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NEWSLETTER OF THE MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

On November 23, Cultural Affairs Minister Norma Price announced a one-time \$250,000 provincial government grant to help improve the book collection of the Winnipeg Public Library system. In an article in the November 24th issue of the Winnipeg Free Press, city librarian John Russell was quoted as saying that the money would be used to strengthen the system's collection, particularly in the Centennial Library, which presently has about 355,000 volumes. The grant, to be made from lottery funds, is in addition to the regular provincial grants given to the system (\$1.1 million in 1979, out of the library system's total budget of \$4.5 million) and matches the \$250,000 in capital grants issued in June to assist in upgrading rural library services.

In a further move toward amalgamation of Winnipeg's 21 public libraries, city librarian John Russell announced uniform policies governing the loan of materials throughout the system. These policies provide for a loan period of one month for books and periodicals and place no limit (within reason) on the number of items that can be borrowed at one time.

Marilyn Sharrow, director of libraries at University of Manitoba, stated that out of 26 major Canadian universities and colleges, the University of Manitoba held 22nd place in terms of percentage of budgets spent on library operations. In an article which appeared in the December 14th issue of the Winnipeg Free Press, Ms. Sharrow revealed that last year, the university ranked sixth in printed materials in volumes, with holdings of 1,439,000 titles but was 14th in the list of 26 schools in acquisitions of new print material in volumes, with 62,000 volumes purchased.

In a related area, a story in the December 14th issue of the Winnipeg Free Press stated that the Hudson's Bay Company was considering moving its archives out of Manitoba because the provincial government had failed to live up to an agreement signed in 1973 when the collection was brought to Winnipeg from London, England. Although the government had pledged to maintain the same level of service to the public as provided in London and to provide a restoration laboratory for the preservation and restoration of documents, these promises had not been kept. In response to the Free Press article, Premier Sterling Lyon announced that same day that his government would allocate sufficient funds in the upcoming fiscal year to meet the terms of the agreement. This would mean at least a \$75,000 increase in the operating budget of the Archives and would allow for the hiring of two additional staff members and the purchase of necessary equipment for the restoration laboratory.

MLA EXECUTIVE MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 1979 -- SUMMARY

REPORT ON MLTA AGM, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE-- Bill Birdsall who had attended the MLTA AGM as MLA representative, reported on the issues raised at that meeting: library funding, regionalization, role of MLTA in library development. It was announced that the Steen report was about 90% completed; it would probably be presented to cabinet by November 30, with the cabinet's decision to be made public sometime the following month.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President's report--It was suggested that MLA invite all ministers concerned with libraries to the association's meetings, receptions, etc. Committee chairpersons: Publicity and Public Relations will be chaired by Bessie Egan of Winnipeg Public Library. Pat Bozyk will serve on the committee and report on its activities to MLA Executive. Political Action: No chair yet. Paul Wiens and Mike Angel will serve on the Committee with the assistance of Ron Friesen. In the interim, Carolynne Scott should be informed of issues requiring the attention of the Political Action Committee.

Conference Committee report--Members of the Committee are Nancy Brydges (Chairperson), Bob Park, Lee Teal and Judy Head. The committee is retaining the concept of two major conferences per year (fall and winter) and a spring dinner with guest speaker. Gull Harbour is being considered as a possible site for the fall conference. The proposal to hold the winter conference in conjunction with Manitoba Display Days (tentatively set for mid-March at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate) was discussed. MLA is considering an earlier date and a different location for the winter meeting which may feature human relations experts addressing different topics. Discussions will continue with the other library associations involved in Display Days.

Continuing Education--Bill Birdsall announced that he would travel to Edmonton on December 7 to meet with University of Alberta Library School Special Sessions Committee and the University Special Sessions Committee regarding the possibility of a course being offered in Manitoba. A motion was carried that the Continuing Education Committee review the terms of reference for the Library Technicians' scholarship, recommend to the Executive an on-going procedure for funding the scholarship and formulate appropriate administrative procedures for awarding the scholarship. It was also moved and carried that a continuing education membership profile be incorporated into the application for membership the next time the application is printed. The Committee was directed to prepare the profile.

Membership Committee report--Committee members are Gwen Kirby (Chairperson), Joan Turnbull, Jean Carter and Betty Blahnik. This year's total membership stands to exceed last year's.

Publications Committee report--Members of the Committee are Daniel Phelan (Chairperson), the editors of Newsline and the Bulletin, Donna Breyfogle and Bessie Egan. The Committee will investigate the possibility of including advertising in the Bulletin.

OTHER BUSINESS--Members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Revision of the Constitution (see notice later in this issue of Newsline) were announced. They are: Pat Noonan (Chairperson), Bob Park, Nancy Brydges, and Carolynne Scott. The Committee should have its final report ready for the February Executive meeting.



MLA EXECUTIVE MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 1979-- SUMMARY

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President's report--The provincial grant to MLA will be forthcoming. Manitoba Public Library Statistics 1977 has been published.

Treasurer's report--\$250 final payment has been made by MLA to Val Johnston for public relations work.

Conference Committee report--The Midwinter Conference has been set for March 15, 1980 at Red River Community College. Specific workshop topics are still in the planning stage. In answer to an expressed need for an AACR II workshop, Pat Noonan will report on progress at the January Executive meeting. MLA's contribution to the Manitoba Book Fair/National Book Festival will be arranged by Nancy Brydges and students of the Library Technician program at R.R.C.C.

Membership Committee report--membership profile was received from the Continuing Education Committee and distributed to the MLA Executive. The profile will be included in next year's membership applications.

Publications Committee report-- The Committee will create a rate structure for advertising in the Bulletin.

OTHER BUSINESS

MLE--Sue Traill, President of MSLAVA will contact chairpersons of the implementation committees for feedback on MLE'79.

Next meeting of the Executive: Wednesday, January 16 at the St. Vital Branch.



The Manitoba Library Association Ad Hoc Committee for Revision of the Constitution is calling for response from the membership concerning changes to the constitution, e.g.: altering the timing and frequency of conferences, fiscal year, and the number of elected officers and their duties. Send suggestions and comments to:

Pat Noonan, Head of Technical Services
Winnipeg Centennial Library
251 Donald
Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3P5

MANITOBA DISPLAY DAYS, MARCH 14 - 15, 1980

Displays will be held at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate, also the site for MSLAVA's workshops. Details can be obtained from Pat Blackburn at 786-0322. Both MALT's and MLA's workshops will be held at Red River Community College.

PUBLICATIONS

MANUAL OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 7th ed. Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, 1979. 336 p. Includes numerous references to social services, education and law enforcement as well as correctional facilities in both Winnipeg and rural Manitoba. Available from Eaton's book department or Mary Scorer Books at \$6.50 per copy; cost is only \$6.00 if purchased from the Social Planning Council office, 412 McDermot Ave. Winnipeg.



PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

A TASTE OF TRADITION compiled by Gail Friesen and Nancy Copeland. 1979. 175 p. Cookbook containing almost 400 largely traditional recipes used in pioneer kitchens of Manitoba. Price: \$4.50 plus 95¢ postage and handling. Available from: A TASTE OF TRADITION, Box 2055, Morden, Manitoba. ROG LJO.

CHECKLIST OF INDEXED CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS

Based on the holdings of the Newspaper Section, National Library of Canada.

ANNOTATIONS MANUAL

Developed by the Multilingual Biblioservice of the National Library of Canada and originally intended for the use of librarians dealing with foreign language collections, this is a clearly illustrated guide for compiling annotations for books. Catalogue no. SN3-112/1979.

The above two publications are available free of charge from:

Publications Section
Public Relations Division
National Library of Canada
395 Wellington St.
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0N4

LIBRARY SCIENCE BIBLIOGRAPHIES

A number of brief bibliographies on topics such as AACR 2, collections development, health science libraries, and circulation control are available free of charge from the Library Documentation Centre, National Library of Canada at the above address.



MANITOBA ONLINE USERS GROUP--UPDATE

Some 20 interested persons met at the Freshwater Institute on Friday, 30th November 1979 to discuss the feasibility of forming a group of users of online retrieval systems in Manitoba. Those present represented public, academic and special libraries and their users from Winnipeg and Pinawa.

Eric Marshall (Freshwater Institute) was appointed Convenor of the Group to be assisted by a working group consisting of Ray Baker (W.N.R.E., Pinawa), Bill Westelaken (U of M Science Library) and Sandra Zuk (U of W).

The Group plans to approach the vendors of three retrieval systems with a view to their providing workshops in Winnipeg early in 1980. The three companies are: CAN/OLE, QL and Micromedia (for Dialog). Following the workshops, the Group plans to hold one or two discussion meetings.

The Group also has in hand the compilation of a directory of online users in the province which will indicate their areas of expertise.

Anyone interested in the activities of the group should contact Eric Marshall at the Freshwater Institute Library, 501 University Crescent, Winnipeg, R3T 2N6, 269-7379, ext. 186.



PEOPLE

Winnipeg City Council, at its meeting of November 7, approved a new administrative structure for the amalgamated Winnipeg library system. Consequently, the following appointments have been announced:

ROY BONIN, MLA Recording Secretary, has been appointed Systems Supervisor, a newly created position. He is responsible for planning and implementing automated library systems and directing functions such as circulation control and extension and bookmobile services.

BESSIE EGAN is the new Co-ordinator of Children's Services. A newcomer to Winnipeg, Mrs. Egan moved to the city last winter from Los Angeles where she had been working for the Los Angeles Public Library. She had been working at the Centennial Library's Information and Reference Department prior to her appointment.

ROBERT OLIVER, formerly Area Head, East Kildonan/Transcona, has been named Administrative Services Supervisor, responsible for supervision of centralized library services such as selection, training and evaluation of personnel; centralized office functions; and development of collections of nonbook materials.

MONICA ALLISON has been appointed Administrative Assistant responsible for supervising centralized office functions for the system.

VERA ANDRYSIK was appointed Head of Extension and Bookmobile Services.

HEATHER GRAHAM is the new Area Head, East Kildonan/Transcona and will be supervising the public service functions of the Henderson, Transcona and Munroe branches.

MRS. M.L. MARTEN has been named Area Head, St. James-Assiniboia, with responsibility for the St. James, Brooklands and Westwood branches.

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At the University of Manitoba, TOM NISONGER, Bibliographer, will be on study leave from January 1 to June 15, 1980, during which time he will be examining techniques of collection evaluation in academic libraries.

MARK B. RABNETT, a native of Edmonton and a graduate of the University of Toronto, has been appointed Cataloguer, effective December 3, 1979.



ARCHIVAL NEWS

At a meeting held on November 28, 1979, a unanimous agreement was reached by some 20 representatives of various institutions and historical societies in Winnipeg and environs to form an association of Manitoba archivists. During this meeting, hosted by the Provincial Archives, a committee of five was appointed to investigate and report on affiliation with the Association of Canadian Archivists and the legalities and advantages of incorporation. This Committee will report on its findings at a general meeting to be held in March 1980. Location and time will be announced at a later date. Membership in the association is open to all interested in the development of archives in the province. For further information, contact



ARCHIVAL NEWS (CONT.)

Ms. Garron Wells or Ms. Betty Blight at the Manitoba Provincial Archives, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 0P8; 944-3971.



DEWEY 19

The National Library of Canada is planning to change its cataloguing standard to the 19th edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification system, beginning with the January 1980 issue of Canadiana.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 14-15 MANITOBA DISPLAY DAYS—MSLAVA workshops at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate; MALT workshops and MLA Winter meeting at Red River Community College.
- MAY 2-11 NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL
- MAY 6-10 8th annual conference—CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE, Toronto. Theme: Information: Technology, Commodity, Right. Keynote speakers: Bernard Ostry, federal Deputy Minister of Communications; Task Force on Government Information; Martha Williams, North American Editor, Online Review; and Alan Borovoy, General Counsel, Canadian Civil Liberties Association.
- JUNE 11-17 CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION conference, Vancouver. Theme: Libraries, Librarians and Power: Arrested Development, Endurable Necessity.

Information of interest to readers of Newsline may be sent to: Valerie Hatten, c/o Library, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, 190 Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. R3B 0N2. Remember: if I don't know about it, it won't appear in Newsline.

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