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GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR MANITOBA LIBRARIES

A revised formula for provincial government support of public library services in rural Manitoba was announced on February 14 by Cultural Affairs and Historic Resources Minister Norma Price.

The formula, based on recommendations contained in a report prepared by Public Library Services assures basic minimum library services, encourages local initiative to improve services and recognizes economic disparities, according to the Minister.

For the 32 rural public libraries, the new grant formula provides for:

- 1) a basic operating grant to a maximum of \$3 per capita (compared to the present \$2 in rural Manitoba and \$2.50 in the north) for those municipalities which raise an equal amount by levy.
- 2) an equalization supplement for those municipalities where a levy of 1.35 mills does not generate \$3 per capita.
- 3) for municipalities whose library tax levy exceeds 1.35 mills, a bonus grant to a maximum of \$1 per capita.
- 4) a grant of \$5000 to any municipality not currently supporting library services, which decides to establish a new system or join an established system.

The provincial government expects to pay 50% of the basic operating costs of rural public libraries in the present year compared to 37% last year. According to the February 15 issues of both the Winnipeg Free Press and the Tribune, the provincial government has budgeted \$2.4 million for public library aid in 1980, an increase of \$500,000 over the previous year.

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Ten public libraries in the province have been awarded capital grants totalling \$176,386 for construction or renovation of library facilities or the purchase of bookmobiles. These grants are the first allotments from a \$250,000 capital grant for rural public libraries, which was announced last June. The ten libraries are: South Central Regional Library, Winkler; Ste. Rose Regional Library; Bren Del Win Centennial Library, Deloraine; Minnedosa Regional Library; Rosburn Regional Library; Flin Flon Public Library; Rapid City Regional Library; Western Manitoba Regional Library, Neepawa; South Interlake Regional Library, Stonewall; and Boissevain and Morton Regional Library.



LIBRARY GRANTS (CONT.)

The University of Manitoba Libraries have received a grant of \$15,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to strengthen the libraries' collection of history and historical geography of the Canadian Northwest with particular reference to the Hudson Bay Lowlands, 1610-1930.



MANITOBA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING

The Manitoba Library Trustees Association is sponsoring an open meeting on Saturday March 8 to discuss the revised public library grant formula recently announced by the provincial government. Mr. Rene Prefontaine and other department staff will be present to explain the formula and to answer questions. The meeting is open to librarians, library trustees, mayors, reeves and other interested people and will be held in Room 88, Provincial Building, 340-9th St., Brandon at 1:30 p.m.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVIST APPOINTED

PETER BOWER, a federal archivist, has been appointed Manitoba's provincial archivist, effective February 18. Mr. Bower's particular area of interest is the Hudson's Bay Company papers. He was formerly chief of the British Manuscripts Division of the Public Archives of Canada, and before that, had served as coordinator of the British records unit of the division, where he was in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company archives microfilm collection.

PUBLICATIONS

A Guide to the Government Publications Collection at the University of Manitoba Libraries-- a 9 page publication summarizing the contents of this collection. The Guide can be obtained from June Dutka, Elizabeth Dafoe Government Publications Section, University of Manitoba.

Something to chew on: Canadian fiction for young adults -- an annotated bibliography of over 200 books about Canada or by Canadian authors. Available from: Bryan Foran, Saskatoon Public Library, 311-23rd St., Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 0J6 . Price: \$1.00.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES TO MEET

Two noted authorities will be the guest speakers at a meeting of the Friends of the Libraries of the University of Manitoba, to be held on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Monarch Life Auditorium, 333 Broadway Ave. Mr. Anson-Cartwright, an antiquarian book dealer from Toronto, specializing in Canadiana, will discuss appraising and evaluating books and collections. Marg Preston, with the Secretary



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES (CONT.)

of State, Ottawa, will speak on tax benefits which can be realized by donating books and other items to institutions under the new Cultural Property Export/Import Act. Admission is free to members; \$3.00 for non-members. The admission fee may be applied toward the cost of membership.



MANITOBA DISPLAY DAYS

Registration forms for MLA's Midwinter Conference and General Meeting, and a detailed schedule of events for Manitoba Display Days have been mailed to MLA members. The MLA General Meeting will be held at the Northstar Inn on Friday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m. The Conference will take place at Red River Community College on March 15 and will feature full-day seminars on "Human Relations in Organizations".

DON'T FORGET; REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 1980, SEND REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER TO MLA CONFERENCE, C/O PAT BOZYK, LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE, RED RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 2055 NOTRE DAME AVE. WINNIPEG.

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Manitoba Association of Library Technicians is sponsoring an AUDIO-VISUAL "TROUBLE-SHOOTING WORKSHOP on Saturday, March 15, for those people who regularly use A/V equipment and need to do minor repairs and upkeep on this equipment. The session will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Red River Community College ("F" Bldg.) The instructor will be Alan Balkwill, Audio-Visual Distribution Supervisor at R.R.C.C. Fees for the workshop are: \$3.00 (students); \$5.00 (M.A.L.T. members); \$7.00 (non-members). To register or for further information, contact H. McLean, 192 Harris Blvd. Winnipeg, R3J 3P5.



STATISTICS CANADA MEETING ON THE 1981 CENSUS

On Thursday, March 20, 1980, Mr. Ed Pryor, Census Manager and Mr. G. Priest, Co-ordinator, Housing and Social Characteristics, will be in Winnipeg to discuss the 1981 Census of Population and Housing. Topics to be discussed will include: a) Data to be collected, b) Dissemination of the data, and c) Comparisons with past censuses.

The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Gemini I Room, 11th floor, Northstar Inn. There will be no admission charge for this session.

Anyone interested in attending should call the Statistics Canada office at 949-4020 before MARCH 7, 1980.

POSITION VACANT

LIBRARIAN, CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION, 1001-303 Main St. Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3G7
Telephone 949-3360.

DUTIES: Plans, organizes and manages a library service for the Canadian Grain Commission and the Canadian International Grains Institute; provides comprehensive



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library service to research, management, technical staff and course participants at the Institute; provides reference service, including on-line searching; selects, catalogues and classifies books and other library materials; instructs staff on the use of the library; trains and supervises support staff; performs other related duties.

QUALIFICATIONS: Degree from a recognized university in library science or university graduation with postgraduate training in librarianship equivalent to a degree in library science.

SALARY: \$19,162 to \$22,417 (contract expires August, 1980). LS-2 level.

Request and send Federal Government application to: Staffing Branch, Public Service Commission, 500-286 Smith St. Winnipeg, Man. R3C 0K6. Ask to be placed on the Public Service Commission Inventory for librarians. Deadline for applications is MARCH 31, 1980. A current job description is available from the Library, Canadian Grain Commission (address above).



COMING EVENTS

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| MARCH 1 | Registration deadline for MLA Winter Conference |
| MARCH 7 | Saskatchewan Library Association Workshop on Library Management featuring Herbert White. Regina. Contact: Dept. of Extension, Room 113, College Bldg., University of Regina, Regina, Sask. S4S 0A2 |
| MARCH 13-15 | MANITOBA DISPLAY DAYS |
| MARCH 14 | MLA Winter General Meeting and Social, Northstar Inn, 8:00 p.m. |
| MARCH 15 | MLA Winter Conference. Red River Community College, 9-4:30. |
| MARCH 14-15 | School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto. Course: ONLINE REFERENCE SERVICES. \$85. Contact the school at 158 St. George St., Toronto, M5S 2V8. |
| APRIL 18-19 | School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto. Course: COST EFFECTIVENESS IN LIBRARY POSITION CLASSIFICATION. \$85. |
| MAY 1-2 | School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto. Workshop: AACR2: FORWARD TO IMPLEMENTATION. \$100. |
| MAY 2-11 | NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL |
| MAY 6-10 | Canadian Association for Information Science. 8th Annual Conference. Toronto. Contact: Ilse Cockburn, Chairperson, Pre-Registration, 36 Brookdale Ave. Toronto M5M 1P3 |
| JUNE 11-17 | Canadian Library Association Conference. Vancouver. Contact: Alistair MacLachlan, Business Manager, CLA. |

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOTICES FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS MARCH 19.

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