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Honorable Arthur A. Link
Governor
State Capitol
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Mr. Edward J. Klecker
Director of Institutions
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Dear Governor Link and Mr. Klecker:

In accordance with section 54-24-03(7) of the North Dakota Century Code, I hereby submit the thirty-sixth Report of the Director of the State Library Commission to the Governor and to the Director of Institutions, which constitutes the State Library Commission, for the period July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1977.

Respectfully,

Richard J. Wolfert
Director

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PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY OF THE AGENCY

The State Library is supported by a biennial appropriation from the State Legislature, and is a division of the Office of Director of Institutions. The library was established in 1907 and currently operates under Chapter 54-24 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The State Library is maintained to serve all of the state's residents in cooperation with local libraries in order that a full range of library resources is readily available to everyone. Emphasis is placed upon library resources which are specialized, infrequently used, often expensive, and generally not readily available elsewhere in the state.

REPORT

The presentation of the goals, objectives, programs, activities, and trends outlined in the Reports since 1970 remains essentially valid from a point of view that may be described as professional and traditional. However, certain other factors - political, economic, and technological - now appear to be of increased importance in the planning and delivery of library services.

These factors are responsible for the status quo situation at the present time. The agricultural based economy has suffered for some years now from low crop and livestock sale prices. This has deterred a state level investment in a low priority service such as public library service. Nor does the provision of regional library service appear to be politically feasible. The rural units and some urban units prefer not to support an intermediary library unit between them and the State Library. It also appears that numerically few people would benefit from the regionally delivered services and that the administrative and service cost would be higher than the present state/local arrangement. An emerging factor is that technology such as computer access to data banks and low cost microfiche readers coupled with such service as toll-free telephone service and mail delivery may alleviate (but not eliminate) the need for enlargement of libraries as we know them today.

What seems to be needed most is a determination as to what citizen information needs are, to what extent will public funds be available for supporting programs to satisfy these needs, what part libraries will have in the total package of information storage and retrieval, and what governing structure within the political and economic realities will best deliver these library and information services.

It may well be that the direction detailed in these Reports will be the pattern of library service in this state some years hence. If so, then the proponents of these ideas will need to organize and channel their energy in productive veins that will bring into manifestation that which now nestles in the minds of a few.

However, it appears at this time that a major shift has taken place in the rationale for the free public library service. Public librarians tend to see citizens' access to information as synonymous with the public library as an institution. The taxpayers, the legislators, and administrators tend to see the need for citizens' access to information in a broader perspective. That is, there are many channels of access to information, the public library being one, albeit an important one. The rationale is now for public money for citizen access to information, not for the traditional public library. Thus, competition for the tax dollar is extensive as well as intensive.

Our whole perspective on what constitutes public library service needs to be scrutinized to determine what services are needed, what the public library can provide, and what is best left for other public and private agencies to provide.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ROLE

The federal government role in libraries is still unclear. Some groups want a permanent federal commitment to school, public, academic, and special libraries for operating funds. Others believe that the federal involvement should be limited to planning, development and evaluation in conjunction with the states. Still others see only federal support for national libraries (Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, etc.) and subsidizing other research libraries of national or regional importance.

A White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science will be held in September 1979. Each state is required to hold a state conference to precede the national conference. It is expected that a clarification of the federal/state/local role and the involvement in library and information service will occur.

Although the Library Services and Construction Act has received a five-year extension of authorization by Congress, various opposing forces of program consolidation versus fragmentation are at work which are making Library Services and Construction Act an unstable program for even its long standing mission of rural library development.

LSCA in North Dakota for the fiscal years 1978 and 1979 will be used for additional staff to plan for the development, coordination, and evaluation of library service on the statewide basis. LSCA will also continue to be used to supplant state funds for the operation of the State Library. The State Librarian submitted a budget request for the fiscal years 1978 and 1979 that provided state general funds for the operation of the State Library and provided for the federal LSCA funds to be utilized for the development of library service. As in previous biennial budgets, the Executive Budget Office rejected the concept of total state general funding for the State Library and continued its long-standing practice for all state agencies that minimizes state dollars and maximizes the federal dollars for state level operations. The State Legislature confirms the practices of the Executive Budget Office. The long-term effect of this practice was predicted in the January 4, 1971 issue of Flickertale Newsletter, that is, no grant funds available for library development. We have reached that point effective July 1, 1977. It should be pointed out that it is the intent of the Executive Budget Office and the Legislature to provide state funds for the operation of the State Library when the federal government no longer will. Thus, the operation of the State Library is secure.

LSCA MANAGEMENT STUDY

Henry Fontaine from the Denver Regional Office of HEW and Dorothy Kittel from the Washington Office of Education prepared a manage-

ment review of the State Library pertaining to the administration of LSCA in North Dakota. A summary of their findings is as follows:

"A. General Summary Conclusions

1. The North Dakota State Library has struggled, with minimum support from its constituency (and thus State government), to administer the LSCA program for the benefit of the people of North Dakota.
2. The North Dakota State Library is to be commended for:
 - a. having succeeded, in large measure, in restructuring the agency along functional lines;
 - b. having established sound financial management procedures;
 - c. the high quality of its publication program;
 - d. its foresight in anticipating the usefulness of modern technology in providing library service, and in some areas making highly effective use of it;
 - e. its on-going research efforts into the information needs of its many clientele groups which libraries should help to meet, and
 - f. its work with the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries to enable it to serve the State of North Dakota more effectively.
3. The extremely critical weakness, which stymies the efforts of the State Library to administer LSCA in accordance with the law and regulations and its own long-range program, is the total lack of professional staff, at the present time, to implement the library developmental program under the direction of the State Librarian. The Director and key staff members have been and continue to be aware of and greatly concerned about this situation.

B. Major Summary Recommendations

The State Library Commission implement the proposal to establish a Local Library Improvement and Cooperation Division (a library development division) with qualified professional librarians, in order to carry out the State of North Dakota's assurance that the Library Services and Construction Act will be administered in accordance with the law and applicable federal regulations."

Two new professional librarian positions (funded by LSCA) were authorized by the Executive Budget Office and the State Legislature as a result of this study.

Advisory Council on Libraries

In accordance with Library Services and Construction Act regulations, Governor Link appointed fifteen persons to the North Dakota Advisory Council on Libraries. The Council provides advice and counsel to the Governor, the Director of Institutions, and the State Librarian on matters of policy and programs pertaining to statewide library service and development. The Council met many times to discuss a wide variety of issues and proposed projects. The minutes of these meetings were published in Flickertale Newsletter.

Two annual reports on the status of North Dakota libraries and recommendations for improvement have been filed with the Governor by the Advisory Council. Several special reports were prepared for the Council by staff of the State Library, by Council members themselves, and by staff of various libraries and organizations around the state. All of these reports have been published by the State Library.

School/Public Library Service Combinations

The community library concept has not moved ahead, in part because of lack of funds, but largely because the school as an institution does not yet see itself as an integral part of the community and because the citizen does not see the school beyond a place for his children during the hours 8 to 4.

From the State Legislator's point of view, the community library concept is a desirable one. They see the need for a single library service outlet in our smaller communities rather than public funds being spent on duplicate facilities and services.

It should be noted here, however, that a community library may not be able to offer a full range of public library services because of the still small tax base and population served and because the difficulty of intermixing two differing philosophies of library and information service. That is, the school tends to provide only the safe, tried and sure books, whereas the public library tries to provide a wide range of viewpoints on many subjects, some of which may be controversial in the community.

In balance, however, the community gains by having only one library service outlet if the library program is well thought through and properly administered. The State Library and the Department of Public Instruction still endorse their jointly published North Dakota Standards for Community Library Service from School Media Centers.

State Library Building

As a result of the Legislative Council's Committee on Budget "C"'s study on space needs of state agencies, Senate Concurrent Resolu-

tion No. 4002 was submitted to and passed by the Legislature recommending that the State Library be moved to the Liberty Memorial Building once the Liberty Memorial Building is no longer occupied by the State Historical Board. The State Historical Board is scheduled to move to the new Heritage Center Building in 1981.

By 1981 the Randal Building, now housing the State Library, will be filled to capacity. The Liberty Memorial Building should provide adequate space for the State Library for many years.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4002

Library Commission to move to Liberty Memorial Building recommended.

A concurrent resolution recommending that the State Library Commission be moved to the Liberty Memorial Building once the Liberty Memorial Building is no longer occupied by the State Historical Board.

WHEREAS, the State Historical Board will be moving from the Liberty Memorial Building on the state capitol grounds to the Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, a Legislative Council study of state agency space needs recommended that the State Library Commission be moved to the Liberty Memorial Building when it is no longer occupied by the State Historical Board; and

WHEREAS, a Legislative Council performance review of the Library Commission recommended that plans to renovate the Liberty Memorial Building for occupancy of the State Library Commission should begin immediately; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Library Commission be located on the capitol grounds since the Library Commission is a valuable research and reference source for state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Library Commission was previously located in the Liberty Memorial Building; and

WHEREAS, the Library Commission is currently paying a significant amount of rent to house the Library Commission staff and collections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Director of Institutions is urged to take such action as may be necessary to move the State Library Commission to the Liberty Memorial Building at such time as the Liberty Memorial Building is no longer occupied by the State Historical Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Institutions is

urged to apply for preplanning funds from the Department of Accounts and Purchases to adequately plan any remodeling necessary to the Liberty Memorial Building for use by the State Library Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Director of Institutions, the State Librarian, and the Director of the Department of Accounts and Purchases.

Filed April 21, 1977.

Microfiche Catalogs

Twenty microfiche readers were purchased and deposited in public libraries for the purpose of utilizing the State Library's microfiche catalog of books, tapes, films, and state documents that are available on loan to individuals throughout the state through their local library. This microfiche catalog is produced in conjunction with the State Central Data Processing Division and is a computer output microfiche (COM) product. This new piece of technology applied to library service in North Dakota provides easier access to all materials in the State Library and eventually to all resources in public, academic and special libraries around the state.

ABM Impact Library Service

After several years of building up library service for the entire ABM installation staff and families in northeastern North Dakota, the entire ABM operation has been discontinued by the Department of Defense and the library materials were dispersed to the libraries in Cavalier, Langdon, and Grafton. The State Library had administered Department of Defense funds for several years.

INWATS Available to Public Libraries

The larger public libraries and the academic libraries have had teletype connections to the State Library for many years. In 1977, an INWATS (Incoming Wide Area Telephone Service) or a toll-free telephone number was made available to the smaller public libraries so that they, too, may have immediate access to the State Library services. Coupled with the publication of the State Library microfiche catalog of books, tapes, films, etc., the public libraries have an excellent supplemental resource library and modern and efficient communication system to access of the State Library collection.

Public Library Mill Levy Increases

Four cities have held an election to seek voter approval in raising the public library mill levy from four to six mills. Two

cities were successful (Bismarck and Lisbon) and two cities were not successful (Mandan and Wahpeton). Home Rule cities of Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot have levies (or equivalent) above four mills by action of their city councils.

Bicentennial Celebration

The State Library participated in the Nation's 200th birthday celebration by publishing three items:

Bicentennial List of Materials Available on Loan from the State Library through Your School, Public, College, University, or Special Library. September, 1975. 23 pages.

Guide to Bicentennial Display Kits, Posters, and Other Materials Celebrating America's 200th Birthday. Compiled and edited by Michael M. Miller. September, 1975. 13 pages.

North Dakota History, a Bicentennial Catalog of Books Available on Loan From the State Library Through Your School, Public, College, University, or Special Library. October, 1975. 110 pages.

The Nation's bicentennial has also stimulated many North Dakota cities and counties to compile and publish local histories. The State Library has made a point of acquiring two copies of each of these valuable local publications and has published a list of them.

State Penitentiary Library

For many years the State Library assisted the State Penitentiary Library by providing Library Services and Construction Act grants for the purchase of books, periodicals, tape cassettes, and equipment. Effective January 1977, the State Penitentiary Library is being operated as a branch of the State Library. A State Library staff member is administering the service on a daily basis and the purchase of new material is being made through the State Library.

State Library Publications

A complete listing of all State Library publications during this reporting period may be found in North Dakota State Publications, Nos. 21, 22, 23, and 24.

State Plan for Library Development

The Federal Library Services and Construction Act requires the submission of a State Plan each fiscal year to the U.S. Office of Education. Upon approval by the Commissioner of Education, the State Plan is published each year by the State Library.

Talking Book Service

Since August 1973, the Talking Book Service for North Dakota residents who are certified as visually or physically handicapped has been provided by contract from the South Dakota State Library in Pierre. Certification of eligibility and distribution of machines is the responsibility of Special Services for the Blind, Division of Vocational Education, Grand Forks.

State Document Depository

The volume of state documents received amounts to 1,500 items each year. Each item is indexed by agency name and by the title of the publication. The indexing information is transferred to machine readable tape and stored by the State Central Data Processing Center. Printouts of new additions are prepared each month and accompany the shipment of depository items to the designated depository libraries around the state and to the Library of Congress. Semiannual compilations are published and distributed to North Dakota libraries. All documents are micro-filmed at the end of the year, and duplicate reels are available for sale. An annual index to the microfilm reels is also published.

Legislation was introduced by the State Library to reduce the number of state document depository libraries from twelve to eight. This recommendation was based upon a year's work by a committee of depository librarians from around the state. Audio-visual items were also added to the definition of a state document. The legislation was passed and became effective July 1977. An Administrative Handbook for State Document Depository Libraries was published.

State Government Service

The government affairs section of the State Library had developed a simple computer program (LC-5) to index its materials pertaining to state government. Like other State Library computer programs, the data entered can be arranged in many ways and appropriate print-outs produced to fill the needs of the users of the system.

The nature of this material is that it consists of short reports or articles, usually not listed in usual bibliographic indexes and therefore elusive. In traditional library procedures, this type of material is not indexed and therefore difficult to retrieve.

Use of the State Computer

The State Library has made extensive use of the IBM 370/145 computer facilities located on the Capitol Grounds. There are five separate programs:

- LC-1 Statistical Data Base
- LC-2 Cataloging State Documents
- LC-3 Cataloging Monographic Materials
- LC-4 Cataloging Audio-visual Materials
- LC-5 Cataloging Governmental Affairs Materials

The cataloging data in each of the LC-2, 3, 4, and 5 programs can be manipulated to produce print-outs by author, title, subject, and classification number. The data in each program, however, cannot be intermixed.

Catalogs have been produced, published, and distributed to libraries. Microfiche editions have been published, making the process from computer tape to user catalog much faster and cheaper. It is expected that increased use of the State Library resources will result from this project.

Traveling Library Collection Discontinued

The "Traveling Library" (prepacked boxes of general reading books) was discontinued in Fiscal Year 1977 because of declining use and shortage of space to house the collection. The "Traveling Library" was one of the original and prime services of the State Library Commission when it was established in 1907. Today access to reading material is more widely available for the general public. Commercial book leasing plans are available to libraries that desire to have a small general reading collection.

Library Service Statistics

Public library statistics for the fiscal year 1976 were published in North Dakota Library Notes. Public library statistics for fiscal year 1977 and academic library statistics for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 were published as separate monographs. A common computerized statistical data base for academic, special, and public libraries has been completed in cooperation with the State Central Data Processing Division. This should provide the needed information for the planning and evaluation process to be emphasized during the next biennium.

State Government Service

The computer indexing system (LC-5) for publications of particular interest to state government has been expanded. In addition to the collection of materials at the State Library, the following state agencies have added their materials to the system and thus a union catalog has been started: Supreme Court Administrator; Bureau of Governmental Affairs, UND; Vocational Rehabilitation Division; State Planning Division. These catalogs can also be published in the COM format and distributed on a statewide basis.

MINITEX Service

The State Library Commission signed a two-year agreement with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide North Dakota residents, through their local libraries, improved library and information services.

The agreement provides for MINITEX (which is operated by the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board) to provide access to Minnesota library and information resources via the North Dakota State Library Commission. This access includes loan of books and documents, photocopies and periodical articles, reference and information service.

Three North Dakota libraries have been designated as access points to MINITEX: The State Library, Bismarck; The Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks; The Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo. All other North Dakota libraries channel their requests for service through the State Library.

The agreement requires that North Dakota library resources must first be exhausted before contacting MINITEX. Thus, all requests for books must be cleared through the State Library Union Catalog to be sure that the material is not available in North Dakota. Periodical requests must be filled within the state whenever possible before referring to MINITEX. Access libraries are using TWX to transmit MINITEX requests in a designated format and verified in accepted bibliographic tools.

The agreement also provides for MINITEX to produce a new edition of the North Dakota Union List of Serials. Fifty libraries are participating in the new edition. In addition to the state-wide list, area-wide lists, or type of library lists can also be produced.

Legislative Council Performance Review of the State Library

The Legislative Council's Budget Committee "C" assigned Council staff to prepare a management performance review of the State Library. The Committee also engaged the services of Mr. Russell W. Fridley, Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society to prepare a program review of the State Library. The State Library staff prepared many reports for the review team. The final report to the Council Committee was largely favorable to the State Library. Mr. Fridley's report and the State Library's response were published.

STATE LIBRARY COLLECTION

	<u>ADDED</u>		<u>WITHDRAWN</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>6/30/77</u>
Adult Information Books	6,008	4,814	451	862	60,733
Adult Fiction Books	710	317	183	142	7,018
Juvenile Books	117	-0-	58	1,085	1,095
Audio Tape Cassettes	1,206	1,645	26	15	11,424
Video Tape Cassettes	3	23	-0-	-0-	26
8mm Films	80	168	1	-0-	1,138
16mm Films	-0-	1	-0-	-0-	23
Filmstrips	266	236	7	-0-	1,573
Microfilm Reels	36	41	-0-	-0-	1,699
Microfilm Cards	500	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,727
State Documents	1,866	1,855	-0-	-0-	12,902
Governmental Affairs	340	1,000	-0-	-0-	1,340
Pamphlets	640	321	13	13	8,366
TOTAL	11,772	10,421	739	2,117	112,064

LOAN OF STATE LIBRARY MATERIALS

Table I

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
Adult Information Books	30,483	27,457	23,328	20,670
Adult Fiction Books	8,510	6,687	5,886	4,694
Traveling Library Books	4,706	4,629	7,179	11,645
Juvenile Books	3,175	3,318	4,171	4,618
Audio Tape Cassettes	17,525	15,988	11,838	8,274
Films	2,563	1,856	958	-0-
Filmstrips	15,183	13,051	7,854	2,543
Other Audio-visual	158	203	260	186
Other Printed	9,778	8,949	7,105	3,642
TOTAL	92,081	82,138	68,579	56,272

Table II

Individuals	47,268	41,635	27,414	22,926
School Libraries	19,485	16,472	18,247	11,560
Public Libraries	14,021	12,908	9,662	6,201
Academic/Special Libraries	2,222	3,015	2,312	1,639
State Departments & Institutions	4,379	3,479	3,765	2,301
Traveling Libraries	4,706	4,629	7,179	11,645
TOTAL	92,081	82,138	68,579	56,272

NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK FOR KNOWLEDGE

FISCAL 1976 REPORT*

NAME OF LIBRARY	REQUESTS REC'D FROM	REQUESTS FILLED BY					REQUESTS NOT FILLED	REQUESTS FILLED BY LIBRARY
		STATE LIBRARY	WITHIN STATE	MINITEX	OTHER	TOTAL		
MINITEX	81		81			81		1176
BISMARCK JUN. COL.	68	19	30	8	1	58	10	98
BISMARCK MARY COL.	1061	388	238	85	2	713	348	298
BISMARCK PUBLIC	992	302	332	55	10	699	293	370
BISMARCK STATE LIB.	2448		1781	304	61	2146	302	12,692
BOTTINEAU SF	65	36	23	2		61	4	42
DEVILS LAKE COL.	95	41	35	1		77	18	11
DEVILS LAKE PUB.	671	388	149	5	3	545	126	27
DICKINSON PUBLIC	292	136	75			211	81	54
DICKINSON STATE	698	287	141	93	1	522	176	371
FARGO PUBLIC	709	274	173	51	5	503	206	248
N.D.S.U.	640	61	175		16	252	388	1349
GRAFTON CB	662	292	180		4	476	186	8
GRAND FORKS PUB.	482	142	141	56	1	340	142	406
U.N.D. GR. FRKS.	1736	243	560		15	818	918	1125
UND - MED. LIB.	5	4				4	1	70
JAMESTOWN COL.	377	78	172	29	1	280	97	249
JAMESTOWN PUB.	505	249	100	1	2	352	153	108
MANDAN PUB.	611	326	129	17	3	475	136	119
MAYVILLE STATE	221	19	92	69	5	185	36	69
MINOT PUB.	1341	533	286	18	4	841	500	181
MINOT STATE	610	77	120	302	5	504	106	562
VALLEY CITY PUB.	166	104	23	2	1	130	36	62
VALLEY CITY STATE	369	103	110	27	2	242	127	319
WAHPETON S. OF SCI.	139	28	73	11	1	113	26	197
WILLISTON - JM	964	425	224	17	10	676	288	68
WILLISTON - UND	55	16	18	6		40	15	26
OTHER ND LIBS.	4348	2545	826	17	17	3405	943	7
HIGH SCHOOLS	5170	4396	156			4552	618	
ELEM. SCHOOLS	1179	1130				1130	49	
OTHER (OUTOFSTATE)	54	50	1			51	3	170
TOTAL	26,814	12,692	6,444	1176	170	20,482	6,332	20,482

* INCLUDES ONLY REQUESTS RECEIVED BY THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE REQUESTS SENT DIRECTLY FROM ONE LIBRARY TO ANOTHER.

NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK FOR KNOWLEDGE

FISCAL 1977 REPORT*

NAME OF LIBRARY	REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM	REQUESTS FILLED BY					REQUESTS NOT FILLED	REQUESTS FILLED BY LIBRARY
		STATE LIBRARY	WITHIN STATE	MINITEX	OTHER	TOTAL		
MINITEX	286	3	211		48	262	24	871
Bismarck Jr. Col	103	39	48	5	1	93	10	118
Mary College	236	88	66	31	4	189	47	282
Bismarck Public	1,013	322	295	87	5	709	304	442
State Library	2,761		1,893	209	99	2,201	560	12,542
Bottineau S of R	57	18	24	5	1	48	9	32
Devils Lake Col.	60	31	19			50	10	13
Devils Lake Pub.	653	346	163	7	4	520	133	89
Dickinson Public	296	158	55	3	2	218	78	64
Dickinson Col.	416	107	141	65	1	314	102	283
Fargo Public	960	333	223	128	6	690	270	229
NDSU - Fargo	693	74	139		6	219	474	1,171
Grafton BkmbL.	376	175	105	10		290	86	3
Grand Forks Pub.	660	275	158	18	6	457	203	331
Univ. of N.D.	1,167	216	376		13	605	562	1,246
UND - Med. Lib.	6	2	2			4	2	47
Jamestown Col.	355	65	114	47	1	227	128	222
Jamestown Pub.	429	224	71	1		296	133	104
Mandan Public	385	157	105	14	4	280	105	98
Mayville St. Col.	137	22	58	38	2	120	17	59
Minot Public	2,189	840	483	53	15	1,391	798	220
Minot St. Col.	433	61	111	175	6	353	80	578
Valley City Pub.	319	211	47	3		261	58	50
Valley City Col.	238	67	78	19	1	165	73	338
Wahpeton S.S.S.	137	30	68	11	1	110	27	265
Williston Pub.	863	420	151	21	3	595	268	72
UND -Williston	47	18	10	8	4	40	7	17
Other Pub. Lib.	4,237	2,504	811	16	13	3,344	893	10
High Schools	5,488	4,509	232		5	4,746	742	
Elem. Schools	1,411	1,180				1,180	231	
Other Out-of-St.	73	47	4		1	52	21	233
TOTAL	26,484	12,542	6,261	974	252	20,029	6,455	20,029

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STATE LIBRARY STAFF

The State Library Commission has seventeen authorized State Funded positions. The persons serving in these positions during the 1975-1977 biennium are as follows:

NAME	POSITION
1. Bailey, Cheryl M.	Librarian III
2. Beckler, Theresa J. Schneider, Susan M.	Library Technician
3. Bina, Leeila M. Ludvigsen, Sarah E.	Librarian II
4. Buchert, Thelma M. Hetler, Dawn R.	Library Technician
5. Debilzan, Elaine K. Parkman, Bernadine E.	Clerk II
6. Guttromson, Marilyn A.	Librarian I
7. Hoffman, Joyce A.	Clerk I
8. Johnson, Mildred G.	Library Technician
9. Jacobs, Phyllis A. Mertz, Lois A.	Clerk Typist II
10. Nelson, Mildred S.	Clerk I
11. Norton, Mary L.	Clerk I
12. Schafer, Alice A.	Library Technician
13. Sprynczynatyk, Elizabeth A.	Librarian I
14. Stocker, Arlene G.	Library Technician
15. Wald, Donald G.	Administrative Officer
16. Wolfert, Richard J.	Library Director II
17. Ziegler, Shirley M.	Secretary III

In addition to the full-time staff, the State Library Commission also employed the following Federal Funded, temporary and part-time employees:

A. Federal Employees:

Butcher, Dina S.	Library Associate
Stenstrom, Ralph H.	Library Consultant

B. Temporary Positions:

Oksendahl, Kathleen A.	Librarian I
Barbie, Janet L.	Library Technician
Bates, Cynthia F.	Library Associate

C. Part-time Employees:

Dewald, Alice R.	Account Clerk
Kennelly, Helen E.	Clerk I
Martin, Brenda R.	Clerk I
Miller, Herbert R.	Trades Helper
Steinwand, Pamela D.	Clerk I

C. Part-time Employees, cont.

NAME	POSITION
Stern, Rebecca L.	Clerk I
Tietz, Cindi F.	Clerical Trainee
Boyer, Jodene R.	Clerical Trainee
Brandt, Rita J.	Clerical Trainee
Heiser, Lucinda M.	Clerical Trainee
Streigel, Melody M.	Clerk I

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY
Expenditures 7-1-75 - 6-30-77

	FY-1976	FY-1977	Biennial Total
Salaries & Wages (total).....	\$195,099	\$227,895	\$422,994
Fees & Services			
Travel	8,465	10,228	18,693
Utilities	5,096	6,994	12,090
Rents	50,872	51,679	102,551
Communications	3,106	5,826	8,932
Repairs	1,589	1,633	3,222
Data Processing	15,628	17,734	33,362
Microfilm	1,138	899	2,037
Professional Fees	1,423	6,016	7,439
Research Projects	1,400	1,400	2,800
Blind Service, South Dakota	30,000	36,000	66,000
MINITEX	1,083	2,167	3,250
Insurance	2,463	1,185	3,648
Miscellaneous	1,599	4,859	6,458
TOTAL	<u>\$123,862</u>	<u>\$146,620</u>	<u>\$270,482</u>
Supplies & Materials			
Office-Library Supplies	8,578	13,263	21,841
Printing	15,499	10,144	25,643
Books	36,124	61,764	97,888
Audio-visual	31,609	28,932	60,541
Periodicals	9,129	5,895	15,024
Miscellaneous	1,121	991	2,112
TOTAL	<u>\$102,060</u>	<u>\$120,989</u>	<u>\$223,049</u>
Equipment (total)	7,420	12,533	19,953
Grants (total)	<u>143,507</u>	<u>208,117</u>	<u>351,624</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$571,948</u>	<u>\$716,154</u>	<u>\$1,288,102</u>

LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT GRANTS

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Limited English-Speaking</u>			
Fargo Public Library	\$3,000		\$3,000
Carnegie Bookmobile Library	4,210	\$4,250	8,460
Grand Forks Public Library	3,000	3,000	6,000
Leach Public Library, Wahpeton	3,000		3,000
TOTAL	\$13,210	\$7,250	\$20,460
<u>Miscellaneous Groups</u>			
Lisbon Public Library		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Mandan Public Library	\$ 483		483
Valley City Public Library		4,500	4,500
TOTAL	\$ 483	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,483

LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT GRANTS, cont.

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Senior Citizens</u>			
Devils Lake Public Library	\$ 7,340	\$	\$ 7,340
Fargo Public Library	12,889		12,889
Carnegie Bookmobile Library	2,545		2,545
Grand Forks Public Library	2,695		2,695
James Memorial Library, Williston		8,000	8,000
Repair Equipment	<u>447</u>		<u>447</u>
TOTAL	\$25,916	\$8,000	\$33,916
<u>Service to the Disadvantaged</u>			
McLean-Mercer Regional, Riverdale	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Veterans Memorial Library, Bismarck	2,200	956	3,156
West Plains Rural Library, Williston	2,000		2,000
James Memorial Library, Williston		<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,200	\$3,956	\$10,156
<u>TOTAL GROUPS OF PERSONS GRANTS:</u>	<u>\$45,809</u>	<u>\$26,206</u>	<u>\$72,015</u>
<u>Regional Development Grants</u>			
Devils Lake Public Library	\$ 8,900	\$ 8,900	\$17,800
Fargo Public Library	8,250	24,750	33,000
Veterans Memorial Library, Bismarck	<u>4,437</u>	<u>30,185</u>	<u>34,622</u>
TOTAL	\$21,587	\$63,835	\$85,422
<u>County Development Grants</u>			
Fargo Public Library		4,000	4,000
Griggs County Library	3,000		3,000
McLean Mercer Library, (data processing)	1,579		1,579
Stutsman County Library, Jamestown		12,000	12,000
Valley City Public Library		3,413	3,413
Veterans Memorial Library, Bismarck		<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$4,579	\$29,413	\$33,992
<u>City Development Grants</u>			
Carnegie Bookmobile Library (Walhalla)		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
West Plains Rural Library (Powers Lake)		<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	-0-	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
<u>Teletype Reimbursement Grants</u>			
Carnegie Bookmobile Library		\$ 750	\$ 750
Fargo Public Library		750	750
Grand Forks Public Library		750	750
Jamestown Public Library		750	750
Minot Public Library		750	750
Veterans Memorial Library, Bismarck		750	750
James Memorial Library, Williston		<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
TOTAL		\$ 5,250	\$5,250
<u>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</u>	<u>\$26,166</u>	<u>\$103,998</u>	<u>\$130,164</u>

<u>Planning Grants</u>	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dickinson Public Library		\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Minot Public Library		19,000	19,000
TOTAL	-0-	\$23,000	\$23,000
<u>Education Grants</u>			
Dickinson Public Library	-0-	\$ 1,882	\$ 1,882
<u>Research Grants</u>			
South Central Dakota RC&D		\$ 6,942	\$ 6,942
Williston Basin RC&D		5,000	5,000
TOTAL	-0-	\$11,942	\$11,942
<u>Evaluation</u>			
Bureau of Governmental Affairs, UND	-0-	\$ 4,677	\$ 4,677
TOTAL -			
<u>PLANNING, EDUCATION & RESEARCH GRANTS</u>	-0-	\$41,501	\$41,501
<u>Construction Grants</u>			
Dickinson Public Library	\$38,738	\$12,912	\$51,650
West Fargo Public Library	7,875		7,875
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS	\$46,613	\$12,912	\$59,525
<u>Institutional Grants</u>			
State Penitentiary	\$ 8,919		\$ 8,919
State Industrial School	3,384	\$ 7,500	10,884
Grafton State School	2,500	2,500	5,000
Soldiers' Home	732		732
School for the Deaf	2,384	6,500	8,884
State Hospital	7,000	7,000	14,000
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS	\$24,919	\$23,500	\$48,419
<u>GRANTS RECAPITULATION</u>			
	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>Total</u>
Limited English-Speaking	\$ 13,210	\$ 7,250	\$20,460
Miscellaneous Groups	483	7,000	7,483
Senior Citizens	25,916	8,000	33,916
Disadvantaged	6,200	3,956	10,156
TOTAL GROUPS	\$ 45,809	\$26,206	\$72,015
Regional Development	\$ 21,587	\$63,835	\$85,422
County Development	4,579	29,413	33,992
City Development	-0-	5,500	5,500
Teletype Reimbursement	-0-	5,250	5,250
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	\$ 26,166	\$103,998	\$130,164
Planning Grants	-0-	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Education Grants	-0-	1,882	1,882

GRANTS RECAPITULATION, cont.

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>Total</u>
Research Grants	-0-	\$11,942	\$11,942
Evaluation Grants		4,677	4,677
TOTAL PLANNING, EDUCATION, RESEARCH	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$41,501</u>	<u>\$41,501</u>
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS	<u>\$ 46,613</u>	<u>\$12,912</u>	<u>\$59,525</u>
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS	<u>\$ 24,919</u>	<u>\$23,500</u>	<u>\$48,419</u>
TOTAL GRANTS	<u>\$143,507</u>	<u>\$208,117</u>	<u>\$351,624</u>

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION
-Department Status Report-

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PERCENT COL/EXP	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	ADJUSTED AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH REV/EXP	BIENNIUM TO DATE REV/EXP	APPROPRIATION BALANCE	ENCUMBERED AMOUNT
Revenues	153	5,000	485,403	11.08cr	746,807.77cr	261,404.77cr	.00
Transfer from 001	60	870,208	870,208	.00	529,016.62cr	341,191.38	.00
TOTAL		875,208	1,355,611	11.08cr	1,275,824.39cr	79,786.61	.00

----- APPROPRIATIONS -----

Salaries & Wages	94	419,308.00cr	446,308.00cr	17,590.54	422,993.93	23,314.07cr	.00
Fees & Services	88	188,400.00cr	265,168.00cr	3,926.03	235,083.24	30,084.76cr	.00
Central Data Processing	88	35,000.00cr	37,500.00cr	964.61	33,361.47	4,138.53cr	.00
Central Microfilm	77	2,000.00cr	2,638.00cr	.00	2,037.00	601.00cr	.00
Supplies & Materials	96	221,500.00cr	230,862.00cr	2,723.00	223,049.11	7,812.89cr	.00
Equipment	95	9,000.00cr	21,000.00cr	1,008.06	19,952.78	1,047.22cr	.00
Grants	99	.00	352,135.00cr	.00	351,624.41	510.59cr	.00
TOTAL		875,208.00cr	1,355,611.00cr	26,212.24	1,288,101.94	67,509.06cr	.00

FUND CASH BALANCE 79,243.64

DESCRIPTION OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT PROJECTS

STATEWIDE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The State Library is strengthened and maintained to serve all of the state's residents directly or in cooperation with local libraries so that a full range of library resources and services are readily available to every one in the state, regardless of where he or she lives.

Consultant service is provided to public libraries. An active publications program is maintained consisting of Flickertale Newsletter, North Dakota Library Notes, and various computer-produced catalogs of books and audio-visual materials.

STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

Grants are made to state institutions for salaries, materials, and equipment to assist in the provision of library service to inmates, patients, students, and residents.

	<u>FY-76</u>	<u>FY-77</u>	<u>Total</u>
State Penitentiary, Bismarck	\$ 8,000	\$ -0-	\$ 8,000
School for the Deaf, Devils Lake	2,384	6,500	8,884
Industrial School, Mandan	3,384	7,500	10,884
State School, Grafton	2,500	2,500	5,000
Soldiers' Home, Lisbon	732	-0-	732
State Hospital, Jamestown	7,000	7,000	14,000
State Library Commission (materials for Penitentiary library)	<u>919</u>	<u>1,877</u>	<u>2,796</u>
	\$24,919	\$25,377	\$50,296

STATEWIDE SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

"Talking Book Service" (discs and tapes) and braille materials are provided by mail to persons who are certified as unable to read conventionally printed material. The certification is done by the Special Services to the Blind, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Grand Forks. The "Talking Book Service" is provided, under contract, by the Regional Library for the Blind operated by the South Dakota State Library, Pierre.

The State Library Commission makes available supplemental mail service to certified persons of large print books and tape cassettes of music, drama, and talks on educational subjects.

The contract expenses with the South Dakota State Library for the report period are as follows:

<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$30,000	\$36,000	\$66,000

STATE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Reference, information, loans of materials, and consultant services are provided to state officials (executive, judicial, and legislative) and employees of state government and to the citizens of the state about state government services.

Bibliographies, literature searches, interlibrary loans of materials, preparation of special publications, and state document depository are services provided.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

<u>Carnegie Public Library, Devils Lake</u> (to administer a project designed to determine a feasible plan for the development of library service in a six-county area)	FY-76 - \$ 8,900 FY-77 - 8,900
<u>Fargo Public Library, Fargo</u> (to continue a FY-75 project do demonstrate improved library service among the public libraries in a six-county area)	FY-76 - \$ 8,250 FY-77 - 24,750
<u>Veteran's Memorial Public Library, Bismarck</u> (to administer a project designed to determine a feasible plan for the development of library service in the surrounding ten-county area)	FY-76 - \$ 4,437 FY-77 - 30,185
<u>Fargo Public Library, Fargo</u> (to continue for an additional period the use of free Wide Area Library Service Cards to Cass County residents pending an election or petition drive for local support)	FY-77 - \$ 4,000
<u>Griggs County Library, Cooperstown</u> (to complete the FY-75 project of consolidating the city and county libraries into one administrative unit)	FY-76 - \$ 3,000
<u>State Library Commission, Bismarck</u> (to provide data processing services for McLean-Mercer development project)	FY-76 - \$ 1,578
<u>Special Audit of Stutsman County Library</u> (to determine bookmobile costs for providing service to adjacent Barnes County)	FY-77 - \$ 950
<u>Stutsman County Library, Jamestown</u> (to assist in the purchase of a new bookmobile for use in Stutsman and Barnes Counties)	FY-77 - \$12,000
<u>Veteran's Memorial Library, Bismarck</u> (to continue the successful FY-75 Burleigh County Bookmobile demonstration until local funds become available in FY-77)	FY-77 - \$10,000
<u>Valley City Public Library, Valley City</u> (to continue the successful FY-75 Barnes County library demonstration until local funds become available in FY-77)	FY-77 - \$ 3,413
<u>Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton</u> (to assist in the improvement of library service at the Walhalla Public Library)	FY-77 - \$ 2,500

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, cont.

West Plains Rural Library, Williston (to provide a demonstration of public library service to the residents of the city of Powers Lake via bookmobile) FY-77 - \$ 3,000

Teletype reimbursement grants - (to reimburse seven public libraries for costs incurred in participating in the state teletype network) FY-77 - \$ 5,250

Microfiche readers - (to purchase twenty microfiche readers for placement in local public libraries to utilize State Library Commission catalog of books, documents, and audio-visual materials and microfiche catalogs) FY-77 - \$ 5,357

Library Services and Construction Act funds paid in: FY-1976 -\$ 26,165
FY-1977 - 110,305

Total Report Period Expenses: \$136,470

LIBRARY SERVICE TO GROUPS OF PERSONS

Grants are made to public libraries for the development of new or improved library services to federal priority groups.

Fargo Public Library, Fargo (to assist in the provision of library services to migrant persons in the city of Fargo and the surrounding rural area) FY-76 - \$3,000

Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton (to assist in the provision of library service to migrant persons in the counties of Walsh, Pembina, Nelson, and Cavalier) FY-76 - \$4,210
FY-77 - 4,250

Grand Forks Public Library, Grand Forks (to assist in the provision of library services to migrant persons in the city and county of Grand Forks) FY-76 - \$3,000
FY-77 - 3,000

Leach Public Library, Wahpeton (to assist in the provision of library services to migrant persons in the city of Wahpeton and the county of Richland) FY-76 - \$3,000

Lisbon Public Library, Lisbon (to assist in the improvement of children's library service) FY-77 - \$2,500

Mandan Public Library, Mandan (to assist in the provision of library services to senior citizens, homebound, and institutionalized persons) FY-76 - \$ 483

Valley City Public Library, Valley City (to assist in the improvement of library services to children in Valley City and Barnes County) FY-77 - \$4,500

Carnegie Public Library, Devils Lake (to assist in the provision of library service to senior citizens in Devils Lake and the surrounding rural area) FY-76 - \$7,340

LIBRARY SERVICE TO GROUPS OF PERSONS, cont.

<u>Fargo Public Library, Fargo</u> (for the establishment of senior citizen library collections in ten communities in the counties of Ransom, Richland, Steele, and Traill)	FY-76 - \$12,889
<u>Carnegie Bookmobile Library, Grafton</u> (to assist in the provision of library service to senior citizens in the counties of Walsh, Pembina, Nelson, and Cavalier)	FY-76 - \$2,545
<u>Grand Forks Public Library, Grand Forks</u> (to assist in the provision of library service to senior citizens in the city and county of Grand Forks)	FY-76 - \$2,695
<u>James Memorial Library, Williston</u> (to develop a library and reading room in the newly constructed Heritage Hall, Senior Citizen Center in Williston)	FY-77 - \$8,000
<u>State Library Commission, Bismarck</u> (for repairs to film projectors used in senior citizen projects)	FY-76 - \$ 447
<u>McLean-Mercer Regional Library, Riverdale</u> (for the purchase of books relating to American Indian education and culture)	FY-76 - \$2,000
<u>Veteran's Memorial Library, Bismarck</u> (for the purchase of books relating to American Indian education and culture for use of the Standing Rock Tribal Library, Fort Yates)	FY-76 - \$2,200
<u>Veteran's Memorial Library, Bismarck</u> (to assist in the operation of bookmobile service to the disadvantaged in Sioux County)	FY-77 - \$ 956
<u>West Plains Rural Library, Williston</u> (for the purchase of books relating to American Indian education and culture for use in the counties of Williams, McKenzie, and Mountrail)	FY-76 - \$2,000
<u>James Memorial Library, Williston</u> (to assist in the purchase of Indian education and cultural library materials to be shelved in the James Memorial Library)	FY-77 - \$3,000
Library Services and Construction Act funds paid in:	FY-1976 - \$45,809
	、 FY-1977 - 26,206
Total Report Period Expenses:	<u>\$72,015</u>

PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH

Planning and Research - Two FY-75 projects were completed and published by the State Library Commission: Lewis and Clark Library Service Survey (169p.) and Lake Agassiz Library Service Study (177p.). The grant to the Veteran's Memorial Public Library (Public Library Development) is to build upon the results of the Lewis and Clark Study. At this time it is not known how the Lake Agassiz Study will be utilized.

The grant to the Devils Lake Public Library (Public Library Development) is to provide fundamental information on the six-county area for library development.

PLANNING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH, cont.

Two research projects were undertaken through contract by Ronald J. Ruder, Minot State College: Study of School/Public Library Programs in North Dakota \$1,950

Study of Library Education Opportunities in North Dakota . 850
\$2,800

FY-76 -\$1,400
FY-77 -\$1,400

Education - The State Library Commission has continued its long-standing program of providing tuition reimbursement to public library employees who enroll in undergraduate courses in library science.

A "Spring Frolic" (workshop) was sponsored by the State Library Commission as a means of bringing public librarians from urban and rural areas together for a program of practical and innovative ideas for improving their local public library service.

The publications of the State Library Commission - Flickertale Newsletter and North Dakota Library Notes - are designed to bring information and understanding to the library employees and trustees across the state.

Advisory Council - The Advisory Council has met regularly during FY-76. The minutes of the meetings have been published in the Flickertale Newsletter. The Council has been active in reviewing Library Services and Construction Act applications and in the revision of the State Plan. A part-time executive secretary has been hired for the Advisory Council.
..... FY-76 - \$5,580

Dickinson Public Library (to implement a preliminary phase of long-range planning project for the residents of the counties of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark)
..... FY-77 - \$4,000

Dickinson Public Library (to prepare a curriculum and lesson plans to teach ABE students sufficient library use skills to enable them to function independently in a library setting) FY-77 - \$1,882

Minot Public Library (to develop a plan for library service improvements in the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Pierce, Mountrail, Renville, and Ward) FY-77 - \$19,000

South Central Dakota Regional Council (to complete a library survey of Region VI) FY-77 - \$ 6,944

Williston Basin Regional Council (to complete a library survey of Region I) FY-77 - \$ 5,000

Bureau of Governmental Affairs, UND (to evaluate senior citizen library programs for the State Library Commission) . FY-77 - \$ 4,677

Education, cont.

North Dakota Library Association (to administer a Spring Workshop for public librarians) FY-77 - \$ 2,000

Library Services and Construction Act funds expended in: FY-76 -\$ 6,980
FY-77 - 57,994

Total Report Period Expenses: \$64,974

TITLE II - CONSTRUCTION

Construction projects are now complete. No additional funding is projected for the foreseeable future. The following projects were funded and completed during this report period:

Dickinson Public Library	\$ 51,650
West Fargo Public Library	<u>7,875</u>
Total	<u>\$ 59,525</u>

INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION

The State Library operates a center for materials and services which benefits all types of libraries within the state (school, public, academic, technical, and special). Loans of materials (books, films, filmstrips, cassettes) are made directly upon request to all types of libraries. For materials not available at the State Library, a union catalog of books and audio-visual materials and a computer-prepared Union List of Serials are consulted to locate the needed materials. A teletype network of sixteen academic and public libraries freely interloan materials among each other. Thirty-three other libraries utilize telephone and U.S. mail for interlibrary loans.

For library materials not available in North Dakota, the State Library Commission has a contract with the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board for MINITEX access to Minnesota library resources via a TWX terminal.

The State Librarian serves on various planning committees composed of representatives of the libraries in North Dakota and also serves on multi-state and national planning committees.

- EVALUATION -

Evaluation - The State Library Commission believes that in order to effectively provide leadership and development of library service in North Dakota, all federal funds for libraries must be channeled through one state agency. At present, ESEA school library funds are channeled from the Office of Education in Washington to the Department of Public Instruction in Bismarck to local school units; Higher

EVALUATION, cont.

Education Act library funds are channeled from the Office of Education in Washington directly to college and university libraries; Library Services and Construction Act funds are channeled from the Office of Education in Washington to the regional office in Denver to the State Library in Bismarck to local public libraries. Any federal library funds for vocational education would be channeled from the Office of Education in Washington to Denver to the Department of Vocational Education in Bismarck to local school units.

Thus, at the state level and at the local level, there is no mechanism for coordinating all these federal funds designed to a great extent to benefit the same people.

An alternative is to amend federal legislation to require all federal library funds to be placed in one Title of one Act (Library Services Act) and to require the Governor of each state to designate one state agency to administer the federal library funds. The state agency so designated by the Governor would be required to prepare a State Plan to develop library services of all types of libraries on a coordinated basis. An Advisory Council representing the various library interests, but controlled by lay persons, would be a requirement. Such an approach would alleviate the built-in fragmentation now inherent in our present federal library legislation.

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