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1. MLA NEWS:

★MLA NEWS RELEASE ON BILL 50

Issued at 10:30 a.m., June 19 at a joint news conference with Canadian Association of Journalists, Council of Women, Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties and Manitoba Taxpayers Federation.

We requested a meeting with Premier Gary Filmon and Rosemary Vodrey, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship.

BILL 50 - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION & PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT MUST BE DELAYED

Access to timely, accurate, critical information is vital to an open, equitable, accountable and dynamic society.

Freedom of information is the basic right upon which all the other democratic freedoms (speech, assembly, elections, etc.) rely.

The current Manitoba Freedom of Information Act has major flaws. It has allowed the government to delay responses to controversial requests for over a year (e.g. the Jets Deal) and to deny requests for critical information entirely by using the broad exemptions of the Act (cabinet documents and policy advice). The Provincial Ombudsman's Office does not have the budget to properly discharge its responsibilities for handling complaints.

Section 56 of the current Act required a "comprehensive review of the operation of this Act" within three years of proclamation (1988) and a report to the Legislature within a year after that. Such a statutory review has never been conducted.

The Government has violated the spirit of the law many times and now introduces new legislation at the very end

¹. Ooops! The last issue you received was supposed to be Vol. 22 No. 8 May 1997 & NOT Vol. 22 No. 9 September 1997.

of the session. It proposes to ram through changes without proper consultation and without allowing time for interested citizens and stakeholders to prepare for public hearings.

The legislative changes have been prepared internally by bureaucrats. No provision has been made for:

- 1) open public consultation on access issues;
- 2) the latest annual report of the Ombudsman evaluating the government's response to complaints under the Act. The Ombudsman's report is three months overdue. The government's record of accountability must be reviewed before proceeding.

The Manitoba Library Association held a week of public meetings on information rights from April 21-26 of this year. It would like to present some of the valuable expert testimony about needed improvements to access rights given during these sessions to the legislative hearings on Bill 50 so that amendments to the new Act can be properly considered.

MLA has distributed the 76 p. Bill 50 via the internet discussion groups and expert mailing lists for discussion and commentary worldwide.

The Government must postpone public hearings to allow the Manitoba Library Association and other concerned citizens and groups to study the bill thoroughly and discuss and prepare their own proposals.

A full F.O.I. website is being developed and will be announced soon!

★ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Access to Government Information & the Consultation Process

From: Paul Nielson <pnielson@freenet.mb.ca>

A brief submitted by the Manitoba Library Association to the Standing Committee on Economic Development of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba on Bill 50 : The Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act.

June 23, 1997

Note: If you want to compare the "reality" of public hearings to the media coverage, go to the Manitoba Government homepage (<http://www.gov.mb.ca>) and find

the Hansard and then the Committee transcript for this date. The media coverage was positive and seemingly thorough but it barely scratched the surface of the complicated issues involved.

Note 2: I am sorry that I did not have time for the Executive to approve this brief so I hope I have been faithful to first principles, i.e. not necessarily careerist principles and past consultations.

Note: The outcome is uncertain. The government has offered minor amendments to three clauses. We will know by the end of the week if the Government will withdraw the bill. Call now.

I believe to properly evaluate this legislation, we must go back to first principles.

Librarians strive to offer to their users timely, accurate, quality information relevant to their needs.

Librarians strive to avoid censorship and bias and to provide users with a variety and balance in points of view.

They also strive to provide information in the format and at the level and depth that the user is comfortable with.

Governments also have duties to inform.

They need to provide their citizens with the information necessary to use their services and programs and to meet their legal obligations. Governments often try to educate for the public good.

More importantly, they must provide timely, accurate, quality information on their performance and decisions so that they can be held accountable for their stewardship.

When they propose changes in policy and legislation in this complicated modern world, they should:

- 1) examine the current situation in depth, especially at the operational level, i.e. consult their line staff
- 2) canvas for alternative solutions from other jurisdictions and from outside experts and interest groups
- 3) consult their current users and stakeholders, especially those who have problems with the current situation
- 4) present their proposals to the legislature or to the

public with sufficient time for review, feedback and, yes, even amendment

Such a process of openness and consultation without bias and secrecy is increasingly rare in Canada. Manitoba has pioneered such a process in its Meech lake constitutional consultations and it achieved unanimity in its proposals as a result.

The current Freedom of Information Act was passed unanimously in 1985 and proclaimed in September, 1988. The consultation process was not perfect but Section 56 of the Act stated:

"Within three years after the coming into force of this section, such committee of the Assembly as the Assembly may designate or establish for the purpose shall undertake a comprehensive review of the operation of this Act and shall within 1 year after the review is undertaken or within such further time as the Assembly may allow, submit to the Assembly a report on the operation of this Act, including any amendments to this Act which the Committee recommends."

The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections was appointed to the task and met five times in 1992 and 1993. Three of the meetings were organizational and two were public hearings. No report was ever issued by the Committee, comprehensive or otherwise. Some sort of report does exist but the Manitoba Library Association was denied it on the grounds that it fell under the FOI Act exemptions for cabinet and policy advice (sections 38 and 39).

The Government issued a discussion paper in the fall of 1996 on amending the Act but the consultation process was not comprehensive and open and was focused on the privacy rather than the access issue. Participants had private hearings with government officials and in the end were invited to view each other's submissions in binders left for reference in the archives and the legislative library. The Manitoba Library Association requested any submissions by government agencies and was denied the 28 government submissions to the access and privacy review again on the grounds of sections 38 and 39. The Ombudsman subsequently agreed to release his submission.

Suddenly on June 1, the government introduced Bill 50. A perfunctory second reading was held on June 10 and the Government proposes to pass the bill using its

majority by the end of the session. The Minister of Culture, Citizenship and Heritage has told us that the privacy provisions of the Act must go forward urgently. She has stated that the changes to the access side were minimal improvements to an already good law.

A textual analysis of the exemption clauses of the old and new acts reveal over 50 changes, 40 of them additional clauses (12 mandatory). At least five exceptions restricting exemptions have been dropped: consultant studies, environmental impact statements, abuse of law enforcement investigation process and techniques, excerpted summary of a confidential evaluation.

Two further exemptions pop up in section 10 (electronic format) and 13 (repetitive or abusive requests).

One can certainly see improvements in extending the scope of the legislation to include all local public bodies but most of the changes to exemption seem to have emanated from a very comprehensive consultation with the bureaucracy rather than the user.

There is evidence of borrowing from other Canadian jurisdictions but the selection process seems to have missed all the major improvements in access since 1985 such as:

- 1) a public interest override clause as in B.C. or Alberta
- 2) the power of a commissioner to order expeditious release or remedy
- 3) restrictions to the categorical, broad, cabinet and policy advice exemptions. See for example the study commissioned by the Information Commissioner of Canada entitled: *The Access to Information Act and cabinet confidences : a discussion of new approaches*. Ironically the Government appears to have borrowed the recommended exemption, added a couple of further restricting exemptions and left off entirely the exception clauses allowing for access to the factual basis of government decisions.
- 4) a whistleblowing section to allow civil servants to release information to an Ombudsman or Commissioner of Ethics for possible public disclosure in the public interest.

I believe that this legislature has not followed the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act and its underlying

principles by failing to conduct a mandatory comprehensive review.

I believe the Government has not followed the spirit of the legislation both in not consulting openly and widely enough and in not allowing adequate time for debate and deliberation.

If you are unable to withdraw the fifty access changes and adopt provisions promoting state of the art access, this Bill should be withdrawn.

Is it not possible for your committee to hold intercessional hearings on this bill? Anything less than unanimous approval of this bill will destroy its legitimacy.

★MLA DIRECTOR WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

FROM: Dakshinamurti, Ganga

On Monday, June 9, 1997, Virginia Guiang, a newly elected director of the Manitoba Library Association, was the recipient of the YM-YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for 1997. In a ceremony held in the Lombard Hotel and attended by more than 800 people, the award was presented to Virginia by last year's recipient and another well known member of the library community, Diane Dwarka.

★TSIG ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

From: Talbot, George

Manitoba Library Association TECHNICAL SERVICES INTEREST GROUP Achievement Award for 1997

It is an honour to present the Second Annual Manitoba Library Association Technical Services Interest Group Achievement Award to Marianne Reid. Her contributions to technical services librarianship throughout her career of 18 years of service certainly qualify her for recognition by her peers.

Marianne has consistently displayed high standards of professional performance and achievement. Marianne's achievements include guiding the Winnipeg Public Cataloguing Section through automation, and through many major changes in international cataloguing standards. As well Marianne has taught cataloguing via Distance Education as well as in the classroom at Red River Community College and has presented cataloguing

workshops throughout the province. Marianne has also demonstrated excellence in her work on the database for the Law Reform Commission of Canada.

Marianne has always been very active in the MLA Technical Services Interest Group, indeed she is one of the founders of the Group. And she was instrumental in establishing the MLA TSIG Achievement Award. Marianne has strong leadership skills, and she is also a very supportive Group member. Marianne has an intense dedication to the Technical Services Interest Group, technical services, and librarianship as a whole.

The First Annual Award was presented to Mary Green in May 1996.

★MLA LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD

FROM: Blanchard, Jim

Engineering Librarian Wins Library Service Award

The winner of the 1997 Manitoba Library Endowment Fund Library Service Award is Norma Godavari, Engineering Librarian at the University of Manitoba. The presentation of the Award took place at the MLA Annual Meeting, May 29.

Norma was chosen because of her work as editor of the Manitoba Library Association *Newsline*, a monthly publication that is the most important source of news about libraries in the province. She has been the editor for many years. She is also an important leader and mentor in the library community, encouraging young librarians and cheering up old ones. With the onset of the world wide web, Norma has been one of the main sources of information about web/library matters, keeping a large circle of colleagues updated electronically on an almost daily basis through the Manitoba Library Association listserv.

This is the second year that the Library Service Award has been made. The Award recognizes members of the library community, professionals, paraprofessionals, trustees and volunteers, who have made a significant contribution to the development of libraries in our province. The winner of the 1996 Award was Anna Grace Diehl, for many years Librarian of the Boissevain and Morton Regional Library and Archivist of the Boissevain Archives.

2. NEWS/CALENDAR

★RRCC'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

From: Gerald R. Brown <browner@cyberspc.mb.ca>

Word has been received from Mr. Ken Holland, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Red River Community College, that Dianne Dwarka has been selected as the recipient of the RRCC's Distinguished Alumni Award for 1997. This awards is to honour graduates of the College who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession, and the community: " It is apparent that you are an outstanding choice for this award", states Mr. Holland.

Presentation was made during the annual Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 25, 1997 at RRCC.

The award was based on Community Achievements, Professional Achievements, Educational Achievements and Personal Achievements. Presently, Mrs. Dwarka's is :

President, Community Legal Education Association
President, Manitoba Association for Multicultural Education
Secretary/Treasurer, Canada Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education
President, Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba

In 1997, she was listed in Who's Who in Canadian Women; in 1996, a recipient of YM/YWCA Women of Distinction Award, and in 1994, Mrs. Dwarka participant in International Educators' Holocaust and Hope Tour of Germany, Poland and Israel.

In the past, she has been President of Manitoba Association of Library Technicians; National Convenor of Association of Library Technicians (of CLA); and National Convenor of Multilingual Library Services.

Mrs. Dianne Dwarka is part of the Reference and Information Services Team in the Library at Manitoba Education and Training, 1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

The library community of Manitoba is invited to join in congratulating Mrs. Dianne Dwarka on her achievements,

and for the recognition she has been accorded by Red River Community College. Best wishes, and keep up the good work.

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★ENVIRONMENT LIBRARY / BIBLIOTHEQUE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

From: Shelley Penziwol <shelleyp@mb.sympatico.ca>

After years of planning, the new Environment Library/Bibliothèque de l'Environnement opened in the historic Union Station building on Main Street at Broadway Avenue. The library integrates the collections and services of the Manitoba Environment Resource Centre, the libraries of Environment Canada in Winnipeg, and the library of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME).

The integrated library is part of the larger co-location project of the Federal and Provincial Environment departments, along with CCME. This project, one of the first of its kind in Canada, is a direct result of the Canada-Manitoba agreement for environmental harmonization, signed in 1994. The agreement is based on a framework for Environmental Assessment Harmonization adopted by CCME in 1992.

This cooperative arrangement between the Federal and Provincial governments sets the stage for a redefinition of the working relationship between the governments, and eliminates unnecessary overlap and duplication. At the present time, the participating agencies continue to function fairly independently while sharing certain common areas of the building. Shared areas include the reception area, boardrooms, laboratories, and the library. In the future, it is expected that the agencies will develop a closer working relationship in their environmental protection activities.

The library, identified as one of the areas to be shared, maintains a collection of reports, legislation, periodicals,

brochures, and electronic products on a wide range of environmental topics, as well as the Manitoba Public Registry files.

Setting up the new integrated library has provided numerous challenges, and much work remains to be done to ensure the library is operating in a truly integrated manner. The work continues, but the library is open for business. Hours of operation are 8:30 to 4:30, Monday to Friday, except during Provincial government reduced work-week periods.

For more information, please contact Shelley Penziwol at 945-7125 or Wendy Barber at 945-7126.

★FLOODED LIBRARIES UPDATE

From: Louise Shah <LShah@chc.gov.mb.ca>

Ste. Agathe was the only community to suffer damage to its library during the flood. I have talked to all the other communities that may have been affected and they all report that their libraries are ok. With respect to the Ste. Agathe library there are two contacts people may want to make if they are interested in helping out with donations of any kind. They are:

Pauline Gagne, Principal of Ecole Ste. Agathe, regarding the school library. Phone: (204) 982-8941

Louise Durand, Librarian, Bibliotheque Ritchot, regarding the public library. Phone: (204) 878-2147

The Ste. Agathe Library is a joint school-public library. The school serves a Francophone student body and the public library serves a bilingual community.

★FRIENDS OF THE STEINBACH LIBRARY UPDATE

From: R. L. Hamm <RL_Hamm@CCCO.NET>

We still exist!!

Our first undertaking was a program in co-operation with nursing staff - matching 21 senior clients and 26 volunteers for a reading program at Rest Haven Nursing Home. It is off and running. In conjunction with this we conducted a reading-aloud workshop for volunteers. This project gave us some small visibility in the community. Friends now have a member on a new Library Book

Selection Committee who is responsible for Canadian novels. A work is under way to label all Canadian novels with the small red maple leaf. A Canadian fiction booklist has been submitted to the Librarian and one-half (25) of these books have been purchased. The list will be updated with new publications and the blanks identified on the shelves so a further purchase of books can be attempted in June. A display of author biographies and Canadian books was presented in the Library for Canada Book Day. Several Canadian book reviews have been submitted to the weekly Library column in local press.

NEW LIBRARY: On May 8 & 9 Friends and staff began to pack books for the move. On Monday May 12, 1997 a human chain stretching along the streets of Steinbach moved a symbolic collection of children's books from the "Old " Library building to the "New" Library building. This was arranged by Friends and Library staff.

On Saturday June 12, the New Library was officially opened. Friends sponsored a fund-raising a banquet in the evening at the Mennonite Heritage Village, Highway 12 to raise money for "reading corner" furniture. The guest speaker was Jake Epp (Library building is to be named after him, ex-local MP).

★NEW LAW LIBRARIAN

From: Shu Huang <s.huang@awnet.com>

Linda Horodecki has started working in the Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson firm Library since May 5, 1997 on Phase II of their retrospective conversion project (cataloguing documents and serials).

She graduated from the library school at the University of British Columbia in April this year. Her previous work experiences include doing original cataloguing at the Instructional Resources Library (Department of Education and working in a number of law firms as well as Manitoba Archives. She enjoys reading novels and creative work such as making pottery and sewing. She can be reached at 957-0050 ext. 521 or the mailing address same as mine below.

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★CATALOGUING ON THE INTERNET

CISTI has joined the Faculty of Information Studies (FIS) at the University of Toronto, and ISM Library Services in a Cataloguing Internet Resources Project (CIRP). The goal is to build a shared database of bibliographic records for selected and evaluated Internet resources. FIS students will catalogue these resources into a database on the ISM CATSS System, under the WHO location code IRP (for Internet Resources Project).

Other participants in the project include the Hamilton Public libraries, Peel Region Board of Education, Ryerson Polytechnic University, the University of Alberta, and the University of Manitoba. Each institution will focus on a different area, such as scientific/technical/medical resources (CISTI), government documents (Alberta), resources in the humanities and social sciences (Manitoba), and references appropriate for public and secondary school use (Peel and Ryerson).

CISTI will be cataloguing electronic journals at the outset. Our collection already contains approximately 500 Internet-accessible e-journals licensed for use by staff at the National Research Council. Several hundred other sci/tech and medical e-journals, which fit our collection policy, are available free on the Web. CISTI will do its own cataloguing for the ISM database (with the help of a summer student) and also make these records available in the CISTI catalogue.

This project is in the forefront of Internet cataloguing activity among Canadian libraries. CISTI's focus on scientific resources and its position within the government sector will enhance the content and value of the Internet resources selected for the ISM database.

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★PROJECT TO STREAMLINE ILLs

The Interlibrary Loan Protocol Implementors Group (IPIG) is an international group of national bibliographic utilities, local system vendors, high-volume document delivery suppliers, and software developers. In early 1996, with the encouragement and technical support of the National Library of Canada, the IPIG developed a workplan to implement the international 'ILL Protocol' (ISO 10160 and 10161) to facilitate the sending of ILL electronic requests.

The National Library of Canada (NLC), the University of Quebec, TKM, and ISM have been using the international standard, or ILL Protocol, since the mid-1980s. The Library Corporation, OCLC, Innovative Interfaces Inc., DRA, Triangle Research Libraries Network and the U.K.-based Fretwell-Downing have already successfully sent test messages using the ILL Protocol. By the end of 1997, another 20 IPIG organizations in Australia, Canada, India, Italy, Singapore, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States will have taken steps to implement the standard.

In Canada, CISTI and NLC are working to implement a facility which will translate the e-mail EDIFACT code to the direct connect ASN.1/BER international standard. This will allow interoperability between the two implementations. CISTI and NLC are supplying records to test the new facility and are also coordinating testing with Canadian libraries.

IPIG is an initiative of the North American Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery (NAILDD) project, sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Widespread implementation of the ILL Protocol will provide libraries with multiple communication options for ILL transmissions. This important initiative will contribute to international resource sharing, long identified as a priority by the library community.

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★ASIDIC SURVEY AVAILABLE

ASIDIC releases Survey of Document Delivery Services 1996

Average document turnaround is 6.8 (4.9 days, shorter in Europe and the U.S.)

San Francisco, May 30, 1997: Recognizing the need for a reliable examination of the document delivery industry, ASIDIC, the Association of Information and Dissemination Centers, undertook a statistical survey of document delivery in 1996. The results of that survey have now been published.

The average turnaround for a document is 6.8 +/- 4.9 days (5.5 +/- 4.3 days in the U.S.). This is much longer than figures quoted by many organizations, both suppliers and customers. What prices are users really paying for their documents? Many mission-critical parameters like

these, fundamental to users and providers of document delivery, are revealed and discussed in this report.

The survey covers one week's orders from 120 organizations, both public and private, located in the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, and South Africa. Academic, corporate, and public libraries are represented.

Tracked for a three-week period, turnaround, pricing, copyright, and other details were recorded for approximately 8000 documents. The results shed light on activities and trends important to publishers, librarians and end-users of information alike.

The ASIDIC Survey of Document Delivery Services 1996 is parallel to a similarly titled report on document delivery in Europe produced by EUSIDIC (European Association of Information Services) and EUROLUG (the European Association of National On-Line Groups). The Survey of Document Delivery Services in Europe 1996 tracks 7750 document orders from 189 organizations in 16 European countries. This companion report is also available from ASIDIC.

Randall W. Marcinko, President of ASIDIC and an authority on document delivery, states, "Both reports provide an important snapshot of the document industry. All too frequently, decisions in this field are made on the basis of opinion, conjecture and intuition. ASIDIC has attempted to assemble a factual report that will be of assistance to users and practitioners of document delivery."

Both reports are available for purchase from ASIDIC. Prices are USD\$255 for each report if purchased separately. A set of both reports is available for the discounted price of USD\$450. Inquiries should be directed to ASIDIC Secretariat, P.O. Box 8105, Athens, Georgia 30603, fax 706/542-0349, Phone: 706/542-6820 Email: secretariat@asidic.org Contact: Jeanette Webb, Secretariat, ASIDIC

★RESOLUTION TO "WOMEN ON TOP" ISSUE

Winnipeg Public Library News release May 26, 1997
Contact: Heather Graham (204) 986-5579

Officials representing Winnipeg Public Library and the Winnipeg Police Service met to discuss issues pertaining to Nancy Friday's book, *Women on Top*.

Public officials informed the library that, based on a legal opinion forthcoming from the Attorney General's office, the Police Service will not be proceeding with legal action to remove *Women on Top* from the library's collection.

Women on Top remains in circulation at the public library.

Director of Libraries David Weismiller stresses that "Winnipeg Public Library supports the Canadian Library Association's Statement on Intellectual Freedom."

Winnipeg Public Library has a formal process for dealing with concerns regarding library materials. Customers are asked to initiate a "Request for Reconsideration of Library Material" process, which seeks specific details regarding the concern. A committee of librarians then reviews the customer's comments, the item, critical reviews, and responds to the customer.

★"WOMEN ON TOP" ISSUE

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I still think that this should be pursued to find out what mechanisms allowed this to happen.

BCLA IFC is writing a letter to the RCMP asking for an explanation and possibly requesting a meeting (the letter is still in draft). I think it would be appropriate to find out how Manitoba started this whole mess. We are concerned why police agencies in B.C. and Sask. acted on it.

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★CATSS & AVISO SOLD TO AUTO-GRAPHICS

A-G Canada Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Auto-Graphics, Inc. of California, has purchased the CATSS and AVISO assets of ISM Library Information Services. A-G Canada Ltd. will provide services to the Canadian and International library communities.

★ANY SYDNEYPLUS USERS?

The William Potoroka Memorial Library staff are interested in setting up a directory of users for the SydneyPlus Automated System for Special Libraries in Manitoba. This would help meet our needs in information sharing within the province.

Please phone (204) 944-6277 or fax (204) 772-0225 or e-mail library@afm.mb.ca

- Pat Klimack

★CIHM WINS AWARD

The Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions (CIHM) has been awarded \$5000,000 US by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a digital project that will make the early works of Canadian literature, native studies, and women's history accessible on the internet.

The project will begin on September 1, 1997 and last for approximately two years and will also test the long-term economic viability of a digitization operation modelled on CIHM. A bilingual web site has a detailed description of the project, contact information, and periodic progress reports at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/cihm/ecol/>

★UofM BOOKSALE OCTOBER 3-4/97

The University of Manitoba Libraries will be holding a two day booksale, sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries, on October 3 & 4, 1997 from 10AM to 2PM in the Multi-Purpose Room, University Centre, 65 Chancellors Circle, Fort Garry Campus.

All proceeds go toward the purchase of new materials for the Libraries' collections. There will be over 10,000 books to choose from at low, low prices (\$1.00 for books, 25¢, 10¢ for magazines, and individual prices on a selection of choice books.

For additional information, contact the Book Sale organizer, **Jim Blanchard** at 474-6846.

★UBC SLAIS GRADS

Are you, or do you know, a graduate / former student of The School of Library, Archival, & Information Studies University of British Columbia?

We now have an alumni listserv to help us keep in touch and share news. If you are interested, check the Alumni homepage for the online form to fill out.

<http://www.slais.ubc.ca/>

See you there!

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★LIBRARY SCHOOL REINVENTS ITSELF

From: Lloyd, Kenneth <KLlloyd@oag.aud.gov.bc.ca>

It looks like Western's Library School is no more. After strategic navel-gazing it is now going to become the Faculty of Communications and Open Learning. It will be interesting to see if/ how the other Schools follow suit.

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WESTERN APPOINTS FOUNDING DEAN OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OPEN LEARNING

Manjunath Pendakur, one of North America's leading communications and media scholars, has been appointed the first Dean of The University of Western Ontario's newly-formed Faculty of Communications and Open Learning.

Internationally recognized for his work in cinema and international communication, the 52-year-old native of India will join Western as Dean to lead a new faculty which will offer graduate programs in Library and Information Science and Journalism, and an undergraduate program in Media, Information and Technoculture. Pendakur is currently a professor in the Department of Radio-TV-Film at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, as well as director of the Program on Communication and Development Studies.

The Faculty is being formed to provide students with the skills and knowledge they will need in the information age to develop research and applications in this exciting field. It will combine the expertise of the Graduate Schools of Journalism, Library and Information Science and the Faculty of Part-Time and Continuing Education.

Pendakur, who holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Communication degrees from the University of Washington, obtained his PhD in Communications from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. in 1980.

A productive scholar with more than 30 publications, including *Canadian Dreams* and *American Control: The Political Economy of Canadian Film Industry*, Professor Pendakur is also the recipient of a Smithsonian Institute Research Fellowship and an endowed chair at Northwestern University.

Professor Pendakur's creative work includes working as Associate Director for three full length feature films in India's "Bollywood", as well as some documentary films for the Public Broadcasting System and a short stint as cinematographer for television news in the United States.

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★BRIDGING THE GAP - MAJOR SUCCESS

The joint conference of the Association for Teacher Librarianship in Canada (ATLC) and the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) was held in Vancouver, B.C. from 05 - 12 July, 1997. In spite of the weather (Vancouver broke all records for rainfall), 275 participants from 26 countries enjoyed a stimulating and informative series of outstanding presentations and enjoyable social events. As well they had opportunity to meet and discuss professional issues with colleagues from all around the world.

For first hand information about the themes, topics, research papers and to check out the Proceedings contact these Manitoba delegates: Chris Dewar, Edith Doyle, Colleen Einarson, Michelle Larose-Kuzenko, Joan Macdonald, Joan Marshall, or Gerald Brown.

On Thursday night, the banquet was held at the Vancouver Law Courts and was followed by the traditional auction, at which Gerald Brown's enthusiasm and skill as auctioneer, resulted in \$ 1,800.00 being raised for the IASL's Support-a-Member Campaign. The association has been able to bring a delegate from a

developing country to the conference every year for the past eight years.

The Awards and Farewell Luncheon on Friday was a particularly happy event for those present acknowledged the contribution that so many people have made to the success of the Conference, congratulated the winners of the various awards, and heard about plans for the next conferences of both IASL and ATLC.

This year ATLC introduced its LOCAL AWARDS PROGRAM, in which teacher-librarians who have made significant contributions in a specific area at the local level are recommended by their colleagues to be the recipients of the ATLC Local Awards. This year the focus was LITERACY, and the recipients were:

- (a) Kaleidoscope 6 Conference (Organizing Committee), held last October in Calgary, Ab.: (13 members were acknowledged);
- (b) Sheila Duprey from Winnipeg School Division No. 1, for her work on the Manitoba Young Children's Reading Award of MSLA;
- (c) Mark Roberts from School District 39 (Vancouver)

IASL made the following eight awards:

- (1) The International Book Exhibit Award to the British Columbia Teacher-Librarian's Association for its project co-ordinated by Pat Parungao and Will Walsh related to the promotion of international literature and literacy;
- (2) The International Book Project - UNESCO Project 554 - Books to Children Award to Scoala Generala of Romania
- (3) The Jean E. Lowrie Leadership Development Grant to Iveta Gudakovska, University of Latvia, and to Geetha S. Yapa, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka;
- (4) The IASL-SIRS Commendation Award to Lyn Hay and James Henri for the TEACHER LIBRARIANSHIP STAND IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, AND PROCEEDINGS 1996 (and the forthcoming 1997 ed.)
- (5) The IASL-SIRS Commendation Award to the Australian School Library Association (Lyn Rushby, Project Officer) for TEACHING INFORMATION SKILLS: CD-ROM. (Soon to be available in Canada)
- (6) The Soflink Automation Award to School District 41 (Burnaby, B.C.)
- (7) The Takeshi Murofushi Research Award to Iveta Gudakovska, University of Latvia for her work on "Students' and Teachers' Needs for Information and the Role of the School Libraries in Providing Them".

One additional - and unadvertised - award was also made by IASL to Gerald Brown, making him an Honorary Ambassador for IASL. It was noted by President Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir, when making the presentation, that Gerald, who is retiring from his position as IASL Vice President, is being replaced by no less than three people, namely Dr. Dianne Oberg (Edmonton, AB); Dr. Ross Todd (Sydney, Australia) and Peter Genco (Fort Erie, PA, USA). However, she reassured the delegates that he will still be available to surf the web, report valuable sites in response to research requests, and keep up his usual flood of electronic mail.

Ray Doiron and Judy Davies extended an invitation to submit papers and attend the joint ATLC - PEITLA Conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 14 - 17 May 1998. Contact e-mail: raydoiron@upe.ca or visit the conference web site at: <http://www.upei.ca/~tlconfer/>

Snunith Shohan and Moshe Yitzhaki encouraged delegates to attend the 27th IASL conference to be held in Ramat-Gan, Israel, 05-09 June 1998. For further information about this event, contact the Conference Secretariat, Dan Knassim Ltd at e-mail: congress@mail.inter.net.il

The final act of the Conference was the passing of the IASL flag by President Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir to Snunith Shohan and Moshe Yitzhaki, the chairpersons for the next conference. It was a fitting end to this outstanding professional development event.

Some publications from the conference which merit consideration include:

1. ATLC Information Literacy: An Advocacy Kit for Teacher-Librarians, compiled and edited by Victoria Pennell. (1997) ISBN: 1-896366-05-8 160 pages \$ \$ 20.00 Prepaid. Available from: ATLC Publications Distribution, 782 Warwick Street, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 4R1 Fax 519-539-7226

This kit includes sections which focus on definition of, and statements about information literacy, background information, research findings, strategies and techniques for developing an advocacy plan and a workbook to assist teacher-librarians. Valuable appendices and transparency masters, as well as a comprehensive bibliography make this an important purchase.

2. Information Rich but Knowledge Poor? Emerging Issues for Schools and Libraries Worldwide, edited by Lynne Lighthall and Ken Haycock. ISBN: 1-89086-21-9

(It includes the 374 pages of research and professional papers presented at the 26th annual conference. It was distributed with registration.) Available from: LMC SOURCE, P.O. Box 266, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104, USA. E-mail: lmcs@pacbell.net.us \$35.00US

3. School Librarianship: International Issues and Perspectives, edited by Ken Haycock and Blanche Woolls. ISBN: 1-890-861-22-7. 378 pages Available from LMC SOURCE (address above) \$ 25.00 US

This collection of the best papers from the 25 years of IASL conferences provides a view of the best practices and issues confronting school libraries around the world. It also makes available an index to the best writings of scholars of the field who have contributed to the IASL NEWSLETTER, and to IASL PROCEEDINGS during this time period.

4. Information Technology in Schools: Implications for Teacher Librarians. Third Edition, edited by Margaret Butterworth for School Libraries Section: Western Australia Group, of the Australia Library and Information Association, Perth, Australia, 1997 ISBN 1-86342-4970 156 pages Available from ALIA WA Branch, P.O. Cannington, West Australia 6107, Australia at \$ 30.00 Australian.

Contents include: Role .. a delicate Balancing Act; Integrating Electronic Resources into the Curriculum; Library Automation; Publishing on the Web; Training for the Internet; Developing and I.T. Plan for a School.

5. And soon to be released in Canada, the award winning CD-ROM from the Australia School Library Association, entitled TEACHING INFORMATION SKILLS. Watch this NEWSLINE for more details.

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★WORST TITLE AWARDS 1996/97

At long last, the ALCTS-SS Worst Serials Title Change of the Year Award Committee is ready to share with you the winners of this year's prestigious awards. We hope you enjoy them as much as we.

The 1996/97 Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Award goes to: *Journal (Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Driver Education)* for changing four times within one year! With four title changes in one year, where else but in the Fog City can we recognize a title that gives us so much obfuscation in so little time?!

The "Most Politically Correct Title Change of The Year Award" belongs to: *Human quest (St. Petersburg, Fla.: 1996)*, which dropped Churchman's from its title because a reader protested: "Why 'The Churchman's' human quest? That leaves out a lot of good people". We are so relieved that this reader didn't think "HuMAN quest" objectionable and insisted on calling it "HuPERSON quest"!

The "Least Affordable Title Change of the Year Award" is earned by: *Air progress (Canoga Park, Calif. : 1996)*, changed from *Air progress affordable flying*. This change was all caused by the fact that the publisher actually THOUGHT flying was AFFORDABLE!?

The "Most Unfriendly Title Change of the Year" has to be: *Friendly Street Reader*, for its two title changes in four issues. With *Friendly Street* like this, who needs a Mean Street?

The "It's Time for A Commercial Break", a.k.a. "Best Improved Title Award" goes to *Journal of commerce (New York, N.Y. : 1996)*, formerly *Journal of commerce and commercial (New York, N.Y.: 1927)*. At last, a title change for the better.

The "Keep Your Hands to Yourself Award" has a hands-down winner in *Getting results for the hands-on manager*, which used to be *Supervisory Management*. We think management should just stick to supervising.

The "Mummy Award" is preserved for *Preservation (Washington, D.C.)*, for changing from *Historic preservation (Washington, D.C.)*. It would help if they took their own advice and preserve their title first.

The "At Least They Got Their T's and Q's Right Award" is won by *TQS review*, for changing from *TQS news*, *TQS*, *TQS currents*, and *TQ news*. With initials like this, who cares about the rest of the title?

The "Spice of Life Award" goes to: *Variety's on production*, formerly *On production and post-production*. After all, *Variety* is the spice of life, no?

The "Who Cares? Award" is shared by *Alternatives journal (Peterborough, Ont.)* (was: *Alternatives (Waterloo, Ont.)*) and *Digital system report* (was: *Digital systems journal*) for their absolutely trivial and content-free change in title.

The "Big Mama Snake in the Grass Award" is won by none other than *ALA Washington news* for dropping "letter" from its former title *ALA Washington newsletter*. Is the letter in the mail, or did they shred it?

In the snake pit of this year's nominations are also three baby snakes.

The "Seven Year Itch Award" is for *AALL spectrum*, formerly: *American Association of Law Libraries newsletter (1989)*; *American Association of Law Libraries Newsletter, 1976-1989*; and *American Association of Law Libraries newsletter, 1970-1976*. The AALL seems possessed with a continuing scratch since it keeps coming around every seven years, just like the fabled itch.

The "Missing Librarian Award" does not miss *Virginia libraries (Alexander, Va.)*, which used to be: *Virginia librarian (1954-1976?)*, *Virginia librarian newsletter (1977-1986)*, *Virginia librarian (Alexander, Va. : 1986)*. Can libraries survive without the Librarian?

The "Karen Muller Made Us Do It Award" goes to: *RUSA newsletter*, changed from *RASD newsletter*, due to the name change of the division.

This year, we also grant a special Best NON-Title Change Award, nominated by Regina Reynolds, to: *Trail and timberline* which has existed since 1918 and whose only "change" is replacing "and" with "&" in the title.

Among the few entries sent to us for strange numbering or designation problems, we'd like to share this gem with you.

Nancy Gibbs of North Carolina State University got an interesting reply from the publisher of *Global real estate*

news when she inquired why it had no chronology:

"The International Real Estate Institute does not put the 'Global Real Estate News' in chronological order. IREI feels that the information in our newsletters will always be just as important as the day it was published. Therefore, by putting them in chronological order, people would not read the older issues and miss out on a great deal of important information.

It has been brought to my attention that most libraries use their date stamp to help them track of when each issue came out. Perhaps this method would also be helpful to the North Carolina State University."

Respectfully submitted by your ALCTS-SS Worst Serials Title Change of the Year Award Committee: Selina Lin (Chair), Linda Horiuchi, John Radencich & Susan Williams

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★SLA & SASKATCHEWAN CREDIT UNIONS

Please note the following post on the Saskatchewan Library Association web page <<http://www.lib.sk.ca/sla>>.

SASKATCHEWAN CREDIT UNIONS MAKE LITERACY A PRIORITY

REGINA -- The Saskatchewan Literacy Network (SLN) and the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) have announced that Saskatchewan's credit unions have made a substantial donation to three programs that build literacy skills in youth and families.

"We're very pleased that credit unions in Saskatchewan have decided to put their support behind such worthy programs," said Pat MacKay, SLA board member. "Literacy, or lack of it, has a profound impact on society as a whole," added Nayda Veeman, executive director of the SLN. "It is a strong indicator of employability, economic success and social well-being. The financial support of credit unions demonstrates their recognition of the importance of literacy to the social fabric of our communities," she continued.

Credit Union representative Don Ford said: "Given the nature of credit unions as local, member-owned financial institutions, supporting literacy programs that are delivered across the province and at the community level

makes good sense. Our success depends on a well-educated, literate work force. We also have a long history of giving something back to the communities in which we live and do business," he added. "By joining forces as a system, we are once again demonstrating our commitment to doing what we can to improve the lives of people across Saskatchewan."

The partnership between Saskatchewan credit unions, the Saskatchewan Library Association and the Saskatchewan Literacy Network will last for one year at which time the partnership and programs will be re-evaluated.

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★TSIG SESSION SEPTEMBER 22/97

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MLA TSIG announces that it will be offering the OCLC DDC21 workshop. This workshop was developed by OCLC to instruct users of DDC on the major changes in DDC21. THIS WORKSHOP IS INTENDED FOR PEOPLE WHO KNOW DEWEY WELL.

The presenter will be Hope A. Olson, Assistant Professor at UofA SLIS. Dr. Olson teaches cataloguing and classification, indexing and abstracting, and feminism and LIS. Her major research focuses on making the Dewey Decimal Classification friendly to marginalized groups.

The workshop will be held at the Ramada Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg, on Mon., Sept. 22, 1997 from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. The cost is \$55 for registrations received before Sept. 8, 1997; \$60 for registrations received on or after Sept. 8; and \$40 for students or unemployed.

MLA TSIG expresses a warm appreciation to OCLC/Forest Press for their generous financial contribution to this workshop.

For more information or a registration form contact:

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3. PUBLICATIONS:

★FREE ENCYCLOPEDIA

From: Layton, Mary <LaytonM@DFO-MPO.GC.CA>

We have an old edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica (1967 I believe). Anyone who wants it can have it (two cartons); just arrange for pickup.

We also have lots of the old ILL preprinted forms (about 4000!). If anyone out there still uses them and wants them, they can have them. We have kept a few for the odd time we still need them. Just e-mail me at LaytonM@DFO-MPO.GC.CA or give us a call at 983-5169 by September 15, 1997.

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★FREE AGGIE STUFF

The Canadian Wheat Board Library has two freebies for the asking. Just call Lucy Emond by September 15, 1997 at 983-3437. The books are:

The Far East & Australasia 1992 23rd ed. London: Europa Publications, 1991.

Agricultural Information Centers: A World Directory 1990 by Rita Fisher, et al. Urbana IL: IAALD, CTA, 1990.

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