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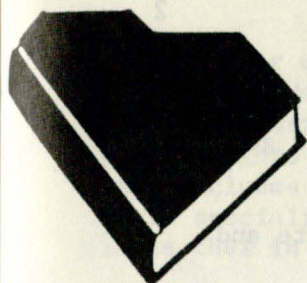
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ILL STUDY COMMITTEE TO MEET; MAJOR CHANGES EXPECTED

SCLA President Gerda Belknap has asked an ad hoc ILL study committee to meet and make recommendations for a revised South Carolina ILL code. It is expected that the committee will recommend major changes to reflect the impact of SOLINET and other developments which have taken place since the last ILL code was drawn up for South Carolina in October of 1974.

The assignment of the study committee grew out of a letter to Ms. Belknap from South Carolina State Librarian Betty Callaham early this year. In that letter, Ms. Callaham said, "In considering the future of library cooperation and networking in South Carolina, members of the Task Force on Library Automation and Networking have recommended the development of interlibrary loan protocols to serve as a guide for ILL activities in the state. Before such protocols can be developed, it is the opinion of the Task Force that the present state ILL code should be re-examined to see if it is adequate in view of the changes which have occurred in library service in the past seven years." Ms. Callaham then asked for an ad hoc or special committee to study the present code and draft a revised code for SCLA membership approval if necessary.

Ms. Belknap has appointed Julie Johnson of the USC School of Medicine to chair the study committee. Other members of the committee include John Landrum (SC State Library), Sarah Clark Linder (Richland County Public Library), Donald Miles (Milliken Research Corporation), Drucilla Reeves (Brookland Cayce High School), Davy-Jo Ridge (USC's Thomas Cooper Library), Valeria Staley (SC State College), and Ruth Swank (Midlands TEC).

Ms. Johnson has scheduled the first meeting of the committee for March 22, 1982, at 2 PM, USC School of Medicine Library, VA Medical Center, Columbia. In talking with N&V, Ms. Johnson said, "I want to underscore that this meeting will be an open meeting. Anyone with an interest in interlibrary loan in the state of South Carolina is not only welcome to attend but encouraged to come and speak out. That's the only way the committee can hope to produce a document that reflects everyone's interests."

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ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

The American Library Association is experiencing great accomplishments and great challenges.

I would like to bring three of the major accomplishments to your attention. In 1981, ALA membership reached an all-time high, and a dedication ceremony was held for the new ALA Headquarters. Also, an effective publicity campaign by ALA brought great attention to libraries by getting Johnny Carson to regularly promote reference service on The Tonight Show. South Carolina has played an important role in this campaign, for the Richland County Public Library supplies a large percentage of the questions and answers used.

Two major issues offer challenges to the association. It soon became evident at Midwinter this January that these issues, the "Operating Agreement Between ALA and It's Divisions" and the National Divisional Conferences, would not be settled until the annual conference this summer at the earliest. The proposed Operating Agreement will be published in American Libraries. I would appreciate your sharing your feelings with me on these two topics.

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The other chief item on everyone's mind at Midwinter was the United States Office of Personnel Management's proposed new classification and qualification standards for federal librarians. The standards lessen the value of the MLS degree as a credential for entry into the library profession within the federal government. The proposed draft excludes from the professional occupational series those positions encompassing single specialized functions such as reference, bibliography, and cataloging and places them in a new non-professional series.

The federal government is one of the single largest employees of librarians; therefore, the impact of this action will have a grave effect upon a large number of librarians. But the effect will extend beyond librarians employed by the federal government, for state and local position standards in publicly supported libraries are often influenced by federal personnel standards.

The deadline to comment on this proposal was February 6. ALA has received an extension until March 10 to suggest revisions. Council unanimously passed a resolution opposing the draft standards and urging the Office of Personnel Management not to issue the proposed classification and qualification standards and to develop a single classification standard for professional librarians rather than split the functions into two occupational series, one professional and one non-professional. The resolution calls for qualification standards to continue to emphasize the MLS as a basic requirement and for holders of the MLS degree to be qualified for entry into the federal service at the same grade level as holders of masters degrees in other professional occupations. The resolution also calls for the OPM to hold hearings in all ten of its regions on the matter and to actively involve ALA and other appropriate organizations in the revisions' of its standards. All members of SCLA should follow this issue carefully.

I urge those of you who have not done so to join ALA. In these times of drastic budget cuts and other threats to our profession, we need a strong national organization. Anyone who needs a membership form may write to me at 1400 Sumter Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201.

As I look around me at Council meetings I realize that South Carolina plays a large role of leadership in ALA for a state our size. William Summers, Barbara Williams Jenkins and William Chait serve as Councilors-at-Large, and Pat Scales just completed her term. Bill Summers was elected to the Executive Board at Midwinter. This is the central management board of ALA comprised of the elected officers, the immediate past president and eight members elected by Council from among its members.

--CAROL COOK DUGGAN

UPDATE ON BI GROUP

The bibliographic instruction interest group, which formally began in 1979 as a part of the Public Services section, would like to acquaint SCLA members with its nature and activity. The phrase "bibliographic instruction" with its academic and formal connotations is perhaps somewhat of a misnomer for the interest group. The group is open to all members of the Public Services section and has as its objective "to promote the sharing of experience and information among South Carolina librarians interested and/or involved in formal and informal library instruction activities." We hope that public, school, and academic librarians involved in instruction will participate. Instruction is not limited to formal classroom activities, but includes all efforts to teach users about library facilities and resources, whether

by individual conversations, audio visual materials, signs, or other means. Users invariably benefit from new understandings of sources available to fill their information needs. By focusing on the instruction process itself we hope to gain insight into the means of improving the quality of our instruction activities.

We are interested in member input and would appreciate ideas for workshops. We are planning to have a "show and tell" table at the SCLA convention in October for librarians to share their library instructional materials (including library guides, operating instructions, point-of-use programs, etc.). Please start thinking of what you can bring. Send ideas and questions to: JANE THESING, CHAIR, Bibliographic Instruction Interest Group, Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. 29208.

BRISSIE MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED

North Greenville College reports that an endowment to establish the Margia Lou Brissie Memorial Library Fund has been set up at the college. The endowment was initiated by Miss Brissie's sister, Mrs. Sara B. Parks of Hodges, as a means of honoring both Miss Brissie and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Brissie.

Miss Brissie, a resident of Hodges who died March 29, 1980, was a well-known librarian and educator in South Carolina during her 44 years of service in York, Abbeville, Anderson, and Greenwood counties. During her career she served as an officer of local, state and national library associations and was frequently called upon to serve as a member of evaluating teams for accreditation of high schools in the state.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Each year the South Carolina Library Association accepts nominations for its Friends of Libraries Award which seeks to recognize a lay person who has given unselfishly of their time and talents in the support of South Carolina school, public, or academic libraries are particularly encouraged. Any member of the South Carolina Library Association can make a nomination by sending to the SCLA Publicity Committee, c/o Deborah Hotchkiss, S. C. State Library, P. O. Box 11469, Columbia, S. C. 29211, a letter of recommendation accompanied by a concise statement of the nominee's specific contributions which demonstrate his distinguished service to libraries. Nominations for the 1982 Award which will be presented at the Association's annual convention should be submitted by June 1, 1982.

CALENDAR

SCLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS (Location to be announced.)

April 24 (Saturday) July 30 (Friday) October 7 (Thursday)

March 25: Putting your library in the public eye. Basic information and techniques for developing a public relations program for your library. 10AM-4PM; Carolina Inn, Columbia. Sponsored by Public Library Section Program Committee and Publicity and Awards Standing Committee for SCLA. Contact: Deborah Hotchkiss, SC State Library, 758-3181.

April 1-2: SC Association of School Librarians Annual Convention; Carolina Inn, Columbia. Theme: "Putting it together: Media Centers and Curriculum." Featured speakers: Dr. Mildred Laughlin, Prof. of School Media Administration, University of Oklahoma; James Howe, author of Bunnicula: a rabbit tale of mystery and winner of 1981 SC Children's Book Award; and Richard Peck, author of young adult books such as Don't look and it won't hurt, and Dreamland Lake. Pre-registration deadline: March 20, 1982. For more information contact Ann White, Spartanburg School District 3, Glendale, S. C. 29346

October 7-9, 1982: SCLA Convention. Carolina Inn, Columbia. Conference program chairman Paul Dove reports that the 1982 SCLA Convention will center around the theme, "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." The convention will focus on our heritage of civil and political liberties and rights as Americans. The basic documents that guarantee these freedoms will be emphasized, and threats to our liberties will be addressed by a variety of programs. The official colors of the fall meeting are red, white and blue, with "Stars and Stripes Forever" as the theme song.

October 14-16: 32nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter, Medical Library Association. Mills House Hotel, Charleston, S. C. For more information contact A. Kabler, MUSC Library, 803/792-2371.

The following are continuing education offerings by the College of Librarianship, USC. For complete information contact the College at 777-2177.

■ **March 12: Public DOCS for Small Libraries:** Identification, acquisition, handling and reference uses of public documents. Friday: 2-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$20 (includes meal); .5 CEU.

■ **April 16: Business Information.** Basic business reference sources and services. Site: Greenville Public Library. Friday 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (break for lunch); Fee: \$18; .5 CEU; Williams; Zachert.

■ **April 28, 29, 30: Consumer Health Information: Services and Sources.** Health information for the general public, as requested in public, academic and health science libraries; need for this information; consumer information movement; consumer rights; suppliers of health consumer information. Three one-day workshops: Wednesday, Greenville Public Library; Thursday, Florence Public Library; Friday, Administration Building, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, Columbia. Daily: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Fee: \$22; .5 CEU.

SELA PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT REDUCED PRICE

Anders, Mary Edna, Libraries and Library Service in The Southeast - A Report Of The Southeastern States Cooperative Library Survey, 1972-74. The University of Alabama Press, 1976. \$5 (Originally, \$10)

Ward, James E., Albright, Jane A., Phillips, Kathleen, Southeastern Bibliographic Instruction Directory: Academic Libraries. Southeastern Library Association, 1978. \$1.25 (Originally, \$6)

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School Library Section Chairperson CATE TOWNSEND is recovering at home after surgery during the week of February 15.

Winthrop College's CAROLE MCGIVER, Head of the Cataloging Department, and ALAN GREENBERG, Monographs Cataloger, have been awarded a grant of about \$1700 by the Winthrop College Research Council to compile a manual of examples of Library of Congress cataloging practice since January 2, 1981. McGiver and Greenberg will study

LC's application of AACR2 to the cataloging of books, pamphlets, printed music, and serials in all subject areas.

By the way: we failed to mention in our last issue ALAN GREENBERG's invaluable assistance in covering the Charlotte convention. Alan has helped us cover the last three or four conventions, and without his help coverage would have been impossible. Our belated thanks to Alan and all others who contributed to the December issue.

DAVID L. OLSEN has been appointed Head of the Order Department of the Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Olsen holds the MA degree in Librarianship from the University of Denver and the sixth year specialist certificate from Rutgers University. Mr. Olsen was formerly Head of Acquisitions at the Lafayette College Library in Pennsylvania.

LLOYD PUTZEY has been appointed Technical Services Librarian at Newberry College's Wessels Library. Mr. Putzey was formerly with the Coker College Library in Hartsville.

LINDA ALLMAN has been appointed Chief, Technical Services of the Richland County Public Library, Columbia.

Congratulations to Pam and Dan Barron for their very successful efforts in "Jump over the moon", now airing on SCETV at 10AM on Saturdays. The series on children's literature is in 15 parts at present, and we understand there is an effort to extend the series to 30 parts. If you haven't had a chance to see it, check it out: it's something of which to be very proud.

IN MEMORIAM

Greenville Public Library reports the death recently of two of its staff members. Miss Ellen Perry passed away on January 8, 1982, and Miss Laura Ebaugh died on February 19.

Of Miss Perry, Verena Bryson, Director of Public Relations for GPL, wrote. "Her life as a librarian spanned twenty-eight years, during which time she worked in the Extension Department of the Greenville Library, was Children's Librarian, Acting Librarian, and Librarian. In this time, she gave generously of her fine intellect and her extensive diversity of interests. One cannot measure the influence that Ellen Perry had and will continue to have upon the Greenville Community. When the pioneers and leaders of the community are recounted by historians, Ellen Perry will certainly be among those remembered for her original contributions to that place on earth where she chose to invest her talents.

Miss Ebaugh passed away unexpectedly at age 85. She had taught sociology at Furman University until age 65, and then joined the Library staff until she reached age 75. She had served as GPL's first Director of Public Relations, and started GPL's Community Services Division. An editorial in the Greenville News praised Miss Ebaugh as "...champion of a long list of important Greenville endeavors...guardian angel to the Greenville Junior League...The success and growth of the Greenville County Library System can be attributed in large part to her promotion... Her book, "Bridging the Gap," which tells about historic spots in the county, enjoyed two printings and is a standard reference work on local history...She rejuvenated the Greenville County Historical Society and got behind the organization of tours to sites of historical interest. In fact, Miss Ebaugh always was getting behind some project and pushing it. Greenville is better off for her activism."

COMMENTARY

State Librarian Betty Callahan wrote to South Carolina librarians in January:

"In keeping with President Reagan's pre-election statement that libraries are a local responsibility, the Office of Management and Budget has proposed 'zeroing out' all library programs for FY 83. In addition, a message is being sent to Congress requesting rescissions in FY 82 funds provided by the December Continuing Resolution which will mean substantial reductions for LSCA, HEA, and the Education Consolidated block grants. ..Although Congress has not yet acted on the proposed dismantling of the Department of Education, many programs are being quietly phased out. A large number of staff members in the Office of Libraries and Learning Technologies have received RIF notices, and there is a strong probability that the wrap-up of library programs will be handled by non-librarians unfamiliar with previous actions, regulations, or state programs. ..The total amount the federal government spends on libraries each year is less than the cost of one bomber. The total LSCA appropriation is less than the cost of the bomber's wings."

Last year librarians sat back and took their budget cuts along with everyone else. It seemed to be the patriotic thing to do. Unfortunately, it made libraries look like a pushover. This year, funds for libraries are not only being reduced but completely "zeroed out", as the current euphemism has it. But there is one glimmer of hope: with all the concern being voiced about the final effects of all the budget cuts, Congress is quite ready to listen to their constituencies. 1982 is an election year, and members of the Congressional delegation will be all the more sensitive to what they hear from "the folks back home." Your letters will have an effect, and this year your letters could be the force that turns the tide. Write your Congressmen. Urge them to vote against the rescission proposal, to restrain OMB from acting without Congressional authorization for reductions, and to require the Department of Education to release all funds previously authorized by Congress.

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