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## MANITOBA LIBRARY WEEK

Plans are well under way to hold a Manitoba Library Week from October 1 - 8, 1977. M.L.A., M.S.L.A.V.A., M.A.L.T. and M.L.T.A. have all endorsed the week and are involved in planning for it.

Purpose of the week is to create an awareness --- especially in those people who are not currently library users --- of what libraries are all about. One of the main objectives is to emphasise need for legislation to improve the funding of libraries in this province.

Plan to attend the Spring General Meeting at Elkhorn Ranch as there will be a general discussion of what events are being planned for Manitoba Library Week and ways in which libraries can participate. Pat Cutts, who has been actively involved in recent Saskatchewan Library Weeks will be present to share her ideas with us.

Watch the June BULLETIN for a preliminary list of publicity and program ideas for Manitoba Library Week. These preliminary suggestions will be followed by a mailing to all libraries in the province of a more detailed list of suggestions and ideas.

For more information, contact the Coordinator for Manitoba Library Week: Donna McKillop at 985-6450 (Winnipeg Centennial Library) or 453-6987.

## GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND THE UNION LIST OF SERIALS

M.L.A.'s application for government funding of the Union List of Serials in Manitoba Libraries has, unfortunately, been turned down. In fact, we submitted applications for both Canada Works' and Young Canada Works' funding to each constituency in the province -- a total of 26 forms. Thanks to each of you who took time to write a letter in support of the project, and a particular vote of thanks to Judy Head, who prepared the applications for submission. Incidentally, although we may not have the funding we requested from Canada Works, we have heard from Public Library Services that a STEP student will be working on the project over the summer.

## MAILING

Since some complaints have been received about the method used for our last two mailings, an explanation to members seems due.

We chose to use the Winnipeg Public's ESP service and the University of Manitoba's internal mail service for two reasons: speed and convenience. We wanted members to receive the invitation to the reception for the National Librarian as quickly as possible and the executive members who prepared the items for mailing in the absence of our volunteer secretary, Mrs. MacMillan, found this a labour-saving method of handling the job.

Incidentally, the saving in postage to MLA was approximately \$22.00. Perhaps we should be considering this method of mailing as our usual procedure. Any comments?

- Linda Teather

### TRAVELLING TO C.L.A.

If you are travelling to Montreal for the CLA conference, Air Canada is offering group rates at a 10% discount if 15 or more passengers travel together on the outward journey. (Return may be made on an individual basis.) Bookings must be made by May 24, and the person to contact is Mrs. Oliver at 985-4469.

### NOMINATIONS

The MLA Nominations Committee is still accepting nominations for next year's Executive. Contact any member of the Committee or the MLA office.

### PUBLISHING CENTRE, SUPPLY AND SERVICES CANADA

Effective March 31, 1977, the Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada is no longer the official sales agent for the publications of international organizations. Consequently, the yellow list entitled "Publications of International Organizations", received twice monthly, has ceased publication with the January 14 issue.

The Canadian agent for international publications is:  
Renoug Publishing Co. Ltd.  
2182 St. Catherine Street West  
Montreal, Quebec H3H 1M7

### RESEARCH COLLECTIONS IN CANADIAN LIBRARIES

Surveys of Canadian Library collections in special subject fields have been conducted by the National Library since 1972. The latest published is COLLECTIONS OF OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS IN CANADA. 1976. \$10.00. Catalogue number SN3-44/1976, ISSN 0316-0319. Also published in French. Available by mail from Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S9 or through your bookseller --- Mary Scorer (475-3851) or the University of Manitoba Bookstore (474-8321)

### NATIONAL LIBRARIAN

Dr. Guy Sylvestre, the National Librarian, spoke at a gathering of approximately forty at a meeting in the Manitoba Centennial Centre on April 26. His visit, which was sponsored by the Canadian Library Association, provided an opportunity to give input into the review of the National Library currently taking place and for questions to be put regarding the role the National Library should be playing in Canadian Library development. Following his visit to Manitoba, Dr. and Mme. Sylvestre were to visit each of the other western provinces to meet with groups on a similarly informal basis. Prior to addressing the meeting in Winnipeg, Dr. Sylvestre was guest of honour at a dinner hosted by the Legislative Librarian.

### DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL

Donations of books relevant to native culture and history are welcomed by the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council. A bibliography of Indian material would also be helpful. For more information, see the June Bulletin, or contact the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council:

Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council  
Ste. 4, 110 - 10th Street  
Brandon, Manitoba

CHRISTIE MEMORIAL SEMINAR

The 6th Christie Memorial Seminar will be held on September 23, 1977 at Brandon University. The exact title of the seminar has not been decided but the subject matter is "sources of environmental information". More details later.

CITIZEN'S INQUIRY SERVICE

On March 7, the Manitoba Department of Consumer, Corporate and Internal Service's Citizens' Inquiry service opened a Central Information Centre on printed material in the foyer of the Manitoba Archives Building, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg. The CIC has catalogued all the material available from Provincial Government Departments free-of charge, or for a modest fee. The purpose of the Information Centre will be to display several hundred of the most popular pamphlets and brochures and to advise persons seeking information of what is available in specific subject areas. The centre will not act as a bulk distribution area -- distribution will still rest with each dept. The Information Centre is available by phone -- in Winnipeg 946-7675, outside Winnipeg call 1-800-292-8920 toll-free and ask for the Publications Information Centre.

RECEIVED

"Copyright in Canada: Proposals for a revision of the law".

The purpose of this study, published by the Dept. of Corporate and Consumer Affairs and composed by A.A. Keyes and C. Brunet, is to expose for public discussion the proposals made to revise the law concerning copyright. MLA has received a copy of the proposals, which may be examined by contacting Patrick Wright c/o the MLA Office. (Also, look for a discussion of the proposals in the next BULLETIN)

PEOPLE

Mike Angel has accepted the position of Head of the Reference Services Dept., Elizabeth Dafoe Library.....Dr. W. Birdsall has been appointed Associate Director for Public Services at the U of M.....Diane Janzen moves from the Dept. of Education to the Legislative Library.....T.A. Mitchell is now Director of Library Services at Brandon University.....Bernice Pettypiece is retiring after 18 years at the Boissevain and Morton Regional Library.....John Wilde has resigned from his position at the U of Winnipeg.

REMINDERS, CONFERENCES AND COMING EVENTS

May 27-29 --- MLA Spring meeting at Elkhorn Ranch, Wasagaming (see item in this NEWSLINE)

June 10-14 --- CLA Annual Conference, Montreal

Sept. 3 - 10 --- I.F.L.A. World Conference of Librarians, Brussels

Sept. 16 - 18 --- M.L.A. Annual General Meeting and Fall Conference, Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment, Pinawa.

Sept. 23 --- 6 th Christie Memorial Seminar, Brandon University

OCTOBER 1 - 8 --- MANITOBA LIBRARY WEEK

October 21 --- M.S.L.A.V.A. - S.A.G. Conference

# Wasagaming (Clear Lake)

## VITAL ISSUES

### CLEAR LAKE CONFERENCE

May 28, 1977

### MORE BUCKS FOR BOOKS

Of prime importance to all those concerned with the low priority placed on libraries by government and elected officials, this seminar, under the guidance of community organizer Dr. Jack Nesbitt, of Nesbitt Educational Enterprises, will deal with:

1. our concerns;
2. a workable plan for library development;
3. strategy;
4. art of lobbying.

For those in the rural areas:

1. learn how to press for construction grants;
2. learn how to lobby for larger regions.

For those in the larger urban areas:

1. learn how to deal with big city government;
2. learn how to develop popular support for your cause.

Discover the fine art of pre-election tactics.

Dr. Nesbitt, with delegates' input, will prepare a post-conference report, indicating the direction MLA should take to ensure adequate planning, development and funding for all types of libraries. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL, IF WE ARE TO GO FORWARD WITH A STRONG VOICE.

In addition, Patricia Cuts, Consultant with Saskatchewan's Provincial Library, will participate on an informal basis at both the planning session with Dr. Nesbitt, and in Manitoba Library Week idea exchange.

## FACILITIES

For an additional charge of \$3 each per room daily, children may share their parents' rooms at Elkhorn Ranch. Children's meals will be a la carte.

All conference delegates and families, staying elsewhere, are also invited to use the Ranch's indoor pool, sauna, and 9-hole golf course.

Meals at Elkhorn Ranch are open to all delegates and families, including those with alternate accommodation. However, advance registration is essential.

Remember.....bring resolutions for the general meeting.....and dress casually.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE MAY 24

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