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ACRL Board Meets in April and May, Discusses Conference Themes, ORPAC

Minutes of ACRL Board Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 1993
Eugene Hilton

Present: Connie Anderson (SOSC), Sarah Beasley (OSU), Karyle Butcher (OSU), Jan Fortier (Marylhurst), Don Macnaughtan (LCC), Victoria Mitchell (Reed), Ernest Perez (State Library), Susan Whyte (Linfield), Janet Wright (PSU).

Jan Fortier brought up some ideas for speakers at the next Menucha conference. Maureen Sullivan and Susan Jurow were mentioned. We can cover some of these expenses with grant money. Other ideas for conference themes included "rethinking reference," which was a theme written up in *College and Research Libraries* in an article by Larry Oberg. [*College & Research Libraries News*, vol.54 (5), May 1993, p. 265-266 - Ed.] We also discussed the theme of effects of automation on reference work, especially the impact on the reference desk, and how to

manage the volume of information generated by automated resources. Sarah brought up the idea of two main speakers, emphasizing a "reference track" and a "technical services" track. Karyle mentioned the idea of using tech services people at the reference desk. We will check if there is a demand for concurrent speakers.

We need to have a nominating committee ready by June to nominate candidates for the ACRL Board (2 presidential, 4 members-at-large).

Ernest Perez responded to spirited questions about the direction of ORPAC, the Oregon Public Access Catalog at the State Library. Karyle raised the question of the elimination of the Endangered Species List, which tracks last copies of serials held in the state. She thought that it would have been advisable to involve the Statewide Collection Development Committee. Ernest replied that the list was duplicative and redundant—it has grown to half the size of ORULS, and the ORPAC Advisory Committee had agreed that it had lost its usefulness. Moreover, the new BRS software for ORPAC can be "tweaked" to produce the equivalent of the Endangered Species List. This led

into a general discussion of how ORPAC will continue to serve the library community in Oregon, in particular the academic libraries. Is the OSL in effect becoming a special library, no longer "serving the unserved?" Ernest talked about the new policy document driving the restructuring of ORPAC, which involves a rigorous process for selecting new data files and weeding/discarding underutilized files. He concluded by saying his top priority is to solidify the telecommunications system which ties ORPAC together—at present, it remains very fragile.

The next meeting of the board will be at 10:45 a.m., Friday, May 28, in Room PE 205, Lane Community College.

Don Macnaughtan
Lane Community College

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Minutes of ACRL Board Meeting
 Friday, May 28, 1993
 Lane Community College, Eugene

Present: Connie Anderson (SOSC), Karyle Butcher (OSU), Catherine Finney (COCC), Jan Fortier (Marylhurst), Don Macnaughtan (LCC), Victoria Mitchell (Reed), Janet Webster (Hatfield Marine Science Center), Susan Whyte (Linfield).

The speaker for the upcoming **Pack Forest** conference (being organized by Washington ACRL) will be Jane Conroy. She is an excellent speaker on the topic of TQM (total quality management), which is being applied increasingly to libraries (e.g. OSU has undergone a thorough TQM process). There should be a Pack Forest article in the Fall newsletter.

Susan Whyte discussed an idea she is developing for the October 1994 **Menucha conference**. It is based on a new book, reviewed recently in College and Research Libraries, about the feminization of librarianship, the history of what we do as librarians, and the developing powerlessness of the profession. This idea generated a lot of discussion. Susan will book **Menucha for October 27-28, 1994**, as "it's never too early." Alternatives to Menucha as a site have been occasionally mooted, but nothing is as cheap or easy to organize.

We also talked extensively about similar ideas for a preconference at the 1994 OLA conference at Sun River. Maureen Sullivan (speaking on the subject of change) was mentioned, but she is rather expensive. Karyle asked us to think about what people currently want to hear. We should consider something that will draw in public library and support staff, especially as OLA conferences outside

Eugene/Portland get smaller attendance.

We asked that Susan do an OLA **program** on her innovative extended library services program, as an ACRL-sponsored event.

Susan mentioned our contributions to OLA News which have been slim lately--namely, four articles since 1991. We set up a schedule of future articles. In the August issue, there will be an article on cooperative collection development, November on extended library services "with a twist," and January 1994 an article on ongoing research and writing by Oregon librarians. Barbara McFadden Allen and Jan Fortier will write in August, Susan Whyte in November, and Janet Webster in January.

Connie and Jan formed a **nominating committee** for our upcoming vacancies and took **names of prospective candidates**. We will need two candidates for President, two for VP/President-elect, and four nominees for At-Large positions. The candidates' names will be forwarded to the membership in the Aug.-Sept. ACRL Newsletter.

Jan will be attending a statewide retreat over June 6-7 to work on the OCCD (Oregon Cooperative Collection Development) Plan. Barbara McFadden Allen will present a draft of her plan, on which she has been working as part of an LSCA grant. Jan outlined the present goals of the Statewide Collection Development Committee and developments such as SOLF, Portals, EOLA, and ValleyLink. We talked a lot about the importance of carrying through the plan, rather than letting it sit on a shelf somewhere. The key will be enthusiastic cooperation from all elements within the state.

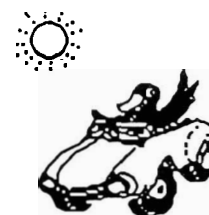
Karyle discussed some of her upcoming activities, including an **OSSHE resource group** which will be looking at Uncover, Faxon Finder, and FirstSearch during an open session at the LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, on June 11, 9:30-3:00. No vendors will be present; instead librarians will examine the document delivery aspects and potential of these services.

Karyle will also be attending an **ACRL Chapters Council** meeting which will deal with some contentious issues developing between the state chapters and the national ACRL. At present, national ACRL tend to ignore state chapters, except to exhort them to bring in more members. At the same time, money is being cut from the various chapters' programs. A facilitator will work on these issues with the chapters and the national body.

Another issue at the national level is how ACRL can begin to focus on more human rather than technological questions--how our organizations are affected by issues such as change, disruption, social factors such as families, age and health, and various safety questions, especially the impact of computer terminals.

Our next meeting will be at Pack Forest in the Fall (date to be determined).

Don Macnaughtan
 Lane Community College



Have a good summer!

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Senate Unanimously Passes SB20

On May 27, SB20 (Oregon LINK) passed the Senate unanimously. (So drop a thank-you note to your senator.) The bill has been amended to have a phased-in approach. The funding will be only 1/3 of the full program this first biennium. In the 1995-97 biennium, it will be fully implemented. It now has been assigned to the House General Government Committee, as follows:

General Government Committee

Rep. Cedric Hayden, Chair
Rep. Jim Edmunson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Ken Baker
Rep. Karl Hostika
Rep. Patti Milne
Rep. Chuck Norris
Rep. Del Parks
Rep. Lonnie Roberts
Rep. Sharon Wylie

The bill will then be referred to the House Appropriations Committee:

John Minnis, Troutdale, Chair
Ted Calouri, Portland
Ray Baum, LaGrande
Bev Charno, Bend
Gene Derfler, Salem
Avel Gordly, Portland
Denny Jones, Ontario
Kevin Mannix, Salem
Dave McTeague, Milwaukie
Carolyn Oakley, Albany
Bob Shiprack, Beavercreek
Larry Sowa, Oregon City
Veral Tarno, Coquille
Tony Van Vliet, Corvallis

Constituents may want to give a call or drop a note to the appropriate committee member.

Statewide Collection Development Steering Committee (SWCDSC) Forges Ahead on Statewide Plan

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Excerpts from a Report May 4, 1993

by Barbara McFadden Allen,
Consultant to the SWCDSC

The SWCDSC project is moving ahead on schedule. Currently our timetable calls for a planning retreat in June (both for the committee and invited guests); development of a draft statewide cooperative collection development plan during the retreat; distribution of the draft to Oregon librarians during June; a series of regional meetings with Oregon librarians to gather further input during July/August; development of a second draft plan during August with subsequent distribution and comments submitted via mail; final draft developed and submitted for approval in September.

I had a very interesting trip to Oregon during April. While there, I met with Jan Marie Fortier, Anne Billeter and those members of the committee present at the OLA conference. This was helpful in clarifying for me your interests and expectations for the project. I was also able to meet individually with staff from the Multnomah County Library, the Oregon State Library, and the University of Oregon. I attended meetings of the OSSHE collection managers, the Oregon Community College librarians, members of the Oregon ACRL, and members of the OLA PLA. Not surprisingly, these librarians expressed a cautious interest in CCD as a mechanism for making scarce dollars go farther in

acquisitions, but concerns were evident regarding net lender burdens and reimbursements—that is, many librarians are fearful of exacerbating an already heavy net lender situation for their institutions. Further, librarians were curious about what an actual CCD policy would “look like”, and perhaps skeptical that such agreements could be established.

The most rewarding meeting was our program during OLA in which we broke up into small groups to brainstorm about how CCD could best be implemented in Oregon (a huge thank you to SWCDSC members for their excellent note-taking and facilitating skills during this meeting).

I should note that during OLA, we distributed an “interest form” which librarians could use to express their interest in learning more about our project. We’ve had an excellent response to the interest form, and this will provide us with a pool of interest and knowledgeable “readers” for our draft plan.

Look for a brief description of our project plans in a variety of Oregon library newsletters. We hope to have information about our plans published in as many relevant publications as possible.

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Cooperative Collection Development Leadership Retreat

Approximately twenty-five people attended the Cooperative Collection Development Leadership Retreat at the Silver Falls Conference Center. The twenty-five Oregon library leaders assisted the Oregon Statewide Collection Development Steering Committee (SWCDSC) in crafting a statewide cooperative collection development plan which will be

useful in the development of collections in all types of Oregon libraries. They will be developing the first draft of the statewide cooperative collection development plan.

As described during the recent Oregon Library Association conference, the SWCDSC will be guided by the following principles in developing a statewide plan:

1) A belief that the need for core collections and local development of collections is the first collection management priority of any single library. By strengthening these local collections, the richness of materials available to all citizens of Oregon grows exponentially.

2) Cooperative collection development is an answer—not the answer—to our collection building problems.

3) Human interactions are a necessary component of any enduring resource sharing program. Money and machines can facilitate the process of resource sharing, but only through commitment as individuals will these activities be sustained.

4) Cooperation may exist on many levels—statewide and/or regionally—and varying levels of participation are both necessary and desirable.

5) The intent is to provide better, faster, easier access to more information for the citizens of Oregon.

Marylhurst Library Receives Two Grants

Marylhurst College has received a \$373,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust for renovation of the college's 25-year old Shoen

Library. Jan Fortier, Marylhurst's library director, said repairs and renovations of the three-level, 32,000 square-foot structure scheduled to begin this year "are all long overdue." Officials at the college have identified \$1,362,416 in essential improvements to Shoen Library, which has not been renovated since it was built in 1967.

The much-needed work will include new paint and carpet, repairing the roof and front steps, improving the building's drainage system, installing an adequate interior lighting system, upgrading and expanding the electrical system, making library access easier for those with disabilities, and creating an archival and rare book collection area. The entire library project should take about six months to complete.

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust has awarded a grant of \$394,500 to provide an automated card catalog and other equipment to strengthen Shoen Library. The grant was the full amount requested by Marylhurst. The coming of this gift shortly after the Meyer Memorial Trust grant will allow the installation of an automated on-line integrated library system to be done in conjunction with the renovation of the building. While Marylhurst does not yet have Internet access, it is planning to participate in Valley Link, which will enable shared FirstSearch costs and computer links with libraries at Linfield, Willamette, Western Oregon State and other colleges and universities. In addition to library automation, a portion of the grant money is earmarked for purchase of much-needed additional audio-visual equipment.



News from PSU

Kathy (Kit) Dusky has been selected to be a participant in the Snowbird Leadership Development Program to be held July 29-August 3 at the Snowbird Resort in Salt Lake City, Utah. This residential program is offered for people who are at a relatively early point in their library careers but who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential. A team of mentors from the top level of the library profession is assembled to work with the participants. In the past, ALA presidents, ALA division presidents, library school deans and faculty, directors of major academic and public libraries, and state librarians have participated. Participants are nominated by leaders in the library field. Jim Scheppke, the State Librarian for Oregon, nominated Kit.

The earthquake of March 25 spilled nearly 20,000 books onto the floor of the PSU Library, but no one was injured. The Library remained closed for half a day and volunteers from all sections of the Library helped reshelve the books.

Program Report

(submitted by Jan Marie Fortier to National ACRL)

Academic librarians took an active role in the OLA conference held in Eugene from March 31st to April 3rd. Participants toured the University of Oregon's newly renovated and expanded Knight Library. At the traditional academic breakfast consultant Barbara McFadden Allen met with librarians to discuss coordinated collection development efforts. The program meeting consisted of a panel of Marylhurst College instructors who teach a course

required of all undergraduates called "Information Power".

UPCOMING EVENTS

Continuing Library Education Activities

These activities, partially funded by the Library Services and Construction Act, are designed for professional and paraprofessional librarians as well as interested community members such as participants or members of governing boards of libraries. Topics have been selected from the OLA 1990 survey of need as well as from other sources such as the grant advisory committee and from participants' suggestions from the 1992 workshop/seminar evaluations.

Time: Unless otherwise noted, all workshops will be held from 9:00am-12 noon and 1:00-4:00pm.

Fees: The fee for each of these events will be \$48.00. Workshop fees, except for LIB 450/550 and where otherwise noted, will include workshop materials, beverage breaks and a box lunch. Payment of \$48.00 is due one week prior to the event. Space is limited and participants will be granted space on a first come, first served basis.

➡ For more information, please call:

Division of Continuing Education
Western Oregon State College
1-800-451-5767
503/838-8483

The following workshops are designed for both library professionals and paraprofessionals:

July 16: Library Security

June Mikkelsen, Multnomah Co. Library / Paula Gadotti, Multnomah Co. Sheriff's Office
Location: Wilsonville Public Library

•Security and safety--of materials, facilities, users and staff--have become of increasing concern for staff in libraries of all types and sizes in recent years. This workshop focuses on planning issues, on avoiding problem situations, and on providing practical tips for how to handle problems when they do occur.

September 10: Total Quality Management, Meredith Brodsky, Bend (Oregon Public Library Directors Meeting)

September 24: Basic Reference
Anne Billeter, LaGrande

The following activities are designed for library directors and members of Library boards of Directors/Trustees. Topics were selected based on the special interests of community leaders who serve on the library boards. Each activity will be held on a Saturday at a variety of locations throughout the state.

August 7: Intellectual Freedom
Mary Ginnane, Lincoln City

August 29: Fund Raising
Michael Gason/Susan Gale, Monmouth

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