have to store most of our history of science stock temporarily in crates in a remote warehouse. The move out will start on 5 July, building contractors will arrive on 19 July, and they hope to be back in full operation by 20 September. During this period the library will be closed to the public, and it would help if you could draw this to the attention of any scholars or other visitors who may be planning to visit the museum this summer.

Imperial College Libraries plan to maintain access for most of the time to those parts of their material which are not affected by the works. It will not be possible, however, to fetch Science Museum Library material from storage, and much of the other stock will be inaccessible while it is being moved. Notices about availability will be posted in the libraries as the work progresses.

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●CLA BOOK AWARD WINNERS

The Canadian Library Association is please to announce the following book award winners for 1993:

CLA Book of the Year for Children

Cecilia Barker Lottidge for her novel, *Ticket to Curlw*, published by roundwood Press. First and second place honourable mentions go to Brian Doyale, *Spud Sweetgrass*, and Barbara Smucker, *Garth and the Mermaid*, respectively.

Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award

Paul Morin, for his illustrations in *The Dragon's Pearl*. This is Morin's second time winning.

Young Adult Canadian Book Award (YASIG)

Karleen Bradford for her novel, *There will be Wolves*, published by Harper Collins. Honourable mentions go to Julie Johnston for *Hero of Lesser Causes* and Bernice Morgan for *Random Passage*.

●SHARED LIBRARY SERVICES

ISM Library Information Services and the University of Waterloo announce the signing of a Letter of Intent for a joint project to build a shared library automation environment. The

project is a unique model for Canadian libraries looking for solutions to improve service and reduce costs.

The first phase of the project will concentrate on streamlining cataloguing operations and restructuring the organization to make the rapidly growing need for staff support on the "frontline". This phase is expected to be completed by the end of 1993.

In the future, later projects phases will put into place a structure that will enable other libraries and groups of libraries to cooperate in building and maintaining shared automated library services.

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●CNIB HAS NEW LENDING POLICY

The CNIB Library for the Blind has developed a new Access and Lending Policy which defines the services provided to registered users and more than 450 agencies. The policy comes after months of extensive consultation with CNIB clients, public libraries, departments of Education and CNIB divisions. The CNIB has held meetings across Canada to review the lending agreements and address jurisdictional concerns between agencies. The policy takes place June 1, 1993.

The Library is a private non-profit agency, supported by charitable donations. Consequently, the new policy also stipulates that agencies will be charged on a cost-recovery basis for materials they borrow or purchase. The new policy clarifies the Library's relations with other agencies and promotes partnerships

in order to better use resources.

●INTERNET NEWS:

University of Victoria. The UVic Library has implemented a system called "InfoServ". It offers free and easy access to a wide range of Internet resources: documents, software, databases, CARL Uncover, full-text indexes, library OPACs, and other information services. A number of college and university libraries in BC have been testing this, and evaluating the application for ELN. The University of Calgary has a similar service using Gopher.

New Listservs. The smaller universities might be interested in a new listserv aimed at college librarians: The list is Collib-L@Willamette.EDU Send "subscribe" messages to:

listserv@willamette.edu

The second is not a listserv, but a new electronic service on the Internet, of some interest:

"Academe This Week" from the Chronicle of Higher Education. It will include:

- a guide to news in the current issue of the Chronicle

- a calendar of the week's events in academe

- a schedule of the weeks' events in Washington DC

- deadlines for fellowships, grants, etc

- listings of job openings

A new edition will be available on the Internet every Tuesday. It is available on many Gopher servers under "All the Gopher Servers in the World".

Users with their own Gopher software can find Academe This Week at: chronicle.merit.edu

3. PUBLICATIONS:

●CWB FREEBIES!

Yours, on a first come, first served basis, are the following:

Iraq: a country study/ ed. by Richard F. Nyrop
4th ed. American University, Washington, DC
Foreign Area Studies, 1979 (Area handbook;
DA Pam 550-31).

Japan: a country study/ ed. by Frederica M.
Bunge 3rd ed. American University,
Washington, DC Foreign Area Studies, 1982
(Area handbook; DA Pam 550-30).

Contact Lucy Emond at 983-3437 by July 30,
1993.

●ENERGY & MINES FREEBIE!

Energy & Mines has a complete set of the
Consolidated Statutes of Manitoba (with
updates, not interfiled) (22 vol.)

Free for the asking - call Aura at 945-4172 by
July 30, 1993. Whoever acquires it, let Liz at
Statutory Publications know at 945-3102 so that
the updates will continue without a break.

●ALZHEIMER BOOKLET

Guidelines for Care, a 28-page booklet
developed with a grant from the Seniors
Independence Program, Health & Welfare
Canada is available without charge from the
Alzheimer Society of Canada or your local
Alzheimer organization. The publication
provides a comprehensive overview of the
components which should be in place to ensure
that people with Alzheimer Disease receive the
special type of care which reflects the unique
nature of the disease. The guidelines are
intended for use by family members and paid
caregivers working in community agencies and

long term care settings. A companion
document, *Guidelines for Care*, will offer an
elaboration on the Guidelines. Structured and
written in an accessible and easy-to-understand
format, the Guidebook will provide information
on how to identify the characteristics of quality
care and what family caregivers should look for
in seeking appropriate facilities and services.
The Guidebook should be available in late
spring.

Both documents are available in French and
English. You may order the booklets from your
local Alzheimer organization, or from:

Myra Schiff, Director
Guidelines for Care Project
Alzheimer Society of Canada
1320 Yonge Street, Suite 201
Toronto ON M4T 1X2
416-925-3552
Fax: 416-925-1649.

●INTERNET COLLECTIONS PUBLICATION

Collections Services, of the Library of Congress,
would like to announce the advance availability
(by anonymous FTP) of the document which
will be presented at the "ALCTS National
Libraries Reporting Session" at the American
Library Association by Winston Tabb, Associate
Librarian for Collections Services.

To get this document, FTP to the Library of
Congress' anonymous FTP site:

FTP seq1.loc.gov

Login as ANONYMOUS and give your Internet
address as the password

Change directories to the Collections Services
directory:

cd /pub/collserv

Get the file which contains the ALCTS National
Libraries Reporting Session (Collections

Services) document:
get alarep93

This document will also be available at ALA in printed form at the reporting session.

●INTERNET CLASSICS JOURNAL

*ELECTRONIC ANTIQUITY:
COMMUNICATING THE CLASSICS*
formerly:

*THE ELECTRONIC AGORA:
COMMUNICATING THE CLASSICS*

This electronic journal for the classics, advertised in late April, is now available free of charge. A contents list for Volume 1 Issue 1 (June 1993) is appended. The journal will be available from 10.00 a.m. on Friday 18 June (Australian time). Volume 1 Issue 2 will be published in July. News of when future issues of the journal will be available will be mailed electronically to subscribers approximately 24 hours before a general announcement; the editors urge you to subscribe.

To subscribe contact:
antiquity-editor@classics.utas.edu.au.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to e-mail the journal to you automatically for a number of reasons, not least being its sheer size, which would have meant a deluge of material in sometimes indiscriminate order as opposed to a structured journal. It is better to access it via ftp or gopher (instructions below), and in that way the sense of the journal will be evident, plus you will be able to select material as you wish.

HOW TO ACCESS

The journal is available through gopher at:

- info.utas.edu.au and through gopher;
- open top level document called Publications
- open Electronic Antiquity.

- open Vol.1,Issue1-June 1993
- 9 files there: contents; editorial; guidelines; articles; reviews; work-in-progress; conferences; vacancies; information (numbered consecutively in this order).
- open (1)contents first for list of contents, then other files as appropriate

Or, if you prefer, you can FTP the journal by contacting:

- FTP.utas.edu.au (or FTP.info.utas.edu.au)
 - > departments --> classics --> antiquity.
 - In Antiquity you will see the files as described above.
- Do NOT use Telnet.

The size of Volume 1 Issue 1 (June 1993) is approximately 355Kb (about 140 A4 pages). If you think that 355Kb may pose any problems for your system, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you are unable to access the journal please contact Ian Worthington at:

ian.worthington@classics.utas.edu.au.

Queries and contributions may be directed to the editors at

antiquity-editor@classics.utas.edu.au.

Peter Toohey (ptoohey@metz.une.edu.au)
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●PACS Review Cumulative Index

The Public-Access Computer Systems Review (PACS Review) is an electronic library journal, associated with the PACS-L@UHUPVM1 and PACS-P@UHUPVM1 lists, that is distributed at no charge to over 7,830 subscribers in 56

countries via BITNET, Internet, and other computer networks.

The journal deals with end-user computer systems in libraries, covering topics such as campus-wide information systems, CD-ROM LANs, document delivery systems, electronic publishing, expert systems, hypermedia and multimedia systems, locally mounted databases, microcomputer labs, network-based information resources, and online catalogs.

It was established in September 1989 and became refereed in November 1991. It is published by the University of Houston Libraries.

To retrieve a cumulative index to the PACS Review, send the following e-mail message to LISTSERV@UHUPVM1 or LISTSERV@UHUPVM1.UH.EDU:

GET INDEX PR F=MAIL

●GOPHER LIBRARY SCHOOL

The School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill is pleased to announce our new gopher site, located at ruby.ils.unc.edu [152.2.81.1]. This Gopher server has the full-text of the school's catalog including information on our degree programs, application information, course listings, faculty directories etc.

To access the gopher server point your gopher client to ruby.ils.unc.edu. You'll also find it listed under All the Gopher Servers in the World, North America, USA, North Carolina, Univ of North Carolina Information and Library Science.

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●CALL FOR AUTHORS

LIBRES: Library and Information Science
Research Electronic Journal ISSN: 1058-6768

LIBRES is now accepting articles. LIBRES has four sections, one of which is refereed:

1. Research and applications (refereed)
Peer-reviewed scholarly articles from multiple sub-disciplines of library and information science on such topics as analysis, evaluation, applications (reports of projects at libraries), and other research.
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4. Pre-Prints and Abstracts Distribution (non-refereed)

Articles may be submitted for inclusion in any of the four categories.

Articles submitted for the refereed sections will be blind reviewed by at least two qualified referees.

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LIBRES is a quarterly, peer-reviewed electronic journal with an editorial board of library and information science scholars. LIBRES communicates scholarly thought on library and information science.

Since 1990, LIBRES has published non-refereed articles, reports, and drafts as well as news and discussion of library and information science research, applications, and events.

The first regular, quarterly issue which includes the peer-reviewed sections will be on Oct. 15, 1993. When warranted by the volume and flow of scholarship, special and/or supplementary issues on emergent themes will be distributed.

LIBRES will be distributed through a listserv fileservers, an ftp site and a gopher server. Subscribers will be made aware of the available issue by distribution of a quarterly table of contents to LIBRES, LIBREF-L, and other e-conferences that request the service. LIBRES will be indexed in ERIC RIE.

FORM AND STYLE

1. Use the citation format found in the APA (American Psychological Association) Publication Manual. Use _to_ indicate underlining and ***to*** indicate bolding.
2. Do not have any lines that exceed 60 characters in length.
3. Use only ASCII character text, figures, tables, or diagrams.
4. Do not have more than 1,000 lines (18 pp.) in any article. If longer than 1,000 lines, then send it in two pieces, each of which may be a maximum of 1,000 lines (18 pp.)

SUBMISSION

Submissions are acceptable only by electronic mail. Submissions may be made to Diane K. Kovacs, Editor-in-chief at [`editors@kentvm\(BITNET\)`](mailto:editors@kentvm(BITNET)) or [`editors@kentvm.kent.edu`](mailto:editors@kentvm.kent.edu) (INTERNET)

Submissions will usually be acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt. Reviews will be made within 45 days of receipt.

LANGUAGE

The official language of LIBRES is English. Translations into other languages for limited issues may be approved by special arrangement.

DEADLINES

Deadlines for the submissions of manuscripts for the reviewed section will be two months before the next issue; i.e., November 15 (for the January issue), February 15 (for the April issue), May 15 (for the July issue), and August 15 (for the October issue). All manuscripts will be given at least two blind reviews by a jury of referees. Authors will be notified within 45

days of submission of acceptance, revisions, or rejection.

Deadlines for the submission of articles for the three non-reviewed sections will be one month before the next issue; i.e., December 15 (for the January issue), March 15 (for the April issue), June 15 (for the July issue), and September 15 (for the October issue). Authors will be notified within 14 days of submission of acceptance, revisions, or rejection.

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4. CALENDAR:

●AUGUST 9, 1993

(I realize that none of you will be going to this SLA event, but the project they cover may be of interest to you...)

The Southern Ohio Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and The Cincinnati Chapter of the Special Libraries Association Invite You to Their Joint Summer Meeting Featuring Stacey Kimmel and Jenny Presnell on the American Memory Project on Monday, August 9, 1993 KZF Incorporated.

The American Memory Project is a multimedia integrated system which creates electronic copies of selected collections of the Library of Congress. The project stores archival material relating to American culture and history on compact discs and laser videodiscs and delivers these rich primary source materials to researchers, teachers, students and the public at large at their local libraries or schools. It contains photographs, motion pictures, speeches, political and editorial cartoons, songs, journal accounts, and other documents. Miami University Libraries in Oxford, Ohio, have been chosen as one of 44 test sites in the United States.

Ms. Kimmel is the Special Projects Librarian and Assistant to the Dean and University Librarian at Miami University. She has also held positions in reference and systems. Ms. Presnell is Humanities Social Sciences Librarian and subject bibliographer for History, Geography, International Studies, and Women's Studies at Miami University. Previously she was Reader Services Librarian at Xavier University.

Reservations will be accepted until Friday, August 6, 12 noon By John Tebo (513) 556-1494, FAX ((513) 556-3417 (CINCINNATI) or Judy Hecht at (513) 229-3024, FAX (513) 229-3433 (DAYTON). Persons cancelling after this date will be responsible for the cost of any dinners billed. A map with directions to KZF Incorporated will be provided upon request.

● **OCTOBER 1-2, 1993**

The University of Manitoba

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
REFEREED ELECTRONIC JOURNALS:**

Towards a Consortium for Networked
Publications

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

October 1-2, 1993 (Friday & Saturday)

The Delta Winnipeg Hotel

288 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0B8

Sponsored by:
Medical Research Council
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The Internet is a major new medium for dissemination of research, and it is vital that the scholarly community become acquainted with the enormous potential of the Internet for scholarship. Commercial companies are already devoting attention to developing computer network publication projects. It is imperative that the scholarly community not leave this major medium to be developed solely by commercial interests.

The aims of the conference are:

- * to make academic merit the sole consideration in the publication of journal-type research;
- * to advance the idea that the academic community should have a hand in determining what gets published and how it is disseminated;
- * to provide an outlet of research publication that is not subject to the severe economic constraints of traditional paper-journal publishing;
- * to make collective use of the scholarly advantages of network publication (savings in production costs, speed-up in publication and dissemination process);
- * to provide an effective and low-cost means for universities to play a greater role as disseminators of research information, and not only as producers and consumers.

This historic two-day event is organized as a series of plenary working sessions that will include presentations from major resource people from a variety of fields. It will include an exhibit and demonstration of the latest in computer technology for long distance data transfer as it applies to electronic journals, with an emphasis on text, image and sound signal

processing and compression. Registration is limited to 200 participants.

Registration Information

Fees: If paid by Sept. 1, 1993: \$150.00 (Cdn)
If paid after Sept. 1, 1993: \$200.00 (Cdn)
Dinner for Guests of participants:
\$30.00 (Cdn)

An "ice-breaker" session will be held after our Pre-Registration on September 30. A banquet is also being planned for the evening of Friday, October 1. Costs for both events are included in the registration fee. Participants are responsible for all other meals.

Requests for information or the completed Conference Registration Form together with payment should be sent to:

Co-ordinator
Institute for Humanities
University of Manitoba
Room 108 Isbister Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2
FAX: (204) 275-5781
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E-Mail: umih@ccu.umanitoba.ca

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- * Humanities Federation of Canada
- * Association of Research Libraries
- * Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- * Canadian Association of Learned Journals
- * Social Science Federation of Canada
- * Legal Research Institute

● MARCH 24-25, 1994

CALL FOR PAPERS - "The Upside of Downsizing: Using BI to Cope", a conference to be held March 24-25, 1994 in Santa Barbara, CA.

Keynote Speaker: Carla Stoffle, Dean,
University of Arizona Libraries

Sponsored by the University of California, Santa Barbara Library, this day-and-a-half conference will focus on ways of using library instruction as a creative response to diminishing resources. If you have implemented (or are planning) any innovative instructional programs, or if you just have a great idea for using library classes to survive "the downsized 90's," SEND US A PROPOSAL TO PRESENT!

Viable topics include (but are certainly NOT limited to): Achieving User Independence, Marketing Library Instruction, Team-Teaching, Reaching Remote Users, Teaching Computerized Formats, Multicultural User Needs, Piquing Faculty Interest, Administering BI in Downsized Environments, Teaching Librarians to Teach Library Use, Bridging the Disciplines: Interdisciplinary Instruction, etc.

Send a 150-200 word abstract outlining your proposed presentation along with a brief personal vita by September 15, 1993 to:

Cheryl LaGuardia and Janet Martorana
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Applicants will be notified by October 30, 1993 of final decisions on presentation acceptance.

Conference registration fee of \$125.00 will be waived for participants.

5. JOB:

●ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) invites nominations and applications for the Library and regional Documentation Center LRDC) Director. AIT, an autonomous, international, post-graduate institution established over three decades ago, offers degree programs in engineering, science, planning and management. Representing more than 40 countries, the faculty, staff and over 1,000 currently enroled students for a unique international community on the Institute's 400-acre campus, situated 42 km north of Bangkok.

The Library and regional Documentation Center houses a collection of nearly 200,000 volumes and over 1,000 current subscriptions. Its on-line databases are accessible through the Internet. The Library recently implemented IME's Information Navigator integrated library system. LRDC's five information centers publish a range of abstracts and journals, and maintain computerized databases. The LDRC organizes regular training programs on information management.

RESPONSIBILITIES of the Director include the provision of leadership and direction for the LRDC; planning & implementing integrated collections and innovative information service programs; preparing budget requests and assisting in identifying additional sources of funding; allocating and monitoring spending of approved resources; and participating in personnel actions for all staff. In addition, the Director will assist AIT's Computer Science Division with the development of a new academic program in Information Management.

QUALIFICATIONS: MLS or equivalent; advanced degree preferred.

SALARY: Tax-free in Thailand, inclusive of

base salary, housing allowance and Institute contributions is \$40-60,000US

Mail applications to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Asian Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 2754 Bangkok 10501 Thailand. Internet brubaker@emailhost.ait.ac.th

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June 28, 1993

Dear concerned Manitoban;

We have some very good Public Libraries in Manitoba, and where they exist they are well used. But lack of coordination and leadership at the Provincial level means that one of our province's most valuable assets is being wasted. The material on the opposite side of this letter outlines some of the problems we face. In these hard economic times, Public Libraries are a resource for adult education, business information, literacy training and a dozen other areas. They could help to turn our economy around.

The present government began well. In 1988 the Throne Speech mentioned the government's resolve to improve the library system and the Minister appointed the Public Library Advisory Board to conduct hearings and produce a multi-year plan for the Public Library System.

The Board has done its work and presented its Report to the Minister, the Honourable Bonnie Mitchelson. **That was over a year ago. To date, the Minister has not announced what she intends to do with the Board's Report.**

Will all their work be wasted? Will the Public Library System continue to be an underutilized resource? The Manitoba Library Development Committee is a non-partisan joint committee of the Manitoba Library Association and the Manitoba Library Trustees Association, with representatives of other groups such as the Manitoba Womens' Institutes and the Kinsmen. **We want to see the Report! We want to start the process of planning for the future.**

If you are concerned **please** write to Mrs. Mitchelson and encourage her to release the Report and start that process. Copy your letters to the Premier and the Leaders of the N.D.P. and Liberal Parties. Write to your M.L.A. and your municipal council. They need to know that Manitobans value and are concerned about Public Library service. Send us copies of your letters and requests for any information you might need at the above address.