

NEWSLINE

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1. MLA NEWS:

★PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This report will provide you with an update of the Association's recent activities to implement its Strategic Plan.

Professional Development/Life-Long Learning:

- the theme for this year's Manitoba Library Associations Conference, May 10-13, 1995, at the Marlborough is "Changing Libraries, Changing Lives";
- similar to last year's successful event, the Conference in 1995 will also be a cooperative venture with MSLA, MHLA, MLTA, MALT and CASLIS Manitoba;
- the associations met in late October to establish a protocol for the participation and expectations of associations in this and future years' conferences;
- please see the conference report in this issue of the Newsline;

- the planning for a joint Public Library

Services/Manitoba Library Association Northern Library Conference is near completion;

- it will take place in Flin Flon, March 3/4, at the Flin Flon Public Library;
- sessions planned include partnerships, library automation, FreeNets, on-line searching and CD-ROM's;
- presenters include Judith Dueck, Ken Kuryluk and John Tooth;
- Louise Shah, PLS, is the main organizer of the Northern Conference;

- a copy of MLA's most recent publication CD-ROM Products in Selected Manitoba Libraries is included with this Newsline;
- our thanks to Linda Dixon and Louise Sloane, reference librarians at the University of Winnipeg Library, for their work in gathering this information;
- for further information please see the write-up in this Newsline;
- the Blue Sky FreeNet of Manitoba became operational on November 8 and MLA was one the first information providers;
- the following is available: Library Careers in Manitoba, Executive List and Responsibilities; Strategic Plan; Constitution and Bylaws, Minutes of the executive

meetings and extracts from earlier Newslines and CD-ROM Products;

- MLA WestMan Chapter President Louise Shah reports that a survey has been sent to approximately 100 people asking what types of workshops would be wanted for an event to take in Brandon in March 1995;

- details will follow as the program is firmed-up;

- members of the CLA, ARMA, CCA and Industrial Adjustment Service of Human Resources Canada met in Ottawa on December 3 or 4 to finalize the document "Towards a Strategy for Human Resource Development in Libraries, Archives and Records Management"

- John Tooth, who represents the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations' Council on the ALARM Committee, attended this meeting;

- the report was finalized and will be distributed by CLA in mid-January;

- prior to the Ottawa discussions, a meeting of Manitoba associations, including MLA, CCA, ALARM, MALT, CASLIS and MHLA took place on November 22 to provide further input into the recommended revisions to the draft document;

Library Leadership:

- on October 28 Katherine Dean and Audrey Kerr, as individuals, and John Tooth, as MLA President, met with the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Human Resource Development Canada and Minister of Western Economic Diversification;

- while the meeting was short, we did discuss the inadequate representation of the library community on the Information Highway Advisory Committee and of the need for assistance in the training/retraining of the Manitoba library community as it relates to information technology;

- Mr Axworthy indicated that he would be willing to review any proposals from MLA regarding these matters; we are preparing the necessary documentation now;

- the recommendations emanating from the May 25 Electronic Highway have now been incorporated into the terms of reference of the Linking Libraries Initiative;

- NGL Nordicity has won the contract to develop a report which identifies and recommends direction for resource sharing in Manitoba; the final report is due March 10;

- the Association, through MLA's political action chair, Ganga Dakshinamurti, has been supporting the work of the Friends of the Winnipeg Public Library in its attempt

to restore funds to WPL during this latest city budget process;

Role and Value of Libraries:

- Mary Dennett has arranged the distribution of posters and bookmarks for Manitoba Library Week February 18-25 and the February 27-March 5 Freedom to Read Week posters and kit order form;

- to date over 35 applications for the Collection Booster Awards have been received;

Cooperation:

- as chair of the CLA Copyright committee, I attended an emergency meeting in Ottawa on November 14 called by federal government copyright officials to see if there were a middle of the road position between creators and users;

- the creative community indicated that copyright was supreme; there should be no exemptions; collectives will manage access; and that any freebies could be handed out by the collectives when agreements were signed;

- the user community had a far more reasonable position basically stating that CLA wanted what had been agreed to with the creative community in 1988;

- CLA President Cavill's letter to Industry Minister Manley clearly states our position (printed below);

Financial Responsibility:

- Director Pat Nicholls has secured a \$2,000. grant from Manitoba Community Services Council Inc. to be used to purchase a computer which MLA is currently renting;

John Tooth, President

★CLA PRESIDENTS' LETTER

December 2, 1994

The Honourable John Manley, PC
Minister of Industry Canada
House of Commons
Confederation Building
Wellington Street Room 356
Ottawa ON K1A 0M5

Mr. Manley,

The Canadian Library Association, founded in 1946, is a national association dedicated to the provision of leadership in library and information services in Canada for the benefit of Association members, the profession,

and Canadian society. Its membership comprises personal and institutional members from public, school, university, college, business and government libraries), as well as commercial members from the information industry, such as publishers, booksellers, wholesalers and system vendors.

CLA members are committed to open access to information for Canadians, to the preservation of the nations's culture and to the elimination of illiteracy within our society. It is on behalf of this membership that I write to you today to ask your support for the special measures required within Canada's Copyright Act to enable libraries to fulfil those commitments.

The Canadian Library Association's interest in this matter was recognized by the then Department of Communications in 1988, when it invited the Association to participate in the Consultative Committee on Library Uses of Copyright Material. The Committee included representatives from creators groups, and achieved a consensus around the balance between the rights of the creator and those of the user as reflected in library activities. The 1988 Department of Communications document, "Library Provisions," captured that consensus, which was reaffirmed in a letter from Paul Racine in July 1990.

We have been dismayed by the fact that the long time lapse between Phase I and Phase II amendments has seen the creators abandon the consensus to which they had been party, and become advocates opposing any rights for library or educational users. Sound public policy requires recognition of the fact that property rights, intellectual or otherwise, are not absolute, but are a balance which must also respect the rights of others in society. Canada's trading partners, countries such as Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, all provide special measures for libraries and education.

Because Canada is a net importer of copyright materials such as scholarly journals and entertainment, and because international convention requires Canada to treat creators from other major countries as though they are Canadians ("national treatment"), it is extremely important that Canada's laws avoid positioning its users so that they are paying creators from other countries for uses which are permitted at no cost in those countries.

For example, the Canadian Library Association did a study in 1987 which indicated that if Phase II does not

permit Canadians to make single copies of periodical articles, 80¢ of every dollar collected would be payable to other nations, mainly the United States, in a situation where U.S. libraries pay neither their own nor Canadian creators. This is a very inefficient way to provide Canadian creators with 20¢, when the whole dollar could have been spent buying new books.

In recent meetings with officials of the Departments of Canadian Heritage and Industry Canada, we were pleased to see that 10 of 14 countries surveyed during preparation of the discussion paper had a form of exception available for libraries and archives. The discussion paper also identified three options for libraries. Two of these are extreme, neither maintaining the status quo in the Act, or providing no exceptions; the middle ground proposal reflected the balanced view which this Association has supported and which reflects the 1988 consensus.

I am, therefore, asking for your support for the inclusion of the following measures within the Copyright Act:

- * doing any act for the purpose of maintaining or managing a collection, with the exception of copying when with reasonable efforts it can be determined that the work is commercially available at a reasonable price within a reasonable time;
- * for fair dealing purposes, to permit a library or archives to reproduce a single copy of an article in a periodical;
- * a library or archives will enjoy all exceptions available under the Act, such as fair dealing, which are enjoyed by its patrons;
- * the liability of a library or archives for patrons of its free standing reprographic machines will be limited, provided that the library or archives informs patrons of the law regarding copyright infringement in a notice affixed near each machine; and
- * a library may do any act for another library that it is entitled to do under the Act.

You will note that we are placing reasonable limits on ourselves. We do not expect to be able to make whole copies of a book routinely, or multiple copies of any copyright material.

Again, I respectfully request your full support for these

special provisions for libraries within the Copyright Act in order to ensure that Canadians have reasonable access to information.

Yours, sincerely
Patricia Cavill
CLA President

★MANITOBA SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Some highlights from the December 1, 1994 Speech from the Throne...

Through substantial investments, Manitoba has a modern and evolving information infrastructure including an extensive fibre optic network and a digitized tele-communications system that will be fully in place by 1996. Our objective is that every citizen and business will have the chance to participate on the information highway. My government has undertaken several initiatives to spend smarter and improve service delivery through practical and innovative applications utilizing the information highway such as the Drug Program Information Network, distance education projects and rural library automation. My government will be introducing further practical applications and services...

Distance Education and technology offers tremendous potential for enhancing the design and delivery of educational programs, from Kindergarten to post-secondary levels, throughout the province. Community based technical and administrative infrastructures, interactive television systems and increased electronic linkages among libraries, are being established. To ensure province-wide coordination and effective use of resources, a Provincial Advisory Council on Distance Education and technology with strong regional representation will be established. By December 1995, a large majority of schools outside Winnipeg will have access to distance education, placing Manitoba among the leaders nationally...

★ADVANCE NOTICE - 1995 CONFERENCE

The 1995 MLA Spring Conference will be held May 10-13, 1995 with the theme, *Changing Libraries, Changing Lives*.

This conference will focus on the traditional library in juxtaposition to the virtual library, specifically how technological trends are changing the direction of libraries as well as the library professions themselves.

There will be hands-on computer labs throughout the conference at the site, the Days Inn Marlborough, Winnipeg.

The sponsors of this wonderful event are the Manitoba library associations:

Manitoba Library Association (MLA)
Manitoba Health Libraries Association (MHLA)
Manitoba School Library Association (MSLA)
Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT)
Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA)
Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Special Libraries Association, Manitoba Chapter (CASLIS)

If you would like to be a speaker or coordinate a session, please contact Lois MacDonald, Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, at (204) 489-5112.

★MLA AT BIZ-EX

The MLA in a joint venture with CASLIS Manitoba, MHLA and MALT, participated in the annual BIZ-EX at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, October 26-27, 1994.

In keeping with the focus of BIZ-EX on small business, the theme of the library associations' booth was *Library Professionals Supporting Small Business*. A hands on demonstration of "Top Ten Business Sources on the Internet" drew 100 people to the booth over the two days. Handouts included bibliographies and a guide to libraries in Winnipeg serving the business community.

Thanks to all the volunteers from the associations who staffed the booth and to the International Institute for Sustainable Development who generously provided equipment and technical expertise!

★COLLECTION BOOSTER AWARDS

This is just a reminder to get your applications for the 1995 Collection Booster Awards in by **January 9, 1995**.

If you need more information about the awards or need an application form, please contact **Laura Fowler** at 986-2803 or fax 942-5671 (Winnipeg Public Library Centennial Branch).

★**MLA GETS AWARD**

MLA has received a grant of \$2000 from the Manitoba Community Services Council Inc. towards the purchase of the new computer in the MLA office.

The present computer is rented.

★**PINS FOR SALE AT MLA**

MLA has book pins (pins in the shape of a book), each one unique, some say "I love reading," for \$6.00. We have similar pins but which incorporate the MLA logo and are a little larger for \$10.00. Each of these is also unique.

All profits to support MLA.

Please contact Pat Nicholls at 474-6618 (full address is at the end of *Newsline*).

★**MANITOBA CD-ROMS**

Enclosed with this issue of *Newsline* is your copy of the CD-ROM Products in Selected Manitoba Libraries booklet. This publication is also available on the Blue Sky Freenet. Corrections and revisions will be made on the Freenet version.

2. NEWS:

★**UofM REFERENCE LIBRARIANS**

Two new reference librarians have been appointed at the University of Manitoba. They are:

Colleen Martin has joined the reference staff at Reference Services, Elizabeth Dafoe Library. Colleen moved from Saskatoon where she had been working in the reference Department at the University of Saskatchewan. She has acquired considerable experience with various electronic resources and information systems, as well as with reference and orientation and bibliographic instruction.

Bill Poluha is the new Reference Librarian in the Media Library. Bill earned his MLIS from Western and has a Master of Science from McMaster and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Winnipeg. As well as

having experience in medial and science libraries, experience with computers, information systems and teaching, Bill gained considerable professional scientific experience at Monserco Limited in Mississauga, where he held the position of Manager/health Physicist for 6 years.

Welcome to Manitoba Colleen and Bill!

★**GORDON & BREACH AGREEMENT 1995**

The following memo was posted to the closed ARL-Directors list on December 8, 1994. If you have questions or comments about it, please message Ann Okerson <ann@cni.org>.

This memo explains a recent licensing arrangement by Gordon & Breach that appears to use a contract to override some library and fair use provisions of U.S. and Canadian copyright law. It also raises prices significantly for many institutional subscribers. Therefore we are sending this message, at the request of some ARL members and after receiving legal advice. We have also had contact with librarians in research institutions in Australia and the U.K. who agree with these perspectives and concerns.

Any decisions you make about how to handle the institutional subscriptions affected by this policy will need to be conveyed to G & B before the end of the year. It is our understanding that for subscriptions not renewed by year-end but in the next calendar year, this publisher may charge a higher subscription rate.

BACKGROUND

Recently, various North American, Australian, and British research libraries have been made aware, some through their subscription agency and some directly, that Gordon & Breach (G&B) are seeking to redefine the terms by which they supply academic journals. G&B are proposing to have the some of the usage of such journals regulated by contractual terms, rather than by national copyright laws. This practice, already common in the context of electronic sources of information (e.g., CD-ROM licences), is of great concern and could have significant negative consequences for libraries. Below are details of the G&B letters, and some examples of how libraries have responded.

THE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL LETTER

A letter from International Publishers Distributor Ltd (IPD) as agent for G&B and Harwood is being sent to subscribers "with extraordinary need to copy and redistribute exceeding the rights granted by copyright laws." If identified by them as such a subscriber, the library client is advised that the so-called "Network Rate Subscription" applies. If the library agrees to pay this rate, G&B agree (contractually) to license certain copying and usage rights allowing for "broad but not unlimited redistribution of photocopied material through sale, inter-library loan, other loan or gratis." It is also stated that copying need not be reported to any reporting organization. The letter then refers to a table entitled "Subscription Rate Explanation" (the SRE Table) which describes a number of different levels of copying, redistribution and other usage (called "usage-privileges"), and specifies whether a particular subscription rate permits that level of usage. The level of copying permitted in each category is not altogether clear.

THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE EXPLANATION TABLE (SRE)

The so-called Base Rate allows "Photocopying of individual articles within fair use". This does not necessarily mean, however, that Base Rate subscribers retain their "fair use" privileges as defined by U.S. or Canadian law. If the client library agrees to the Base Rate, then (unless otherwise stated) it is deemed to have agreed to the terms set out in the SRE Table. ***One of these terms is that "usage-privileges are governed by Swiss Law." Whatever Swiss "fair use" does permit (this is not entirely clear), it appears that under this standard libraries might not be able to copy and distribute journal articles to the same extent as American laws currently permit.***

Under the SRE Table, certain usage-privileges are clearly marked with the word "NO" for Base Rate subscribers. It is likely, therefore, to be a contractual term of subscription that those privileges not apply.

I. Thus, under the Base Rate, a subscriber MAY NOT engage in the following:

- o Interlibrary lending
- o Photocopying of single articles in excess of fair use, but not for re-sale or re-distribution

o Re-sale or redistribution of one or more photocopies of single articles to end-users

o Re-sale or redistribution of entire issues, or photocopies of entire issues, to end-users.

o Electronic storage and/or transmission of all or part of entire issues.

II. Academic libraries that subscribe at the Network Rate will be given greater usage-privileges, and MAY engage in the following activities:

o Interlibrary lending

o Photocopying of single articles in excess of fair use, but not for re-sale or re-distribution

o Re-sale or redistribution of one or more photocopies of single articles to end-users.

III. Corporate and Government subscribers that agree to the Network Rate are given similar usage-privileges to academic libraries except that they:

o May NOT engage in interlibrary lending

o MAY engage in re-sale or redistribution of entire issues, or photocopies of entire issues, to end-users which are branches or affiliates of the subscriber

o MAY engage in electronic storage and/or transmission of all or part of entire issues, but only for storage of part by, or transmission to, branches or affiliates of the subscriber.

A crucial item is that under the Network Rates, the subscription price will be between ***3 and 6 times*** the Base Rate. This may vary according to whether the institution is an academic library or a corporate/government subscriber.

CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSCRIPTION ON THESE CONTRACTUAL TERMS

By re-subscribing on the terms of the SRE Table, the institution's copying and usage rights will be regulated contractually, with the consequence that rights previously enjoyed under the relevant national copyright law could be restricted. The costs and benefits of this contractual

re-definition of rights will vary. For example, any library able to rely on the fair use and library provisions of the U.S. Copyright Act, as well as the ILL guidelines, could be worse off. By agreeing to remain on the Base Rate as defined by G&B, the institution is likely to contract away certain rights. By agreeing to pay the Network Rate, a library will pay substantially more, and will gain few rights in excess of what national laws give libraries in any case.

(It is our understanding that G & B articles cannot be individually bought through the usual document or article delivery services like UnCover.)

However, there may be advantages for some subscribers. For example, since the rights are being granted contractually, the library can copy on that basis, which means that for some uses the permissions requirements of the U.S. or Canadian Copyright laws may not apply.

In any case, a subscriber will need to think carefully about whether the extra price being asked to pay gives enough new rights (if any) to make the change worthwhile. The G&B license is legal. Institutions have the choice about whether to agree to it or not, which means to: accept its terms, pay the prices asked, and be bound by Swiss Law and Zurich Chamber of Commerce arbitration in the event of a dispute.

RESPONDING

Three research libraries have informed us about their responses, which have been:

1. One has written to G & B asking to be removed off the Network rate, stipulating that it will renew only at the base rate. The library has stated in writing that it will do so and apply the various user and library rights applicable under its national copyright law.
2. One has, upon discussion with the appropriate librarians and faculty, decided to cancel titles rather than pay the three to six times rate for the Network level.
3. One has, after due consideration, decided to renew its subscriptions under the higher Network price rate.

The ARL hopes that this information is timely in your renewal process. Please message me (ann@cni.org) if you have comments or questions. We owe considerable thanks to our research library colleagues in Australia and

the UK (in particular Jamie Wodetzki, copyright attorney at the Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services), the ARL attorney, and copyright lawyer colleagues in North America for their assistance in reviewing the license terms and potential implications for ARL members.

★CACUL WORKSHOP INCENTIVE GRANTS

The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL), a division of the Canadian Library Association, is pleased to announce that three awards of up to \$1000 each will be awarded to attend the 1995 CLA conference in Calgary. Two awards are intended for new librarians; the other for a librarian who is unemployed or in a contract position. Awards will be made on the basis of a draw from all eligible applications postmarked by March 31, 1995.

Purpose:

- * to encourage involvement of new librarians in the annual CLA conference;
- * to encourage involvement of librarians who are unemployed or employed in contract positions in the annual CLA conference;
- * to promote membership in CACUL;
- * to provide financial assistance to those who do not have sufficient funding to attend the CLA annual conference.

Eligibility:

1. New librarians who have received an MLS within the past 2 years from a Canadian library school; librarians who are unemployed or in a contract position at the time of application;
2. applicants must be personal members of CACUL;
3. Preference will be given to applicants who have not attended a CAL conference;
4. Applicants who have received funding to attend the conference from another CLA source will not be eligible for this grant;
5. Recipients must be able to attend the CACUL AGM and provide a written summary of their conference experience for publication in *Feliciter*.

Applications should be submitted to **Kathleen DeLong**, Herbert T. Coumts Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB T6G 2G5. Phone (403) 492-5759, Fax; (403) 492-8367.

★CLR PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED

The Council on Library Resources (CLR) has named Deanna B. Marcum as its fifth president, effective January 1, 1995. The announcement was made at its annual Board of Directors meeting on November 8, 1994. She will succeed W. David Penniman, who has resigned his position as president effective December 31, 1994, after serving for the past four years.

Dr. Marcum is well known to the Council, having served as its vice president from 1984 to 1989. She is currently Director of Public Service and Collection Management at the Library of Congress. Before serving in that position, she was Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America. Other previous positions include Senior Consultant, Information Services Consultants, Inc.; Management Training Specialist, Association of Research Libraries; Assistant Director for Public Services and Personnel, Joint University Libraries (now Vanderbilt University Library); and a variety of technical services positions at the University of Kentucky Libraries. She has an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Illinois, a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Maryland. She recently authored *Good Books in a Country Home: The Public Library as Cultural Force in Hagerstown, Maryland, 1878-1920*.

During Dr. Penniman's tenure as president of the Council, he articulated the importance of the collection and use of data upon which to make management decisions. He stimulated conversation on the nature and future of libraries and encouraged development and support for leadership programs within the library and information science community. Dr. Penniman also has focused attention on the need to build our nation's infrastructure by guiding an initiative to establish a national engineering information system.

The Council on Library Resources was established in 1956 by the Ford Foundation to look toward the future on behalf of libraries, to address problems experienced by libraries in the aggregate, and to identify innovative solutions. It is governed by a Board of Directors and funded by a variety of private foundations.

★FAXON UPDATE

Faxon Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Vernon W. Cain as President of the Company. Mr. Cain holds a position on Dawson Holdings PLC's Board of Directors and reports directly to Mr. Bryan Ingleby,

Group Chief Executive of Dawson Holdings, Faxon Canada's parent Company.

Cain is also President and CEO of Dawson North America, a world-wide supplier of information services of both libraries and business. In addition, Mr. Cain is responsible for Quality Books Incorporated, a primary distributor of small press publications, audio, video and CD-ROM products to libraries.

★WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR

Worst serial title change of the year nominations

Once again time has arrived to nominate candidates for the Worst Serial Title Change of the Year and its associated awards.

The presentation of these prestigious awards is sponsored by the Serials Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association, and will take place during the ALCTS President's Program at ALA's annual summer conference in June, to be held in Chicago. The 1994 award winners will also be noted in a future ALCTS Newsletter.

AWARD CRITERIA INCLUDE: a frivolous title change for no apparent reason and producing no advantage; the unnecessary change of an old, respected title; repeated changes, the latest being no better than any earlier ones; and the "Snake in the Grass" or "Et tu, Brute?" category for library publications. The title change must have occurred since January 1, 1994 to be considered. There is no limit to number of titles nominated. Everyone is allowed to nominate, even serials catalogers who regard title changes as job security.

Please supply complete citations for the change, including title, number and/or date of last issue with old title; title, number and/or date of first issue with the new title; and the publisher's name and address. Photocopies of relevant pages or cataloging printouts are useful as verification (including such verification, if possible, of previous citations for those titles nominated for repeated title changes).

Nominations must be mailed by May 15, 1995 to: John Radencich, Chair, Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Committee, Library-Cataloging Dept., Florida International University, Miami, Florida 33199. He can

also be contacted via e-mail (RADENCIC@SERVAX.BITNET/RADENCIC@SERVAX.FIU.EDU) or phone (305-348-3785) by those who have questions.

Thank you to those who have contributed in the past and for making the work of this committee so entertaining. The committee looks forward to this year's nominations.

Please use the following form for each nomination.

WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

Each year the ALCTS SS Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Committee solicits nominations for its serial title change awards. Please use this form to submit your nominations. Title changes must have occurred since January 1, 1994, to be considered.

I nominate the following publication for the 1995 awards:

Current title:

Former title:

Other related information:

Suggested award name ("Et tu, Brute," etc., or your own award title): Please include a photocopy of the title pages and/or other relevant pages, and a printout of the bibliographic records, if possible.

Name:

Library/Address:

ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED BY May 15, 1995 to:

John Radencich

Chair, Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Committee

Library-Cataloging Dept.

Florida International University

Miami, Florida 33199

(305) 348-3785

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★DELIBERATE ERRORS IN REFERENCE WORKS

Recently I have been reading "Feedback" in the *New Scientist* (8 Oct. & 5 Nov. 1994) which points out that errors have been deliberately made in some reference books. The reason given is "to wrongfoot plagiarists".

The more recent issue points out that the *Dictionary of British Watercolour Artists* by Huon Mallalieu contains a few spoof entries. A friend of Mallalieu's saw listed in a Christie's sale catalogue a painting by one of these "artists". Inquiries showed that a gallery, thought to be

respectable, was responsible for the attribution. An unsigned picture had been received which they thought was good enough to sell, and, at random, they picked the name of a possible painter. However, unfortunately for them, they picked one who did not exist.

It is also pointed out that *Chambers Six-Figure Mathematical Tables* contains some deliberate errors - the preface states that these very small errors "form an uncomfortable trap for any would-be plagiarists."

I wonder how many reference librarians are aware of this practice. Perhaps it would be as well to check in two sources. On the other hand, I do not see that there would be much call for information about the subject of a fictitious entry since he, she or it does not exist!

Eric Marshall thought that this might be of interest - now that he has the time to read the journals in the Institute Library and not just check them off and put them on the shelf!

★CCAS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To signal new approaches to the care of archival collections, the former Conservation Committee of the Canadian Council of Archives has been renamed the Preservation Committee. The committee was established by the CCA in 1986 and it has the responsibility for planning, coordination, and giving advice related to matters of archival preservation. With membership comprised of both archivists and conservators, the committee is dedicated to bringing the expertise and experiences of both professions together. The committee's activities, based on the priorities identified through nation-wide consultations undertaken in the course of the strategic planning process, currently include the administration of the CPCAR funding program, advocacy, communication, training issues, and applied conservation research.

The Chair is Barbara Craig from the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. Other members are Mary Ledwill (Nova Scotia Archives), Roger Easton (National Archives of Canada), Nancy Marrelli (Concordia University), Betty Walsh (BC Archives and Records Service), and Chris Hives.

For information on the current five-year strategic plan, funding programs, publications or other activities of the CCA Preservation Committee, please contact the project officer, Johanna Smith at 344 Wellington Street, Ottawa ON K1A 0N3 or phone (613) 995-9871.

3. PUBLICATIONS:

★SAM NEILL'S WRITINGS

The Friends of GSLIS are pleased to announce the publication of *Of Root and Branch: Selections from the Writings of Sam Neill*. This 100 page book commemorates the individual wisdom and the unique character of the late Sam Neill. Many of you will remember Sam from your days at GSLIS and will find in the pages of this book a continuation of the dialogues and discussions you may have had with him. For those who did not know Sam, it will provide an opportunity to read and ponder the views of one library educator who, through his teaching and his writings, has profoundly influenced the practice of library and information science over the past three decades.

The writings include:

- * reprinted articles covering such topics as censorship, the reference process and the knowledge and information debate;
- * a selection of never-before-published poetry;
- * a chapter each from both of Sam's recent books, including the recipient of the 1992 Best Information Science Book Award.

Copies of this book are available for the cost of \$14 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling from:

The Friends of GSLIS
c/o Graduate School of Library & Information Science
Elborn College
University of Western Ontario
London ON N5G 1H1.

★NEW BOOKS FROM LITA

A Directory of Adaptive Technologies to Aid Libraries and Staff with Disabilities, by Dennis A. Norlin, Cay Gasque, Christopher Lewis, Ruth O'Donnell, and Lawrence Webster. LITA Monographs 5. October 1994. 110p. pbk. ISBN 8389-7754-5. \$28.00 (\$25.20 to LITA members.)

In the four years since the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed, librarians find themselves confronted with a dizzying amount of information, advice, and warnings about how they should respond to this sweeping new legislation.

The purpose of *A Directory of Adaptive Technologies to Aid Library Patrons and Staff with Disabilities* is to provide a one-stop resource on adaptive technology for libraries, this book (1) summarizes disability-related legislation; (2) provides guidance for upgrading the work environment to comply with current disability legislation (3) serves as a reference in identifying and selecting assistive devices; (4) offers information about organizations providing support services to people with adaptive technology needs; and (5) identifies sources of funding for securing adaptive equipment and technology.

The information included in this Directory will be useful for all types of libraries as they seek to respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by the ADA.

The Public-Access Computer Systems Review, Volume 4, 1993, edited by Charles W. Bailey, Jr., Leslie B. Pearse, Dana Rooks and Roy Tennant. October 1994. 196p. pbk. ISBN 8389-7766-9. ISSN 1048-6542. \$20.00 (\$17.00 to LITA members).

This is the print version of the electronic library journal associated with the popular PACS-L list that is distributed to over 11,000 subscribers worldwide via BITNET, Internet and other computer networks. Volume four includes papers on the Internet Gopher software, virtual library issues, the dangers of visionary technological predictions, information policies and electronic information resources, competencies for electronic information services, a model copyright policy for universities, an electronic document delivery project (OJAC), and the University of Pennsylvania's PennInfo CWIS. (Volumes 1 through 4 of *The Public-Access Computer Systems Review* are available as a set for \$60 or \$15 per volume. The order code for this 4-volume set is 0-8389-7769-3.)

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★NUCLEAR WASTE REPORT

The Environmental Impact Statement on the Concept for Disposal of Canada's Nuclear Fuel Waste is now available. For the past 15 years, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL) has researched the permanent disposal of nuclear fuel waste in the hard rock of the Canadian Shield. Ontario Hydro has provided the technical assistance for the research and development of the deep disposal concept.

Last month the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was submitted to the federal environmental assessment panel reviewing the concept.

The public has 9 months to study the documents and provide their comments on the completeness of the study to the panel. The panel will then decide whether to ask AECL for more information or to proceed to public hearings.

From November to March the Secretariat to the panel will hold a series of publicized open houses to encourage and assist the public to participate in this important review.

For more information on the open houses or for your copy of the EIS or the Summary, please send a request to:

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4. CALENDAR:

★JANUARY 19, 1995

The Write-Ons Writing Workshop will hold a booklaunch for their first anthology, *Short Circuits*, Thursday evening, January 19, 1995, 7:30PM in the solarium of the Hammond Building, 6th Floor, 63 Albert Street, Winnipeg. The Write-ons are an affiliated workshop of the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Authors Association.

Short Circuits is a collection of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and plays, created by members of the Write-ons. The anthology covers themes from historical recreations of early Winnipeg, to short mysteries and works of fantasy. The Booklaunch evening will feature poetry and nonfiction presentations from the book, plus dramatic readings of a fiction piece by Isobel Grierson and a play by Kevin Longfield. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

★APRIL 19-22, 1995

The first meeting of the Library Services to Inner City Communities in Canada will be held at the historic Echo Valley Conference Centre, located in the heart of the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, 76 kilometres east of Regina.

The conference is designed to bring inner city library professionals together with residents of inner city communities to discuss the role of library services in the community with emphasis on literacy, cultural cooperation and community-based education. As Canada enters the "information age", libraries can become a key partner in the development of community-based strategies and action plans around information needs.

If you are interested in attending, send your name, address, phone number to:
Library Services to Inner City Community Conference
1401 Robinson Street
Regina SK S4T 2N7.

★JUNE 11-14, 1995

"Interlending & Document Supply: An International Conference" (4th Interlending & Document Supply International Conference) will be held June 11-14, 1995 in Calgary, Alberta.

It is organized jointly by the National Library of Canada, the Canadian Library Association, and the IFLA Office of International Lending. The theme is "Document Supply in the Electronic World."

This conference will focus on 3 specific aspects of interlibrary loan and document supply in the global marketplace. The first sub-theme will concentrate on national and international issues with speakers from Canada, the US, the UK, Mexico, Sweden and Denmark. The second sub-theme is management issues and the final sub-theme will focus on technology.

To receive registration information, please contact:
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★OCTOBER 9-12, 1995 ASIS '95

The Scientific and Technical Information Systems Special Interest Group (SIG/STI) of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) is seeking participants for a panel discussion on partnerships in access to scientific information for the 1995 ASIS Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, October 9-12, 1995.

Topics may include but are not limited to

- design of scientific databases
- descriptions of completed research or research in progress on the use or evaluation of scientific information systems
- establishment and/or use of scientific communications networks
- demonstrations of pertinent products

Submissions from both scientists and information specialists are of interest with special consideration given to those projects involving both.

If you would like to join the panel, please submit a brief proposal of your topic (200 words or less) by December 12, 1994 to Natalie Schoch at the address below.

Questions about the program and additional information can also be directed to this address. Final program copy is due March 15, 1995.

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5. INTERNET STUFF:

★FYI: A LITTLE REALITY CHECK READING

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ACCESS: Not Just Wires, By Karen Coyle, University of California, Library Automation, Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility/Berkeley Chapter.

** This is the written version of a talk given at the 1994 CPSR Annual meeting in San Diego, CA, on Oct. 8. **

I have to admit that I'm really sick and tired of the Information highway. I feel like I've already heard so much about it that it must be come and gone already, yet there is no sign of it. This is truly a piece of federal vaporware.

I am a librarian, and I and it's especially strange to have dedicated much of your life to the careful tending of our current information infrastructure, our libraries, only to wake up one morning to find that the entire economy of the nation depends on making information commercially viable. There's an element of Twilight Zone about this because libraries are probably our most underfunded and underappreciated of institutions, with the possible exception of day care centers.

It's clear to me that the information highway isn't much about information. It's about trying to find a new basis for our economy. I'm pretty sure I'm not going to like the way information is treated in that economy. We know what kind of information sells, and what doesn't. So I see our future as being a mix of highly expensive economic reports and cheap online versions of the National Inquirer. Not a pretty picture.

This is a panel on "access." But I am not going to talk about access from the usual point of view of physical or electronic access to the FutureNet. Instead I am going to talk about intellectual access to materials and the quality of our information infrastructure, with the emphasis on "information." Information is a social good and part of our "social responsibility" is that we must take this resource seriously.

From the early days of our being a species with history, some part of society has had the role of preserving this history: priests, learned scholars, archivists. Information was valued; valued enough to be denied to some members of society; to be part of the ritual of belonging to an elite.

So I find it particularly puzzling that as we move into this new "information age" that our efforts are focused on the machinery of the information system, while the electronic information itself is being treated like just so much more flotsam and jetsam; this is not a democratization of information, but a devaluation of information.

On the Internet, many electronic information sources that we are declaring worthy of "universal access" are

administered by part-time volunteers; graduate students who do eventually graduate, or network hobbyists. Resources come and go without notice, or languish after an initial effort and rapidly become out of date. Few network information resources have specific and reliable funding for the future. As a telecommunications system the Internet is both modern and mature; as an information system the Internet is an amateur operation.

Commercial information resources, of course, are only interested in information that provides revenue. This immediately eliminates the entire cultural heritage of poetry, playwriting, and theological thought, among others.

If we value our intellectual heritage, and if we truly believe that access to information (and that broader concept, knowledge) is a valid social goal, we have to take our information resources seriously. Now I know that libraries aren't perfect institutions. They tend to be somewhat slow-moving and conservative in their embrace of new technologies; and some seem more bent on hoarding than disseminating information. But what we call "modern librarianship" has over a century of experience in being the tender of this society's information resources. And in the process of developing and managing that resource, the library profession has understood its responsibilities in both a social and historical context. Drawing on that experience, I am going to give you a short lesson on social responsibilities in an information society.

Here are some of our social responsibilities in relation to information:

- Collection
- Selection
- Preservation
- Organization
- Dissemination

Collection:

It is not enough to passively gather in whatever information comes your way, like a spider waiting on its web. Information collection is an activity, and an intelligent activity. It is important to collect and collocate information units that support, complement and even contradict each other. A collection has a purpose and a context; it says something about the information and it says something about the gatherer of that information. It is not random, because information itself is not random, and humans do not produce information in a random fashion.

Too many Internet sites today are a terrible hodge-podge, with little intellectual purpose behind their holdings. It isn't surprising that visitors to these sites have a hard time seeing the value of the information contained therein. Commercial systems, on the other hand, have no incentive to provide an intellectual balance that might "confuse" its user.

In all of the many papers that have come out of discussion of the National Information Infrastructure, it is interesting that there is no mention of collecting information: there is no Library of Congress or National Archive of the electronic information world. So in the whole elaborate scheme, no one is responsible for the collection of information.

Selection:

Not all information is equal. This doesn't mean that some of it should be thrown away, though inevitably there is some waste in the information world. And this is not in support of censorship. But there's a difference between a piece on nuclear physics by a Nobel laureate and a physics diorama entered into a science fair by an 8-year-old. And there's a difference between alpha release .03 and beta 1.2 of a software package. If we can't differentiate between these, our intellectual future looks grim indeed.

Certain sources become known for their general reliability, their timeliness, etc. We have to make these judgments because the sheer quantity of information is too large for us to spend our time with lesser works when we haven't yet encountered the greats.

This kind of selection needs to be done with an understanding of a discipline and understanding of the users of a body of knowledge. The process of selection overlaps with our concept of education, where members of our society are directed to a particular body of knowledge that we hold to be key to our understanding of the world.

Preservation:

How much of what is on the Net today will exist in any form ten years from now? And can we put any measure to what we lose if we do not preserve things systematically? If we can't preserve it all, at least in one safely archived copy, are we going to make decisions about preservation, or will we leave it up to a kind of information Darwinianism? As we know, the true value of some information may not be immediately known, and some ideas gain in value over time.

The commercial world, of course, will preserve only that which sells best.

Organization:

This is an area where the current Net has some of its most visible problems, as we have all struggled through myriad gopher menus, ftp sites, and web pages looking for something that we know is there but cannot find.

There is no ideal organization of information, but no organization is no ideal either. The organization that exists today in terms of finding tools is an attempt to impose order over an unorganized body. The human mind in its information seeking behavior is a much more complex question than can be answered with a keyword search in an unorganized information universe. When we were limited to card catalogs and the placement of physical items on shelves, we essentially had to choose only one way to organize our information. Computer systems should allow us to create a multiplicity of organization schemes for the same information, from traditional classification, that relies on hierarchies and categories, to faceted schemes, relevance ranking and feedback, etc.

Unfortunately, documents do not define themselves. The idea of doing WAIS-type keyword searching on the vast store of textual documents on the Internet is a folly. Years of study of term frequency, co-occurrence and other statistical techniques have proven that keyword searching is a passable solution for some disciplines with highly specific vocabularies and nearly useless in all others. And, of course, the real trick is to match the vocabulary of the seeker of information with that of the information resource. Keyword searching not only doesn't take into account different terms for the same concepts, it doesn't take into account materials in other languages or different user levels (i.e. searching for children will probably need to be different than searching done by adults, and libraries actually use different subject access schemes for childrens' materials). And non-textual items (software, graphics, sound) do not respond at all to keyword searching.

There is no magical, effortless way to create an organization for information; at least today the best tools are a clearly defined classification scheme and a human indexer. At least a classification scheme or indexing scheme gives the searcher a chance to develop a rational strategy for searching.

The importance of organizational tools cannot be

overstated. What it all comes down to is that if we can't find the information we need, it doesn't matter if it exists or not. If we don't find it, we don't encounter it, then it isn't information. There are undoubtedly millions of bytes of files on the Net that for all practical purposes are non-existent .

My biggest fear in relation to the information highway is that intellectual organization and access will be provided by the commercial world as a value-added service. So the materials will exist, even at an affordable price, but it will cost real money to make use of the tools that will make it possible for you to find the information you need. If we don't provide these finding tools as part of the public resource, then we aren't providing the information to the public. Dissemination: There's a lot of talk about the "electronic library". Actually, there's a lot written about the electronic library, and probably much of it ends up on paper. Most of us agree that for anything longer than a one-screen email message, we'd much rather read documents off a paper page than off a screen. While we can hope that screen technologies will eventually produce something that truly substitutes for paper, this isn't true today. So what happens with all of those electronic works that we're so eager to store and make available? Do we reverse the industrial revolution and return printing of documents to a cottage industry taking place in homes, offices and libraries?

Many people talk about their concerns for the "last mile" - for the delivery of information into every home. I'm concerned about the last yard . We can easily move information from one computer to another, but how do we get it from the computer to the human being in the proper format? Not all information is suited to electronic use. Think of the auto repair manuals that you drag under the car and drip oil on. Think of children's books, with their drool-proof pages.

Even the Library of Congress has announced that they are undertaking a huge project to digitize 5 million items from their collection. Then what ? How do they think we are going to make use of those materials?

There are times when I can only conclude that we have been gripped by some strange madness. I have fantasies of kidnapping the entire membership of the administration's IITF committees and tying them down in front of 14" screens with really bad flicker and forcing them to read the whole of Project Gutenberg's electronic copy of Moby Dick. Maybe then we'd get some concern about the last yard.

In conclusion:

No amount of wiring will give us universal access.

Just adding more files and computers to gopherspace, webspace and FTPspace will not give us better access.

And commercial information systems can be expected to be.... commercial.

The Council is addressing a wide range of issues including the privacy of personal information, employment and economic impacts, research and development, universal access and Canadian culture and content.

In the report, the Council draws the government's attention to what it views as essential ingredients for ensuring the wise and timely development of Canada's Information Highway. These include the need for faster action by the federal government to use new technologies to improve government operations and services; the need for a strong partnership between government and industry; and the need for federal-provincial cooperation to ensure a coordinated approach to issues of public concern such as privacy, security and universal access.

The recommendations which have been submitted to the government include:

- expanding federal tax credits for incremental R&D spending directly associated with Information Highway services and infrastructure;
- amending the Criminal Code and other legislation to ban devices such as digital scanners which can be used to eavesdrop on telephone and other communications;
- continued funding for CANARIE, a public-private sector consortium that provides support for education and research networking;
- the review of foreign ownership rules under the Broadcasting Act to bring about the harmonization with those of the Telecommunications Act, notably to increase foreign ownership of holding companies up to 33 1/3 % from the present 20 % in order to attract investment capital;
- government action to enable the digitization of, and electronic access to, information holdings in our libraries and other cultural and information handling agencies;
- the adoption of a new pro-competitive policy regime for global and regional mobile satellite systems to provide new services and user choice.

For copies of the Council's progress report or for more information on the work of the Council or to share your views with us, please contact:

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**★INFORMATION HIGHWAY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RELEASES PROGRESS REPORT**

OTTAWA, November 18, 1994 -- The federal government's Information Highway Advisory Council released a progress report today which outlines its discussions to date and invites Canadians to share their views on a wide variety of issues related to the development of the Information Highway. The Advisory Council's Progress Report was submitted to the Hon. John Manley by the Chairman of the Council, David Johnston who described it as "...a work in progress, reflective of achievements to date and prospective in setting our agenda for the future. We hope that the release of this Report will help to encourage greater awareness and contributions from interested and concerned Canadians." He added, "We invite Canadians to share their views with us on how to use Canada's information highway to move to the knowledge-based economy of the future."

During its first six meetings, the Council has submitted a number of formal recommendations to the Minister, released three public discussion papers and met with a number of Ministers with whom they shared views on issues including government services, job training, Canadian culture and content and science and technology.

★CISTI WWW

With browser software such as MOSAIC, Cello or Lynx, you can now get information about CISTI, via the Internet, on the World Wide Web (WWW). The WWW is a hypertext environment that allows layers of information to be built up, one behind the other. Enter CISTI's address (see below), and the first thing you will see is CISTI's "home page" giving a brief overview of its services.

Embedded in this basic text are underlined topics, which when clicked on, will take you to files containing more detailed information. This seamless interlinking also takes you to home pages for other CISTI products and services, such as Research Journals or CAN/SND, each with its own embedded hypertext links.

World Wide Web addresses

CISTI:

<http://www.cisti.nrc.ca/cisti/cisti.html>

Contains: CISTI information, CISTI News, fact sheets on a dozen or more services, price lists, the CAN/OLE catalogue of databases, client registration form and document delivery order form (for faxing), CISTI forum

CAN/SND:

<http://www.cisti.nrc.ca/cansnd/cansnd1.html>

Contains: Information on the scientific numeric database service, databases and search software, access information Research Journals:

<http://www.cisti.nrc.ca/journals/rj.html>

Contains: Journal information, instructions to authors, price list.

PNLA LISTSERV

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) announces a new listserv. This listserv will be of interest to library staff all over the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada so you really ought to subscribe.

What will happen on this listserv? Lots. Including the following:

1) Job Posting. We encourage libraries throughout the region to advertise job openings on this listserv. Early next year we plan to set up a PNLA gopher which will include the archived job listings. Will this replace the telephonic "PNLA Jobline"? Only time will tell.

2) Continuing education and other events. We also

encourage you to post educational opportunities and other events on this listserv. Go ahead and advertise. Just keep it library related and non-commercial (events that change fees are ok, they just need to be more or less non-profit). We plan to archive these, too.

3) Intellectual freedom. Got an IF problem? Want to report on an IF "event"? Do it here. Such IF luminaries as Candy Morgan (chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee) and Sharon Hammer (former chair of the WLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and now WLA President) are listening in so you won't be talking to dead air.

4) YRCA. The Young Reader's Choice Award is one of the most popular and successful PNLA programs. It's the oldest and largest children's book choice award in the United States. This listserv can be used to make and discuss YRCA book nominations. Once the list is up and running, we'll provide more information on how to participate in YRCA matters.

5) PNLA business. As further incentive to subscribe, realize that the entire (almost) PNLA Board of Directors, including President Anne Haley, have already subscribed and are listening attentively to your ideas about PNLA. This means suggestions for programs at upcoming PNLA conferences, or any other comments or suggestions for the organization.

6) Other stuff. Any other topics you think would be of interest to library aficionados of the Northwest are fair game. Observe basic netiquette please.

How do you subscribe? Just send a email message to LISTSERV@WLN.COM with no subject and a message which says **SUBSCRIBE PNLA-L YOUR NAME**. You'll receive a return email confirming your subscription and explaining all the rules. Be patient. Sometimes it takes a little while for a listserv to catch on. Anyway, it won't hurt you if it's a little slow at first. Just be glad it isn't like one of those topical listservs that fill up your mailbox with 20 postings per hour.

Help us advertise! Please share this letter with anyone who may be interested or post a notice on any relevant listservs you belong to.

Questions? Call Bruce Ziegman at (206) 699-8810 or email ziegman@fvrl.lib.wa.us.

★CSISAC LISTSERV

The Canadian Serials Industry Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the establishment of a listserv. This service has been created for the purpose of widely disseminating information about the activities of CSISAC.

As a subscriber you can expect to find information about upcoming meetings, minutes of past meetings, the latest issue of CSISAC News and other postings of interest to the serials community in Canada. However, the main objective of the service is to provide a forum for interested parties, from across the country, to discuss the implementation of electronic data interchange (EDI) in the serials industry.

To subscribe to the service:

Send a message to csisac-request@faxon.ca

Leave the subject line blank

The text of your message should read: subscribe

If you have a "signature" that accompanies all outgoing messages you must type end on the first blank line following your subscribe command.

If you are successful you will receive a message welcoming you to the service and providing additional information about how the list operates.

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★ARL STATISTICS

ARL STATISTICS, 1992-93, ON THE INTERNET

<http://arl.cni.org/>

<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/arlstats/>

The first electronic publication of the ARL statistics on the World Wide Web has been prepared by Paul Bergen, John Price-Wilkin, and Kendon Stubbs at the University of Virginia! The 1992-93 data are currently available on the Internet.

Reports on 48 data categories for the 108 university and 11 non-university members of ARL are accompanied with fully documented descriptions of the 1992-93 data files. Also, selected graphs from the 1993 printed ARL statistics and maps based on the 1992 ARL statistics are included in the electronic publication.

When the statistics were first collected by James Gerould in 1907-08, it would have been hard to image that an electronic publication of them would be out in 1993!

Future plans for the electronic publication of the ARL statistics include the development of an interface for interactive data analysis that will permit users to define their own benchmarks, and generate reports for their institutions and their peer groups. Stay tuned ...

The 1992-93 datafiles are also available through both gopher and ftp at the following places:

gopher to arl.cni.edu, select Statistics

gopher to gopher.virginia.edu, select Library Services, then Social Science Data Center, then ARL Statistics.

ftp to <ftp://lib.virginia.edu>, login as anonymous, then cd to [pub/socsci/arlstats/1993](ftp://pub/socsci/arlstats/1993)

If any of the member libraries would like the Office of Statistics and Measurement to mail to you a disk with the 1992-93 data files, please let me know (martha@cni.org).

Martha Kyriallidou
Program for Statistics and Measurement
Association of Research Libraries

★ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESOURCES

You should check out "The Legal List, Law Related Resources on the Internet and Elsewhere" by Erik J. Heels. gopher:
<gopher.usmacs.maine.edu>. FTP: [ftp.midnight.com](ftp://ftp.midnight.com).

You might also like to subscribe to UNEP INFOTERRA's subscription list and scan their databases appearing on their public servers.

UNEP INFOTERRA Subscription List | Environmental Server URLs:

listproc@pan.cedar.univie.ac.at

Leave the subject line blank
Type: sub infoterra "your name"

gopher: pan.cedar.univie.ac.at
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http://pan.cedar.univie.ac.at

EURO-LEX (All EUROpean Legal Information EXchange List)

The list promotes the exchange of, and mutual assistance with, legal information research in all European countries. Members of law faculties and library staffs at European universities and other comparable institutions, experts in specialized legal fields, and other interested individuals are encouraged to participate.

Subscription: LISTSERV@DEARN.BITNET or
LISTSERV@VM.GMD.DE
Posting: EURO-LEX@DEARN.BITNET or
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INT-LAW (Foreign and International Law Librarians)

The list exchanges information related to foreign, comparative and international legal materials and issues. Selected topics covered since the list was established have included READEX CD-ROM Index to United Nations documents, databases containing information on foreign and international law, the "European Court Reports," GATT panel reports, et al.

Subscription: LISTSERV@UMINN1.BITNET or
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*** Cornell University Law School**

The server maintains links with many other law archives such as the University of Chicago, United Nations Justice Network and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. A good central source of law documentation & central information pointers (under the Multilateral Treaties directory: atmosphere, flora and fauna, and marine documentation).

Address: gopher.law.cornell.edu

*** Juristischer Gopher Saarbruecken**

The law server at the University of Saarbruecken has several legislation resources available, including the

complete texts of the Abfallgesetz (solid waste, international transport of solid waste, wastewater,), German Immission Law, Water Regulatory Legislation, and links to other legislative server sites.

Address: jurix.jura.uni-sb.de

*** Environmental Protection Agency Gopher Server**

This site provides data on consumer information, legislation, standards, science and technology, and software (e.g. a description of Center for Exposure Assessment Modeling -- CEAM -- software and how to obtain a copy via ftp). The root directory offers a search facility for the entire server.

Address: gopher.epa.gov

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If you have Mosaic try

<http://www.law.indiana.edu/law/intenvlaw.html> for references on various laws.

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★U OF WATERLOO ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

The Library at the University of Waterloo announces its WorldWideWeb server and Electronic Library hypermedia information system at <http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/>. This web, ftp, telnet, and gopher service is intended to address some of the teaching and research information needs of students, faculty, and staff at the University of Waterloo by providing them with access to a wide range of electronic source materials.

The Electronic Library includes access to Internet resources organized by discipline, walking tours of the libraries at the University of Waterloo, WWW interface to the Library's online catalogue, electronic forms for ILL and reference assistance, links to several web search engines, and more.

UW Library staff are actively involved in the construction of this information system and would welcome comments and suggestions.

Comments may be sent to any one of the following UW Library Internet Resources Committee members:

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Scholarly Societies Project

The University of Waterloo Library is pleased to announce the Scholarly Societies Project, which is a set of webpages designed to facilitate access to various kinds of electronic resources maintained by or for scholarly societies across the world. The address is: URL = <http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/overview.html>

The set includes links to over 70 webpages and over 100 gophers associated with scholarly societies. A collection of 29 subject guides groups together gophers and webpages by broad discipline.

In addition, they have included a set of links to full-text archives of over 40 serial publications by scholarly societies, because we believe that archives such as these will play a critical role in transforming the nature of scholarly publication.

Comments or suggestions are welcome, and may be directed to:

Christine Jewell at cjewell@library.uwaterloo.ca for Humanities & Social Sciences OR Jim Parrott at jparrot@library.uwaterloo.ca for Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine & Science.

★WINNIPEG'S INTERNET MALL

Virtually Everything, Winnipeg's Internet Mall

Flatland is proud to announce the opening of Winnipeg's first Internet mall, Virtually Everything. VE is an experiment in regional information exchange. People may communicate globally, but they still live regionally. Therefore, Virtually Everything is aimed to provide advertising space for small to medium sized organizations in and around the Winnipeg area. You can access VE via:

<http://www.mbnet.mb.ca/flatland>

Any WWW browser will work, but if you can get your hands on the newest Mozilla you'll thank yourself. Having just opened, we are still fairly small. We will be bringing more groups up as soon as possible. Come have a look, all constructive input is welcome. Hope to see you soon!

Bruce Mager vagabond@flatland.mb.ca

★ELSEVIER & DIALOG WWW SERVERS

Elsevier Science, the scientific communications branch of Reed Elsevier, started its official World-Wide Web and Gopher service.

The WWW [<http://www.elsevier.nl/>] service initially provides:

- The Elsevier Science Internet Catalogue of Journals and Books.
- Information about - TULIP - The University Licensing Program, a research project Elsevier Science is performing with nine universities in the USA.
- The Proceedings of the WWW'94 Conference (May 25-27, 1994), organized by CERN, Geneva.
- A number of current awareness services on diverse areas of science.

ELSEVIER SCIENCE B.V.
P.O. Box 211
1000 AE Amsterdam
The Netherlands
E-mail: nlinfo-f@elsevier.nl

★ELECTRICAL & MAGNETIC FIELDS

Health effects of electrical and magnetic fields...

There is a World Wide Web site all about the health effects of exposure to electrical and magnetic fields such as those produced by computing devices. Its uniform resource locator (URL) is:

<http://archive.xrt.upenn.edu:1000/0h/emf/top/emf-link.html>

Find below a brief description from the company that produced it. I'm impressed by the effort, but some of the content is disappointing. The "Current Literature" branch, for example has dozens of titles in many areas.

The titles lead only to one-paragraph abstracts, and most contain insufficient bibliographic information to lead the reader back to the original article.

Check it out for yourself, though, with your Lynx, Mosaic, or other Web browser software.

Information Ventures, Inc., (IVI) is pleased to announce "EMF-Link," a comprehensive source of information on the biological and health effects of exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). EMF-Link is the on-line component of IVI's EMF Clearinghouse. People concerned about possible health effects from power lines, computer monitors, magnetic resonance imaging equipment, radio communications, cellular telephones, radar, microwave transmissions, and other sources can turn to EMF-Link for unbiased information. EMF-Link and the EMF Clearinghouse serve as general information sources communicating research results from laboratories and scientists to the public.

★MSDS's

Material Safety Data Sheets

Where to find MSDS on the Internet is a frequent question on some lists. Here is a recent answer.

One stable set of MSDS data is at the University of Utah:

gopher atlas.chem.utah.edu

TELNET FORSYTHETN.STANFORD.EDU

Welcome to Stanford Data Center

Account? SOCRATES

Your response: SEL CHEM

(User commands in CAPS)

★NEW INTERNET RESOURCES

World Wide Web

The nation's first Internet-accessible AIDS patent library allows instantaneous search through hundreds of AIDS-related patents. Linkages among patents enable automatic cross-references - a process that takes place behind the scenes. In addition, the system automatically generates a paper trail noting the various patents retrieved and reviewed providing researchers not only text-based access to patent information but also high-resolution images complete with drawings, equations and diagrams of the full patents as issued by the PTO. The system also fully integrates other significant patent resources such as U.S. Patent Classifications.

The prototype AIDS patent library is a system designed by MCNC's Clearinghouse for Networked Information Discovery and Retrieval (CNIDR) for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) and will serve as a model for storing and disseminating government and other public documents in the future. The system uses CNIDR-developed information retrieval software and supports direct access to patents through a variety of popular network information services such as Z39.50, World Wide Web and electronic mail. Because anticipated demand will severely tax available resources at MCNC, the files will be relocated soon to an InterNIC network fileserver at the AT&T in New Jersey.

<http://patents.cnidr.org/> <http://pioneer.uspto.gov/>
Email: send mail to ezgate@cnidr.org in the body of the text type the word: help

The Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR), which is published both electronically and in print, has commenced publishing articles formatted in HTML. The first is a re-release of a 1993 JAIR article, Software Agents: Completing Patterns and Constructing User Interfaces. The article is accompanied by an online appendix containing a QuickTime demo. It is an excellent example of what is possible with electronic publications.

<http://www.cs.washington.edu/research/jair/home.html>
New Internet resources

The Dictionary of Cell Biology (Second edition) is now available on the WWW. The search engine allows regular expression searches, and also allows users to submit their own comments, revisions or new entries directly to the editors. The copyright holders, Academic Press, have

generously allowed this Dictionary to be made available as an experiment.

<http://130.209.9.190/>

Federally-Funded Research in the U.S. is a series of databases that provide information about research funded by the Federal Government. These databases contain the names and addresses of Principal Investigators, grant titles, abstracts, and keywords associated with grants funded by the NIH - National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, the USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture, the SBIR - Small Business Innovation Research Program and the ATP Advanced Technology Program.

<http://medoc.gdb.org/best/fed-fund.html>

Guide to Stars and Galaxies, produced by the Engineering in Astronomy team at the University of Bradford, England, is a multimedia guide to stars and galaxies. The guide has been converted from a popular CD-ROM (with permission), is rich in graphics and audio, and is nicely done.

<http://www.eia.brad.ac.uk/btl/>

The World Data Center A for Marine Geology & Geophysics, located at the National Geophysical Data Center, USA, is now accessible through the Web and includes a forms interface allowing full on-line inventory searches of all Marine Geology & Geophysics Division holdings.

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/aboutmgg/wdcamgg.html>

Gopher

The University of Calgary Library has constructed a **Polar Information Sources Gopher** for information relating to the Arctic, Antarctic and other cold regions. All subject areas for these regions are considered. Sections include: Polar Libraries, Polar Bibliographic Databases, Polar Information Directories, Polar Research and Other Institutes, Polar Electronic Serials and Newsletters, and Other Polar Internet Sources gopher to:

gopher.ucalgary.ca

select: University Library/ Polar Information Sources

Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education

gopher to: aace.virginia.edu

Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology -- digital cartographic data
gopher to: nbgm.unr.edu

Some new gopher servers

Admin=Theodore W. Pietsch
<twp@fish.washington.edu>
Name=Biodiversity Gopher at University of Washington
Host=pacdat.fish.washington.edu
Port=70

Admin=Paul Krug and Henry de Gooijer
<postmaster@paridss.usask.ca>
Name=Parkland Agriculture Research Initiative Decision Support System
Host=paridss.usask.ca
Port=70

Admin=Morris Law <morris@math.hkbc.hk>
Name=Dept. of Mathematics, Hong Kong Baptist College
Host=gopher.math.hkbc.hk
Port=70

Admin=Maritime Internet Services 506.652.3624
<admin@itchy.mi.net>
Name=Maritime Internet Services
Host=gopher.mi.net
Port=70

Admin=Bill Schmidt <gophradm@darwin.bu.edu>
Name=BioMolecular Engineering Research Center
Host=bmerc-gopher.bu.edu
Port=70

Admin=protein databank ftp site <pdb@bnl.gov>
Name=protein data bank site (Brookhaven)
Host=pdb.pdb.bnl.gov
Port=70

Admin=Jim Shannon <js Shannon@peptide.com>
Name=Peptide gopher
Host=peptide.com
Port=70

Admin=Ken Yetzer (614)-292-1957
<kyetzer@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>
Name=Ohio State University Atmospheric Science Program
Host=geograf1.sbs.ohio-state.edu
Port=70

Admin=Sharlyn D. Thomas <sharlyn@ciesin.org>
Name=CIESIN Information Gateway
Host=gopher.ciesin.org
Port=70

Admin=Judith Haller (judith@utig.ig.utexas.edu)
Name=University of Texas Austin, Institute for
Geophysics
Host=gopher.ig.utexas.edu
Port=70

Email

Ask-A-Geologist - US Geological Survey offers new Internet service. Have you ever wondered about why there so much oil in Texas, but not in Wisconsin? What are the deepest canyons in the United States? (The answer might surprise you!) While the answers to many of these questions might be as close as an encyclopedia, some questions are difficult to answer without checking many sources. The USGS now offers a new, experimental Internet service - Ask-A-Geologist. All electronic mail to Ask-A-Geologist will be routed to the geologist of the day. The geologist will reply to your question within a day or two, or provide referrals to better sources of information. All questions and answers will be part of the public record. After collecting questions and answers for a few months, we will make a Frequently Asked Questions list (with answers) available via anonymous FTP and World-Wide-Web. We encourage grade school and high school students with electronic mail access to send in questions -- but we can't write your reports for you! In limited testing, we've had an enthusiastic response from many grade school students. If you have any questions about this service, but not about geology, please contact the system administrator - Rex Sanders at rex@octopus.wr.usgs.gov.

For geology questions:
send email to: ask-a-geologist@octopus.wr.usgs.gov

The International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the telecom policy making arm of the UN, based in Geneva, Switzerland, can be reached directly through the Web or through gopher.
<gopher://info.itu.ch:70/>
or gopher to: info.itu.ch

★FLORIDA JOBLINE

Tired of the cold weather already? Want to move somewhere warmer, where there's plenty of other Canadians? Well, try this line out:

The FLORIDA JOBLINE is a recorded telephone message of job openings for professional library positions in Florida libraries, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tapes are changed weekly.

FLORIDA LIBRARY JOBLINE
(904) 488-5232
A Service of the State Library of Florida

★WWW JOB SERVER

Attention job seekers --

The Monster Board is a new and effective way to search for jobs with America's hottest companies. Exciting graphics lead you through a user-friendly search for the career opportunities that best suit you. Once you've found a position, just fill out the online resume and it will automatically be forwarded to the company. Although, the Monster Board primarily lists technical jobs, it extends across all industries. The Monster Board is provided by ADION, Inc. a leader in information and communications services.

This server can be accessed via Mosaic or any other Web browser. LYNX text is also supported if you don't have graphics capabilities. The URL for this server is:
<http://www.monster.com>

★LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Issue 3 of Heriot-Watt University Library's *Internet Resources Newsletter* is now available at

URL: <http://www.hw.ac.uk:8080/libWWW/irn/irn.html>

The Newsletter contains short articles and comments about the Internet, plus lists, with hypertext links where possible, to new and recent Internet resources.

Although directed towards staff and students at Heriot-Watt, it may be of use to anyone interested in the Internet and its resources, especially those involved in higher education in Engineering, Science, and the Social Sciences. The Newsletter is biased to UK sources. They make no special claims of originality for the Newsletter. Much of the information is gleaned from listserv lists, etc.

BY E-MAIL:

If you do not have access to a www browser, you can get an e-mail copy of the Newsletter by sending a message to:

listproc@www0.cern.ch

with the subject blank, and the body of the message to read:

send <http://www.hw.ac.uk:8080/libWWW/irn/irne3.html>
(Note that this URL is slightly different from the main URL. This is to enable the www page to be sent as one file).

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★HARVARD SCIENCE LIBRARY WWW

The Cabot Science Library at Harvard University is pleased to announce the unveiling of its new WWW home page. This service provides a variety of information and directional links to assist science students and researchers at Harvard and elsewhere. It:

- * Provides information about Cabot and all Harvard science libraries' services, collections and policies;
- * Provides guidance in how to access the major scientific databases at Harvard;
- * Points to useful Internet-accessible science resources, both at Harvard and beyond. These pointers include several Harvard science publications currently being produced via WWW, home pages at other science libraries and selected subject guides from the WWW Virtual Library.
- * Includes HTML versions of Cabot's popular topical research guides and of the Library newsletter.

We hope you find this service useful. It will soon be available via a link from the FAS home page; in the meantime, here is the URL:

<http://fas-www.harvard.edu/libraries/cabot/cabot.html>
We invite comments from other librarians and WWW developers. Please forward to Allen Bourque (allen_bourque@harvard.edu) or Alex Wright (alex_wright@harvard.edu) or call us at 495-5354.

★FUN SITES

1.) Many in the library world appreciate the fine felines of the world. This site will give you a moment's relaxation as you gaze on the furry beasts to reduce your blood pressure. The address for the homepage for cats - lots of sub-pages, cat of the week, special guests, FAQ, cat treats of week, etc..... purrr-fect!

<http://www.ai.mit.edu/fanciers/fanciers.html>

2.) The library lot also seem to be avid chocolate lovers. This is a tasty site - give it a try!! There are a few recipes along with some pictures and (of course) ordering info..

<http://www.ios.com/~shag/chocolate.html>

3.) Time, Inc. now has an experimental World Wide Web server that includes full text articles from Time, Vibe, and Entertainment Weekly magazines. Time's "Pathfinder," also includes a feature called "The Virtual Garden" which they are touting as "the most comprehensive collection of consumer information on gardening available online." Two versions of the service are available; one includes full-color images while the other is oriented towards those with text-only access. {Access is slow, but it's worth checking-out.

<http://www.timeinc.com/>

4.) Not really fun, but not library stuff, exactly... Visa, the largest consumer payment system in the world, is pleased to announce the WWW availability of information about Visa services and products. With more than 11 million acceptance locations worldwide, member financial institutions have issued more than 357 million cards worldwide. Visa also has the leading global ATM network.

Besides information on products and services, the Visa Home Page currently includes Financial Tips for Consumers, along with information on technological trends in payment systems.

Under "Financial Tips for Consumers", Internet/WWW users can download the financial education program "Choices and Decisions: Taking Charge of Your Life". Features under development include News from Visa, comprised of up-to-date company news releases and a worldwide ATM locator guide.

The Visa Home Page is at URL:
<http://www.visa.com/visa/>

Contact your local Visa member bank for regarding services and products available in your specific area.

★EFFECT OF ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING

UKOLN have made available the full text of the following recent report available on their server:

The impact of electronic publishing on library services and resources in the UK: report of the British Library Working Party on Electronic Publishing; edited by Peter Vickers and John Martyn. Library and Information Research Report 102. ISBN 0712332936.

They have mounted it in several formats:
Plain ASCII text (~ 212Kb)
PostScript (~ 2.6 Mb)
compressed PostScript (using gzip) (~ 513 Kb)
Rich Text Format (~ 397 Kb)

As you can see these are quite big files.
If enough interest is expressed we may put up postscript versions of individual chapters.

Enquiries to Chris Brown, Network Systems Officer,
UKOLN c.p.brown@bath.ac.uk

Access
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For gopher users, the files can be found in the following directory:

UKOLN.bath.ac.uk
--> Document Store
--> Electronic Publishing
--> The Impact of Electronic Publishing ... (BL report)

URLs

ASCII text
gopher://ukoln.bath.ac.uk/00/Publications/ElectPub/BL_report/report.txt

Postscript
gopher://ukoln.bath.ac.uk/00/Publications/ElectPub/BL_report/report.ps
Compressed Postscript
gopher://ukoln.bath.ac.uk/00/Publications/ElectPub/BL_report/report.ps.gz

RTF
gopher://ukoln.bath.ac.uk/00/Publications/ElectPub/BL_report/report.rtf

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★PROJECT SCAN

University of California Partners Seek Trailblazers for the Electronic Frontier.

Would you like to help shape the electronic future of humanities scholarship? You can do so the next time you sit at your keyboard, by exploring SCAN--Scholarship from California on the Net. SCAN is a pilot project to facilitate broad scholarly access to humanities journals and monographs by publication on the Internet. This project is a collaboration among the University of California Press, the University Libraries at Berkeley, Irvine, and Los Angeles, and the Division of Library Automation of the Office of the President. It draws together the resources of the University of California community to harness electronic technologies in support of new methods of scholarly communication in teaching, learning, and research. Because the goal of SCAN is to create a viable electronic publishing and research model, the SCAN partners are encouraging librarians, faculty, researchers, and students to help test and enhance the pilot project.

In its pilot phase, SCAN represents an early experiment to develop an economically viable publishing model for humanities scholarship that integrates electronic publishing, library access, and scholarly use. Initially, the SCAN partners have created a prototype electronic edition of an existing print journal, Nineteenth-Century Literature, to test networked access from remote and local workstations, ease of use, searching tools, and cost recovery mechanisms. To encourage widespread use and feedback, the current and recent back issues of Nineteenth-Century Literature - Electronic Edition (NCL-E) are available free of charge on the gopher server of the Library at the University of California at Berkeley.

The NCL-E files can be reached by the following gopher path: at the prompt, use gopher to connect to infolib.lib.berkeley.edu (make sure your settings indicate port 70 and gopher+ [Gopher Plus] server.) Once you have reached infolib through gopherspace, select menu items: Electronic Journals, Books, Indexes and Other Sources; Journals; Nineteenth-Century Literature.

Nineteenth-Century Literature - Electronic Edition features full texts of the current year and the past three years of the journal, including tables of contents, all articles, books reviews, notes, and descriptive lists of contributors. New issues will be added as they are released. To facilitate the broadest possible use, the articles are formatted in two different ways: text-only version (ASCII), and Rich Text Format (Microsoft RTF). The text-only versions of the articles are included in a WAIS index to facilitate limited on-line browsing. A simple command from the NCL-E gopher menu allows you to use keywords, such as an author's name or a particular term, to search across the entire on-line collection, providing paragraph-by-paragraph views of the search hits. These hits can be used to locate the abstract of the article, which can then be read on-screen to confirm interest in the selection.

In order to view the full, formatted text, you will need to download or print the file. The downloaded files can be manipulated using a variety of standard word-processing programs, including all versions of Microsoft Word, newer versions of WordPerfect, and the Write application of Windows.

A brief set of instructions is included below. In addition to complete instructions for using the search and formatting features, the NCL-E gopher menu contains a questionnaire soliciting feedback and suggestions for how the electronic journal prototype can be further developed to meet the needs of scholars. We encourage you to fill out and return this questionnaire.

The University of California partners are currently seeking funding to expand the pilot project to include additional journals, monographs, and primary source materials in literary studies, classics, and history. They envision SCAN as a base of scholarship enhanced with authoring and document-preparation tools and sophisticated electronic-navigation tools that will enable scholars working at individual workstations to access a database from which pieces can be combined and repackaged to meet a variety of specialized research, teaching, and learning needs.

With SCAN, the University of California partners are beginning the development of a sustainable model for the creation, dissemination, and utilization of humanities scholarship that both offers an economically viable transition to electronic communication and also supports the University's mission of providing widespread public access to the research results achieved by its scholars.

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Nineteenth-Century Literature
ELECTRONIC EDITION
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A. Overview

This document provides instructions for Nineteenth-Century Literature Electronic Edition (NCL-E). Because there are many different versions of gopher client and server software, the descriptions contained here cannot address all the needs of all users. Instead, we offer helpful guidelines for using this electronic product.

B. NCL Menu Structure and File Locations

1. NCL-E currently includes files for Volumes 46-49:2
2. To access ASCII files
 - a. go to NCL-E gopher menu
 - b. the top menu item will let you search all the files (see below)
 - * text-only (ASCII) versions of the articles are included
 - * the full ASCII files are not available separately
3. To access Rich Text Format (Microsoft RTF) files
 - a. look for them by volume and issue number
 - b. download the file (see below)
 - c. on your computer, open your word processor FIRST open the RTF file from inside your word processor

C. Searching NCL-E

1. If you know the volume and issues you want
 - a. select it from the top-level NCL-E gopher menu
2. If you want to conduct a keyword search
 - a. go to NCL-E menu
 - b. choose "Search Index to Nineteenth-Century Literature"
 - c. dialog box will appear asking for words for which to search. keep the following in mind:
 - * you may enter more than one word at a time, but independent searches will be done
 - * search command is NOT case-sensitive
 - * you cannot use boolean search qualifiers such as AND or OR to limit searches

D. Downloading Articles

1. Use hits information to identify the RTF files you want
2. To download articles from the gopher server
 - a. select from menu
 - b. enter file name
 - c. file will be placed in home account under filename
 - d. you may need to move the file from a server to your own computer. (If more details are needed, consult your local system administrator or technical support staff.)

E. Questions and Suggestions

1. NCL-E and this document are currently in development. We encourage you to complete the on-line user questionnaire that is available from the main NCL-E menu. We welcome feedback to the following addresses:
via e-mail: journal@garnet.berkeley.edu

via post: University of California Press
Journals Division
2120 Berkeley Way
Berkeley, CA 94720

★ENGLISH LITERATURE WWW

UMinfo WWW Update: English/Theatre/Film.

The new Department of English home page is now available on the UMinfo WWW service. This page, available from the Departmental Services list, contains pointers to English, theatre, and film studies information.

The maintainers are David Arnason (arnasn@cc.umanitoba.ca) and Joseph Donatelli (donatll@cc.umanitoba.ca). The URL is:

<http://www.umanitoba.ca/English/English.html>

★JAC ONLINE

The editors of JAC, a journal of composition theory, have just developed a beta version of the journal that is available on the WWW at the following location:

<http://nosferatu.cas.usf.edu/JAC/index.html>

JAC Online is a hypertextual version of the journal's traditional bound format, meaning that it is (probably?) the first major journal in the field of rhetoric and composition to be available in its entirety in both electronic and print formats.

JAC Online is accessible through WWW browsers such as Mosaic or Lynx. The version located at the above WWW site is a prototype that the editors wish to use as a guide for establishing a permanent format for JAC Online--please send any feedback, questions, or recommendations to Todd Taylor at <taylor@chuma.cas.usf.edu>.

Only the latest issue (14.2, Fall 1994) is currently available through JAC Online. Release dates for upcoming and archived issues remain to be determined.

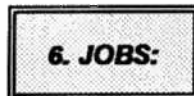
★ICELANDIC COLLECTION ON INTERNET

The Fiske Icelandic Collection, a special collection in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library, has for some ninety years been devoted to the acquisition and cataloguing of monographs and serials covering the spectrum of

Icelandic studies. Today, the Collection contains virtually comprehensive holdings of publications issued in Iceland or written in Icelandic before 1930, and has continued a very active selection policy since then. Ongoing acquisitions include significant coverage of contemporary women's issues, political science, history, biography and genealogy, geography, and natural sciences as well as Old Norse and modern Icelandic language and literature. The Fiske Collection is one of the three most prominent repositories of Icelandic materials in the world and the largest outside of Iceland and Denmark.

To facilitate access to the Collection, an electronic mail address was established in the spring of 1994. Librarians, researchers and scholars may send queries relating to the Collection's holdings to FISKEREF@CORNELL.EDU. The Fiske Collection welcomes reference questions that may be answered with the Collection's extensive resources, including enquiries of bibliographical and biographical nature.

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Ithaca New York 14853-5302
(Reference queries welcome through
FISKEREF@CORNELL.EDU)



★CATALOGUING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ISM Library Information Services is seeking experienced cataloguers. Successful candidates will be part of a team launching a new concept in library value-added services, providing edited MARC records and shelf-ready processing of a wide range of library materials. As a successful candidate, you will possess a BLS or MLS degree or a library technology qualification. You will have a minimum of two years' cataloguing experience in an automated environment with a detailed knowledge of MARC coding. You have experience using AACR2, LCSH and a standard classification scheme, preferably LC. Candidates with experience using CATSS or CD/PC-CATSS will be strongly preferred. Subject specialists and language capabilities, particularly French, are highly desirable.

These positions are full-time for a one-year term with the possibility of renewal.

Interested? Please apply in writing by **December 31, 1994**
to:

Human Resources
ISM Manitoba
400 Ellice Avenue
Winnipeg MB
Fax: (204) 946-6052.

★SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Saskatoon Public Library invites applications from Manitoba writers for the position of Writer-in-Residence from September 1, 1995 to May 31, 1996.

This position requires work with the public through individual consultations, school visits, group workshops and seminars. The position requires 7.25 hours/week at the library, leaving considerable time for creative writing.

A history of literary publications in poetry, drama, fiction or non-fiction should be included with your application, along with 3 letters of reference. Previous experience as a writer-in-residence, teacher or literary consultant/mentor would be an asset.

Salary: \$24,000 for the 9 month term.

Funding for this position in 1995-96 is shared by the Manitoba Arts Council and the Saskatoon Public Library.

The Manitoba Arts Council will contribute \$12,000 as a direct grant to a Manitoba writer who meets the following criteria:

1. has had at least 2 books published professionally;
2. has been a resident of Manitoba for at least 1 year;
3. would not be holding another grant from the Manitoba Arts Council during the course of the residency.

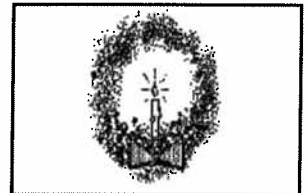
The Saskatoon Public Library will contribute \$12,000 plus up to \$3,000 in return travel costs for the selected candidate.

Application Deadline: **January 31, 1995**

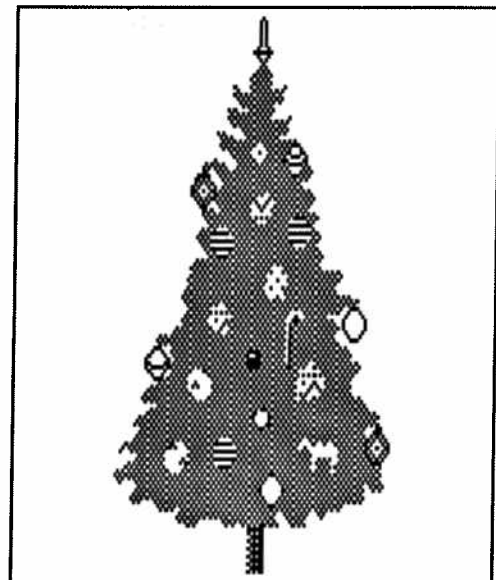
Apply to:
Jim Bliss, Chair
Writer-in-Residence Selection Committee
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MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Call For Nominations

Nominations are invited for the following positions on the Manitoba Library Association Executive for 1995/96.

- 1. V.P./President Elect
- 2. Treasurer
- 3. Directors (3 positions)

Duties

- 1. V.P./President Elect
(3 year term)

The Vice-President attends and participates in all meetings of the Executive Committee; and assumes the duties and responsibilities of the President in his/her absence.

- 2. Treasurer
(2 year term)

The Treasurer is the custodian of the funds of the Association, and submits monthly financial statements and an annual audited financial statement.

- 3. Directors (3)
(2 year term)

The Directors assume responsibility for an established committee and/or interest group.

Please send nominations, on the attached form to:

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NOMINATION FORM
MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

1995/96

I, _____, being a member in good standing of MLA, nominate

_____ for the position of

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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STATEMENT OF NOMINEE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a member in good standing of the MLA, agree to let my name stand in nomination for the above stated position.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominees should attach a brief biography and statement of aims.**

**Deadline for nominations:**

**March 30, 1995**