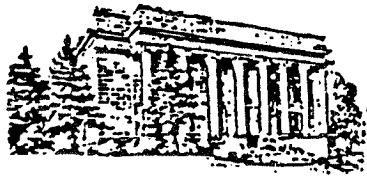


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## LIBRARY LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

As this issue of *FLICKERTALE* went to press, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly had finished its fifth week in session. Over 1,000 bills had been introduced in both Houses. Several bills are of particular interest to both the North Dakota State Library and the library community. The following is a brief summary of these bills.

**SB 2003:** This bill includes the budget appropriation for the State Library, the Department of Public Instruction, School for the Blind, School for the Deaf, and State Vocational Education. The Senate Appropriations Committee hearing for the State Library's budget was held January 30, 1991. In testimony, State Librarian Patricia L. Harris asked the committee for support for full funding of the Governor's Executive Budget recommendation of \$3,445,095. In addition, Harris requested amendments to the budget supporting the purchase of books and library materials (\$50,000), full support of the MINITEX contract for resource sharing (\$80,000), additional funds totaling \$65,690 to bring State Aid to Public Libraries to \$1 million, and general fund support of Dakota Radio Information Services (\$82,739). Total additional funding requested is \$278,429.

The hearing room was filled to capacity. Presenting testimony on behalf of the budget request were: Diane Caley, Director of Ward County Library; John Beecher, Director of the NDSU Library; Frank D'Andraia, Director of the Chester Fritz Library at UND; Eugene "Bus" Leary, DRIS board member; Mrs. Elsie Freisz, DRIS patron; and Marcella Schmaltz, volunteer reader for DRIS. At press time, the committee had taken no action on the bill. A special "thank you" to the people who testified on behalf of the State Library, and for the numerous people throughout the state who called and wrote to their senators.

**HB 1143:** This bill deals with the way in which the State Library receives state government publications. The bill is still in committee.

**SB 2448:** This bill implements the North Dakota Library Association's plan for multi-type library authorities. The hearing was held January 30. The Senate Education Committee and a standing-room-only crowd heard testimony both for and against the bill. On February 1, the committee amended the bill to delete any appropriation and then gave the bill a "do not pass" recommendation. The bill will go on to a vote by the full Senate.

The State Library will continue to make every reasonable attempt to keep the library community informed of the progress of all library legislation. Updates will be sent via EASYLINK, telephone calls, and written correspondence.

## ALA MLS AND CE IN ND?

NDLA president John Beecher has appointed a new task force to address the educational needs of librarians in all types of North Dakota libraries. The task force most recently met in Jamestown in mid-January. Beecher's charges to the Library Education Task Force (LET) are:

1. To explore the feasibility of initiating an accredited graduate program of Library Science in North Dakota. It is anticipated that such a degree-granting program would be part of a "distance learning" effort on behalf of an ALA-accredited institution. It is possible that other options exist that need to be explored. However, it is important that the end result of a NDLA-sponsored program be a degree of substantive and continuing value to the participant.
2. To encourage the development of coordinated continuing education programs offered by local institutions for all levels of library staff throughout North Dakota. Associated with the offering of such opportunities is the need to educate library administrations of the long-term benefits of such programs to the library community and to the individual. Hence, the additional need to convince local administrators to encourage and support staff participation in continuing education programs that are made available.
3. To investigate scholarly but practical programs of post-graduate study for North Dakota librarians already holding the MLS (or equivalent) degree."

Members of the LET task force are: Karen Pupino, UND Thormodsgard Library, Chair; Mike Jaugstetter, State Library, Secretary; Phyllis Bratton, Jamestown College; Kathy Burkle, Jamestown Senior High; Leah Culbreath, Dickinson Public Library; Sue Clark, State Library; Beth Greff, State Historical Society; Dave Haney, Grand Forks Public Library; Neil Price, UND School of Library Science; and Gary Schultz, Fargo Public Library.

## B&T OFFERS LARGER DISCOUNTS

The Baker & Taylor Midwestern Books Division has agreed to substantially increase the book discount rate for North Dakota libraries. In accepting a proposal from the North Dakota State Library, B&T will increase the discount rate offered to both small and large libraries, regardless of a library's annual book budget. The new scale will be:

Trade books -- 40.5%  
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"We are pleased with this discount schedule," said North Dakota Baker & Taylor representative Mary DeZellar. "It offers a substantial benefit to all North Dakota libraries, and it confirms Baker & Taylor's willingness to respond to the needs of North Dakota libraries."

To request the new discount rate write to: Lolita A. Studer, Director of Sales, Baker & Taylor Books -- Midwestern Division, 501 S. Gladiolus Street, Momence, IL 60954. Or call 1-800-435-1845, extension 368 (Fran Graves) or extension 400 (Brenda Mulder) and request that your account be changed to reflect the new rate. Libraries which do not presently have an account with Baker & Taylor can establish one by calling either extension.

## STATE PUBLICATIONS CHECKLIST AVAILABLE

Beginning in 1991, NDSL will issue copies of *Publications of the North Dakota State Departments (Checklist)* to only those libraries and state agencies requesting it. NDSL made the decision to discontinue mailing the monthly checklist to all libraries and state agencies after conducting a usage survey in May 1990. Libraries and state agencies still interested in receiving the *Checklist*, now issued quarterly, may contact Susan Pahlmeyer at (701) 224-4622.

### NEED AID FOR LIBRARY ED?

Anyone interested in securing funds to help pay for graduate library school will want to check out the latest edition of the Financial Assistance for Library Education directory recently released by the ALA Standing Committee on Library Education (SCOLE). The directory lists awards from state library agencies, national and state library associations, local libraries, and academic institutions offering undergraduate or graduate programs in library education. For a copy of the directory, mail \$1 for postage and handling to SCOLE/ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

### 1991 LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION

During the 1991 Legislative Assembly, twenty-one North Dakota academic, special, and public libraries are receiving daily UPS delivery of all bills and resolutions as introduced, the House and Senate journals, committee hearing schedules, and the daily bill status reports. The libraries included in the distribution program are: Bismarck Public Library; NDSU-Bottineau Branch Library, Bottineau; Paul Hoghaug Library (UND-Lake Region), Devils Lake; Stoxen Library (Dickinson State University), and Dickinson Public Library; NDSU Library and Fargo Public Library; Chester Fritz Library (UND), Chester Fritz Library - Special Collections (UND), Frank Wenstrom Library (Bureau of Governmental Affairs), and Thormodsgard Law Library (UND), Grand Forks; Hazen Public Library; Raugust Library (Jamestown College) and North Dakota Farmers Union Resource Library, Jamestown; Mandan Public Library; Mayville State University Library; Memorial Library (Minot State University), and Minot Public Library; Allen Library (Valley City State University); Mildred Johnson Library (ND State College of Science), Wahpeton; and Williston Community Library.

### NEW ABRIDGED DEWEY

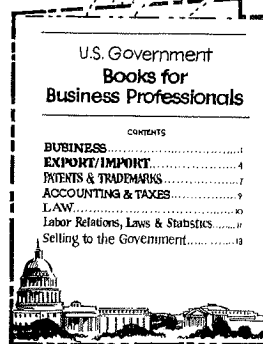
A new abridged edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification System has been released. The one-volume Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, 12th edition, includes features and major changes found in the recently released four-volume full Dewey 20th edition. The work is published by OCLC Forest Press.

According to Peter Paulson, executive director of OCLC Forest Press, abridged editions of Dewey are designed for libraries with fewer than 20,000 volumes, especially school libraries and small public libraries.

This volume is edited by the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress under contract with the publisher. The 857-page book is \$75 and is available from OCLC Forest Press, 6565 Frantz Road, MC 685, Dublin, OH 43017-0702.

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## NDSL PROFILE

### MEET....Doris Daugherty, Head of Information Services

In the four years that Doris Daugherty has headed the Information Services Division of the North Dakota State Library, the only thing constant has been change. Doris supervises all the "traditional" library services at NDSL, including ordering, cataloging, circulation, reference, government services, and interlibrary loan. But those traditional services have been revolutionized with the introduction of computers and electronic technology.

Says Doris, "I sit on the board of several committees and attend all kinds of meetings. The big buzzword in library circles today is definitely 'automation'."

Automation has certainly had an impact at NDSL. The entire staff of the Information Services Division has felt it. Doris explains, "Of all the functions of the Information Services Division, only the ordering function is intact from one year ago. All of our other functions have been revamped to make use of the new technology." Yet, throughout the whole process, she has received no negative feedback. "Of course there have been momentary frustrations," says Doris, "but to the credit of the whole staff, the attitude has been, 'This is something we can do', and they've been dedicated to achieving automation. Had someone told me it would be this easy, I wouldn't have believed them."

Even with patrons, automation of the library seems to have been achieved with "no big fuss." The Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), the state's electronic search system, went online on March 19, 1990. NDSL's changeover was completed in mid-November and soon after, the card catalog was discontinued. When asked how the patrons responded to the change, Doris responds, "A lot of our patrons are skilled library users, but we did have those who used the card catalog even after we put up the sign announcing it was out of



date. A few insisted on using the last drawers while the first ones were being emptied. But they've adjusted. All in all, ODIN's been very well accepted." She credits that to an optimistic and willing staff. "The key has been to keep the staff accessible. Patrons come in and look bewildered when they can't find the card catalog, but the staff is right there to direct them to the terminals and help them find what they need." Within a year, NDSL hopes to provide a toll-free number for public access to ODIN via computer modem.

Automation of NDSL didn't begin or end with the card catalog. The library's circulation function is totally automated. The system prints overdue notices and handles the billing. Interlibrary loan services are done through EASYLINK, a computerized system that networks libraries throughout the state. An ILL transaction, once a lengthy process, can now be completed within a day. A "paperless" ILL system should be in place within the next few months, thanks to an ODIN subsystem. Subsystems for acquisitions and serials will also be operating soon. The serials subsystem will

provide automated tracking of serials for the library, and will dramatically increase the public's access to publications. Within 3 to 5 years, Doris foresees loading external databases, such as *Reader's Guide*, on the system. Doris dreams of the day when there will be a statewide database -- a unified record of the holdings of all North Dakota libraries.

The Information Services Division is steadily working toward a long-term goal of fully cataloging state and federal documents. Cataloging of state documents began in 1989, but the process is still seriously backlogged. Doris looks forward to improved methods of gathering state documents. "Although we've come a long way," she explains "there is still the potential for some documents to fall through the cracks." A bill currently before the Legislature could address that problem. The legislation would require the State Printer to provide NDSL with a list of all documents published by state agencies.

NDSL has also recently adopted a last copy retention policy, with the intent that one copy of as many books as possible remain in the state. NDSL would have responsibility for housing the copies. (See accompanying article.)

As for the statewide library community, Doris would like to see greater cooperation between school and public libraries, to encourage the sharing of resources. As a service to smaller libraries, NDSL is adopting a program of purchasing and circulating expensive reference books, like *Books in Print* and selection aids for high school and public libraries, so that each library does not have to purchase their own. She also hopes that NDSL or the Department of Public Instruction will soon be able to provide a library consultant to the state's public schools.

Doris feels that North Dakota's libraries need to do more public relations work. "It's time for libraries to take a proactive role in making themselves visible," she says. "We need to advertise our services."

As library services at NDSL and across the state continue to change, NDSL's Head of Information Services offers this advice: "Whether you're facing automation or any other change, have a well-laid plan. Plan it down to the last detail. And make sure the staff that will be doing the work are a part of the planning process. That's what saved us."

### RETENTION POLICY ADOPTED

In recent months, NDSL has adopted a revised and expanded collection development policy. A new feature of the policy is a section entitled "Last Copy Retention." The intent of this section is to attempt to retain within the state, one copy of as many books as possible. Presently, older books are being discarded as their popularity wears off. When requested, the books must be borrowed from out-of-state. Since the charges for out-of-state borrowing are rising every year, NDSL felt that at least one copy of every book meeting certain criteria should be retained in North Dakota. NDSL will take responsibility for housing these copies.

The following classifications of books will be retained under the new policy:

1. Books about North Dakota.
2. Books written by North Dakota authors.
3. Adult unabridged fiction books of literary quality. (Only one copy of each title, not one copy of each edition, will be retained, unless the editions differ significantly.)
4. Non-fiction books with the following exceptions:
  - a. editions which have been cumulated into a later edition
  - b. directories for individual non-regional states
  - c. textbooks
  - d. encyclopedias -- one set from each decade will be retained
  - e. blue books from non-regional states
  - f. tests

Books and other materials identified as rare or of historic significance will be given to the State Archives.

NDSL encourages the donation of any book which meets these criteria. If you are considering discarding books which may be covered by the retention policy, please contact Doris Daugherty (701-224-4656) or send her a list of the titles.

## FLICKERTALE FOCUS:

## HARVEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

When Harvey Public Library completed construction of their new facility last fall, they ended up with more than just a new building. Harvey Public Library received new life. The doors of the new facility were opened to the public on October 26, 1990. By mid-December, 136 new library cards had been issued to the public. "We'd been waiting for this for 15 years," says Harvey librarian Marlene Ripplinger. "I guess they were too."

The old library building was on the north side of the city; "in a nice, serene location," Ripplinger explains. When they moved into downtown Harvey, the response went far beyond anyone's expectations. In order to keep up with the new demand, the library's staff is putting in extra hours. "We come in early to stay caught up. We hide our cars in the back, but someone usually sees them and comes knocking on the door... We're tired," says Ripplinger, "but it's a good tired."

A new library for the city had been a topic of conversation in Harvey for many years; the idea was introduced as a Bicentennial Project back in 1975. The original design was called the "Horizon", and would have been built into the side of a hill on the outskirts of Harvey. Since HPL is a city library, it wasn't eligible for county support. Fund-raising efforts began. There were bake sales, car washes, the usual events. Then a local attorney made the library project a part of his estate planning portfolio and began suggesting that his clients make endowments for the new building. All told, \$14,000 was raised. When the Horizon project fell through, the money was socked away. Then, as the city began making preparations for the North Dakota Centennial, the project came up again. This time, the downtown site was chosen. A local bank donated the money for the land. LCSA Title II funding provided \$124,500, and private donors, businesses, and fraternal organizations chipped in the rest. Board members are quick to give credit for the success of the project to former library trustee Warren Nelson. According to Nick Hertz, treasurer of the HPL board,

"Warren was really the ramrod that started the project and then saw to it that the dream was fulfilled." The cost of the project from start to finish was \$400,000. Only \$30,000 of that remains to be paid.

Given the library's new popularity, finances may become a problem in the near future. At the present rate of growth, the budget can't keep up with demand. "We're doing a very good job with what we have right now," Hertz says. "If we can continue to develop the endowments, we should do alright." Others in the community are pulling for the library. The cable-TV company is currently running a special -- a part of every hook-up fee they collect goes to HPL. There's also an on-going bowling tournament in progress, with proceeds earmarked for the library.

Hertz sees retirement of the remaining debt as priority one. Once that's been accomplished, he looks forward to expanding the library's hours and providing patrons with a wider variety of resources. Looking farther ahead, Hertz sees a day when HPL can provide a computer lab for public access. Ripplinger's goals for the library include the usual librarian's dreams -- automation of services and updating the reference collection. But Ripplinger has other projects in mind for the present. A tutoring program is in the works to address the problem of illiteracy. An instructor's workshop was held in January, and Ripplinger hopes that once the program is started, those needing help will step forward. She's also planning a workshop on tracing genealogies. "We have a strong German-Russian community in this area," she explains, "and there's a big interest in genealogy right now. It's important that we provide for our clientele."

Despite questions about how they will do that in the future, Harvey Public Library continues to strive to give area residents what they're looking for. Says Ripplinger, "Of course we'd like another miracle, but right now, we're just taking it one day at a time."

## **ODIN AT WORK: Glenburn Public School**

A group of ten high school seniors from Glenburn Public School (GPS) began a program of independent study this month using ODIN -- the Online Dakota Information Network. The program is the first application of the Academy Program -- GPS's long-range plan of systematically introducing students to available research technology for purposes of independent study.

The faculty and board at GPS believe that the school exists to provide a solid basic curriculum, while allowing students the opportunity to explore individual interests according to their capabilities. Their objective in designing the Academy Program was to provide students with the means to pursue areas of interest and need. ODIN -- through the Higher Education Computer Network -- is helping them meet this objective.

The Academy Program is provided for students headed for college and interested in learning valuable library skills and the latest in research techniques. At the outset of the program, students receive instruction in research technology, including the ODIN system. Using these techniques, students independently research two topics of their choice. During the course of the semester, they are required to complete a paper on each topic and give an oral presentation on the second paper. Oversight of the program is a joint effort of GPS faculty and Minot State University staff. The technical coordinator and the MSU Library Department provide technical assistance in operating the computer network. Circulation of library materials is monitored by the Glenburn school librarian.

The Academy Program is Glenburn's response to the rural schools' dilemma of meeting the individual needs of their students with limited resources. The program is designed to stimulate learning by advanced students as well as students with special needs. Hats off to Glenburn Public School for their innovative approach to education!

## **BISMARCK SCHOOLS NEW MEMBER OF MINITEX**

The Bismarck Public Schools Library Media Office and MINITEX/OCLC Library Network, based in Minneapolis, have announced that the Bismarck Public School District libraries have become the first full school system member of the MINITEX online cataloging and interlibrary loan network in the tri-state area (Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota).

"Schools in North Dakota need to network to compete with big urban areas," said District Library Media Specialist Val Morehouse. "We are building on the state's tradition of neighbors helping neighbors."

In order to input data into the system, the Bismarck Public School libraries have signed a cooperative cataloging agreement with Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. Mandan Public Library is also a member of this new cataloging cooperative.

"The system will supply catalog records which meet stringent national standards," said Tom Jones, Director of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library. "At the same time, the school will be building a database for complete automation of the district's library catalogs in the near future."

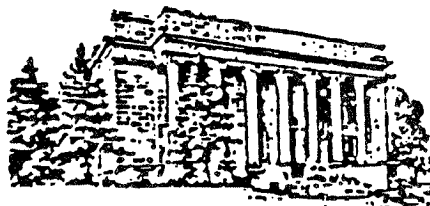
Electronic records bearing the school system's location code (BIZ) will begin appearing in the OCLC online union catalog in February. Other libraries in Bismarck and across North Dakota will be able to borrow materials from Bismarck schools for their patrons. The schools will gain reciprocal access to more than 17 million online catalog records and locations for items nationwide. Currently the school district is testing its computer profile in preparation for full usage.

## COMPETITION OPENS FOR LARGE PRINT PROGRAMS

The 1991 G.K. Hall Large Print Community Service Award competition is now open for entries. \$1000 will be awarded to the library demonstrating the most creative and comprehensive efforts in promoting the awareness, availability, and use of large print books. Two runners-up will each receive \$300 worth of G.K. Hall large print books, and a \$500 grant will be awarded to the library demonstrating a need to start or expand their large print collection and stimulate public awareness. The deadline for entry is Friday, March 29, 1991. For applications and information, write to Sally Oremland at the State Library or call 701-224-2497.

## MUSIC THEORY COURSE ON TAPE

The National Library Service of the Library of Congress has developed a music theory course that introduces blind and visually-impaired students to the basic elements of melody and rhythm. The course was designed by Barbara Kolb, renowned composer and teacher, and does not require a knowledge of Braille or music. The cassette series is available on loan from the National Library Service. For more information, contact Shirley Emanuel, Head -- Music Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (1-800-424-5567).



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### **SENATE APPROVES LIBRARY FUNDING**

Before recessing on February 22 for a four-day break, each house of North Dakota's 1991 Legislative Assembly completed action on its bills and sent them to the other house for consideration.

The State Library's 1991-1993 proposed budget is contained in Senate Bill 2003. The bill was passed, as amended, by the Senate on February 21, 1991. Included in the proposal is the funding level recommended for the State Library in the Governor's executive budget recommendations, as well as an additional \$238,560. The State Library had requested that the executive budget be amended to increase funding by \$278,429. The amendments include funding for one staff person to serve as the volunteer coordinator for Dakota Radio Information Services (DRIS), additional funding for purchase of books and library materials, additional funding for MINITEX services, and additional funding for State Aid to Public Libraries to bring the grant program to \$1 million. Through telephone calls and letters to the senators, the library community demonstrated strong support for the State Library budget request.

The approval process begins again in the House, with a hearing before the House Appropriations Committee to be held soon. Testimony in the House will focus not only on support for the Governor's recommended funding, but also on the additional funding approved by the Senate.

House Bill 1143 would have changed the way in which the State Library received state govern-

ment documents. North Dakota Century Code 54-24-09 mandates that the State Library receive eight copies of state publications as printed by the state printer. State agencies which do not use the state printer are also required to provide eight copies to the State Library. The copies are then distributed to the depository libraries in North Dakota and to the Library of Congress. This bill required the State Library to ask for state publications instead of receiving them automatically. There was little support for the change in the committee hearing, and the House defeated the bill 0-104.

Senate Bill 2448 establishes multi-type library authorities and provides an appropriation for planning and implementation. The bill has had its ups and downs and has been amended several times. Amendments have all concerned the funding of the proposal. The Senate Education Committee hearing on the bill was held January 30th. After hearing testimony both for and against the bill, the committee amended SB 2448 to eliminate the appropriation, then voted a "Do Not Pass" recommendation. On February 7th, before the full Senate, the bill was amended to appropriate \$50,000 in federal funds to the Department of Public Instruction for the statewide planning committee and establishment of a demonstration authority. The bill was then re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. On February 18th, librarians from across the state testified for and against SB 2448.

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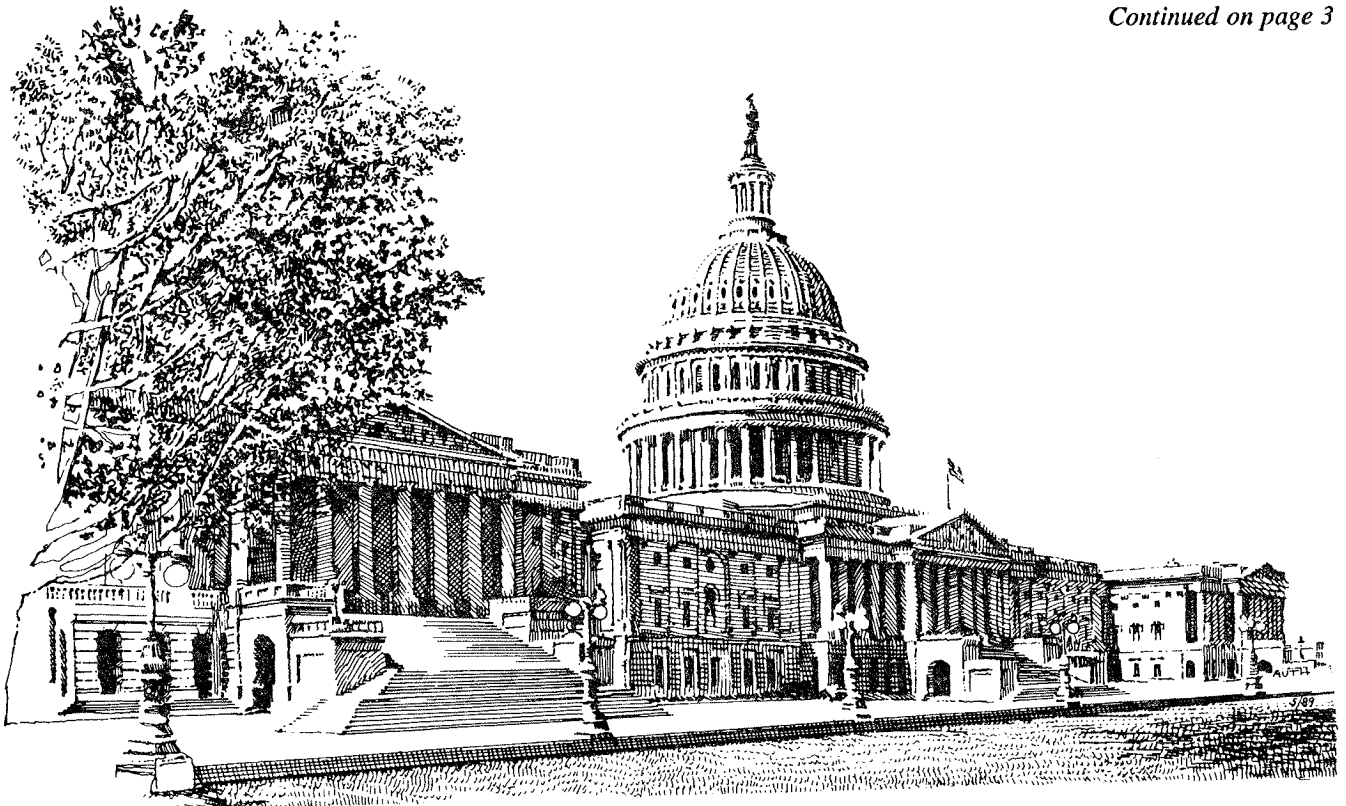
## BUSH'S BUDGET SLASHES LIBRARY FUNDING

In characterizing the impact of the President's 1992 budget, the February 7 edition of the Federal Assistance Monitor headlined: "For Domestic Programs, It'll be Dog Eat Dog." The President's budget proposes a 75.5 percent cut in Department of Education library programs. Only Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Title I is funded: \$35 million is recommended with the stipulation that the funds may only be used for public library adult literacy activities. All other LSCA titles -- Public Library Construction, Interlibrary Cooperation, Foreign Language Materials, Literacy Programs, Evaluation, and Library Learning Centers -- have not been recommended for funding. None of the Higher Education Act (HEA) titles, which provide monies for academic libraries and for training and research in library science, were recommended for funding. The budget document's rationale for terminating

these programs is similar to that offered in the past: the programs have served their purpose and are no longer necessary, other sources of funding are available, and the responsibility for the programs belongs to other levels of government.

In addition, the \$35 million proposed for library literacy programs is included in the list of Federal programs under consideration to be turned over to the states as a consolidated block grant. If the \$35 million is included in a block grant, distribution of the total lump sum would be up to the individual states. Each state sets its own priorities among the many eligible programs; funds do not have to be distributed among all eligible programs. Other programs being considered for consolidation include sewage treatment construction funds, state welfare administration costs, social services block grants, and selected public housing programs, so it is very possible that no money will find its way to library literacy projects.

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## SENATE APPROVES FUNDING,

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Testimony encouraged the Appropriations Committee to fund the bill with new general fund dollars. In committee that same day, the bill was amended to appropriate \$50,000 in new general fund dollars. The Senate Appropriations Committee then voted 9 - 5 to assign the bill a "Do Pass" recommendation. On February 21st, the last working day for the Senate before their mid-session break, the full Senate took action, approving the bill with a 27 - 26 vote. Lt. Governor Omdahl, as President of the Senate, cast a "yea" vote to break the 26 -26 tie vote. The bill is now in the House awaiting hearing before the House Education Committee.

Two resolutions of interest to the library community have also been introduced.

House Concurrent Resolution 3034 states that the State of North Dakota has a responsibility to support services to the blind and physically handicapped. These services are provided by the North Dakota State Library and are funded with federal Library Services and Construction Act dollars. HCR 3034 says that the State should support these services if federal funds are not available. The resolution was adopted by the House, and has been referred to the Senate Human Services and Veterans Affairs Committee for hearing.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4035 states that the Legislative Council should study the issue of adult literacy in North Dakota and make recommendations to the 1993 Legislative Assembly. This resolution has been adopted by the Senate and has been referred to the House Education Committee for a hearing.

The above legislative update is provided for your information. This information is current as of March 1, 1991. For additional information, please contact the State Library at 224-4622 or 224-2717.

## BUSH'S BUDGET, *Continued*

Since 1980, the President's budget has usually recommended zero funding for many library programs; however, Congress has always been very generous in restoring monies. Beginning in 1983, Congress also began to slowly restore long dormant titles (e.g. Public Library Construction) and approve funds for some new titles. Due to last year's deficit reduction agreement, this trend may not be as solid as it has been in the past.

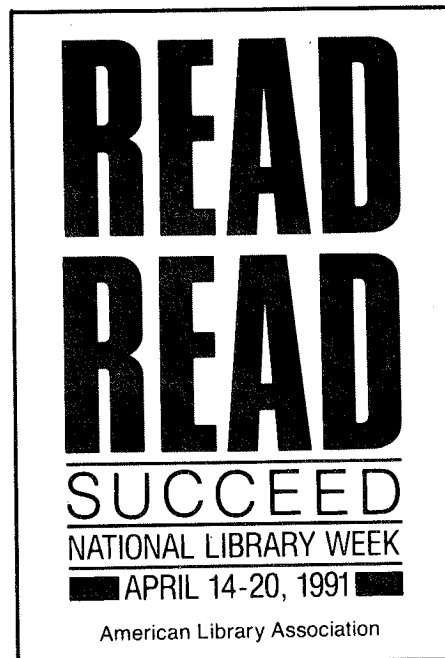
Previously, Congress could increase spending in one area by taking funds from another. Last year's "Peace Dividend" movement was a good example: funds were to be taken from the defense budget to increase spending in social programs. Even as this idea is no longer valid, neither is the strategy. For the Education Department Library Programs' budget to be increased, new taxes or a reduction in another Education program will be necessary. No more robbing Peter to pay Paul.

This will be an intense year for library supporters. During National Library Week, April 14 - 20, representatives of the State Library and Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries will be in Washington, DC speaking with North Dakota's Congressional delegation concerning the impact of this proposed budget on the State's library community. Concerned individuals are urged to contact their Congressional representatives with their views on library funding, or the lack thereof, and its implications on their own programs and services.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE GRANTS  
AVAILABLE**

The U.S. Department of Education is inviting public libraries to submit applications for funding to acquire foreign language materials. Twenty to twenty-five grants of up to \$35,000 and three to five awards of \$35,000 - \$125,000 are available to purchase library materials for any age level in languages other than English. Library materials include books, periodicals, newspapers, audio-visual materials, and computer software.

For information and applications contact: Ray Fry, Library Development Staff, Office of Library Programs, Education Department, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Room 404, Washington, DC 20208, (202) 219-1315. Deadline for applications is May 15, 1991.



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## STATE LIBRARY FUNDS APPROVED

The North Dakota State Library's 1991-93 funding request has been approved by both Houses of the Legislative Assembly. Final passage (103-0) occurred on Saturday, April 6 at 4:20 p.m. The bill is now awaiting Governor Sinner's signature. The budget request, a component of SB-2003, includes the following line items:

Salaries & Wages .....	\$1,439,982
FTE Staff .....	25.5
Information Services Division .....	73,109
Operating Expenses .....	1,026,064
Equipment .....	14,500
Grants:	
State Aid to Public Libraries .....	1,000,000
Institutional Libraries .....	50,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,603,655</b>

The 1991-93 appropriation provides the first increase in funding in several years. Included in the appropriation are funds for the following:

- 1) Statewide toll-free telephone access to ODIN;
- 2) Toll-free telephone access by all citizens to the State Library;
- 3) Continued funding for the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries;
- 4) Restoration of funds for continuing education programs;
- 5) Appropriation of \$265,000 for the MINITEX contract;
- 6) Continued appropriation for the contract for Blind and Physically Handicapped "Talking Book" Service;
- 7) Administrative responsibility for Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS), including a new position for this service;
- 8) \$1,000,000 for the State Aid to Public Libraries grant — a 7% increase above the Governor's recommendation;
- 9) A 35% increase in the book budget (The 1991-93 book budget will still be 11% less than the 1987-89 budget.);
- 10) \$115,978 to rent space in the Liberty Memorial Building.

Overall, library services did very well in the Legislative Assembly. Library supporters throughout North Dakota talked with their legislative representatives. By stressing the importance of funding for statewide library services, they helped secure passage of the bill. Our thanks to everyone who worked to ensure approval of the State Library's 1991-93 funding request!

## SPRING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The State Library will be presenting a variety of workshops in Bismarck (May 13), Williston (May 15), and Grand Forks (May 17). The sessions will address the reference interview, working with adult new readers, the library's role in preschooler learning, and using space effectively and efficiently. The workshops will draw on local and out-of-state talent as presenters for the sessions.

Michael Tabeling, Vice President of Beck-Tabeling Architects of Akron, Ohio brings considerable experience to the workshop dealing with space planning. Realizing that not every library needing more room can meet that need with new construction, Mr. Tabeling provides ideas and techniques that will allow all types of libraries to critique their traffic and work flow, furniture placement, and area arrangement to maximize existing space. Mr. Tabeling works almost exclusively with small and medium-sized libraries of all types and presents his information in a way that is understandable to librarians. Bring your trustees to this one!

Kathleen Reif, Coordinator of Marketing and Programming at the Baltimore County Public Library in Maryland will give a practical presentation on the library's role as the preschoolers' door to learning. Since involvement with reading at an early age is vital for future reading success and enjoyment (and library usage), Ms. Reif will discuss ways libraries can encourage preschooler reading. Both in-house and outreach activities at levels suitable for all staff sizes and budgets will be discussed. Ms. Reif is currently writing a book on this subject for the American Library Association's Association for Library Services to Children, and she is particularly interested in meeting with North Dakota librarians to ensure that her work won't be limited to an eastern metropolitan view.

Barbara Korpi, Coordinator of North Dakota's Statewide Adult Education Resource Center, will address adult literacy in her session entitled "Adult New Readers: Why is a poor

reader like an M&M?" As awareness of the problem of illiteracy grows, Ms. Korpi's insight will be invaluable to librarians who are seeing more adult new readers using library facilities and resources.

In the final session, a number of in-state experts will present a panel discussion on perfecting the reference interview. Representatives from the North Dakota State Library and libraries around the state will discuss techniques of getting patrons to tell you exactly what they need.

Each session will be presented twice at each site. Look for full details in the registration brochures sent out in April.

## ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE AVAILABLE

CENET, an electronic bulletin board service sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, can now be easily accessed by librarians with EASYLINK Mail. CENET includes:

- \* Information on continuing education workshops, programs and conferences in North Dakota and around the nation.
- \* Dates of important national and regional events, such as National Library Week, ALA Annual Conferences, Mountain Plains Library Conferences, etc.
- \* In-state employment opportunities for librarians.
- \* General information of interest to librarians such as items for sale or giveaway.
- \* Prairie Stumpers Question Exchange

Prairie Stumpers is a new addition to CENET. If you have a question about library business or if you would like a few suggestions on how to do something better, send your questions to CENET. CENET will post your question, and with the help of neighborly North Dakota librarians, hopefully your question can be answered. Answers will also appear in CENET. To log on to CENET, follow these simple instructions:

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**CENET, continued**

1. Dial into EASYLINK. When you are logged on, a message similar to this will display:  
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2. Type /EXIT
3. The Easylink Main Menu will display.
4. Select 2 (FYI News) to download CENET. Press return.
5. The system will respond with a message. At the prompt, "ENTER CATEGORY NAME", type /CENET. Press return.
6. The system will respond by downloading CENET.
7. When CENET is finished downloading, save your file.
8. Print out your messages after the computer is off line.

If you have information for listing on CENET, contact Sue Clark at NDSL: 701-224-4663 or EASYLINK #62917436. CENET is updated every two weeks.

**MULTI-TYPE LIBRARIES OK'D**

Legislation allowing for the planning and establishment of multi-type library authorities was approved by Gov. Sinner on April 5. SB-2448 defines a multi-type library authority as "a geographic subdivision within which multi-type libraries are organized for the purpose of providing library and information services through cooperation and mutual support." The bill includes a general fund appropriation of \$50,000 for planning and implementation. Legislative intent for SB-2448, included in SB-2003, states: "It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the state library will support the planning committee established to implement 1991 Senate Bill No. 2448 relating to library authorities. The department of public instruction and the state library will facilitate participation of all types of libraries, including school libraries, in this process in order to facilitate delivery of efficient and equitable information services to all North Dakotans. The superintendent of public instruction through the state librarian will provide direction to state library staff on its role in this process." The full text of SB-2448, as well as further information on the bill, will be included in the May issue of Flickertale.

**VALLEY CITY STATE OFFERS LIBRARY MEDIA MINOR**

This summer, Valley City State University will be offering courses for librarians and would-be librarians. The courses are requirements for a Library Media minor, leading to the Department of Public Instructions's ME03 certification. The core courses for a Library Media minor will be taught during three consecutive summers, and will qualify participants as media specialists in North Dakota's elementary and secondary schools.

Courses offered this summer will be:

**Young Adult Literature and Media (LIBM 350)** — An appraisal of library material suitable for young people, correlated with a study of adolescents, their interests, and their environment. *June 3-14, 1991; 3 credits; tuition - \$136.50.*

**Library Media and School Curriculum (LIBM 320)** — A survey of curricula to emphasize optimum use of media by students and teachers, consideration of teacher-librarian relations, exploration of materials in one curriculum area, and planning for teaching sequential library skills. *June 3-14; 4 credits; tuition - \$182.00.*

**Non-Print Classification and Cataloging (LIBM 380)** — A course designed to further develop an understanding of cataloging principles as applied to non-print materials. Students will develop necessary skills and techniques for cataloging sound recordings, videotapes, films and filmstrips, computer programs, and realia. Students will also learn the MARC format and the necessary skills for cataloging on the OCLC data base. Prerequisite: LIBM 340. *June 17 - July 3; 4 credits; tuition - \$182.00.*

**IMC Practicum (LIBM 460)** — Summer workshop. *June 2-14 or June 17-19; 4 credits.*

For more information contact Darryl B. Podoll, Library Director, Allen Memorial Library, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND 58072, at 701-845-7275 or call VCSC's toll-free number: 800-532-8641.

## NDSL PROFILE

### MEET... Mike Jaugstetter, Public Library Consultant

If you've had questions in the past sixteen months concerning LSCA money, chances are you've spoken to Mike Jaugstetter. Mike came on board at the State Library in November 1989 and is the resident LSCA expert. Before joining NDSL, he was the administrator of a 14-member public library system in Pennsylvania.

In his role at NDSL, Mike assists public librarians and library trustees in all aspects of library administration and development. His duties range from helping in negotiations between libraries and cities to budgeting, space planning and weeding out collections.

When a library is considering applying for an LSCA grant, Mike is the man to call. Mike identifies projects that qualify for LSCA funding, he assists the library in writing the grant request, and he reviews and critiques completed applications. Mike is also NDSL's statistics whiz. As coordinator of the state's LSCA program, Mike has to issue three very substantial reports on an annual basis: an update on the 5-year plan for the state's libraries, a program description of how NDSL plans to spend LSCA money, and a report detailing



how grant money was spent and the results that were achieved.

Another project of Mike's is the Federal-State Cooperative Survey, which is compiled annually from statistics from public libraries across the nation. As North Dakota's FSCS coordinator, Mike collects statistics from public libraries in North Dakota and reports them to Washington, DC. The statistics, once compiled, will help local libraries compare their progress with other libraries in similar situations. The state totals are used in recommending changes in state legislation; the national totals are used to help educate the U.S. Congress regarding library needs.

As a former educator, Mike is well-qualified to work with the state's continuing education program for librarians. The CE program periodically presents workshops, seminars, etc. for the state's librarians. The 1991 Spring Workshops will be presented in three North Dakota cities in mid-May. Attendees will choose from four topics: the adult new reader, space planning, the reference interview, and the public library development program's role as the preschooler's "door to learning." NDSL's second summer management institute is coming up in July. The management institute provides training in management principles and "how to's" in applying those principles to library administration. Applications for this year's institute will be mailed out in June.

An exciting prospect for North Dakota librarians is the possibility of a Master of Library Science degree being offered in the state. Mike, along with Continuing Education Coordinator Sue Clark, is negotiating with the University of Arizona to begin a Masters program via interactive video. Mike and Sue are currently tabulating responses from a recent survey conducted to gauge librarians' interest in an MLS program. Survey results will be used during negotiations to ensure that a suitable program is implemented.



NEW FACES  
AT NDSL

**MARY O'NEILL**  
**Interlibrary Loan Technician**

It's Mary's nice, sweet voice — you can almost see that smile — that most of you hear when you call the regular information number (224-2490) or the toll-free WATS line. Mary joined the staff on August 27th as the library technician who handles incoming requests for information. Married and the mother of a fourteen-year-old son, Joseph, Mary is a native North Dakotan, raised on a farm near Woodworth. After graduating from Woodworth High, Mary worked for several years at a bookstore in Jamestown. Mary's hobby? Reading! Reading! Reading!



**PAULA BINEK**  
**Administrative Receptionist**

Paula worked as a secretary for Reeder Public School before joining the State Library staff November 9, 1990. Originally from Gettysburg, South Dakota, Paula now lives in Mandan, where her husband, Gordon, is Heartview's Director of Development. They have one daughter, Tara, who is a sophomore at Northern State University in Aberdeen. Paula's hobbies include reading, walking, and cooking. The Bineks are very happy about their move to the Bismarck/Mandan area and enjoy having family visitors more often now that they're "city folks"!

**NAOMI FRANTES**  
**Reference Librarian**

Naomi joined the State Library staff in a half-time position on September 11, 1990. She works mornings in the reference department. Naomi Boen Frantes and her seven siblings grew up at Battle Lake, Minnesota. She met her husband, Mike, while attending UND, where she graduated summa cum laude in 1980, with majors in History and German. The Frantes family, which now includes daughter Katie, 9, and son Mike, 7, enjoys tent camping in North Dakota's beautiful outdoors. Playing the French horn and reading are listed as Naomi's hobbies. She says her "domestic" interests are doing counted cross-stitch and gardening; she also teaches Sunday School at her church.



**CAROL ADAMS**  
**Bookkeeper**

Here's a native North Dakotan who's glad to be back "home"! Carol was born and raised in Washburn. After she married, she moved to Pontiac, Illinois, where she raised three children: Craig — in the U.S. Air Force, Trisha — married and living in Pontiac, and Curtis — a freshman at Washburn High School. Carol began working as secretary/receptionist in the administrative office on August 27, 1990. On November 1, 1990, she moved to the bookkeeper position, where she keeps a careful eye on things! Carol commutes daily from Washburn; she has purchased a home there and is busy remodeling and redecorating in her spare time. She also enjoys reading and walking — sometimes with her dog, "Bootsie." And she's a member of the State Library's bowling team, but no one is divulging averages!

**KATHY MORKEN**  
**Cataloging Assistant**

Kathy is one of those rare finds -- a native Bismarcker! She says she's a "very boring person." Not so! Kathy worked for the North Dakota Highway Patrol in Fargo for several years before returning to Bismarck. She began working at the State Library on November 19, 1990 — in the technical services department in the mornings, and in the interlibrary loan department in the afternoons. She and her husband, Larry, do a lot of traveling with their 16-year-old son, Todd, a Junior All-American shooter who participates in shooting meets all around the country. Todd recently made the National Honor Roll. Kathy is a collector of "many things" including teddy bears, antiques and stamps. She enjoys preserving fruit and also cans and freezes vegetables from her huge garden.



**LORI LINDEMANN**  
**Public Information Specialist**

Lori began working at the State Library on November 26, 1990, where, among other duties, she edits "Flickertale." She has worked as an assistant to the engineers for the Henry J. Kaiser Co., as an auditor for the Attorney General's Office, as an accountant for the Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation, and as the assistant to the director of a national trade association. In addition to working for the State Library on a part-time basis, she now operates her own administrative/editorial consulting service for small businesses and non-profit organizations. In spite of her busy schedule, Lori finds time to teach Bible classes and also enjoys biking, downhill skiing, aerobics, and she "loves to cook"!

## ELECTRONIC UNION CATALOG A MCLEAN-MERCER REALITY

Communities in McLean and Mercer counties are rural. Libraries are small. Librarians have dreamed of resource sharing since the McLean-Mercer Library was founded in 1959. Now the eight branches of the system have moved dramatically closer to fulfilling that dream: they have built a working union catalog of local book holdings.

The libraries in Turtle Lake, Hazen, and Underwood, with guidance from the State Library, have taken the lead in converting their book holding records into electronic databases. Using Library Works 2.6, an automated library management system, the librarians have taken advantage of the program's ability to export author, title, call number and location information.

Source Works 1.2 combines the exported information into an electronic union catalog which runs on a PC at the libraries' headquarters in Riverdale. In response to an inquiry from a branch librarian or a patron, Riverdale Librarian Roberta Steckler simply sits down at her terminal and constructs a search. In a matter of minutes she can tell if the book is owned by a branch library. After locating the book, Roberta can have Source Works automatically generate an electronic (EASYLINK) or printed ILL request. This simple search and request process speeds books into the hands of patrons. An in-WATS (800#) system to further increase patron access is now being considered.

Updated quarterly, the McLean-Mercer catalog presently provides patrons with access to over 24,000 records of locally-owned books. Public libraries in Max and Beulah will add location records to the catalog this summer. A similar catalog at the State Library provides locations for 52,000 books in other smaller libraries across the state. When the McLean-Mercer branches finish adding location records, the catalog will provide patrons with access to over 89,000 book titles — a shared resource, forming the foundation of an informed central North Dakota.

## GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries, established by the Governor to oversee the distribution of federal Library Services and Construction Act grant funds, held their February 21-22, 1991 meeting at the State Library in Bismarck. Officers elected for the coming year are: Jerry Lamb, Fargo, re-elected Council chair, and Helen Jacobs, St. Michael, vice-chair. Newly appointed by Governor Sinner to fill expired terms on the Council are: Judy Ringgenberg, Baldwin, representing institutional libraries; Harry Middaugh, Lansford, representing citizens users; and Margaret Kroll, Belcourt, also representing citizen users. Members whose terms have expired are: Bev Quamme, Fargo; Claryce Erickson, Minot; and Sheila Cofer, Devils Lake. The Council meets quarterly. The next meeting will be held in Bismarck April 28-30 to consider grant applications for 1991-92 LSCA funds.

## DRIS RECEIVES BREMER GRANT

Dakota Radio Information Service is the recipient of one of two Bremer Nonprofit Internship grants awarded in North Dakota. The grant will provide for a college intern to work on a paid, full-time, ten-week project for DRIS during the summer of 1991. The Bremer Nonprofit Internship Program was established by the Otto Bremer Foundation to introduce students to, or make them better informed about, the nonprofit sector and to benefit the sponsoring organization and the community from the work performed by the students. The student hired by DRIS will assist in taping one or two books over the ten-week period and broadcasting portions of them each day, and in designing and implementing a survey of DRIS listeners to discover what changes they would like made in programming and scheduling. DRIS, a radio reading program for persons who can't read standard print, is carried on a Prairie Public Radio subcarrier.

## FLICKERTALE FOCUS:

## NEW ENGLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

If you'd have been at the New England Public Library in July of 1988, you probably would have heard basketballs banging above your head and had books laying around your feet. Back then, the library was a one-room affair in the basement of the city's Memorial Building. It was cold, it was dreary, and it was inaccessible to the handicapped. If someone wanted to get a message to you, they had to call the office next door.

In August of that year, then-librarian Jackie Sadler and Ruth Bizinski, a board member, attended NDSL's management institute at BSC. While they were there, something happened. "The seminar really fired us up to do something with our library," says Jackie. "We hadn't really considered applying for a (LSCA) grant, but Eric (Halvorson) encouraged us." The LSCA grant was approved. While they waited for the grant money to come in, arrangements were made to purchase a building from the Soil Conservation Service. NEPL's board members all pitched in to raise the matching funds. A lot of hard work went into soliciting donations from the community and the surrounding area including letter-writing campaigns and a raffle. Board members went door-to-door selling tickets. "It took a lot of leg work and a lot of time," Jackie reflects. Much of the community support came in the form of donated services. The appraisal of the building was donated. The Women's Club volunteered to paint. The city agreed to pay for utilities. Several businesses went together to purchase the sign that hangs outside. The American Legion donated a flagpole and flag. At about the same time, the city approved an increase in the mill levy. In addition, Lutheran Brotherhood provided a

grant for shelving and NDSL funded a computer, making NEPL the state's smallest automated library.

One of NEPL's keys to success is an involved board. "Everyone on the board has a spot, everyone pitches in," says Jackie, now herself a board member. "We also have an informal 'Friends' organization made up of ex-board members who still want to be involved — this gets in your blood," she laughs. One ex-board member, a school teacher, does the library's bulletin boards. "They are definitely the best in the state," says Eric Halvorson, Public Library Consultant with NDSL. Another does crafts and makes special give-aways for the children's programs. The current board members are involved in an on-going coupon fundraiser. People in the community donate grocery coupons to the library and board members apply the coupons to the product at the store. Shoppers have the option of redeeming the coupons themselves or donating their savings to the library.

NEPL's collection is small, but with dial-in access to ODIN and the interlibrary loan system, NEPL is able to provide patrons with almost anything they want or need. They realize that as demand increases, hours of operation will need to be extended, and they are considering consolidation to become a county library. Things have changed so dramatically in the past three years that in the meantime, NEPL's plans focus on simply learning to use what they now have available.

Easy access has made a world of difference for NEPL. The new library has a "different atmosphere" says librarian Bonnie Jung. "It's cheerful, bright. People enjoy coming here." In the past year, usage has doubled, as members of the community and the surrounding area become aware of the great resource available to them through NEPL.

## BISMARCK LIBRARY ADDS TDD EQUIPMENT

Bismarck's Veterans Memorial Public Library is now equipped to serve another segment of the state's population — the deaf community. In January, VMPL put their new TDD equipment into service. The TDD is similar to a teletype machine — typed messages are sent through the phone lines and print out on a TDD machine on the receiving end. The equipment was purchased for the library by the local Quota Club. At about the same time, the City of Bismarck contacted VMPL. The city was interested in seeing TDD equipment installed at the library and they agreed to pay the phone charges for the service.

VMPL's TDD has an auto-answer feature. Mary Jane Chaussee, VMPL's Assistant Director, says that for the twenty-five area families which have TDD equipment, the library is always open. Callers type their reference questions into the machine at any time of day or night, and VMPL responds during regular hours. VMPL's equipment is intended for library related use; the city's 911 service has a TDD machine for fielding emergency calls and local volunteer Dolores Camp still serves as a personal messaging service for many of the area's deaf.

TDD equipment is not common to most libraries. The School for the Deaf is fully equipped, and Devils Lake Public Library has been promised a machine by their local Lions Club, but none of the state's other libraries are on record as TDD-equipped. Nancy Skorheim, who coordinates Outreach Services at the School for the Deaf says there is a great need for assistant devices in our state's public facilities. The School's library has product information from a number of companies and the staff is available to answer questions regarding assistance to the deaf and hearing impaired. Chaussee and Skorheim encourage libraries to contact their local Quota club or other service organizations for assistance in obtaining TDD equipment. Says Skorheim, "With a little help, these people can live independently."

## INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND PEACE RESOURCES

ACCESS is a non-profit clearinghouse of information on international security and peace issues. ACCESS connects people needing information with the most appropriate sources on issues like arms control, regional conflicts, and the environmental impact of military activity. ACCESS is a nonpartisan service, providing reference to sources representing a variety of views.

Six to eight times a year, ACCESS publishes two-page Resource Briefs summarizing timely issues and lists sources of information from diverse viewpoints. Sample topics included "German Unification", "The Nationalities Question in the USSR", and "US FY 1991 Defense Budget: How Much is Enough."

Additional publications throughout the year provide an overview of the major positions in the US debate on controversial international security subjects, and suggest readings and resources from varying perspectives. Sample topics in this series include: "The Arab-Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: US Policy Options" and "On Treaties and Cheating (and Cheating and Treaties)."

ACCESS also provides a toll-free number to provide personal assistance on specific questions and a speaker's referral service. Although occasional calls and sample briefing papers are free of charge, small non-profit organizations may join for \$75 per year to receive unlimited calling privileges and discounts on publications.

For more information contact: ACCESS, 1730 M Street NW — Suite 605, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202)785-6630 or (800)888-6033; FAX: (202)223-2737

## LIBRARIES RECEIVE GIFTS FROM PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Heart of America Library in Rugby and Leach Public Library in Wahpeton were the surprised and happy recipients of gifts of \$5,000 each from the American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural Committee. The libraries received the gifts late in December. Co-chairman of the Committee, Bobby Holt, told Heart of America librarian Amy Brynn that the opportunity to distribute the gifts was the best Christmas present he'd received. In his conversation with Leach Public Library director Bonnie McIver, Holt explained that it was First Lady Barbara Bush who asked that the funds be given to the nation's libraries, and that she and President Bush were aware of the awards. The American Library Association's

associate executive director for communications, Peggy Barber, received a call from the Committee in mid-November asking for a list of 100 needy libraries. With the help of Public Library Association Executive Director Joey Rodgers, Headquarters Librarian Charles Harmon, and Office for Research Director Mary Jo Lynch, Barber compiled a randomly selected list of 100 libraries with budgets under \$200,000 serving populations under 10,000. They forwarded the list to the Committee which then distributed the funds. The awards were not designated for any particular use, and at this time, neither Heart of America nor Leach Public Library has decided how to spend their unexpected, but welcome, gift.

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## ADVISORY COUNCIL AWARDS LSCA FUNDS

Eleven of North Dakota's public and institutional libraries were awarded \$103,533 of Library Services and Construction Act funds during the Governor's Advisory Council meeting in Bismarck, April 28-30. Six state institutions received funding to improve library services to their residents and patrons. In addition to books, magazines, and AV materials, many institutions will now be able to purchase equipment and adaptive devices to make library materials accessible to special populations. The State Library annually awards \$25,000 in LSCA Title I institutional grants. Individual awards were as follows: State Industrial School, \$4,800; State Hospital, \$4,800; State Developmental Center, \$2,900; School for the Blind, \$3,500; School for the Deaf, \$5,000; and State Veterans Home, \$4,000.

Public library construction grants totaling \$78,533 will enable five of the state's public libraries to improve their facilities. Enderlin and Casselton Public Libraries received additional funding to expand projects currently under construction with 1990 LSCA Title II money, and to provide for initial furnishings and equipment. With their award of \$34,183, the Minot Public Library will provide handicapped accessibility to their entrance and rest rooms, as well as remodel the circulation to accommodate new technologies. Ward County Library in Minot will save an estimated 30-35% in heating and cooling bills due to its insulation project supported with \$11,450 LSCA funds. The smallest grant of 1991 was awarded to the Walhalla Public Library. Although small in scale, the grant of \$400 will enable Walhalla to rewire for future technological improvements and to provide for more effective heating. LSCA Title II - Public Library construction grants require a local match of \$1 for every Federal dollar, and each of these projects, regardless of size, shows significant local support and pride in the community public library.

The Advisory Council will spend a thoughtful summer preparing for the Fall 1991 meeting. To participate in the LSCA program, the State Library must have a state plan approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education, plus a five-year plan of priorities and activities to meet the library and information needs of North Dakotans. Due to changes in the state over the last ten years, as outlined in preliminary U.S. census data, the state's LSCA program may need to be adjusted. LSCA funds are appropriated annually by the U.S. Congress, with an equal basic amount distributed to each state and the remaining funds distributed proportionally, based on state population. North Dakota's declining population decreases the amount of LSCA awards to the state. Only increased appropriations for LSCA by Congress can maintain North Dakota's share of this valuable grant program.

## NDLA REVIEWS ARIZONA PLAN FOR SATELLITE MLS COURSES

The Library Education Task Force (LET) of the North Dakota Library Association is studying a proposal to bring graduate level library science courses to North Dakota via interactive satellite. The courses would originate at the University of Arizona and be broadcast over the Western Interstate Consortium for Higher Education (WICHE).

Arizona proposes to first offer a school library certificate program, and if feasible, add the Master of Library Science (MLS) program. Most courses leading to the MLS would be offered by satellite, but students would also be expected to complete twelve hours of study on campus in Tucson. Arizona plans to charge \$120 per credit hour. Additional administrative costs associated with downlinking and access to the university's libraries will need to be recovered.

Concerns surround Arizona's commitment to the program. The university considers the school library certificate a "trial balloon" that, if successful, could lead to an MLS program. Some states may not be able to join the program if it potentially competes with in-state programs.

LET members say they are committed to continuing work with ALA-accredited library schools and the North Dakota University system to bring high-quality MLS courses to the region. They are not sure at this point how that will happen.

## SPRING WORKSHOPS A SUCCESS

Over three hundred librarians and library supporters sharpened their skills and shared problems and ideas during the North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops, May 13 - 17 in Bismarck, Williston, and Grand Forks.

Local and out-of-state presenters provided information and led discussions on the Reference Interview, The Preschooler's

Door to Learning, Space Planning, and Working with the Adult New Reader. Since the sessions were held in three locations across the state, many support staff members were able to attend this series of workshops. Evaluation comments indicate that the presentations will have a real impact on the local library's services and materials.

The State Library is committed to providing continuing education opportunities at convenient times and locations. Suggestions for future topics are welcome. Contact Mike Jaugstetter or Sue Clark at 701-224-2494.

## LIBRARIANS, LEGISLATORS MEET IN D.C.

Five North Dakotans joined over 550 other librarians from 48 states to participate in the 17th annual Library Legislative Day on April 16, 1991 in Washington, DC. The event coincided with hearings on the Higher Education Act and the Senate's approval of a \$3.1 billion budget increase for education. While funding for library programs is yet to be determined, the general education budget boost is a hopeful sign for restored funding levels.

The North Dakota delegation met with the state's Congressional delegation and their staffs to explain the impact of Federal funds on libraries in North Dakota. All interviews ended with assurances that libraries would not be forgotten in the coming Federal fiscal year.

Representing North Dakota were: Frank D'Andraia, University of North Dakota; John Beecher, North Dakota State University; Ann Zimmerman, Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries; State Librarian Patricia Harris; and Mike Jaugstetter, State Library.

We encourage interested librarians and library supporters to contact their U.S. representatives to thank them for their support in the past and for the future.

## ILL RECEIVES PRAISE

"Great service!" – Enderlin Municipal Library

"I was very well satisfied." – Sheyenne, ND user

"Your service is fast, efficient and greatly appreciated." – Kindred High School Library

These are only a few of the comments received by NDSL in response to a survey sent out with interlibrary loan requests over the past four years. The mail survey was conducted semiannually in 1988 and 1989 and once so far in 1991. It solicited comments from the patrons, and if material was requested, asked for the date of the request and the date the patron received the material. NDSL received 146 responses in 1988 and 152 in 1989. After only one mailing in March and April of this year, 199 patrons responded. Those patrons represented public (236 responses), school (139 responses), academic (48 responses) and special libraries (23 responses), as well as out-of-state libraries (33 responses) and the general public (22 responses). Over 55% of the returned surveys included comments. The majority the comments indicated that patrons are happy with the service and the materials they received from the State.

Interlibrary loan requests to NDSL have increased more than 21% over the past four years. Staffed with four full-time employees and one part-time employee, the division processes almost 3,000 requests each month – over 34,000 per year! They try to fill them all within two days of receipt.

It's hard to draw conclusions from the survey. Is the increase in ILL requests due to stable or diminishing resources at the local library level, or are more patrons becoming aware of the service? Whatever the cause, it is apparent that the State Library's ILL division is filling a need that is increasing each year, and judging from the comments of it's users, they are doing a good job.

### SURVEY RESULTS

	No. of responses	Negative comments	Positive comments
1988	144	3 (4%)	69 (96%)
1989	158	8 (7%)	97 (93%)
1991*	199	3 (3%)	101 (97%)

\*one mailing

## BOOK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

NDLA's Children's Roundtable has announced the winners of the 1991 Flicker Tale Book Awards. Tedd Arnold's *No Jumping on the Bed* was selected as the picture book of the year, and *How to Fight a Girl* by Thomas Rockwell was chosen as the best juvenile book. The winning authors are invited to the annual NDLA Conference. Tedd Arnold has confirmed that he will be attending this year's conference in Jamestown September 26-28. The Children's Roundtable has also released the list of nominees for the 1992 awards: Picture book – *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, by Bill Martin, Jr.; *The Mitten: A Ukranian Folktale*, by Jan Brett; *Pondlarker*, by Fred Gwynee; *Scared Silly: A Halloween Treat*, by James Howe; and *Walter's Magic Wand*, by Eric Houghton. Juvenile book – *I am Leaper*, by Annabel Johnson; *The Dragon's Boy*, by Jane Yolen; *Soup's Hoop*, by Robert Newton Peck; *Maniac Magee*, by Jeffy Spinelli; and *Addie's Dakota Winter*, by Laurie Lawlor. Young readers will vote on the books from September through March.

## WHAT NEW AT NDSL?

NDSL's newest public consultant, Nancy Maxwell, gave birth to a healthy baby boy June 3, 1991. Nancy came on board at the State Library April 29, and works with the state's institutional libraries. Welcome, Nancy, and congrats to you and husband Bill on the birth of Benjamin!

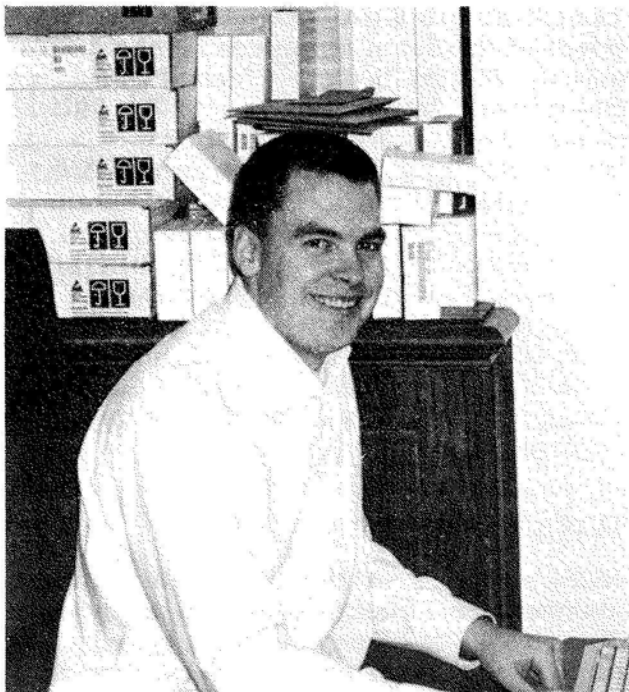


# NDSL PROFILE

## MEET... Brian Erickson, Automation Coordinator

Automation coordinator Brian Erickson's reputation preceded him to his position at the State Library. While attending NDSU, Brian developed "Water Works", a program to aid his hometown city auditor with the monthly utilities billing. The staff at Turtle Lake Public Library then asked Brian if he could adapt the program to track the library's collection, and "Library Works" was born. A dozen libraries in the state are now using the program. In the meantime, the automation coordinator position at NDSL opened up and Brian applied for the job. He started in December 1989.

As automation coordinator, Brian is responsible for the development, planning, training, and evaluation of all



internal automation at the State Library, and is available to NDSL's consultants when they are advising libraries on automation. NDSL itself has twenty-six personal computers, and employs a variety of software including word processing and spreadsheet applications, desktop publishing and database management. Brian trains and assists the NDSL staff in using this equipment.

Brian's first assignment at NDSL was to get the ODIN network operating. That task was completed in March 1990. Each item in the State's collection had to be linked to a unique bar code. The bar coding effort made for much activity on the ODIN system, and before nine months had passed, ODIN users had completed one million transactions, sometimes as many as 7,500 a day.

Brian is also state coordinator for EASYLINK, which supports the state's interlibrary loan network. As new subscribers are added to the EASYLINK network, Brian does the on-site training. He recently began a tour around the state to assign new EASYLINK passwords.

Brian continues to use his programming skills at NDSL. He has created several programs to automate mundane, error prone tasks for the staff, including a label-making program, a program to compile statewide library statistics, and a program to keep track of internal and statewide interlibrary loan statistics. Brian's most recent project was the creation and implementation of a directory program to track library information and personnel throughout the state. He is also developing Source Works to work in conjunction with Library Works to put a machine readable union catalog in the hands of the state's librarians.

## LIBRARY FACTS

### *North Dakota's Academic, Special, and Institutional Libraries*

Twenty-nine of North Dakota's academic, special and institutional libraries reported statistics to the State for fiscal year 1989. Fourteen of the libraries are academic, eleven are considered special, and four are institutional. The libraries reporting are funded primarily with state and federal money totaling \$9.9 million annually, statewide.

Libraries at post-secondary schools — state universities, two-year community colleges and private colleges — are classified as academic libraries. The University of North Dakota's Chester Fritz Library and North Dakota College of Science Library are two examples. Academic libraries serve a population comprised of students, faculty, staff and the general public. Some of the public services provided include reference, interlibrary loan, and database and CD-ROM searching.

While all libraries are special, those libraries that focus on servicing a specific clientele are labelled as "special" libraries. The Q & R Clinic Medical Library and the Assumption Abbey Library are two examples of special libraries. Service varies according to the users' needs and demands.

Institutional libraries are those that are housed in one of the state-run institutions, such as the North Dakota State Health/Science Library at the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown or the library at the North Dakota State Industrial School in Mandan. (*Editor's Note:* The SIS Library is the subject of this issue's Flickertale Focus. See page 6.) These libraries also serve as resource libraries by providing services and information not available elsewhere in the state, as in the case of the North Dakota School for the Deaf.

North Dakota's academic, special and institutional libraries are run by a combined staff of about 225 people. Around 40% of those staff members hold either a Master's degree in Library Science or a 4-year degree with library course work.

Communication between the libraries is becoming faster and easier. Twenty-three of the twenty-nine libraries reporting are on the EASYLINK network, twelve are on line with ODIN, five are linked to OCLC and fifteen have access to facsimile machines.

The libraries provide a wide variety of materials: government documents, slides, audio and video tapes, records, films, microfilms, pictures and maps, as well as periodicals and books. Materials total over 5.7 million items statewide, and were circulated over 852,000 times in 1989.

### A NOTE TO EASYLINK SUBSCRIBERS:

Now that summer vacation is here, many schools are wondering what to do about their EASYLINK mailbox. You must check your mailbox once a week, or AT&T will empty it for you and charge you \$2.50 per message. There is an option. Last year we experimented with mailbox deactivation for the summer. It worked fairly well; only one problem was reported. If you wish to have your mailbox deactivated for the summer, send a letter (NOT an EASYLINK message) to: North Dakota State Library, Attn: Automation, 604 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0800. In the letter, include the date you wish to have your mailbox deactivated, and the date you wish to have it reactivated. Keep in mind that the limit for deactivation is 60 days. If your mailbox is deactivated for a longer period of time, AT&T will drop you from the EASYLINK system.

## FLICKERTALE FOCUS:

## STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Librarian Judy Ringgenberg has worked to make the library at the North Dakota State Industrial School the center of campus activity. Her efforts have seemingly paid off. Kids drop in between classes and during study hall, and often choose to go to the library when their other activities are cancelled. There they can browse through the latest magazines or watch educational television, and sometimes you'll even catch them reading a book. Computer games seem to be the big draw, but nevertheless, they do bring the kids into the library.

When Judy became the SIS librarian in 1989, her first job was to weed the out-of-date collection. Using Library Works software, she inventoried the resources and used the data the program generated to substantiate her request for funding. When LSCA Title I provided a grant of \$5,000 in 1990, the collection was updated for the first time in a decade. Now standing at over 3,200, the collection has improved greatly, but Judy points out that they still have a long way to go. Another priority was to create an atmosphere that would draw the kids into the library. According to Judy, the library "used to look like a pumpkin patch," with orange walls and green carpeting. She lightened things up and lined a wall with colorful books. The school liked what Judy was doing and pitched in with new carpeting. LSCA funding provided comfortable chairs and an air conditioner.

Part of Judy's plan to draw attention to the library got the school administration involved. She established a professional development section for the staff and introduced them to Info Express, an on-line computer service providing news and information from around the world. News sources like the AP, Pravda, and USA Today feed information to the service round-the-clock. Teachers log on to the

service in the morning and use the up-to-date information to keep them and their students abreast of current events. Info Express is provided free of charge to area schools and libraries by Bismarck-Mandan Cable TV. The cable company also provides SIS with free cable TV service, including the Variety tier. The Variety tier carries the Discovery Channel and the Arts & Entertainment Network, which provide educational programming on a wide range of topics. Judy captures the programming on video tape with equipment purchased with LSCA funds, however, a shortage of VCR players at SIS limits the students' access to the valuable resource. In addition to Judy's computer system, the library houses two PC's provided by Adult Basic Education. Info Express runs on one of them, and they are also host to the variety of fun, yet educational, computer games — "Jeopardy" and "Where in the World is Carmen Santiago" are two favorites.

Making an introduction to the library a part of the institution's intake process is one of Judy's goals. Because of the evaluation procedure at SIS, some kids may be on campus for up to 60 days without ever making it into the school. Judy would like them to know that the library is available to them outside of the school environment, so she places paperback books in the cottages to spark their interest in reading. To increase that exposure, she is considering some type of publication that could be included with materials distributed to each person that is sent to SIS.

Judy's biggest hindrance is the lack of time. In addition to her duties as librarian, she is a GED facilitator and a teacher. Because the school staff, including Judy, is on a nine-month contract, the library shuts down during the summer months.

## **LIBRARIAN NAMED "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"**

Minot Public Library's children's librarian, Paulette Nelson, was named Woman of the Year by the Minot Business and Professional Women's Club earlier this spring. Since joining the MPL staff in 1979, Nelson has developed a variety of reading programs for children, both locally and on a statewide level. She was nominated for the award by her boss, Jerry Kaup. In choosing Nelson as the 40th recipient of the annual award, the club recognized the importance of reading promotion. Paulette, thank you for being a great representative of our profession.

## **LIBRARY ASSISTANT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**

Libson Public Library assistant Michelle Drewlow has been awarded a Wilson Scholarship to Jamestown College. Ten Wilson Scholarships are awarded each year for outstanding academic achievement. Michelle has worked for Lisbon Public Library while attending high school and graduated this spring as valedictorian of her class. Michelle was instrumental in the reorganization and automation of Lisbon Public Library and has worked with LPL's summer reading program. She is planning a career in psychology and social work. The Wilson scholarship will pay for four years' tuition at Jamestown College. Congratulations, Michelle!

## **KOPPANG RETIRES**

As of this month, a familiar face is absent from library land. Ruth Ralph Koppang, Divide County's head librarian, retired on May 31. After over 34 years of service, Koppang says she is "going to miss (the library)", but she's looking forward to "puttering around the house" and doing all those things she didn't have time for before. Best wishes, Ruth!

## **READ-A-THON NETS DOLLARS FOR BOOKS**

Students participating in Divide County Library's April read-a-thon raised \$700 to purchase new books for the library. Students collecting pledges also had a chance to select some of the books that will be purchased — half of the money raised will be spent to purchase the students' selections, and half will purchase non-fiction and other books chosen by the Divide County Library staff.

## **LIBRARY PROGRAM SOLICITS ARTWORK**

The Cooperative Summer Library Program — Minnesota \* North Dakota \* South Dakota committee is soliciting artwork for their 1992 summer library program. Artists are invited to submit pen and ink designs to be used in a children's library promotion, "LIBRARY ALL STARS." The program will be used in the majority of public libraries in the tri-state area to promote the use of library resources by children. The design should include a bold, simple graphic, and should emphasize that children who use libraries are "stars." The artwork should not be totally sports-related. Designs may be no smaller than 3" x 5" and no larger than 8-1/2" x 11". Bids for camera-ready, two-color artwork for posters, program records, game boards, bookmarks, certificates, clip art and specialty advertising items are also desired. Sample designs and bids must be submitted to Barb Lantis, Great River Regional Library, 405 St. Germain, St. Cloud, MN 56301, no later than October 1, 1991. Artist selection will be made in early October. Additional information and samples of previous programs may be requested from Ms. Lantis at (612) 251-7282.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE REFERENCE CIRCULARS AVAILABLE

Two reference circulars recently published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress are available to librarians in North Dakota. One circular, **Blindness and Visual Impairments: National Information and Advocacy Organizations**, lists organizations which provide a variety of direct services to blind and visually impaired persons, including advocacy and advisory service, information and consultation, counseling and employment programs, assistive devices and publications in special format.

**Building a Library Collection on Blindness and Physical Disabilities: Music Materials and Resources**, recommends materials to

libraries and organizations as basic resources for providing a current information service on visual impairments and physical disabilities. For copies of these reference circulars, please contact Sally Oremland at the State Library, (701) 224-2497.

### CORRECTION:

The March/April 1991 issue of Flickertale included an insert called "New Faces at NDSL." The photographs of two of the new staff members — Carol Adams and Kathy Morken — were reversed. My apologies to Carol and Kathy. — Editor

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## WHCLIS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Two thousand delegates, alternates and observers from all over the world descended on Washington, DC July 9-15 for the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. A highlight of the conference was a 20-minute address by U.S. President George Bush, who told the delegation that they were the revolutionaries of the Information Age. "A revolution in our schools is transforming a nation at risk into a nation of students," he said. "Libraries and information services stand at the center of this revolution." The next day, Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander challenged conference attendees to "Pick up the President's charge!" He continued, "Libraries are at the center of the revolution beginning in American schools. Help adopt America's education goals in your hometown; help create 'break the mold' schools in your hometowns." Later in the week, delegates adopted a resolution calling for the President and Congress to formally recognize libraries as educational institutions for lifelong learning, providing for access to funding for adult learning and training, services to children, and efforts to eliminate illiteracy.

First Lady Barbara Bush addressed the conference during the opening ceremonies on Wednesday, July 10. Mrs. Bush called libraries "one of the greatest gifts the American people have ever given themselves." She continued, "They are a gift for all of us, no restrictions of age or gender or class or interest. But they're a gift that needs our constant care and attention, like everything that's precious and valuable to us." Later in the conference, futurist Clement Bezold projected that libraries as we know them may "just fade away, being replaced by electronic communications and information." He presented three scenarios of how information services may evolve in the next 40 years. The future of libraries, he suggested, would be dependent on libraries' initiative in reemphasizing their role, and society's renewed commitment to social equality.

Topic groups met throughout the week to develop recommendations, implementation strategies, and impact statements regarding the resolutions forwarded from state conferences held last winter. The Conference Recommendations Committee then reviewed the 765 items passed to it by the topic groups, and 80 were reported out for final voting. A final draft of the adopted resolutions is expected late this fall.

## LOW COST SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

Libraries can get supplies at minimal cost through a fourteen-year-old corporate gifts program. Corporations donate new, excess inventory and earn a federal tax deduction. The program is administered by a non-profit organization called NAEIR, the National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources. NAEIR redistributes donated materials to seven-thousand nonprofits and schools across the United States.

Available items include office supplies, computer peripherals and software, books, paper products, janitorial supplies, toys and games, building materials, tools, and audio and video tapes. Recipient organizations pay \$595 annual dues plus shipping and handling to cover NAEIR's overhead. NAEIR says its average member receives \$7,000 worth of new merchandise a year, selecting needed items from four hundred-page quarterly catalogs. A computerized allocations system decides who gets what. All first-year members in the program receive a money-back guarantee. Last year NAEIR distributed over \$60 million worth of new supplies and equipment. For a free information packet on the program, phone toll-free, 1-800-562-0955 or write to NAEIR, Dept. LA-2, 560 McClure St., Galesburg, IL 61401.

### Attention Former Trustees:

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## APPLE ANNOUNCES LIBRARY GRANTS

Apple Computer is offering grants of Apple II and Macintosh computer equipment and software to learn about innovative and practical ways computers can be used in libraries. Apple intends to distribute the results of the funded projects through publications, applications, Hyper-Card stacks or templates.

To apply for an equipment grant, libraries must submit a short cover letter and a proposal of five pages or less. The proposal should include:

- background on your library or organization
- a description of your proposed project, including your goals, plans, and what you expect to learn from the project
- a timeline with proposed milestones
- the Apple equipment needed for your project
- a single contact person (although collaborators may also be included).

Projects will be evaluated quarterly, and libraries can submit proposals for the August 15 or October 15, 1991 deadlines. Applicants can expect to receive a response about eight weeks after each deadline. Send proposals to:

Apple Library of Tomorrow Program  
10381 Bandle Drive, MS 8C  
Cupertino, CA 95014  
FAX: (408)725-8502

For more information about this grant program, call Chuck Hitchcock at Apple Computer: (508)624-6275.

### ATTENTION LIBRARIANS!

*Please submit interlibrary loan statistics for June 30 to the State Library as soon as possible. Thank you!*

## SUMMER READING PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

Here's what's happening around the state:

**Bottineau County Library**, in line with the "Hats Off to Libraries" theme, decorated the library with a collection of hats - a camouflage cap, a fireman's helmet, a derby, a cowboy hat, and many others. As children sign up, they are given a cap. They write their name on the cap and post it on the bulletin board. About 100 children are participating and another 100 have signed up with the bookmobile's program.

**Griggs County Library** at Cooperstown is enticing kids to read with "Cooper Bucks." For each book read, the child receives a certificate worth \$1 at participating merchants around the community. About 125 children are signed up. At the end of the summer, the participants will compete in a drawing. The prizes? Caps, of course.

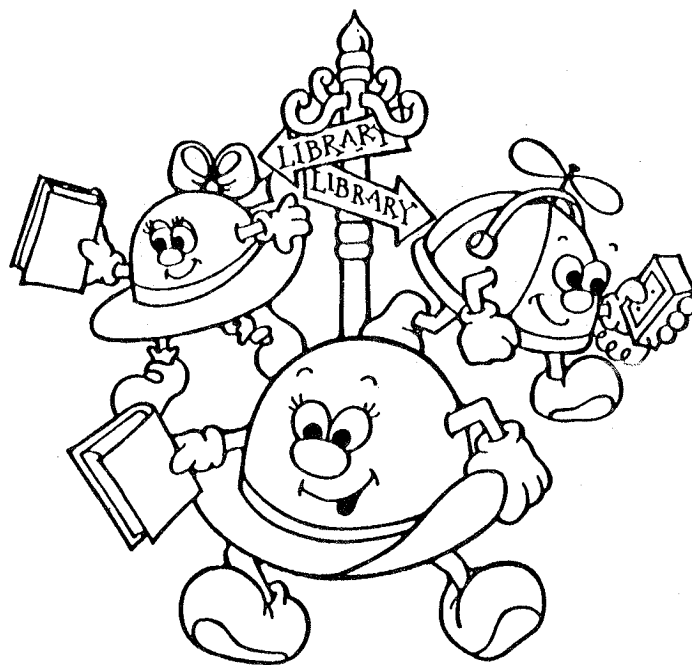
Kids participating at **Harvey Public Library** must read 10 books before qualifying for prizes. To encourage the young readers, prizes are awarded at the end of each week. Larger prizes are also given midway through the program and at its completion. HPL has 85 enthusiastic children participating this summer.

**Lisbon Public Library** has had a good response to the "Hats Off to Libraries" program - 33 kids enrolled the first day and a total of 105 children are now participating. The kids are eager to read: for each four books read, they get a free ride ticket for the county fair.

In addition to the NDLA-sponsored program, **Mandan Public Library** also purchased a program from DEMCO called "Read Around the World." The program was selected to expose kids to a variety of cultures. On July 17 they held "Ethnic Day," complete with ethnic food and costumes.

**Leach Public Library** in Wahpeton had a Madhatters kick-off event for the "Hats Off to Libraries" program. Everyone wore different hats, and there were hat relays and other games with the "Hats" theme. One day the kids donned Sherlock Holmes hats and tried to solve reading clues. But perhaps the most popular event was "Hat-zerrria." Wearing chef's hats, the participants made pizza snacks with the help of the food economist from a local grocery store.

**New England Public Library's** theme, "Dinnertime Spider," appears to have captured the childrens' attention. Forty-six young readers have enrolled in the program. For each book read, a child can attach a "fly" sticker to the huge web that adorns the library. A bulletin board coaxes kids to "Get Caught in Reading." They evidently have. By the middle of July, some participants had read as many as 80 books.





# NDSL PROFILE

## MEET...Sally Oremland, Consultant, Services to Blind and Physically Handicapped

The goal of the Services to Blind and Physically Handicapped is to meet the library and information needs of blind and physically handicapped North Dakotans by assuring that they have access to material in a format they can use. For the past ten years, Sally Oremland has administered a variety of programs to fulfill that goal.

Primary services include the Dakota Radio Information Reading Service (DRIS), a closed circuit radio service for visually, physically, and learning-disabled persons who cannot effectively read print. The program's 18-20 trained volunteers read from several of the state's newspapers, *USA Today*, and the *New York Times*, as well as from 100 popular magazines. In addition, DRIS provides special interest



programs, including consumer and grocery shopping information, home management, pre-election information, and in-depth information about state and national legislation affecting handicapped or aging persons. Annual listener surveys show that the most popular programs on DRIS are the local newspaper readings — specifically the obituaries, grocery shopping advertisements, feature columnists such as Ann Landers, health news, letters to the editor, and community announcements. DRIS uses subcarrier channels of Prairie Public Radio in Bismarck, Minot, Williston and Dickinson to transmit its programs to listeners, who must have special radio receivers to hear the closed-circuit programming. Both the service and the special receiver needed to hear it are free of charge to eligible persons.

Sally is assisted by Brad Lockbeam, DRIS' part-time Volunteer Coordinator and Broadcast Announcer. Brad is responsible for recruiting, training and scheduling the work of the volunteer readers, production of special broadcasts, and distribution and inventory control of 500 SCA FM receivers. He also serves as backup announcer. In June, Michael Kills Pretty Enemy joined the DRIS staff as a Bremer Non-Profit Summer Intern. Michael is conducting a survey of DRIS listeners, and is also narrating a book by North Dakota author Kathleen Eagle. They hope to broadcast the narration later this month.

The continuing goal of the program is to increase the amount of time DRIS can devote to local production. The long term goal is to expand DRIS to the entire state. Sally receives inquiries on a regular basis from people who are eager to have access to the service and she is optimistic that the first step in this process — expansion

to Jamestown — will be accomplished by the spring of 1993. Further expansion should follow quickly. Sally also administers the National Library Service's Talking Book Program under a contract with the South Dakota State Library. The program makes available full-length books and some magazines on recorded disc, cassette and in braille. The reading material and special machines required to play the material are mailed to borrowers postage-free. Over two-thousand North Dakotans currently take advantage of the Talking Book Program.

Other objectives of the division include providing consultation and technical assistance to librarians throughout the state to assist them in serving the information needs of blind and physically handicapped persons in the areas they serve. Sally is available to librarians, the medical and rehabilitation community, educators, nursing and group home personnel, and members of the general public who want current information about services to handicapped persons. She maintains a collection of resource material and a directory of contact people with specialized knowledge of issues affecting the handicapped and visually impaired. She provides workshops to the library community on service to blind and physically handicapped persons, and informs North Dakotans about the availability of the service through the media, speeches to community organizations, exhibits, and other avenues of outreach.

Sally's leadership has been recognized on both the state and national levels. She has been involved in the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries' planning group which developed the DIALS plan in 1987, and NDLA's New Directions Task Force which developed the "Expanding Horizons" plan. Most recently, Sally was elected secretary to the board of directors of the National Association of Radio Reading Services, and was also appointed to

the nomination committee. She served on the state committee which made recommendations on Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is a member of the Bismarck Mayor's Committee on the Employment of Persons with Disabilities.

Action by the 1990-1991 Legislature gave responsibility for the administration and financial support of DRIS to the State Library. DRIS had been a non-profit corporation supported by grants and donations from the public. As a result of the change, the Volunteer Coordinator/Broadcast Announcer position was increased to full-time. Sally had been spending about 30% of her time on fundraising and the financial aspects of administering DRIS. Now relieved of those duties, she looks forward to devoting more time to her duties as a consultant and visiting libraries around the state.

## BPH PUBLISHES LEISURE SERIES

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has published the fifth in a series of leisure activities booklets, *Horses: An Introduction to Horses; Racing, Ranching, and Riding for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals*.

The first introductory booklet on leisure pursuits, *Birding: An Introduction to Ornithological Delights for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals*, proved to be one of the most popular new publications ever produced by NLS. *Fishing, Swimming and Sailing* were similarly received.

NLS plans to continue the series with several more booklets devoted to such popular activities as skiing and gardening. For copies of these booklets, please call Sally Oremland, Consultant, Service to Blind and Physically Handicapped, 701-224-2497.

## MANDAN LIBRARY ADDS PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER

Over seven years ago, Veterans Memorial Public Library in Bismarck gave its patrons access to the world of micro-processing with an Apple IIe system. Now Mandan Public Library is offering the area's computing public a choice with its IBM-compatible public access computer.

MPL's Epson was originally configured with a hard drive, but not long after their decision to open the system to the public, the staff discovered that two floppy drives would facilitate patrons' use of their own software, and the hard drive was exchanged for a second floppy. The system is complete with color monitor (a popular feature for kids who come to play computer games) and a dot-matrix printer. Programs available at the library include First Choice word processing, New Print Shop for making flyers and signs, Calendar Creator, and The Resume Kit. Job Service and the local high schools are sending students and job seekers MPL's way because of The Resume Kit. The program offers several resume formats and users can easily change from one to another. MPL will print the resumes on their laser printer for 15 cents per page. In addition to the library's selection of software, there are also about 60 public domain programs available for patrons to check out and copy for their own use.

MPL is promoting use of the computer through their summer reading/writing program. Students are encouraged to have their stories formatted with the desktop publishing software, and MPL enters the titles into the local catalog. Thom Hendricks, Director at MPL, sees kids' increasing use of computers for research as a positive thing. He has high praise for a service called "Magazine Index Select." He says that rather than discouraging learning, the program "encourages critical thinking skills."

For librarians considering a public access computer, Thom recommends *Public Access Microcomputers: A Handbook for Librarians*, by Patrick R. Dewey. The book is published by G.K. Hall & Company's Professional Librarian Series. MPL has the book's second edition, which, Thom says, is more useful than the first. The book aided him greatly in making policy decisions regarding offering a computer to the public, free of charge.

## RAVES SEES CONTINUED SUCCESS

This summer marks the seventh year of a successful and unique summer reading program — RAVES (Reading Aloud with Volunteers Enriches Summer) — a joint effort of the Bismarck Public Library and the Bismarck Public Schools. The RAVES program encourages students to continue reading after the school year ends. RAVES is not a tutoring program, nor an academic exercise; its goal is to get kids to read for pure pleasure. Students are from grades one through six, and volunteers range in age from twelve to eighty and beyond. The only requirement for either is the desire to read.

Volunteers are gleaned from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, United Way, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the local high schools, the city commission, the library board and the school board. Invitations were also sent to community leaders asking them to volunteer an hour or two to read with a youngster. Students and volunteers get together for one hour a day, three days a week, and take turns reading to each other. There were 18 RAVES sessions in June, and there will be 18 more in August. This year's program has 100 volunteers, and 200 students have signed up. Participants are not rewarded with stickers, coupons, or prizes. Rather, the intrinsic value of partner reading is their reward.

## CENSORSHIP EXHIBIT ON TOUR

The Long Island Coalition Against Censorship has developed a traveling censorship exhibit, "Censorship in Schools and Libraries." The exhibit has been circulating in public and college libraries on Long Island on a monthly basis. Seventy-five libraries have had the opportunity to display the exhibit in their communities. The exhibit was made available to libraries throughout the country beginning in 1991 to help celebrate the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights.

The exhibit includes twenty-four graphic illustrations, each one approximately 11" x 14" with accompanying text on 8" x 11" medium. This history of censorship in schools and libraries highlights incidents of censorship that have occurred in the United States during the last 100 years. Included are descriptions of the censorship of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *Ms. magazine*, the *American Heritage Dictionary*, and the novels of Judy Blume. The exhibit has been updated to include recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions regarding scientific creationism and freedom of expression in public schools.

Both sets of the mounted exhibit are booked through 1991 and half of 1992. There is a nominal fee of \$25, plus one-way mailing and insurance charges. If interested in booking the exhibit in 1992, contact the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship at (516)944-9799.

Since many libraries are interested in having the exhibit in 1991, copies of the mounted exhibit have been prepared. A copy, which may be retained permanently by the library, is available for \$30, including mailing charges. To purchase a copy of the exhibit, send a letter of request to the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship, P.O. Box 296, Port Washington, NY 11050.

## BILL OF RIGHTS IN BISMARCK

Mark your calendars! An original copy of the Bill of Rights comes to the Bismarck Civic Center August 1 - 4, 1991. Protected by a 5,000 square foot pavilion, the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution will be accompanied by state-of-the-art sound, lighting, audiovisual and security systems. The pavilion was designed by Associates and Ferren, an award winning producer of special effects and display technologies. The company has created special effects for "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Cats," and "Evita," as well as scientific and industrial projects for the United States Navy and NASA.

The document on tour is the Commonwealth of Virginia's original copy, on loan from the Virginia State Library and Archives. The Bill of Rights Tour, sponsored by Phillip Morris Companies, will visit each of the fifty states, beginning in Barre, VT on October 10, 1990 and concluding in Richmond, VA on February 9, 1992.

For more tour information or promotional materials call 1-800-231-7000.



## CONTINUING ED NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Desperate for a cataloging update? Couldn't stand to sit through another reference session? Well, we hope you'll let the State Library know about your most wished for workshop topics. Your input will not only help us plan more relevant sessions, but will assist in the development of a comprehensive program of continuing education.

The State Library is now in the process of revising its Long Range Plan for the use of Federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds. Since continuing education opportunities are supported with these funds, we are developing a five-year comprehensive schedule of activities in this area. Within the five-year time frame, we intend to address all major aspects of librarianship — from cataloging to preser-

vation. Although other topics will be added as needs and trends develop, a schedule will permit librarians to remain updated in their field while reducing gaps in training needs. The schedule will also prevent unnecessary duplication of efforts by other continuing education providers in the state.

We'd like to hear your ideas — a survey on continuing education needs has been included in this issue. We would appreciate it if you would take a moment to complete and return the survey to Mike Jaugstetter at the State Library. The topics suggested are very broad at this point. If you have specific needs, be sure to detail them in the space provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## 1991 CONTINUING EDUCATION SURVEY

Please rank the following according to your interest in attending a workshop on that topic: (1 - very interested, 2 - somewhat interested, 3 - not interested)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cataloging (Dewey)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Services    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeding               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Development       | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reader's Advisory Services   | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Services               | <input type="checkbox"/> Copyright             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Services          | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends Groups        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Services         | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Patrons       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Censorship                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mending/Preservation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bookmobiles           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Management         | <input type="checkbox"/> Interlibrary Loan     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Library Services       | <input type="checkbox"/> Policies/Procedures   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Role Setting        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Analysis    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Local Officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee Duties        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Automation Planning   |

Please answer the following questions so that we can tailor the presentations to your situation and location:

1. What type of library do you work in?  
 Public  School  Academic  Special  Other
2. What are your three top choices for workshops locations?  
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3. What day of the week would be most convenient for you to attend continuing education activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what Continuing Education topics (not listed above) you would be interested in.

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**THANK YOU!**

Results of this survey will appear in future issues of the **FLICKERTALE**.

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## GRADUATE COURSE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN 1992

Many of our readers have heard of LISDEC, the Library and Information Science Distance Education Consortium, a group of 14 accredited programs of library science that have agreed to produce graduate level courses to distribute to areas remote from graduate schools of library science. The first of these courses is available and the State Library is pleased to offer it to those interested in furthering their professional development.

The details concerning the course are found in the insert contained in this issue. You will notice that this is NOT a workshop concerning what is going on in libraries today. It IS a complete video graduate course designed to introduce new materials concerning what will effect the future of our profession.

The State Library is offering the video classes as a seven-week course to be given in three-hour segments on seven consecutive Saturdays from February 8, 1992 through March 21, 1992. Times for the course is 10:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to allow for travel time. The course will be offered in the Bismarck at the Kelly Inn and at a yet-to-be-determined location in Mayville. Teaching assistants will be available at each site who will have access to the instructor.

Emporia University School of Library and Information Management, the creator of this first program and a charter member of LISDEC, is interested in how this delivery system suits the needs of library workers in this region. They have been so cooperative that minimal costs are required from interested students. The total cost of the seven week course, including textbook, will be \$65 for North Dakota residents and \$75 for non-residents.

The State Library feels this should be an excellent way to bring masters-level courses into North Dakota. Although this course is not being offered for credit, it is an opportunity for developing professional understanding and an easy way to determine if individuals are ready to commit the time and energy necessary for graduate work before committing to a formal program (and high tuition costs).

If you have any questions, please call or write Mike Jaugstetter or Sue Clark at the State Library.

## MULTITYPE LIBRARY AUTHORITY INFORMATION

All North Dakota libraries recently received a letter outlining the implementation schedule for SB-2448 (North Dakota Century Code 54-24.3) relating to the establishment of multitype library authorities throughout the state. Included with the letter was a **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FORM**.

Libraries interested in participating in a multitype library authority (MLA) should communicate with other libraries in their area of the state.

Notification of intent to apply and letters of intent must be submitted together, as part of group of libraries representing public, school, academic and/or special libraries. The goal of a multitype library authority is to have all libraries working together.

Groups of libraries should be aware that grant proposals must be submitted between January 15 and March 1, 1992. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of population served, geographic area served, number and types of libraries in the group, and the quality of resources of the designated resource library in the group.

Individual letters of intent mailed to the State Library will be channeled to an appropriate group of libraries. The Statewide Library Planning Committee has set the following dates as deadlines for each of the activities listed:

**January 15, 1992:** Final Multitype Library Authority (MLA) guidelines, application forms and other materials approved by the state committee.

**February 1, 1992:** Applications mailed no later than this date.

**March 1, 1992:** MLA applications due back to state committee. Formal motion from the governing authority must be included.

**Mid-March, 1992:** State committee reviews and awards MLA grant. State committee announces interim MLA committee.

**July 1, 1992:** Permanent board in place; begin operations.

**July 15, 1992:** State 1992-95 budget submitted to Office of Management and Budget.

**November, 1992:** Pre-legislation by state agencies.

**January 4, 1993:** Legislative session begins.

**June 30, 1993:** MLA project complete.

## HUMANITIES AWARDS GRANT

Every public and school library should have received a letter recently from NDLA's Children's Roundtable announcing the North Dakota Humanities Council grant for the Flicker Tale Book award. The grant assists libraries in purchasing the books nominated for the 1992 award. The Children's Roundtable reports that responses to the offer are pouring in. In case you missed the original notice, here are the details of the grant award:

A portion of the NDHC grant will be used to fund visits by children's book authors to rural North Dakota libraries. In addition, the grant covers half the cost of purchasing the nominated titles for any participating library. Ten books have been nominated for the 1992 award; total cost is \$90.00. By ordering the books from the Children's Roundtable, libraries pay only \$45.00 and NDHC picks up the rest. Upon receipt of an order, the Children's Roundtable will promptly ship the books to the participating library. Each book is accompanied by a written "Book Talk" prepared by the Children's Roundtable, and a sample ballot for the book award competition. Each book will be clearly marked as a Flicker Tale Book Award nominee.

For a list of the nominees or an order form, contact Paulette Nelson at Minot Public Library.



## LSCA NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Three North Dakota reservation libraries were among the fifteen Native American public libraries in the U.S. to receive Library Services and Construction Act Special Projects Grants for 1991.

The Standing Rock Reservation received \$38,249 which will be matched with \$11,644. The grant will be used to support the salaries and travel expenses of eight reading assistants. These assistants will work with children in the eight reservation communities. The Tribe will also purchase library books and materials with these funds.

The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation received \$64,325 in LSCA funds. With an additional \$81,068 of local monies, the grant will purchase software and equipment and pay travel expenses for staff undergoing computer training. Grant funds will also support the salaries of a library technical assistant, a library programmer and a children's programmer. Funds will support a continuing evaluation and needs assessment effort as well.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa will utilize \$58,622 of Federal funds and \$30,170 of local funds to support public library services at the tribal community college, including the salary of a needed library assistant, travel expenses for staff training, and the purchase of a computer, software, equipment, and library materials.

## NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST AT NDSL

DiAnne Olson of Bismarck has joined the staff of the North Dakota State Library as its Public Information Specialist.

Olson will be responsible for promoting awareness of services offered by the State Library throughout North Dakota. A graduate of Black Hills State University, Olson also does public relations and marketing work for several clients in North Dakota and Minnesota.

## 1992 CONTINUING ED PLANS

It's not too early to reserve a date to attend the State Library's 1992 Spring Workshops. The sessions are designed to emphasize the importance of planning and role setting as they affect all aspects of library management and services.

Each community is unique, having its own particular library and information needs. In order to become a vital and valued part of its community, a library must recognize and strive to meet these needs.

Community input is vital for appropriate weeding and cataloging. A library's understanding of community needs makes decisions forced upon it by limited time, staff and funds much easier. These workshops will present important library skills while reinforcing how library tasks can be conducted within the framework of an individual library's role.

Spring workshops and presenters include: "Weeding: The CREW Method," by Nancy Maxwell, NDSL; "Involving Your Community in Planning," by Annabel K. Stevens, University of Alabama; "Cataloging: What's Right for Us?," by Mark Bowman, NDSL; "Establishing a Library Foundation," by Kevin Dvorak, ND Community Foundation. Workshop locations and tentative dates are: Bismarck, May 11, 1992; Dickinson, May 13, 1992 and Fargo, May 15, 1992.

## PACKED HOUSES AT NDSL PRECONFERENCE

First Choice Software and ODIN/Easylink training proved to be popular topics among North Dakota librarians at the State Library's NDLA Preconference workshops in Jamestown September 25. A total of 115 people attended the sessions and, despite less-than-ideal facilities and no opportunity for hands-on practice, evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Attendance alone was impressive, and 53 people were placed on a waiting list for a future session. Future training opportunities will be listed in upcoming issues of *Flickertale*.

# NDSL PROFILE

## GOODBYE FROM STATE LIBRARIAN PAT HARRIS

When the opportunity arose to manage a larger staff and facility, move closer to her family, and escape North Dakota's winters, State Librarian Pat Harris couldn't say no. She has accepted a position as Director of the Alabama Public Library System, and begins her new duties shortly after the New Year.

Pat says in spite of the many professional and personal goals the new position fulfills, deciding to leave the North Dakota State Library wasn't easy. "I'll miss the people here," she says. "There's such a strong work ethic in North Dakota." Pat says one of the first things she noticed when she came to North Dakota was how the people pulled together to achieve their goals. "It was especially evident during the legislature," she explains. "There was such a cooperative effort between academic and public librarians. It was refreshing to see key players from different arenas work for the common good, with no turf protection getting in the way."

Pat's four years at the NDSL have seen many changes. "I felt the biggest priority was to re-establish our credibility within the library



community," she says. "We undertook several new programs, and strengthened existing services to better respond to the needs of local libraries and library patrons."

All this was done in an era of budget cuts. Maintaining and expanding the quality of library services in a time of referrals and a sluggish economy was a challenge. "As much as the State Library is impacted by budget cuts, local libraries feel the effects even more," Pat explains. "The population is shrinking, and local support for public libraries reflects that. With limited revenues, we need to be resourceful and look for new ways to provide library service to a scattered population."

One of Pat's goals was to get public library consultants into the field to work one-on-one with local librarians. The number of public library consultants was increased, and each was assigned a specific part of the state. This enables the consultants to become familiar with each library and the communities it serves. The consultants offer assistance with nearly every aspect of library services, from management to collection development to finding private funding sources.

Automation continues to be a major push for the NDSL, both within the library itself and throughout the library community. Many of the NDSL's administrative functions have been automated, including payroll and voucher systems. Flickertale, the NDSL's newsletter, and most brochures are set up on Desktop Publishing.

Automation has bridged the distance between libraries and made millions more books and reference materials available to North Dakota library patrons. This has been done through installation of ODIN, an electronic card catalog which connects several libraries throughout the state. ODIN has been on-line at the NDSL for two years. "Once we had our collection on the ODIN system, we shipped 750,000 catalog cards to Pride Industries for

recycling," Pat says. "When we watched those boxes being hauled out, we knew there was no turning back. We had entered the computer age."

The NDSL has since helped many local libraries learn to use ODIN. Response has been overwhelmingly positive, and the increase in usage of interlibrary loans throughout the system has been dramatic. Through use of ODIN, patrons of small libraries now have access to the same resources they might find in a larger town. Even though a particular book might not be available locally, it can be located in seconds via computer and arrive for the patron within a few days. Recent additions to the ODIN system have further widened North Dakotans' access to information.

In September the South Dakota Library Network, Minnesota State University System and Traverse de Sioux in the Mankato, MN area were inter-connected. The four systems combined offer 7.3 million books and other materials to North Dakotans for reference work and interlibrary loan. North Dakota's medical libraries are slated to come on-line shortly, and possibilities for connecting with other networks throughout the country and in Canada are being explored.

An offshoot of automation is that the NDSL has become quite active in training librarians throughout the state on the use and implications of ODIN. "Technology doesn't do any good if people don't know how to use it," Pat says. This has created a concern for the NDSL, since funds currently exist only to train public librarians. Now many school libraries want to be trained in searching ODIN, but funding does not exist in the NDSL's budget for extensive training of their librarians.

The continuing education program that was in place when Pat began at the NDSL has been expanded and taken on the road. The NDSL offers several seminars throughout the year on various aspects of library management and library services. Making professional training available to the state's librarians is another priority Pat has worked on. North Dakota doesn't offer a master's degree in Library Science, and the closest program is in Wisconsin. So the NDSL took the lead in bringing master's level courses

to the state via interactive television. A pilot program, done in cooperation with Emporia State University in Kansas, is scheduled for Spring.

Although much progress has been made during the past four years, Pat sees many challenges ahead for her successor. "A big priority will be training people to use the electronic library services available to them, and educating the public about what it means to have access to these sources of information," she says. She also places continuing education opportunities for those involved in library services at the top of her list.

Funding will continue to be a hot topic, especially in light of North Dakota's declining and aging population. "This is especially critical for smaller libraries," Pat says. "Libraries in larger cities have fairly stable funding, but many rural libraries work on such minimal budgets that any cuts would be crippling." Pat says the formula used to determine state aid to public libraries hasn't been revised since the oil boom years of the late seventies, and needs to be reconsidered. State aid to public libraries has never reached the full amount allotted under the current formula.

Another area to watch is the Multi-Type Library Authority (MLA). Initiated during the last Legislative session, these entities were designed to foster coordination of services and collections among regional libraries. Types of libraries to be represented include public, academic, school library media centers and special libraries. One MLA is to be established this biennium, with an eventual maximum number of eight. Pat says these new entities will need assistance if they are to succeed.

As she looks to the future, Pat is anxious to assume her responsibilities as Director of the Alabama Public Library System. The system serves a population of four million, and acts as the regional library for the blind and physically handicapped.

Pat says the Alabama system offers her many new challenges and opportunities, and brings her closer to her family. "But there's a certain security I found in North Dakota that I'll miss," she says "and many friends."

## FLICKERTALE FOCUS:

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK — NOVEMBER 11 - 17**

With a little imagination and planning, your library can "turn on" a whole new generation of readers during the 72nd annual National Children's Book Week.

This year's theme is "The World is an Open Book." Each year members of the Children's Book Council Board of Directors choose a theme, then invite authors, illustrators and poets to submit original works of art that carry out the theme. This year's illustrators include Caldecott Honor Book artist Paul Zelinsky as well as Maira Kalman and David Shannon. Award-winning children's poet Valerie Worth is also a participant.

National Children's Book Week is held annually during the third week in November. Although it's too late to order kits for this year's promotion, there are several low-cost or no-cost ideas you might use to encourage young readers to get the library habit.

Local libraries might consider asking the mayor to issue a proclamation declaring November 11-17 as Children's Book Week and tying that in with special activities at the library. Ideas include featuring "celebrity" readers such as public officials during story hours, developing handouts for parents on selecting books for their children, registering kids for library cards, starting an after-school reading club, and special displays and banners at the library. Be sure to let your local newspaper and radio station know about these special activities. You may be surprised at the number of readers of all ages who will participate. If your library celebrates National Children's Book Week in a special way, let the State Library know. Call DiAnne at 224-2492. A round-up of events at libraries statewide will be featured in an upcoming issue of Flickertale.

**OLDER KIDS AS BOOK CRITICS**

Sports, clubs, lessons, music . . . middle school students are often too busy to attend regular public library programs. To reach this age group, your library might try a do-it-at-home library involvement program.

Kick off the program with a Saturday workshop on "How to Write a Book Review." This idea might tie in well with lessons English and reading teachers are giving at your middle school — enlist their help with the workshop and the project as a whole.

A display of suggested books for reviewing may help promote the project. Let kids involved in the program know when staff are available to assist them with their critiques.

Once the project is finished, you might publish your very own book review tabloid (i.e. The Mott Public Library Book Review). In addition, if you submit book reviews from kids in grades 6-8 to the Flickertale, we will publish acceptable submissions as space becomes available.

For more information on organizing a middle school book review program, contact Nancy Maxwell, NDSL at 224-2490.

**PLAN NOW FOR 1992!!**

For a free brochure full of promotional posters, bookmarks and items such as author talks on audiocassette, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

The Children's Book Council  
568 Broadway, Suite 404  
New York, NY 10012

## G.K. HALL LARGE PRINT COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

G.K. Hall & Co. invites libraries to enter their 1992 Large Print Community Service Award Competition. The Award was established in 1984 to encourage awareness, availability and use of large print books known to their communities.

Libraries will have an opportunity to win \$1000 for comprehensive efforts in promoting the awareness and use of large print books.

Libraries with limited resources will have an opportunity to win a \$500 grant.

The deadline to enter is March 31, 1992. For an application form and more information, contact Sally Oremland at the State Library, 224-2497.

### Baker and Taylor Discounts

Just a reminder that Baker & Taylor's Midwestern Books Division is offering substantially larger discount rates on books for North Dakota libraries. The discount rate applies to both small and large libraries, regardless of the institution's annual book budget. The new scale is:

Trade books —40.5%

Reinforced Juvenile Books —15.0%

Mass Market & Trade Paperbacks—40.0%

Short Discount Titles—up to 40.5%

To request the new discount rate, libraries should write to: Lolita A. Studer, Director of Sales, Baker & Taylor Books Midwestern Division, 501 S. Gladiolus Street, Momence, IL 60954. Or call 1-800-435-1845, extension 368 (Fran Graves) or extension 400 (Brenda Mulder) and request that your account be changed to request the new rate. Libraries which do not now have an account with Baker & Taylor can establish one by calling either extension.

## JUST FOR KIDS (?)

This television season, six new titles have been added to the award-winning "Long Ago & Far Away" televised literature series for children. They will air on PBS at 1:30 Sundays, along with encore performances of favorites from the program's past two seasons.

New titles in the weekly half-hour program include adaptations of a traditional Russian folktale, Hans Christian Andersen's "The Emperor's New Clothes," and the myth of Pegasus.

Co-producer WGBH of Boston can provide more information about the series, as well as how to obtain copies of some of the episodes, and a 32-page discussion and viewing guide. Call or write WGBH, 125 Western Ave., Boston, MA 02134, 617/492-2777.

### Action Plan for North Dakota Multitype Library Service

We are living in a time of unprecedented change and challenge in North Dakota. Accessible information is a key element in solving North Dakota's problems and enhancing the quality of life. Changing state demographics, limited dollars, and new technology demand the re-evaluation of current library service and funding patterns.

Senate Bill 2448 established a framework for library cooperation to be called Multitype Library Authorities. Each Authority will be composed of geographic groupings linking public, academic, special and school libraries. Every library choosing to join a Multitype Library Authority will be able to cooperate with other member libraries for mutual progress and better service to users. The Authority's function will be to extend and supplement local library resources and services.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Multitype Library Authorities will create the opportunity for all North Dakotans to walk into their local library — be it academic, public, (continued on page 8)

(MLA Action Plan, continued from page 7)

school, or special — and have expanded access to the library resources of the entire state. Access to these resources will be obtained through such services as interlibrary loan, cooperative acquisitions, reference and referral services and individual access to an automated catalog.

**OUR GOALS ARE:**

- \* To achieve a widespread distribution of technologies making possible the full sharing of information resources between the state's rural and urban populations.
- \* To increase utilization of available computer and other technology to speed information to citizens when and where they need it.
- \* To maximize the state's tax dollars by establishing a framework for cooperatively purchasing books, journals, and other library supplies and equipment.
- \* To support economic development and the education of our children by making available the state's information resources to the business and education communities.
- \* To provide enhanced library services to every citizen, at home and at work.

**MULTITYPE LIBRARY AUTHORITY SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS**

A planning grant will be provided to each Multitype Library Authority planning committee to fund the preparation of a plan outlining the development and direction of the Authority. In addition to the planning grant, each Multitype Library Authority can apply for other grants to fund and en-

hance the services provided by the authority. Networking will promote the efficient use of finances, personnel, materials, technology, and properties by enabling library governing authorities in a geographic area to join together in a Multitype Library Authority. The Authority will provide the following basic services:

- \* Individual access to the statewide automated library catalog.
- \* Reference and referral services to supplement those provided by local libraries.
- \* Interlibrary loan services for the residents of the Authority area.
- \* Delivery services for library materials.
- \* Resource identification and location.

The following services may also be provided:

- \* Consultant services
- \* Staff training
- \* Cooperative acquisition of library materials
- \* Centralized cataloging
- \* Database searching
- \* Enhanced children's services

The organization or operation of a Multitype Library Authority board shall not be construed to infringe upon the autonomy of the governing board of any publicly supported library or upon the governing body of any school, academic or special library.

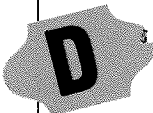
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## NEW GRANTS FOR NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARIES

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Several groups are cooperating to help North Dakota's libraries acquire The Library of America, the award-winning collection of America's best literature.

The North Dakota Humanities Council has launched a joint effort with The Library of America in New York to facilitate acquisition of the collection, with the assistance of a matching grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York. The North Dakota Humanities Council, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has contributed \$11,000 to this new cooperative program. This grant helps North Dakota libraries participate in a three million dollar national program that awards funds for the acquisition of 60-volume sets of The Library of America. Twenty libraries will be awarded these grants. The Mellon Foundation has already enabled more than 2500 libraries throughout the United States, including six in North Dakota, to acquire the series.

This nationwide grant program, funded solely by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, awards \$500 grants to libraries toward the purchase of the 60-volume series after the local library has raised and dedicated \$700 to the acquisition. The Library of America makes the set available for a reduced price of \$1200, \$650 less than the retail price. With the cooperative program, North Dakota's local libraries will only need to raise \$150, and the North Dakota Humanities Council will contribute the remaining \$550. To qualify for the grant monies, libraries must have an annual book budget of no more than \$35,000 and be open to the public at least ten hours each week. However, libraries that do not fully meet these guidelines, but believe they have good reason to apply, are encouraged to do so. Branch libraries are eligible.

Although the cooperative grant program will continue until all funds have been distributed, North Dakota libraries are encouraged to apply by February 15, 1992. Libraries participating in the program will receive at least 30 books in their first shipment. The remaining volumes are sent as new books are published and earlier volumes are reprinted. Among the writers featured in the award-winning series are Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James, Jack London, Thomas Jefferson, Willa Cather, William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, Edith Wharton and Richard Wright.

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## NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY ON DISABILITY AWARENESS AVAILABLE

A reference bibliography entitled Disability Awareness and Changing Attitudes which was produced recently by the National Library Service for Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress is now available at the State Library.

According to the National Library Service, public attitudes toward disability are often the greatest barrier for people with disabilities. The emphasis on disability in literature has recently begun shifting from differentness and limitation to abilities and potential. People with disabilities are participating more fully in the mainstream of society and are advocating for full acceptance.

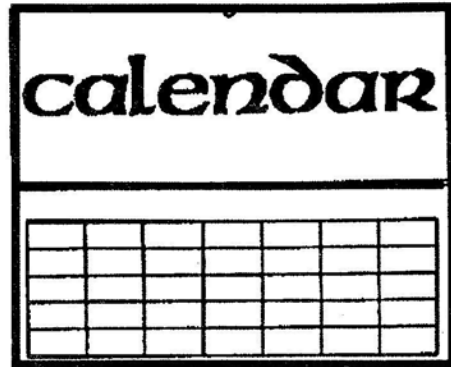
The annotated bibliography includes books, chapters in books and periodical articles of general interest, most of which have been published since 1984. Research publications can be identified through such indexes as Psychological Abstracts and Sociological Abstracts.

Audiovisuals produced since 1972 are also included. For a copy of the bibliography call Sally Oremland at 224-2497.

### NEW GRANTS (continued from page 1)

The Library of America is an award-winning, non-profit program dedicated to publishing the America's greatest writers.

For more information and an application kit, write to The Library of America, 14 East 60th Street, New York, New York 10022 or call (212) 308-3360. You may also call Sue Clark at the North Dakota State Library, 224-4663.



January 11 & 25 Grand Forks  
GRE Exam Preparation  
For more information, call Jean Johnson at  
1-800-342-8230.

February 8 Bismarck, Mayville  
Information Technologies Graduate Video  
Course begins. For more information call Sue  
Clark or Mike Jaugstetter. Clark: 224-4663;  
Jaugstetter: 224-4654.

March 1  
Deadline for groups of libraries to apply for  
Multitype Library Authority grants.

May 11 Bismarck  
NDSL Spring Workshops: "Weeding: The  
CREW Method," "Involving Your Community  
in Planning," "Cataloging: What's Right for  
Us?," and "Establishing a Library Foundation."  
For more information call Sue Clark or Mike  
Jaugstetter.

May 13 Dickinson  
NDSL Spring Workshops. (Same itinerary as  
above.)

May 15  Fargo  
NDSL Spring Workshops. (Same itinerary as  
above.)

## SERVICES AVAILABLE TO NATIVE AMERICANS AND TRIBES

While many libraries may be aware that the State Library provides reference materials by and about Native Americans through its reference and interlibrary loan programs, a lesser-known service is also available through the NDSL's Library Development Division.

Library Development provides information and referral on Native American Library Services through its general consulting service. Some examples of information and services available include audio visual materials, information on children's books about Native Americans, information on Native American library information needs, and examples of programs of service.

Library Development also provides direct service to North Dakota's reservation libraries. In addition to traditional ILL services, LD consultants can help reservation public libraries to develop programs of library service. For example, consultants can provide advice in the development of Library Services and Construction Act (LCSA) grant applications for funds available through the U.S. Department of Education. Although LCSA funds are administered directly by the Federal government, LD assistance in program development and administration is provided.

For more information on services available, contact the LD program staff at the State Library.

## DISTANCE EDUCATION, COOPERATION THEMES OF RURAL AND SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

About 200 representatives of rural and small public libraries discussed the future of their institutions at a recent conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

The State Library's Mike Jaugstetter says opportunities for distance education are a concern among librarians at small and rural libraries. "Although we've made some progress in offering master's-level courses by means of video, we're still not anywhere close to making these distance education courses into degree-granting programs," he says.

The need for cooperation to provide improved services to patrons was also discussed. "Many areas have already begun cooperative efforts," Jaugstetter explains. "We've come to realize that we have to stop competing with other information providers. It's much better for our patrons if we work with chambers of commerce, extension services and other organizations - not to mention cooperation with different types of libraries."

When representatives of small libraries felt the American Library Association was unresponsive to their needs, they formed a loose confederation of their own. Since funding at many such institutions is limited, expensive annual conferences have given way to regional conferences and information-sharing through a bi-monthly newsletter. Jaugstetter describes the focus of the group as providing a clearinghouse of information regarding successful programs and helpful ideas.

North Dakota will host the conference on Rural and Small Public Libraries in 1994.

# NDSL PROFILE

## MEET NANCY MAXWELL, NDSL PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSULTANT

What do literacy programs, children's services, and institutional libraries have in common? They're all included in the portfolio of NDSL Public Library Consultant Nancy Maxwell.

Nancy joined the staff of the State Library in April. Although technically she filled a long-vacant position, the duties Nancy has are quite different than those of her predecessor. The job was redesigned to emphasize several issues that needed special attention. As a result, in a typical day Nancy might help an institutional library write long-range plans, answer questions on developing programs for children of certain ages, and advise an organization on how to obtain funding for a literacy program.

Nancy holds a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Prior to coming to the State Library, she worked at several different types of libraries, including the Chester Fritz library at UND.



While attending graduate school, she worked at the Children's Cooperative Center and Steenbock agricultural library.

"In all those jobs, I actually worked in the library, usually as a reference assistant," Nancy explains. "In this job I'm a step removed from the day-to-day operations of the libraries, and that's been an adjustment."

Still, Nancy says her position at the State Library is exactly what she wanted. "I really enjoy answering librarians' questions and helping people design programs to fit their needs," she says.

Since April, Nancy has visited several libraries throughout the state. She often gives advice on how children's services might be improved, or suggests children's books a library might like to acquire. She has also helped develop special programs for libraries. For example, she recently assisted the staff of the Mandan Public library with ideas for a program targeted at 5th and 6th graders.

"The biggest challenge libraries in North Dakota face is the lack of funds to purchase materials and the lack of staff for children's programs," Nancy says. "However, most libraries in the state have done a tremendous job with the resources they have."

Assistance with grant-writing is another service Nancy offers to libraries. Currently she's working on a grant proposal to enhance the state's Summer Reading program. If the application is successful, a program will be developed to sponsor performances by the Plain People at several western North Dakota libraries. She has also assisted institutional libraries with grants.

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Although North Dakota's institutional libraries are grouped in a single category, their functions and collections are each unique. For example, the men's library at the North Dakota Penitentiary consists mostly of popular reading material. However, while the North Dakota State Hospital's library has popular material, it also features a professional collection for doctors and other medical professionals. Still another library Nancy works with at the State Industrial School is a school library.

Literacy has become a much-discussed topic. Nancy says there are several sources of funding available to organizations that want to start literacy programs. Anyone interested in trying to obtain funds can contact Nancy for examples of existing literacy programs which have been successful.

Yet another area in which Nancy is involved is the State Library's continuing education program. This spring Nancy will present a workshop entitled "Weeding: The CREW Method." "Weeding is really collection development in reverse," Nancy explains. She says the first and most important step in weeding library collections is the definition of a library's role and mission. This guides what the library will collect. "There are certain staples every library needs, and will always need," she explains. "But weeding makes room for new materials, and makes everything easier for patrons to find." Nancy says keeping library collections up-to-date enhances a library's credibility and usability for its patrons.

The past nine months have given Nancy many new challenges. If her job's many and varied duties weren't enough, she also became a mom for the first time about six months ago!

## FREE RESOURCES FOR KIDS

### LEARNING SCIENCE

"Helping Your Child Learn Science" is a free 58-page booklet published by the U.S. Department of Education for parents of children ages 3 - 10. The booklet contains basic science information, experiments, suggestions of activities and a list of books and other resources. For a free copy, request "Helping Your Child Learn Science" from Department 611X, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.

### BILL OF RIGHTS

To celebrate the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights, the American Bar Association has released a free list of resources for schools, communities, and civic programs. Materials include an award-winning powder series that illustrates the Bill of Rights' freedoms, booklets on program ideas for civic and educational organizations, and a guide to organizing programs on the Constitution. Contact Tammy Russo, ABA Division of Public Education, 541 Fairbanks Ct., Chicago, IL 60611-3314, (312) 988-5745.

### RECOMMENDED READING

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society has compiled a Recommended Reading list for young people ages 9 and up. This list is intended for older children and young adults interested in imaginative literature (science fiction and fantasy). For a free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed legal-sized envelope to: Recommended Reading List, c/o LASFS Inc., 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601-2309.

*FLICKERTALE FOCUS:***THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - ITS AFFECT ON LIBRARIES**

The Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law July 26, 1990, was designed to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities in both the public and private sectors.

While many people believe the ADA deals only with discrimination in employment, the facts are that the Act contains titles which also mandate that public buildings and services be fully accessible to people with disabilities. All three of these titles could have a profound impact on libraries.

Title I of the ADA prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment. It provides, for example, that a qualified individual with a disability be given the same consideration for employment as a qualified individual without a disability. Taken at face value, this may sound simple. However, it will require that employers write accurate and complete job descriptions for any advertised position, and makes identification of essential functions of a job vital. If a qualified individual with a disability can perform essential functions of a job - with or without accommodations - he or she cannot be turned down for a job due to inability to perform a job's marginal functions. The law requires that all public entities, regardless of staff size, must end discrimination in employment against people with disabilities by January 26, 1992.

Title II of the ADA states that "no individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity". This means that any library receiving state or local public funding must make all its services available to all patrons with dis-

abilities no later than July 26, 1992. Department of Justice regulations require that all public entities evaluate current policies and practices to identify and correct those not in compliance with ADA. These public entities are also required to give anyone interested, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing people with disabilities, the opportunity to participate in that self-evaluation by submitting comments.

Title III of the ADA specifically lists libraries in its language. It reads, "No individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person who owns, leases, or operates a place of public accommodation." The law states specifically that these non-discrimination provisions apply to "museums, libraries, galleries, or any other place of public display or collection." Title II prohibits "failure to remove architectural barriers, and communication barriers that are structural in nature, in existing facilities . . . where such removal is readily achievable" (defined in the ADA as easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense).

Federal reports estimate that 43 million people in America have disabilities - as much as 20% of a library's potential patrons.

The ADA has been called the most significant civil rights legislation passed by the federal government since the Civil Rights Act of 1964. An insert is provided in this issue with names and telephone numbers of individuals and organizations to contact with your questions about ADA.

## MODEM EXPLORER:

### *The World at Your Fingertips*

Beginning with this issue, Flickertale will periodically bring you a run-down of networks you can access toll-free via computer modem. Many of these are government-sponsored, offering researchers instant access to information from NASA, the Department of Energy, the Federal Aviation Administration and more. This issue's featured network is called "FEDIX".

**FEDIX** is a new dial-up online information service providing free access to a collection of Federal government research and education files. The Departments of Energy, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development are currently providing information along with NASA, the Office of Naval Research, the FAA and the National Science Foundation.

The online files include announcements of contracts, scholarships, fellowships and grants; information on available research equipment; and procurement notices from the Commerce Business Daily and the Federal Register, along with descriptions of educational programs and news and current events. In addition, there are summaries of agency research projects, descriptions of training opportunities, information on funding and application procedures, and "point of contact" names and addresses for projects.

The FEDIX system is menu-driven and somewhat slow, but relatively easy to use. There are no registration fees or access charges and, for a limited time, there is even a toll-free line provided (1-800-232-4879). New users are given a password when they dial in the first time. Anyone with an IBM compatible or Apple microcomputer with standard communications software and a modem operating at 1200 or 2400 baud can access the system. The FEDIX service is run by the Federal Information Exchange, Inc.

When you access FEDIX, the Main Menu will feature these options: (1) Comprehensive Agency Information, (2) Minority Program Information, (3) Cross-Agency Search Programs, (4) Procurements, Notices and News, (5) Utility Menu, (6) Downloadable Files, (7) Mail, (8) Announcements, (9) System Updates and (10) What is FEDIX?

Users can also access the Agency Menu, which offers information from the following agencies: (1) Department of Energy, (2) Office of Naval Research, (3) NASA, (4) Federal Aviation Administration, (5) Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

For additional information on FEDIX, call the helpline at (301) 975-0103.

### **FREE NTIS BULLETIN BOARD**

The National Technical Information Service (NTIS) has established a Patent Licensing Bulletin Board (PLBB) to help companies find government-owned inventions from federal laboratories which are available for licensing.

The bulletin board may be accessed through microcomputer modem free of charge. Once connected, users can download information directly into their own systems. The PLBB summarizes each invention and identifies supporting material which may be ordered for more information.

The inventions described in the bulletin board represent new technologies from NIH, EPA, Agricultural Research Service, Centers for Disease Control, FDA, Bureau of Mines, Forest Service, Veterans Affairs, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation.

The NTIS is providing free copies of the PLBB Users Manual for a limited time. Call the NTIS Sales Desk at 703-487-4650 and ask for PR-903/KQM. Those familiar with bulletin boards may dial directly into the PLBB at 703-487-4061.

**BRIEFLY...**

**The Plains Art Museum's Resource Center** houses an extensive film, video and slide collection that is available for loan to schools, interested groups and individuals. The library includes programs from the National Gallery of Art and the Plains Art Museum. Program formats include: 1/2" videocassettes, 3/4" videocassettes (used by television studios), 16 mm films, filmstrips and narrated slide programs. This service is free of charge to schools and organizations in North Dakota and Minnesota. Individuals are charged \$5 per program for five working days. A catalog listing available materials is available by calling the Plains Art Museum Resource Center at (701) 293-0903 or writing them at 219 South 7th St., Fargo, ND 58108-2338.



Although **American book output** dropped a little more than 17% from 1989 to 1990, book prices rose slightly during that same period. According to Publishers Weekly, 53,446 books were published in 1989, compared to 44,218 in 1990. The average hardcover book cost about \$41.85, just over 3% more than in 1989. Publishers Weekly lists the average price for various types of books as:

Adult hardcover fiction - \$19.93  
 Juvenile hardcovers - \$13.09  
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# THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

## A RESOURCE GUIDE

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Curtis Sinness, ADA Coordinator  
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Bismarck, ND 58501  
224-3991

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20054  
(202) 634-1837 (Voice)  
(202) 632-1836 (TDD)

North Dakota Governor's Committee on  
Employment of People with Disabilities  
Darrell Farland, Executive Director  
400 E. Broadway, Suite 304  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
224-3950

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
1801 L St., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20507  
1-800-USA-EEOC (Voice)  
1-800-800-3302 (TDD)

North Dakota Office of Intergovernmental  
Assistance  
Richard Gray, ADA/Building Codes  
Administrator  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505  
224-3698

Architectural and Transportation Barriers  
Compliance Board  
1111 18th St., N.W., Suite 501  
Washington, DC 20036  
1-800-USA-ABLE (Voice and TDD)

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224-2497

Job Accommodation Network  
West Virginia University  
809 Allen Hall  
Post Office Box 6122  
Morgantown, WV 26505-6122  
1-800-526-7234 (Voice and TDD)

Office on the Americans with Disabilities Act  
Civil Rights Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 66118  
Washington, DC 20035-6118  
(202) 514-0301 (Voice)  
(202) 514-0381 (TDD)

President's Committee on Employment of  
People with Disabilities  
1331 F Street, N.W. 3rd Floor  
Washington, DC 20004  
(202) 376-6200 (Voice)  
(202) 376-6205 (TDD)

Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590  
(202) 366-9305 (Voice)  
(202) 755-7687 (TDD)



MULTITYPE LIBRARY AUTHORITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

North Dakota State Library Meeting Room  
October 25, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Jerry Kaup.

Present: Jerry Kaup, LaDean Moen, Leeila Bina, Patricia Harris, Sharon Evensen, Senator Corliss Mushik, Shirley Leno

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

MINUTES:

Bina made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 1991 MLA meeting, and that they be published in full in "Flickertale Newsletter" for at least the next year. Second by Moen; motion carried.

BYLAWS:

Regarding per diem compensation, Bina suggested leaving the bylaws as they are for the biennium. It was also decided to change: (Article VI, Section 1) - "The committee shall meet regularly at the call of the chair." Motion to approve the bylaws, with above changes, made by Bina; second by Moen; motion carried.

BUDGET:

Harris noted that by not taking per diem, the committee has greatly increased the budget balance. If meetings continue to be held in Bismarck, only three members will have expenses; however, nothing has been budgeted for outside consultants, etc. She suggested that funds could be held back for unexpected expenses, and, if not needed, could be replaced into MLA total funds at end of the year.

After discussion, it was decided to have three regional meetings outside Bismarck: east (Devils Lake); west (Williston); central (Bismarck). Three out-of-town meetings will cost about \$1,000 each, which would leave a minimum of \$40,000 for the consortium. Harris suggested building the budget in three categories, using state guidelines: (1) committee costs/travel; (2) grant; and (3) administration. Moen made a motion to approve \$40,000 for the grant and \$10,000 for miscellaneous expenses (thirteen committee meetings and three (3) regional meetings), with the intent that Harris will determine travel and miscellaneous amounts. Second by Bina; motion carried.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY:

Moen: Has received some calls of interest from the Wahpeton area; no calls have come from the Hettinger/Bowman area.

Evensen: Some calls of opposition have been received from the Lakota area, but had good response at the area superintendents' meeting.

These area meetings seem to be bringing to light problems that librarians have; they are not aware of grants that are available to them. It was suggested to put inserts in the next edition of "Flickertale": (1) Diagram of 1991 North Dakota Century Code - Library Authorities; and (2) Multitype Library Authority Systems/Public Library Systems Characteristics (taken from Wisconsin's plan). Kaup will contact Wisconsin for permission to adapt and distribute their documents in North Dakota.

Moen and Evensen will adapt and send to the State Library (for inclusion in "Flickertale") the "Goals" statement from page 1 of Expanding Horizons and "Network Services" from the bottom of page 2. Kaup will do an article to be included in "Flickertale" reiterating that "letters of intent" need to be batched and represent a group of libraries. Harris suggested that a form letter with Kaup's signature be sent out to all who have submitted a "Letter of Intent." Kaup said he will do this. It was also suggested that DiAnne Olson from the State Library staff draft a sample press release that small town newspapers could adapt and use.

CONSULTING WORKSHOP:

Evensen will try to make arrangements to attend a consulting workshop November 14-15 in Madison, Wisconsin. Linnertz said that DPI will fund her expenses to attend this workshop.

GUIDELINES AND MINIMUM STANDARDS:

It was mentioned that number of counties, population limits, area/counties served, regions and population need to be considered in deciding where MLA will be demonstrated. Harris also suggested considering types of service that libraries have to offer (collections/resources). Evensen said that some regions cannot meet strict standards; schools will need to see that this MLA will work before they budget money for it. The committee decided that a simple, cooperative agreement with general guidelines should be developed, and not to tie in numbers (population, size, etc.) at this time.

The committee then adapted the Minnesota MLA Guidelines to fit North Dakota's needs.

Joe Linnertz joined the committee meeting after lunch break.

GUIDELINES (continued)

Harris and Leno will have mock-up of Guidelines in the mail to committee members within two weeks.

APPLICATION FORM:

The MLA Application Form needs to be set up before January 15, 1992. Harris will send a copy of LSCA Title I and Title III application form to Linnertz and he will draft an application form and send them out to committee members. Lamb will work on an evaluation form; Linnertz and Harris will send him samples.

Sample documents (by-laws, contracts between Authorities, etc.) need to be readied for the Interim Committee. The Planning Committee will work on this at the December meeting.

MEETINGS:

Three regional meetings for hearings will be held:

- December 12 - (Williston, place to be decided)
- December 13 - (Chieftain, Carrington) -
- December 16 - (State Library, Bismarck) A short committee meeting will be held in the morning, with the hearing scheduled for 2 p.m.

These hearings will allow anyone working on an Authority to come in with any questions on the Guidelines, etc. All hearings are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Guidelines will be available at all hearing sites. After December 16th interested parties should contact the State Library for copies.

Linnertz will have Dr. Sanstead develop a letter to be sent to school superintendents from DPI regarding the Authorities. Harris will have a "Letter of Intent" sent to chairpersons of library trustee boards.

It will be decided at the November 22nd meeting which committee members will attend statewide hearings.

Meeting adjourned.

**STATEWIDE MULTITYPE LIBRARY AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I. Name**

The name of the committee is the Statewide Multitype Library Authority Committee.

**ARTICLE II. Purpose**

The purpose of this committee is to provide guidance for the development, implementation, and improvement of the multitype library authority network as described in the North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 54-24.3.

**ARTICLE III. Membership**

Section 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a seven-member statewide library planning committee.

Section 2. Members must include a state legislator; a representative of the superintendent of public instruction; a representative of the state library; a representative of a school library media center; a representative of a college or university library; a representative of a public library; and a representative of a special library.

Section 3. Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the same per day compensation as provided for members of the legislative council under NDCC section 54-35-10, together with expenses as provided in sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09, while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the committee, except that no compensation may be paid to any committee member who receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

**ARTICLE IV. Length of Term**

The term of office for each member of the committee is three years and no person may serve more than two 3-year terms. The superintendent of public instruction shall stagger the terms so that initially, three members are appointed for three years, three members are appointed for two years, and one member is appointed for one year.

**ARTICLE V. Officers**

Section 1. The Committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its membership. Officers shall serve for a term of one year. In the event of the absence, (cont.)

ARTICLE V, Section 1 (continued)

disability, resignation or conflict of interest of the chair, the vice chair shall exercise all the powers and duties of the chair. In the event the chair is permanently unable to perform the functions of the office, the vice chair shall automatically become chair and the position of vice chair shall be deemed vacant. At its next regular meeting, the Committee shall elect from its own members a successor to fill this vacancy.

Section 2. The Committee as a whole shall serve as the Nominating Committee. Election of officers shall occur at the July meeting and newly elected officers shall take office at this meeting.

Section 3. The duties of recording secretary will be assigned by the State Librarian to a member of the State Library staff.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings.

Section 1. The Committee shall meet monthly at the call of the chairperson in consultation with Committee members.

Section 2. A quorum shall consist of four members. No official action shall be taken in the absence of a quorum except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date.

Section 3. Each member attending a meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote on each question being voted on, and there shall be no voting by proxy. Dissenting votes or abstentions shall clearly be expressed when voting is in process. All matters shall be decided by a majority of those present. A motion fails on a tie vote.

ARTICLE VII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any rules or laws of this State.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.