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Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries Recommends 1990 L.S.C.A. Grants

The Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries met in Bismarck May 6-8 to make recommendations to the State Library for the award of 1990-91 Library Services and Construction Act funds. Due to budget cuts at the State Library, only two categories of grants were available: Title I - Institutionalized Persons, and Title II, Public Library Construction.

Title I, Institutionalized Persons grants are made available on a competitive basis to State Institutions for the development of library services for their patrons. This year, a total of \$25,000 was awarded to five State Institutions for collection development purposes. They are: North Dakota Veterans Home (\$2,100); State Industrial School (\$4,900); State Hospital (\$4,900); School for the Deaf (\$7,300); and School for the Blind (\$5,800). Grant funds will be used to purchase library materials and equipment to allow institutionalized patrons access to recreation and information not available because of their restricted mobility or handicap.

Title II, Public Library Construction grants are provided on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis for the construction, expansion or improvement of public library facilities. Those libraries successfully applying for the \$135,547 available were: Casselton (\$25,000 for the expansion of their existing facility); Hebron (\$25,000 for the finishing of a new facility and initial furnishings and equipment); Williston (\$5,000 for energy conservation); Washburn (\$25,000 for the purchase of an existing building); Leach Public, Wahpeton (\$3,000 for energy conservation); Enderlin (\$40,000 for a new facility); and Alfred Dickey, Jamestown (\$12,547 for energy conservation).

The State Library has submitted these recommendations to the U.S. Department of Education for final approval, which should be received in time to allow for a July 1, 1990 start of projects.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET THREATENS LIBRARY SERVICES

President Bush's proposed Federal 1991 budget for library programs proposes no funding for Titles I and II of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). The elimination of these funds would be catastrophic to library service in the State of North Dakota.

The loss of Title I funds would severely cripple the operations of the State Library designed to serve those citizens without library services or with inadequate service. The State Library services threatened by the loss of Title I funds include interlibrary loan and reference services, public library and automation consultant services, and continuing education.

Last Federal year, the State Library processed 33,361 interlibrary loan and reference requests. Many of these requests came from rural residents utilizing an in-state toll-free telephone number. This toll-free telephone number is paid with Title I funds and would be eliminated.

As less than one-half of one percent of North Dakota librarians have the professional degree in library science, the consultative programs of the State Library are heavily used. The field consultants assist all types of libraries in a variety of situations - assisting them with administration, planning, services, and other aspects of management. In 1989, these consultants and other State Library staff traveled over 100,000 miles in-state, and provided twenty continuing education opportunities, which were attended by over 700 librarians and trustees.

Although the loss of these funds would be a severe blow to the entire operation of the State Library, the effect on services to North Dakota's blind, physically handicapped, and institutionalized citizens would have more dire results.

LSCA Title I is the only funding source for the "Talking Book" program in North Dakota, serving over 2,100 blind and handicapped persons. In the last Federal fiscal year, \$112,000 in LSCA funds were used to furnish talking books to citizens and consultant services to libraries for the improvement of library services to this group. Additionally, \$25,000 in LSCA Title I monies supported library services in five State institutions by assisting in the provision of materials and equipment necessary to utilize them. With the economic conditions of the State, it would be impossible to continue these programs with State or local funds. As these funds have local matching fund requirements,

they have served as an incentive to local libraries and institutions to maintain and increase their contributions to library services for their patrons. With the loss of these funds and local conditions, local support may deteriorate to more inadequate or nonexistent levels.

Title II, Public Library Construction, has served as a catalyst for public library construction, renovation, and expansion in North Dakota. With these funds, public libraries have had a never-before-available opportunity to make their facilities accessible to all citizens, complete energy conservation projects, or accommodate new information technologies. As a dollar-for-dollar matching program, Title II has also provided an incentive to local communities to build and preserve adequate facilities for themselves and their future residents.

During National Library Week (April 22-28), State Librarian Patricia Harris, Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries member Jerry Lamb, and Public Library Consultant Mike Jaugstetter were in Washington, D.C. to explain the current role and impact of Federal LSCA monies in North Dakota. By that date all three North Dakota Federal legislators (Senators Burdick and Conrad and Representative Dorgan) had voted to reauthorize LSCA. All three congressmen, either personally or through their aides, stated their continued support for adequate funding in all LSCA titles.

Additionally, Representative Dorgan was an original signer of a letter sent by the House Congressional Rural Caucus to the chairman and ranking minority member of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee urging full funding of all LSCA titles. In part the letter stated: "Without the partnership of LSCA and State dollars, rural citizens would have very limited information options."

Charge Up at the Library



American Library Association

STATE LIBRARY STAFF NEWS

Mike Jaugstetter joined the staff of the State Library in November, 1989, as a Public Library Consultant. His duties include coordinating the Federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) program and North Dakota's activities in preparation for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services. Mike received his MLS from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and has experience in public and state libraries.

Brian Erickson began his duties as Automation Coordinator for the State Library in December, 1989. Brian is responsible for internal automation and the EasyLink interlibrary loan project. His expertise will be a great asset in the statewide automation planning process. Brian holds a BS in Computer Science from NDSU.

Thom Hendricks, formerly Head of Reference, left the State Library in March to assume the directorship of the Mandan Public Library. All of us at the State Library wish Thom the best of luck and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

Susan Pahlmeyer is now Head of Reference, which includes Government Services.

Carissa Erickson will be assisting in the work of the State Library during the summer. The Administrative Office, Library Development, and Technical Services will all benefit from her presence during this time.

Sally Dockter began work on June 11 as a Reference Librarian. She will be responsible for reference three-quarters of her time and general cataloging for one-fourth time. She will receive her MLS from Indiana University in December.

On July 5, Eric Halverson will be rejoining the staff as Public Library Consultant. In addition to general consulting, he will be working with Sue Clark in coordinating statewide continuing education and statewide statistics, and will provide consultative assistance to the state's institutional libraries.

POOR TO BE LEFT BEHIND BY NEW TECHNOLOGIES

In a report to Congress entitled: "Critical Connections: Communications for the Future", the Office of Technology Assessment reported that poor, uneducated and isolated citizens will likely suffer an "information gap" in the next century unless the Federal government sets policies to deal with advances in communications technologies.

The report states that with the present lack of a national policy, the gap will increase between those who can afford to make use of new technologies and those who cannot. This gap will affect all aspects of information-poor communities with libraries, schools and businesses increasingly unable to keep up with developments.

The report was released January 30, 1990 and was developed at the request of Representative John Dingell, D-Michigan.

During this session of Congress, legislation is expected to be considered allowing regional Bell Systems to enter the information services business. The 1984 break-up of AT&T had barred the regional systems from providing these services.

STATE PREPARES FOR GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY NEEDS

During May, North Dakotans attended sixteen meetings held across the state to begin the process of developing a library and information services platform for the 1990's at the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services Conference at Bismarck on November 29, 30, and December 1, 1990. This platform will also be presented at the National White House Conference on Library and Information Services in Washington, D.C. in July, 1991, where a plan for the future of the nation's libraries will be developed.

Attendees, representing librarians, library supporters, government officials, and the general public, expressed their ideas and concerns on libraries in open forum discussions. Although the meetings were held in all types and sizes of communities, preliminary review of comments indicate several common areas of concern. Most frequently expressed concerns were:

1. Better access to all library resources in the state
2. Increased public awareness of existing and potential library services
3. Closer cooperation among libraries
4. Adequate and secure funding for libraries
5. Training and continuing education opportunities for librarians

Each meeting elected six delegates and four alternates to take their regional concerns to the Governor's conference in Bismarck. By federal law, four of these delegates must represent one each of the following groups: library professionals; library trustees and members of friends groups; local, state, or federal government officials; and the general public. Although these delegates are the only persons eligible to vote on the final resolutions arising from the conference, alternates and interested citizens will be able to attend the conference and express their views in open discussion.

The regional meetings were planned and coordinated by the State Library and the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services Planning Committee. Each regional meeting was facilitated by a local discussion leader and recorder without whom this grassroots input would have been impossible. The State Library would like to express its sincere thanks to all local facilitators and participants and hopes for their continued participation throughout this process.

If you have issues or concerns you wish to be considered at the state conference, contact or send written comments to Mike Jaugstetter at the State Library.



NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

November 29 - December 1, 1990

NATIONAL LITERACY CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS AGENDA FOR THE 90'S

On May 20-22, Public Library Consultant Mike Jaugstetter attended the National State Library Literacy Forum in Alexandria, VA. Funded by an LSCA grant awarded to the state library agencies of Michigan, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, the conference brought together consultants from 48 states as well as representatives of the territorial libraries of Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of Palau. Participants gathered to discuss the state of public library literacy efforts and suggest literacy related resolutions for presentation at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in July, 1991.

With an increased emphasis on literacy training programs by the Federal government, participants stressed the importance of demonstrating to Federal legislators and agencies the existing and potential role of public libraries in the fight against illiteracy. Existing legislation, designed to assist literacy training organizations have, in most cases, omitted public libraries from participation in the programs they have created. The public library, however, has often proven to be the best administrator or coordinator of literacy training efforts.

The following points are first drafts of issues to be compiled into a position paper for the White House Conference:

1. Redirect administrative responsibility for all LSCA literacy Titles to the State Library Agencies. (Presently, LSCA Title VI, Literacy Programs, is administered directly by the U.S. Department of Education).
2. Increase research into and the visibility of the variety of library literacy roles.
3. Incorporate the public library as an "educational institution" into existing legislation to make them eligible for participation in as wide a range of Federal programs as possible.
4. Improve the evaluation of library literacy efforts.
5. Incorporate literacy services into the Public Library Association's Planning and Role Setting for Public Libraries.
6. Develop literacy services delivery training for public libraries.
7. Encourage state library agencies to assume role in family, rural, and workplace literacy efforts.

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Participants were also very active in sharing ideas and materials developed in their states. Interested North Dakota librarians can share in this wealth of resources by contacting Mike Jaugstetter at the State Library.

LARGE PRINT JUVENILE COLLECTION

The North Dakota State Library is in the process of building a collection of large print books for readers ages 8 and up. These books provide stimulating reading for reluctant readers, visually impaired students, students of English as a second language, as well as for those who simply prefer the large print format.

These are hardcover editions featuring 16 point or larger type, high-opacity, non-glare paper, original artwork, and unabridged stories.

The collection includes works by contemporary authors, such as Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume. Children's classics include "Sounder", by William H. Armstrong, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz", by L. Frank Baum, and "Where the Red Fern Grows", by Wilson Rawls. For fans of science fiction and fantasy, there are "The Chronicles of Narnia", by C.S. Lewis, and "The Tombs of Atuan", by Ursula Le Guin. And for readers who enjoy folk tales, we have "Arabian Nights", collected and edited by Andrew Lang, and "Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood", written and illustrated by Howard Pyle.

The State Library currently owns approximately 70 large print juvenile titles. Future titles are being selected from the Isis Children's Favorite Series, available from Thorndike Press.

"FLICKERTALE" RETURNS

Our readers may have noticed that the North Dakota State Library's newsletter, "Flickertale" has not been published recently.

In fact, it has been nine months between issues. Our apologies to our readers for this inconvenience. Publication of the newsletter was temporarily suspended due to recent budget reductions.

"Flickertale" will resume with this issue, as a bi-monthly publication.

CONSULTANT FOR THE HANDICAPPED ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD

Sally Oremland, State Library consultant for services to the blind and physically handicapped, was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Radio Reading Services during its recent annual conference in San Francisco.

The National Association of Radio Reading Services is composed of more than 100 radio reading services in the United States. The services feature volunteers reading local newspapers and current magazines, thereby

providing a "public library reading room" to persons unable to read standard print because of a visual or physical handicap.

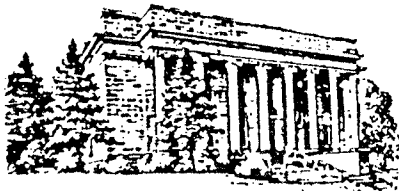
Oremland is coordinator of the Dakota Radio Information Service which is heard via FM-subcarrier in Bismarck, Minot, Williston and Dickinson. The service, which is partially funded with Library Services & Construction Act (LSCA) grants, is now making plans for expansion into the Jamestown area.

NLS PUBLISHES CAREERS BIBLIOGRAPHY

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, has published a bibliography entitled Careers: Job Searching and Success. This guide to books on careers lists disc, cassette and Braille books in the regional library collections.

The bibliography is available in large print, disc and Braille formats. The large print edition contains more than 180 titles.

Careers is divided into six subject sections: "Choosing A Career: Some Options"; "Job Searching: Skills and Techniques"; "Success in the Business World"; "Young People in the Workforce"; "Women in the Workforce"; and "Laws and Legislation". Within each section, disc books, cassette books and Braille books appear in succession, arranged alphabetically by title. Each book is described briefly. For copies of the bibliography, contact Sally Oremland at the State Library (701/224-2497).



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STATE LIBRARY SUBMITS BUDGET REQUEST

The North Dakota State Library has submitted its 1991-1993 budget request to the Office of Management and Budget. The State Library is requesting a total budget of \$5,069,382, which includes \$4,119,382 in State general funds and \$950,000 in Federal Library Services and Construction Act funds.

Included in the budget request are funds for the following:

- Eight quarterly meetings of the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries.
- Five percent increase in postage to maintain free postage to libraries for reference and interlibrary loan requests.
- Continuation of the in-WATS toll-free telephone for use by public libraries and patrons in unserved areas.
- Two in-WATS toll-free lines for statewide dial-access into the ODIN database.
- \$275,000 to fully fund the MINITEX contract.
- \$354,107 for the purchase of library materials and books.
- \$10,000 to microfiche State government documents.
- Continuation of the continuing education and training programs and workshops.
- Continuation of the "Talking Books" service for the blind and physically handicapped.
- State funds for the support of the Dakota Radio Reading Service (DRIS) and for State Library administrative responsibility for DRIS.
- \$1,700,000 for full funding of the State Aid to Public Libraries grant. This will fund the formula at \$1.00 per capita for city libraries and \$1.00 per capita and \$5.00 per square mile for county libraries.

The 1991-1993 budget for the State Library is a "no-growth" budget; however, it realistically supports the current work of the State Library. The budget process will be a long one over the next six months. The Governor will present his Executive Budget Summary in mid-December, 1990 to the State Legislature. January 7, 1991 is the beginning of the 1991 Legislative Session. The State Library will notify the library community in December - after the Governor's budget recommendations are available - of the status of the agency's budget.

STATE LIBRARY STAFF NEWS

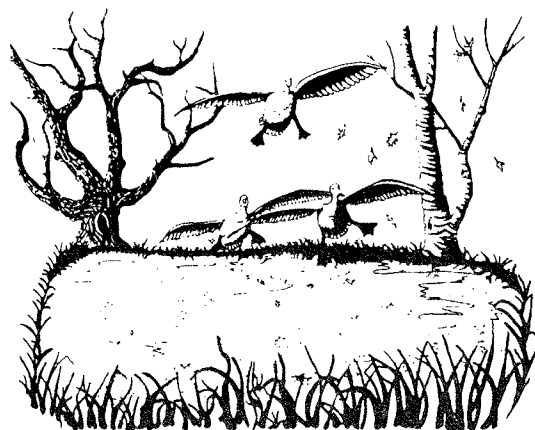
Those of you accustomed to calling the State library have probably become familiar with two voices who courteously transferred you to your correct party or conscientiously took a message. However, the State Library lost both of these valuable "voices" during the month of August.

Paula Sparks, ILL Assistant, moved to Minot and will be married in November. She has taken a teaching position near Minot. We wish her the best of luck.

Debra Weller, Administration Office Receptionist, resigned August 1.

Both Paula and Debra have been replaced. The new ILL Assistant is Mary O'Neil. The Administrative Office Receptionist is Carol Adams.

Naomi Frantes has replaced Patricia Sandness as Reference Librarian. Patricia has left the State Library and is now the librarian at Hughes Junior High School in Bismarck.



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES MEETS IN DEVILS LAKE

The Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries met at the North Dakota School for the Deaf Library in Devils Lake August 6 and 7. Joining the Council at this meeting was its newest member, Les Snavely of Bowman.

The major item for discussion was the reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) for the period 1990 - 1994. Council members were briefed concerning the new priorities and sections of the Act. Possible implications for North Dakota were discussed, but, as the Federal regulations governing these new amendments were not available at this time, the Council must continue to follow developments as they unfold before any action can be taken.

On related items, the Council reviewed and approved LSCA grant administration manuals and application evaluation forms.

In an effort to provide more avenues of discussion in complex issues for North Dakota librarians and library supporters, the Council conducted its first reading and discussion session on School/Public Library Cooperation.

State Library staff provided Council members with a stack of studies and articles - nearly 2 inches thick - on this subject prior to the meeting. With this large common background, Council members explored the experiences and opinions of others within the North Dakota context. A summary paper is being prepared for statewide circulation to solicit further ideas and suggestions.

The Council hopes to make these reading and discussion of major issue sessions a more frequent occurrence to encourage the creative examination of problems and potentials facing North Dakota Libraries.

1991 LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Initially, 54 North Dakota academic, public, and special libraries indicated a desire to participate in the 1991 legislative document distribution program. As during the past sessions, that arrangement would bring daily UPS delivery of bills and resolutions, schedules of committee hearings, House and Senate journals, and bill status reports to libraries.

Due to budget constraints, the interim Legislative Management Committee approved the 1991 program with a \$130 per library charge for the service. By doing so, the Legislative Assembly should recover the approximate cost of printing bill status reports for libraries but will absorb all other printing and shipping charges.

Of the original libraries requesting the 1991 service, 25 remain with the program. Because most of these are the larger public and academic libraries with a history of participation in the program, there will be no biennial training session in the use of legislative documents.

PRESERVATION GUIDELINES FOR REPLACEMENT PAGES

The Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has published "Guidelines for Preservation Photocopying of Replacement Pages."

The three-page document establishes requirements for making and using photocopied pages that are needed when parts of original texts have been removed or damaged. Procedures for making preservation-quality copies for tipping-in and binding various microformats and reader-printers are outlined. The work also identifies standards for binding preservation copies.

The guidelines are available at no charge from ALCTS, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Please enclose a self-addressed envelope.

SERVING THE IMPAIRED ELDERLY

Looking for ideas on how to serve nursing home and homebound older adults? "101 Ideas for Serving the Impaired Elderly" may be just what you need to initiate or reinvigorate your service to this segment of your community.

This new Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)/Library Service to the Impaired Elderly Forum publication contains ideas and models for delivering service, offering programs, providing resources, promoting the library, and educating staff. A bibliography and a list of audiovisual materials useful for training staff are also included.

101 Ideas may be ordered from: American Library Association Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. The packet (ISBN # 8389-7356-6) is \$6 for ASCLA members, \$8 for non-members.

ON-LINE BILL STATUS SYSTEM

Libraries wishing to use the 1991 automated bill status system should write to John D. Olsrud, Director, Legislative Council, State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505 and request this service. During the 1989 Session, access charges were \$33 a month with a 48 cent per CPU second on-line time charge. Most libraries spent approximately \$300 (total) for three-month access. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in the cost of this service in 1991, although service and monthly charges have not yet been determined.

Because the number of subscriptions to the on-line system is limited, please make your initial inquiry now. As with previous years, IBM compatible equipment is a prerequisite.

The 1991 data base includes not only the status of all bills and resolutions but also their full text, sponsor information, and text of House and Senate journals. The system provides the most up-to-date report available on committee hearings and committee and floor action during the session.



THE REASONS ARE STACKING UP FOR BETTER LIBRARIES.

VALUABLE OLD BOOKS?

The Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, offers a pamphlet for persons wondering if the books they have at home are valuable. "Your Old Books," by Peter Wingen, answers frequently asked questions about rare books and their value. The pamphlet may be obtained (for \$1 and a self-addressed, stamped legal-size envelope) from:

ACRL
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

MATERIALS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

"Sailing: An Introduction to the Wonders of Sailing for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals," the fourth in a series of leisure activities booklets, has been published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

The bibliographies are available at the North Dakota State Library. Contact Sally Orem-land, Consultant, Service to the Blind and Physically Handicapped, at (701) 224-2497.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Library or Organization:

People (personnel changes, officers, etc.):

Other News:

Dates to Note:

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Director of Library Development
Salary Range: \$23,700 - \$36,240
Closing Date: November 1, 1990
Location: North Dakota State Library, Bismarck, ND

Minimum Qualifications:

ALA-MLS. Must have five (5) years increasingly responsible public/state library experience; two (2) years high-level administrative experience; excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills. Ability to perform a variety of duties requiring many different and unrelated processes and methods applied to a broad range of activities. Requires ability to motivate or convince others and/or change own behavior to meet specific requirements of agency objectives. Must have a valid driver's license.

Summary of Work:

Supervises Library Development Division, which includes three professionals and one support staff. Responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating services for the department. Services include statewide continuing education, technology, public library development, LSCA administration, grants, statistics, and public relations. Reports to the State Librarian. Overnight travel required.

Application Procedures:

Must include in application the name, address, and current phone number of three (3) references, two of which must be from a current or past supervisor. Submit applications to:

Cynthia C. Larson, Business Manager
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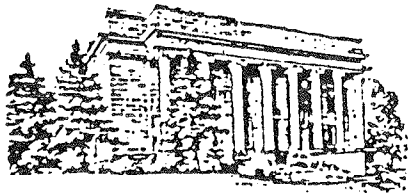
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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE SELECTS DELEGATES

State Librarian Patricia L. Harris opened the North Dakota Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services on November 29th, 1990, with the charge to attendees to "determine the issues and priorities of the citizens of North Dakota regarding the accessibility, quality, funding, and delivery of library and information services (in North Dakota)..." Over the next two and one-half days, 180 people took this charge seriously, wrestling with the role of the library in economic development, literacy and democracy.

Conference attendees came from an impressive geographical and occupational representation. One-quarter were working librarians; the others were mayors, city commissioners, lawyers, farmers, college instructors, accountants, students, homemakers, ministers, educators, and legislators from both houses and political parties. Through formal presentations, group discussions and individual conversations, participants shared their concerns and visions of the future. The results of their efforts included the adoption of twenty-eight resolutions to guide library and information services development through the 1990's. The State Library will be issuing additional information about the resolutions next month.

State delegates also elected four delegates and four alternates to represent North Dakota at the National White House Conference on Library and Information Services in Washington, DC in July, 1991. Selected as national delegates were:

LIBRARIAN:

Delegate: Diane Caley, Minot
 Alternate: Mary Lovell, Beach

TRUSTEE/FRIEND:

Delegate: Hazel Retzlaff, Wahpeton
 Alternate: Becky Donovan, Hazen

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL:

Delegate: Carl Bloomquist, Webster
 Alternate: Rosemarie Myrdal, Edinburg

CITIZEN:

Delegate: Larry Lane, Minot
 Alternate: Nancy Thorndal, Minot



"Have a Happy, Healthy New Year!"

From the Staff of the State Library.

EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED

Governor George A. Sinner presented the 1991-1993 Executive Budget Recommendations to the joint Houses of the Legislative Assembly on December 6, 1990. The Governor's budget proposal is based on three objectives: 1) maintaining a sound reserve that will enhance the State's ability to deal with revenue fluctuations; 2) developing additional sources of revenue through economic development while maintaining the current tax structure and rates; and 3) prioritizing, through controlled expenditures, the services provided by state government. Sinner stated, "North Dakota's financial condition is still heavily dependent on two industries -- energy and agriculture. Both of these industries have seen peaks and valleys throughout the '80's. Because many of the influences on these industries are not controlled within North Dakota, we must live with these fluctuations." He went on: "We must continue placing a strong emphasis on economic development. We can, however, smooth out the peaks and valleys in state government by being sensible with spending, and by saving resources collected in the good times to finance needs in the bad times."

The 1991-1993 budget recommendation for the North Dakota State Library represents a "no growth" budget, with the continuation of existing services. Included in the budget is a charge for rent for the portion of the Liberty Memorial Building which the State Library occupies. The rent charge for the biennium totals \$115,000, a 100% increase over the current budget. The following is the budget breakdown by categories:

Salaries and Wages	\$1,397,112
Data Processing	\$73,109
Operating Expenses	\$976,064
Equipment	\$14,500
Grants	\$984,310

The budget recommendation includes State Aid to Public Libraries at the current post-referral level of \$934,310. This total reflects the two percent unallotment made by the Governor in August, 1990. The State Aid dollar amount is 6.6% LESS than the \$1 million budgeted for State Aid in the pre-referral 1989-1991 budget.

Governor Sinner's budget message stated, "State Aid to local libraries is maintained. I am also recommending additional funding that will enable the State Library to maintain toll-free lines to link small, isolated libraries with interstate and intrastate library materials." This funding will include the maintenance of the public library In-WATS toll-free number and an additional toll-free telephone line to support statewide access to the Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) database.

The Governor's executive budget does not recommend funding for five additional staff requested by the State Library, additional State support for Dakota Radio Information Services, or grants to the multi-type library authorities. If these items are to be included in the State Library's budget, they will have to be sought legislatively.

Additional funding is proposed to support the MINITEX contract for OCLC services, resource sharing, and document delivery; however, the amount is not sufficient to fully fund the proposed 1991-1993 MINITEX contract. The proposed budget for books and library materials would remain at the 1989-1991 level with no increase.

The State Library will seek legislative support for additional funding of the State Aid to Public Libraries grant, an increase for books and library materials, and full funding of the MINITEX contract.

The 1991 Legislative Assembly will convene January 7, 1991. Once again, the support of the North Dakota library community will be essential throughout the legislative process.

ODIN ON-LINE!

November 27, 1990 began a new era for the North Dakota State Library. A cross-section of the state's librarians, legislators and media representatives joined the Library's staff in dedicating the installation of ODIN -- the Online Dakota Information Network. The advent of ODIN marked the end of the standard method of accessing the Library's resources -- the card catalog.

Marie Vogel of NDSL's Technical Services Division, who originally filed the majority of the 750,000 plus cards, initiated the dumping of the card catalog prior to ODIN's dedication. She was assisted by Brian Wetch of Pride Industries. The 600 drawers will now hold the Library's collection of cassette tapes; Pride Industries will recycle the displaced cards.

The ODIN system provides information on the holdings of all member libraries, allowing library patrons in one location to access information on holdings statewide. ODIN takes the card catalog to a new dimension by allowing patrons to electronically search for resources by title, author, and subject, just as they would a card catalog, but can also monitor each entry's notes for key words as specified by the user. ODIN has been on-line at the State Library since March 19, 1990. Prior to ODIN's installation, the library staff barcoded each of the 120,000 books and materials to be included on the system.

ERIC AVAILABLE

The North Dakota State Library is offering the printed version of Resources in Education (ERIC) for the years 1962-1990. Any library interested in receiving this title may contact Susan Pahlmeyer at 224-4622, by February 1, 1991. Priority will be given to libraries requesting the entire set. Payment for postage is requested.



ND PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENDITURES RANK LAST

According to preliminary data released by the National Commission on Library and Information Science, North Dakota's public libraries ranked last in average expenditures per full-time employee during 1989. North Dakota's \$9,347 per FTE was well below the national average of \$22,087; Alaska led the country with an average staff expenditure of \$35,230 per FTE.

These and other library statistics were released at the annual Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) Training Workshop held in New Orleans earlier this month. The information was generated from public libraries' responses to the annual FSCS survey. NDSL Public Library Consultant Mike Jaugstetter, who attended the workshop, will be publishing other FSCS data, as well as information on how libraries can use the data, in future issues of Flickertale.

FLICKERALE FOCUS:**Lisbon Public Library**

In July 1989, the Lisbon Public Library (LPL) received an LSCA Title I grant of \$3,500.00 from the State Library for an automation system. The library purchased an Epson Equity II+ with color monitor, modem, printer, and the software program "Library Works." The computer came equipped with the "First Choice" program. With this equipment, LPL has completely automated their library systems.

Lisbon librarian Arleen Bunt explains how: "Library Works' allowed us to enter a simplified record of all of our books and assign an accession number to each. We check out books by that accession number. The system allows us to circulate periodicals by the name and date, we use the computer to find books in the library by author and title, and patrons can receive a list of the items they have checked out. We've also produced a printed catalog which will eventually replace the card catalog. The program keeps track of all of our data, by the day and the month, as well as statistics about the library -- how many patrons we have, how many books we purchase, etc. It even keeps track of who has an overdue book, adds up the amount of the fine, and prints an overdue notice."

Through the "First Choice" program and the Easylink network, LPL has access to the North Dakota online catalog system (ODIN); the Minnesota/NDSU system (PALS); the Colorado system (CARL); the Illinois system (ILLINET); and the South Dakota Library Network. As more systems begin to interlink, the library's access, already in the millions of titles, will grow. LPL uses this system to search and verify books, and request them for the patron through interlibrary loan.

Through Easylink, via Infomaster, LPL can search the databases of several of the largest vendors, including DIALOG, BRS, ORBIT, and VUTEXT. This means that patrons can get information on almost anything, and get it fast -- whether it's the weather in Denver,

the want ads in Phoenix, new developments in science, or world news as it happens.

LPL orders many of their books electronically, through software programs that suppliers like Baker & Taylor are making available free of charge. And according to Bunt, the "Quick Card" program makes typing catalog cards "almost fun."

Says Bunt, "Using the new system has been remarkably easy. It took us about 55-75 hours to enter our collection of 10,000 volumes into the system. It makes checking books in and out much faster, and when it's time to fill out the annual report this year, it will mean just pushing a few buttons!"

Flickertale Focus reports on innovative programs at work in libraries around the state. If you'd like your library featured, please contact the Library Development office at 224-4655 or 224-4654.

PERIODICALS APPROVED FOR INDEXING

The North Dakota Periodicals Indexing Committee met in November and approved *Prairie Forester* and *Nodak Guardsman* for inclusion in the index. These titles are available at no charge from the following addresses:

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North Dakota Forest Service
Molberg Forestry Center
First and Brander
Bottineau, ND 58318
Contact: Larry Kotchman

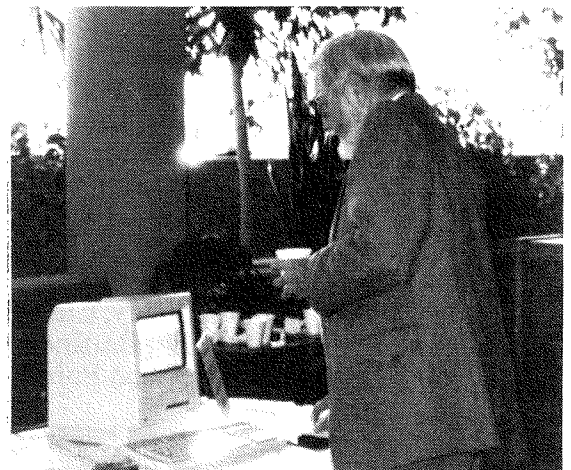
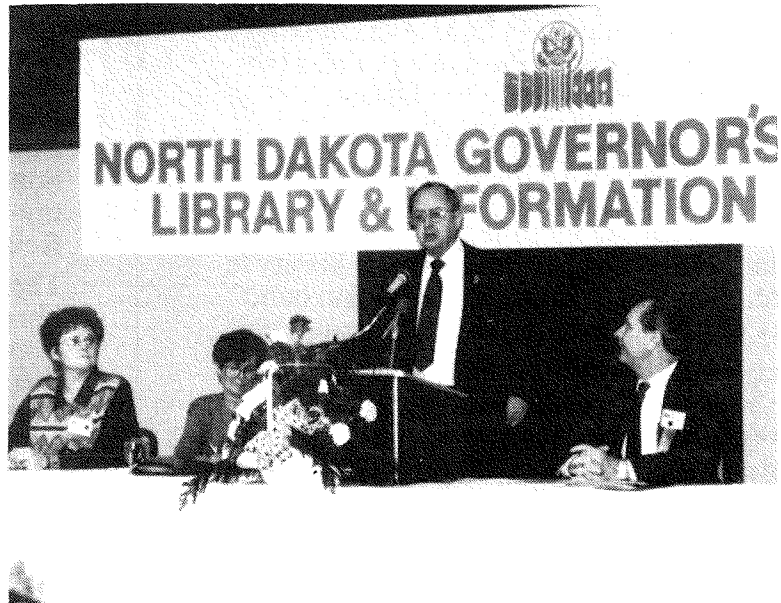
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Depts. of the Army and Air Force
National Guard of North Dakota
Office of the Adjutant General
Fraire Barracks
P.O. Box 5511
Bismarck, ND 58502-5511
Contact: Major Hoffer



GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

Counter-clockwise from the left:

- Toni Cordell speaks out for literacy.
- Library professionals select national delegates.
- Margaret Blue, NDSU, visits with one of the vendors.
- Frank Slater checks out Hyper-Text on the Mac.
- Lt. Gov. Lloyd Omdahl addresses the conference.



NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARIES PROVIDE TALKING BOOKS

Service at the local level! That's what will be available for people who are unable to read regular print because of a disability. Library patrons who regularly receive their books on tape through the mail from the National Library Service Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Pierre, SD will now be able to browse for reading material at their local library as do other citizens.

This service will be available because libraries in 26 cities around the state, in cooperation with the Regional Library in Pierre, have agreed to establish revolving deposit collections of Talking Books in their library. Each library will handle the Talking Book collection under the same policies that apply to other materials in the library.

The Talking Book Centers will serve as a place where persons with visual, physical and learning disabilities can browse through supplemental reading material while waiting for regular requests to be sent from the library in Pierre. It will serve as a source for "on hand" books when they run out of reading materials.

Twenty-eight libraries in the state which are open 18 hours a week, including some weekend hours, were surveyed about their interest in participating in the project. Twenty-six libraries agreed to have a Talking Book Center and one library board is still undecided. Only one eligible library made the decision not to participate. The project is being coordinated by the State Library.

The Talking Book Centers will be ready for use at the various locations within the next two months. All will be operating by March 1, 1991. Participating libraries are: Dickinson Public Library; Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library; Hazen Public Library; Griggs County Public Library, Cooperstown; West Fargo Public Library; Mandan Public Library; Valley City Public Library; Harvey Public Library; Carnegie Public Library, Devils Lake; Bottineau County Library, Bottineau; Garrison Public

Library; Heart of America Library, Rugby; Divide County Library, Crosby; Leach Public Library, Wahpeton; Carnegie Regional Library, Grafton; Adams County Library, Hettinger; Williston Community Library; Beulah Public Library; Grand Forks Public Library; Minot Public Library; Golden Valley County Library, Beach; Cavalier County Library, Langdon; Mohall Public Library; and Lisbon Public Library.

For more information about this project, call Sally Oremland at the State Library, 701-224-2497.

DANA COMPETITION OPEN

The H.W. Wilson Company and the Public Relations Section of the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), a division of the American Library Association, announces the opening competition for the 1991 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relation Awards Contest.

The Dana Award is given for excellence in a library's total annual coordinated public relations program, with special awards given in recognition of a part of a library's public relations program, such as a fund-raising campaign or a special promotion.

Entries for the 1991 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award Contest can be for the 1990 calendar year, the 1989-1990 school year, or for any special project that ends in 1990.

Completed entries must be received by the H. W. Wilson Company by February 4, 1991. Judging by a committee from the Public Relations Section will take place in early March of 1991. Awards will be presented at the American Library Association Conference in Atlanta, GA, in June 1991.

To obtain an information packet and entry forms write: The John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award Contest, The H.W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452-9978.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW RELEASES

The 1991 Public Library Association Publications Committee has released three new titles:

"Library Personnel Policies" (Michigan Library Association, 1989, 257p; Sandra Arden, ed.) features a wide variety of personnel policy standards -- from compensatory time to emergency closings and tuition reimbursement -- that are readily adaptable to different sizes and types of libraries (\$20 for PLA members, \$22 for ALA members, \$24 for nonmembers).

"Public Library Policy Resource Manual" (Michigan Library Association, 1986, 157p.) is a reference guide for writing or revising library policies. Actual policies from a variety of libraries cover a range of topics, including book selection, disasters, meeting room usage, patron conduct, bulletin boards, reference service and volunteers (\$15 for PLA members, \$16.50 for ALA members, \$18 for nonmembers).

"The Resume Guide" (Cuyahoga County Public Library, 1990, 96p.) was written by librarians for library patrons. The volume is divided into five sections and includes tips on gathering and compiling information for resumes. Sample resumes, cover letters and thank you notes are included (\$12 for PLA members, \$15 for ALA members, \$18 for nonmembers).

All titles are available from the PLA Order Department, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL, 60611. For more information or to order call 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA.

ALA PHOTO CONTEST

Amateur photographers are invited to capture the joy of reading for the Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest co-sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Library of Congress.

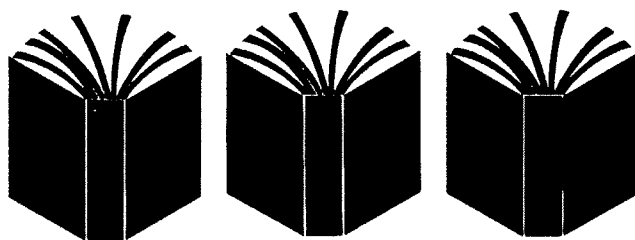
Libraries of all types are encouraged to hold photo contests during Fall 1990, with local winners announced during National Book Week, January 20 - 26, 1991. First-place winners in adult and youth divisions are eligible for the national competition.

Pictures must portray the pleasures of lifelong reading -- whether at the bus stop or the coffee shop, in the park, at book stores or in the library.

A national grand prize of \$2,000 will be awarded for the best overall photograph. The grand prize winner will also receive a trip to Washington, DC and a personal tour of the Library of Congress. First-, second- and third-place prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be given in youth and adult divisions for both color and black and white photos.

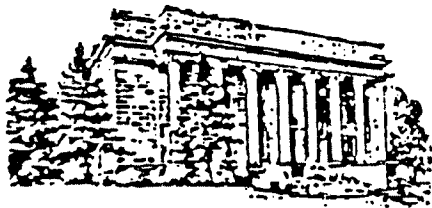
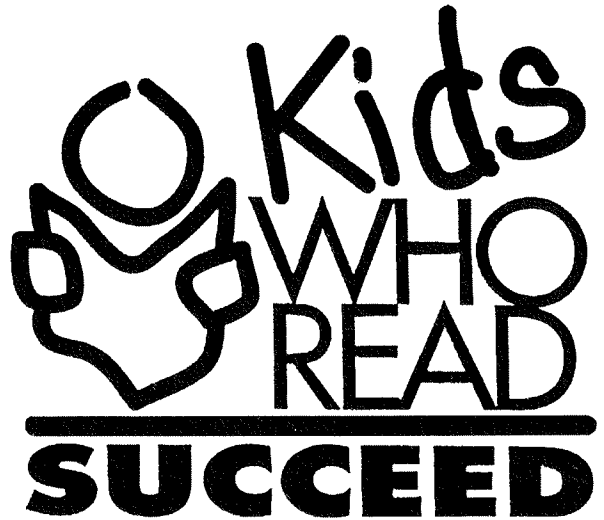
National prize winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 14 - 20, 1991. The winning photos will be displayed at the Library of Congress.

Libraries are responsible for publicizing local contests and awarding prizes in accordance with the national rules. Entries are to be judged on the basis of photographic quality and artistic merit in keeping with the "lifetime reader" theme. Winning entries must be submitted to ALA by February 15, 1991.



DID YOU KNOW..

The IBM Corporation has established a national hotline for people with special needs and for those who work with them. The IBM National Support Center for People with Disabilities can be reached by dialing 1-800-IBM-2133. This toll free number was created for people who want to learn how technology can improve the quality of life for the disabled in the library, schools, home, and the work place. Students with doctor-validated disabilities can purchase computers from IBM at a 40% savings. Call Bill Sayers, Director Assistant Technology and Training, at (312) 667-8400.



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