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 *Happy Holidays!* 

ACRL Board Meeting Minutes (cont'd. from p.1)

"The Global Electronic Village: Urban Sprawl or Planned Community?" Different Board members volunteered to contact potential speakers.

The ACRL Newsletter was discussed next. It was decided that academic library personnel news from around the state should be funneled to the newsletter editor through other board members, as individual institutions forget to forward this information, and it is too difficult for the editor to try to contact all of them. Connie Anderson volunteered to provide news from Southern and Eastern Oregon, Don Macnaughtan from all the community colleges, Roxanne Dimyan from the Portland area and NAPCU libraries, and Barbara Jenkins from U of O and OSU. Items that should be included in forthcoming newsletters were brought up. The Board also discussed providing articles for publication in OLA News. We want to make ACRL more visible in the larger Oregon library community.

Janet Webster reported on issues before the OLA Legislative Committee, so that the Board might give thought to which issues should be given highest priority for ACRL support. Current issues are:

- 1) Expanding the confidentiality law to include libraries not covered by existing legislation, records on individual use of library services (as well as collections), and registration records;
- 2) Insuring basic library and information services in local public libraries free of charge;
- 3) Continue to support funding proposals to expand and improve academic library facilities on publicly-supported campuses of higher education (next in line is OSU's Kerr library);
- 4) Increase

- per capita state aid to public libraries from the current level of \$.51 to \$1.00 per child from birth to age fourteen;
- 5) Ensure that all public schools have libraries and employ an adequate number of media specialists;
- 6) Reaffirm and protect intellectual freedom;
- 7) Support and appropriate budget for the State Library;
- 8) Take all appropriate steps to ensure continuation of Oregon Link (SB20) at full funding level;
- 9) Secure legislation protecting libraries and librarians from being required to act *in loco parentis*.

The Board felt that SB20 should remain a priority. SB20 will need to be reauthorized in the next legislative session in order to continue to be funded, and academic librarians should testify before the committee on this matter, particularly in support of net lender reimbursement. Intellectual freedom is an ongoing issue in need of support from academic librarians. The crisis in school libraries and media specialists was felt to be an important issue for academic librarians, because it is forcing greater reliance on public and academic libraries by high school students, and more and more students will be starting college with no prior knowledge of how to use libraries.

The next meeting of the Board will be in April at Sun River.

(V. Mitchell, Reed College)

OREGON NEWS

OSU Receives \$330,000 Grant for Government Information Project

Oregon State University Libraries have received a grant to demonstrate the feasibility of making government information on federally-issued compact disks available to remote users through

dial-in access as well as over the Internet.

The grant is under the college Library Technology and Grants program from the United States Department of Education under Title IID of the Higher Education Act. The grant total is \$330,000 for a three year period.

The project will focus on accessing sources of government information of value to users in the Pacific Northwest. It will increase access to federal information for libraries, researchers, businesses, students, and the public, and will provide a model for improving access to government information which can be copied or adapted in other regions in the United States. The project will start with sources from the Department of Commerce, including the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. These information sources are received on compact disk by OSU Libraries and other libraries who are part of the U.S. Depository library system.

Phase One of the project will be the development of a network on which to mount a number of compact disks. This network will be made available over the Internet and for dial-up use. In this phase users will access the CDs via software which was issued with the CDs.

U.S. Government compact disks are issued with search software; however, this software is sometimes inadequate or difficult to use. There is also the problem that various information sources (sets of compact disks) may be issued with different user interfaces. Later phases of the project will include contracting or the development of a more user-friendly and consistent interface to the selected information sources. Such "gateway" software to the CDs will run on a UNIX computer system, which has also been funded as part of the grant. The software developed under this

grant will be in the public domain and available for use and further development by other libraries and organizations.

OSU Libraries welcomes your help in two areas:

- If you have ideas regarding a company or organization who might be in a position to develop a software interface (as described above), bearing in mind that the developers will not retain rights to such software.

- If you are involved in a similar project, or if you know of any organization involved in a related effort. As there are certainly plenty of government information sources to make accessible, OSU wants to concentrate on ones which are not likely to be easily accessible via another system in the near future.

For additional information, contact: Pat Grace (503) 737-7265 or Charlene Grass (503) 737-3411.

Meyer Grant Will Link Five Oregon Libraries

[The following is excerpted from *Library Hotline*, October 25, 1993, p. 4, 6.]

With a \$768,500 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust of Portland, the University of Oregon (UO) Library will team with libraries at four regional colleges to make information about their combined resources readily available statewide through a computerized union catalog. More than two-thirds of the three-year grant will provide for renovation of the UO Knight Library's Technical Services Center and will upgrade its technical capabilities in order to support the merged database containing bibliographic records of materials in all formats in the participating libraries. The renovation is part of the library's \$27.4 million expansion and renovation project. Upon completion of the renovation in December, the center will be

renamed for the Meyer Memorial Trust.

Initial participants in the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) union catalog, all users of the Innovative Interfaces automation system, will be Western Oregon State College, Eastern Oregon State College, Southern Oregon State College, Oregon Institute of Technology and UO. The remaining OSSHE libraries, as well as some private institutions, whose libraries also use the Innovative Interfaces system, have expressed interest in participating in the union catalog as the project matures.

More than 8000 people use the libraries at the five institutions daily. Through the union catalog, they will have direct access to the two million volume UO collection as well as the 650,000 volumes held in regional colleges. Dial-in access from public libraries, homes, schools, and offices around the state will also be available. The union catalog is expected to be in operation within ten months.

LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

State Agency Assessment Frees Funds for Statewide Resource Sharing Program

The Oregon State Library will become one of the few state libraries in the country to assess its state agency customers for information services under an innovative plan approved by the Oregon Legislature and Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts. The assessment will free up Federal LSCA dollars in the State Library budget that will be used, beginning next year, to fund a statewide resource sharing program.

Under the plan, each agency in state government will contribute funds from their budgets to support a significant portion of the State Library budget. The contributions will be assessed prior to each two year budget cycle based on a formula which takes into account the number of staff in each agency and the actual past use of State Library services such as circulation, reference, and interlibrary loan services.

State Librarian Jim Schepke lauded the plan, which was contained in a bill sponsored by the Oregon Library Association. "This is how you get legislators to look beyond the red ink and consider new programs—with lots of creative financing and lots of grass roots support. This bill had both."

The State Library, historically, has been financed with a combination of state general funds, derived from the state income tax, and federal LSCA dollars, the use of which was justified on the grounds that the State Library served as an interlibrary loan and reference referral resource for other libraries in Oregon. In 1991, however, the State Library Board of Trustees adopted a new mission statement which sought to phase out the State Library's traditional resource center role. The new mission is much more focused on having the Library serve as an information provider for state government, while continuing to provide library services to the blind, and to develop local library services.

By 1995, when the plan is completely phased-in, the state agency assessment is expected to free up about \$1 million that will be used to fund a statewide resource sharing program, including reimbursement for net lenders of interlibrary loans and a network of five regional reference referral centers.

Oregon legislators, who were struggling to close a \$1.2 billion budget shortfall in the 1993-1995 budget period, were enthusiastic about the plan which one senior Senator called "ingenious." The plan was developed by an interim legislative task force that included legislators, members of the Oregon Library Association, and the State Librarian. Not a single vote was cast against the plan in either chamber of the Oregon Legislature.

PSU Librarian Appointed to State Board of Trustees

Evie Crowell, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, has been appointed to the board of Trustees of the Oregon State Library by Governor Barbara Roberts. The Trustees are the equivalent of the OSSHE Board and have governing authority over the State Library. Evie's term officially begins upon confirmation by the Senate, which was expected at the end of September.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Barbara Valentine of Linfield College has authored the article "Undergraduate Research Behavior: Using Focus Groups to Generate Theory", published in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, vol. 19, no. 5, p. 300-304.

ACRL NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL FRONT

Words From ACRL President Thomas Kirk

The following question was e-mailed to Thomas Kirk by Margaret Landrum:

"What issues would ACRL (and you) like state chapters to be addressing?"

Mr. Kirk's response:

" 1) I would propose some queries as perhaps a way of pointing to issues which I hope academic and research librarians in the northwest are giving attention to.

2) How is the chapter bringing the issues before ACRL national to the local level?

3) What leadership role is the chapter and professional librarian generally taking in the development of networking on your campuses and in the region?

4) I would be interested in learning about examples of libraries taking leadership roles in development of networking, supporting use of the network and helping faculty incorporate the network's resources into the curriculum.

5) What efforts are being made to help librarians become fully comfortable with use of the network?

6) Finally I would encourage people to think about attendance to Annual Convention. I suspect it could not be much further away and still be in the USA, this year. However, an excellent program on uses of the Internet, networking, both technological and personal, and related issues will be included. Most of the sections and some ACRL committees are working together to provide top quality programs relevant to their membership but which also appeal to a broad audience from ACRL."

Send replies to:
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Presidential Candidates Forum at ALA Mid-Winter

Plans are underway for the 1994 Presidential Candidates Forum which will be held during Mid-Winter in Los Angeles. The purpose of the Forum is to give ACRL members an opportunity to

hear candidates address issues facing the organization and the profession.

The Forum has been set for Saturday, February 5 (1994) from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. which includes a reception. The location will not be set until December, but will be listed in the conference program as well as flyers. The Forum is once again made possible by a generous contribution from EBSCO.

The candidates for ACRL president are Patricia Breivik, Associate Vice-President for Information Resources at Towson State University in Towson, Maryland; and Maureen Pastine, Director, Central University Library at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

ACRL Seeking New Members Through "Power of Partnership"

ACRL is launching a membership campaign encouraging each ACRL member to recruit additional members. Some information is provided below; for more campaign details, see the red insert in the October C&RL News or call ACRL Member-Get-A-Member Campaign headquarters 800-545-2433 x2515.

Sponsor a new member today—it's easy and rewarding!

The Power of Partnership ACRL Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Invite your colleagues to enjoy the many benefits of ACRL membership:

- opportunities to share expertise and to gain expertise in all areas of academic librarianship;
- free subscriptions to *College and Research Libraries* and *College and Research Libraries News*;
- discounts on hundreds of products, services and programs

designed to meet their special needs; and more. . .

Those who recruit new members during this campaign will be awarded PRIZES ranging from ALA gift certificates to one year free ACRL memberships and entry in a drawing for one free trip to the ACRL Seventh National Conference in Pittsburgh, March 29-April 1, 1995.

Prizes will be awarded during the Presidential Candidates Forum at Midwinter in Los Angeles on Saturday, February 5, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

ONLINE NORTHWEST

Online Northwest '94, a computerized information retrieval conference, will be held on Friday, February 18, 1994 at the La Sells Stewart Center, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR. It is sponsored by the Oregon State System of Higher Education's Inter-institutional Library Council. Contact Sara Brownmiller, University of Oregon Library, (503) 346-2368, if you have not received a Conference brochure by December 15, 1993.

OLA CONFERENCE IN SUN RIVER, APRIL 6-8, 1994

Don't Miss It!

The Academic Division is planning a variety of events at the annual OLA conference in Sun River.

PRE-CONFERENCE, APRIL 6

Jerry Campbell, University Librarian at Duke, has agreed to participate in a pre-conference. He spoke at the two national

"Rethinking Reference" conferences coordinated by Anne Lipow of Berkeley last year. One was held at Duke, the other at Berkeley. He will lead us in a conversation concerning this current, hotly debated topic on Wednesday afternoon, April 6.

ACRL BREAKFAST

Thursday morning, April 7, will see the return of the traditional ACRL breakfast. Featured speaker will be Harold Otness of Southern Oregon State College talking on "Libraries of the Rich and Famous: What kind of books do celebrities assemble, how do they arrange them, and so what?" - a technology-free way to start the day.

ACRL PROGRAMS

On Thursday morning, April 7, following the ACRL breakfast, a panel of Oregon librarians will continue the discussion about rethinking reference. Carol Henderson of Central Oregon Community College, Mary Finnegan of Salem Public Library, and Barbara Jenkins of the U. of O. have agreed to speak. Expect lots of provocative discussion around this issue!

Friday April 8, there will be two Academic Division programs. At the first session, which is co-sponsored with the Library Support Staff Roundtable, Larry Oberg of Willamette University Library, Jey Wann of Oregon State Library, and Donetta Sheffold of Oregon State University Library, will speak to the evolving issues surrounding support staff and job responsibilities and descriptions. At the second morning session, which is co-sponsored with the Oregon Community College Library Association, a panel will address the issues surrounding distance education programs in the state of Oregon and the provision of library services for these students. Participants on the panel include Dale Edwards, Treasure Valley Community

College, Fran Cardoza, Rogue Community College, and Susan Whyte, Linfield College.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Honors, Awards and Scholarship Committee of OLA awards grants for participation in various OLA activities including the annual conference, continuing education events, and division and roundtable workshops. All members of the Oregon Library community are welcome to apply. Requests for the OLA Conference stipends must be received by March 1, 1994. Requests for support for other events should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the event. Send requests to the committee chair, Sandi Olmsted. Her address is:
Newberg Public Library, 503 E. Hancock, Newberg, OR 97132, 503-538-8376. (There is a form in the December 1992 OLN.) Please request a form from Sandi.

WLA-ACRL Preconference

April 27th in Yakima, Washington will be the site of the ACRL Washington Library Association Preconference. The subject will be "Incorporating the Internet into Reference."

Guest speaker will be Thomas Kirk, Director, Berea College Library and President-Elect of ACRL National. The afternoon session will feature panelists from libraries that are already making Internet available to clients (students, faculty, community). For further information contact:

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"LOEX" of the West

"Cultivating the Electronic Landscape: Teaching and Learning in a Climate of Constant Change" is the title of a library instruction conference to be held at Willamette University in Salem, June 9-11, 1994. Keynote Speaker: Betsy Wilson, Director of Libraries for Public Services, University of Washington. Co-sponsored by: Linfield College, Oregon State University, and Willamette University.

This conference is inspired by the LOEX people in Ypsilanti, Michigan, who put on an annual library instruction conference which is always popular with librarians. It was thought that it would be appropriate to offer the same kind of meeting way out here in Oregon, as travel budgets are slim these days and because

library instruction is fast becoming more important in this day of the virtual library (i.e. systems do not necessarily enhance ease of use from the patron's perspective.) In addition to Keynote Speaker Betsy Wilson, there will be a panel of Oregon librarians discussing library instruction and the Internet. It promises to be a very exciting conference.

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Menucha 1994

Plans for Menucha are underway. It will take place October 20-21, 1994. At this point it looks like the theme will hover around the profound changes impacting libraries with the arrival of the Internet and that information highway we are all reading about. We hope to have representatives from the various different sectors involved, e.g. cable, telecommunications, computer

technology, network organizations, and of course libraries, to discuss the role librarians can (should, must?) play in this everchanging virtual world.

PLAN AHEAD:

The ACRL 7th National Conference will be held March 29-April 1, 1995 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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