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SCLA AWARDED PR GRANT

As mentioned in a last minute item in our last issue, the South Carolina Library Association was awarded the 1980 Grolier National Library Week Grant during the ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago, January 20-25. The $1,000 grant is given annually to the state library association submitting the best proposal for a communications program to increase public awareness of library services.

SCLA's proposal outlined a plan of exhibits in three shopping centers and malls during National Library Week (April 13-19) and in two regional fairs plus the state fair in the fall. The exhibit, carrying the title, "Libraries—South Carolina's greatest bargain" will feature specific library resources such as consumer information, automobile fix-it manuals, investment information, and more. Coupons redeemable for local library cards will be handed out at the exhibits, and radio and TV public service announcements will be developed to support the campaign.

The SCLA proposal was submitted by SCLA President John Landrum and SCLA National Library Week Committee Chairperson Ilene Nelson of the Spartanburg County Library. The exhibit, according to Ms. Nelson, will be "as portable as possible, featuring a number of enlarged photographs of services provided around the state."

"Unfortunately," said Ms. Nelson, "the $1,000 really won't go very far. The cost of the photographs—even black and white—will eat up a good portion of the grant." Stickers and other items will also cut into the available money. To help support the project, SCLA's Public Services Section has contributed an additional $100 from its section funds to supplement the Grolier award. "Any donation from any other section," said Ms. Nelson, "will be more than welcome!"

S. C. LIBRARY LEGISLATION: SOME PASSES, SOME STALLS

So far this year, it's been a mixed bag of successes and frustrations for library-related legislation in the S. C. State Legislature. Two pieces of important legislation have made it to the Governor's desk, while others have yet to make it out of the Legislature.

In an act of considerable significance to South Carolina libraries, the Legislature has approved and sent to the Governor legislation enabling libraries to prosecute persons attempting to steal library materials. The legislation is aimed at correcting difficulties in current laws which make it impossible to prosecute, and also at protecting from lawsuit members of library staffs who call for the arrest of would-be thieves. The bill, S334, had a rather hectic time getting through the
legislature, but survived objections, misprints, amendments, and several trips back and forth between the House and Senate to make it to the Governor's desk. At one point, section two, which protects librarians from retaliatory lawsuits and is considered by some to be the more important of the two sections, was inadvertently left out of the bill. The error was caught in time, though, and both parts were approved by the Legislature. There was at least one substantive change in the bill from its original form, and that is the penalty attached to the law. The bill had originally branded concealment or removal of library property a grand larceny offense, but in committee the charge was reduced to petit larceny. Maximum penalty upon conviction is now six months imprisonment or $600 fine; if the value of the item is less than $50, the penalty is $100 or 30 days.

When contacted last week, an aide in the Governor's office said that the bill had not yet arrived in the office, but that there seemed to be no reason why the Governor would not sign it.

Also awaiting the Governor's signature is approval of the State Library Board Appointments, S438.

On the other hand, the Documents Depository Legislation, S348 and H2389, is again running into problems. The House passed H2389 on January 16, 1980, after minor amendments, and that bill is now on the Senate calendar for second reading. However, consideration has been delayed by the adoption bill, registration by mail, and now reapportionment. The Appropriations bill has top priority for the next two weeks. There is danger now that the Documents Legislation could be lost in the rush for adjournment. The only known opposition to the bill had been from Senator Garrett of Greenville, but late last week it was learned that Senator Drummond is opposing some parts of the bill as too broad. Those objections could result in the bill being returned to the House, which may mean disaster for the bill.

State aid to public libraries will probably be set at 75¢ per capita. That level has already been approved by the House, and the Senate Finance Committee. Although the Committee was reported to be sympathetic to the $1.00 per capita request, the source of the additional $600,000 for that level could not be found.

The Revised State Aid Regulations were filed with the Senate and House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 1980 session. On January 8, they were referred to the House Committee on Education and Public works and the Senate Finance Committee for consideration. As yet, neither committee has scheduled meetings to consider regulations because of the press of other work. If the legislature does not act within 90 days (from January 8) the regulations will automatically become effective.

LOGO COMPETITION

SCLA is sponsoring a competition open to all South Carolina artists for the creation of an Association logo. A cash award of $100 will be made by Joseph Ruzicka-South, Inc. on behalf of the Association to the artist whose design is selected. Two semi-finalists will be chosen by the Executive Board of the Association May 24, with the winning design then being selected by a vote of the Association membership in Columbia October 9-10 at the Association's annual convention.
Submit black and white designs on 8½" x 11" paper by May 15 to Ilene Nelson, Spartanburg County Public Library, P. O. Box 2409, Spartanburg, S. C. 29304. Include an entry card with name, address and phone number and a SASE which will be used to send notification of the entry's status. Designs submitted will not be returned and become property of the South Carolina Library Association.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for the office of First Vice-President (President Elect), Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the 1981 calendar year. Under Article II of the By-Laws to the Constitution, additional nominations can be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee if each nomination is accompanied by a petition signed by 30 members of the Association and a written expression of willingness to serve from the person nominated. If you would like to submit a candidate, please send the petition and the "agreement to serve" to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Marty Pautz, Greenville Technical College, P. O. Box 5616, Greenville, S. C. 29606 by June 1st of this year. Please make sure that the petition is signed only by paid up SCLA members.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
March 8, 1980
Highlights of Minutes

The Executive Board of the South Carolina Library Association met in the auditorium of the Richland County Public Library on Saturday, March 8, 1980, at 10:30 a.m. Those present were: John Landrum, William Summers, Penny Albright, Thomas Marcil, Martin Pautz, Martha Evatt, Carl Stone, Drucilla Reeves, Gerda Belknap, Ilene Nelson, John Sukovich, Thelma Clark, Jane Mason, Lea Walsh, Laurance Mitlin, Thelma Elkins, Sarah Clarkson, Susan Husman, Lou Whitmore, Susan Derrick, and Jan Buvinger.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thomas Marcil reported that the Association's income for 1980 was as follows:

- Personal membership dues: $4,878.00
- Institutional dues: 790.00
- S. C. Librarian ads & subscriptions: 139.55

Total income: $5,807.55

Expenses for the Association to date are $1,614.23.

Another Federal Farm Credit Bond has been purchased at 15.3 per cent interest to mature in six months. The capital amount of the bond is $5,000.00.

A breakdown on income allocated to each section to date and based on the number of members it has shows:

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<th>1980 dues</th>
<th>1979 balance</th>
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The number of members in each section may be determined by dividing the 1980 dues figure by two. Sections may obtain a print-out of their members from the Treasurer after March 31st. March 31st has been established by the SCLA Executive Committee as the deadline for membership renewals. Those whose dues have not been paid by then will be removed from the mailing list for SCLA publications.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lou Whitmore reported that membership statistics as of March 7, 1980, were:

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Of the 604 total, 81 are new members for 1980. On March 1, 1979, the Association membership numbered 575 as contrasted to this year's 604.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Carl Stone stated that preliminary plans were being made for a workshop in early September on collection maintenance. Joan Sorenson is in charge of this.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Sarah Clarkson, representing the Section for Dan Festa, indicated that they had been making contacts in determining what special libraries there are in the state.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Lea Walsh reporting for Trish Ridgeway stated that the On-Line Users Interest Group will hold a workshop on March 28. As of February 29, nearly 30 had registered -- over the break-even point for expenses. A donation of $10 was added to the amount given by SCLA to the ALA Washington Office in response to its recent request. The Public Services Section encourages other sections to contribute to the ALA Washington Office. The Section is also donating $40 to the Publicity and Award Committee.

TRUSTEE SECTION

Thelma Clark gave an up-date on the nine regional trustee meetings to be held this spring. The first meeting is scheduled for March 19 in Marion (Region 1) and the next on March 28 in Charleston (Region 2). Other regions are still making preparations. A letter was sent to all librarian and board chairmen explaining the
purpose of the meetings and asking for their support and cooperation. Mrs. Clark raised the question of lowering the dues for trustees membership by 50%. It is her feeling that more trustees would join or their libraries be willing to pay the dues at a lower fee and that it would coincide with the current dues practice in SELA. It was agreed to consider this matter under new business.

**GODORT**

Susan Derrick announced that Norman Belk of the Greenville Public Library had been unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson of GODORT. At its March 3rd meeting, the Board decided to affiliate the SCLA Roundtable with the ALA Roundtable. The Spring newsletter will be mailed around April 18. The deadline for submission of articles is April 4.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It is the recommendation of the committee that the charge of the committee be revised in the new edition of the Handbook to read:

1) On the basis of periodic surveys of the interests of the membership and of continuous studies of the goals and objectives of the Association, makes recommendations to the Executive Board of activities and projects for the Association, and refers information to appropriate committees for study and possible action,

2) Undertakes specific projects by request of the president.

Other subjects under discussion were continued for further consideration.

**PUBLICITY AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Ilene Nelson stated that the committee was proceeding with the plans for the execution of the Grolier Award proposal. The exhibit has been scheduled for display in Myrtle Beach, April 11-12; in Spartanburg, April 18-19; and in Walterboro at the Rice Festival on April 25-26. The production of the exhibit and related materials is running close to the projected schedule. Since it will benefit the entire Association financial donations toward the expenses would be welcomed from other Sections and they are asked to consider taking immediate action.

Susan Staton has resigned her position on the committee due to other professional commitments and Frankie Cubbedge has agreed to take her place.

An open competition will be held for South Carolina artists to submit designs for an Association logo. A cash award of $100 will be made by Joseph Ruzicka-South, Inc., to the artist whose design is selected.

A letter requesting endorsement and support of South Carolina libraries from persons seeking public office in the State has been drafted by members of the Committee and will be mailed in April at the State Library's expense.

Names are being gathered for consideration in making the annual Friends of the Library Award.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Penny Albright explained the membership campaign now being carried out. A renewal letter has been mailed to individuals and institutional members who have not yet paid 1980 dues. A letter is also planned to go out to the public librarians and a flyer has been mailed to 1170 school libraries to encourage their participation in the Association. Ms. Albright will be attending the Trustees meetings that are planned.

1981 CONVENTION: John Landrum announced that the Joint North Carolina/South Carolina Committee for the 1981 Convention is meeting today in Charlotte to discuss general sessions speakers. The Sections are asked to appoint a spokesman for their group to work with their North Carolina counterparts in planning section meetings as soon as possible. Names should be sent to Larry Nix at the Greenville Public Library.

HANDBOOK REVISION: Paul Dove's report was read by John Landrum. The Committee requests that each Section send the latest revision of the Section's Bylaws to Lou Whitmore by March 22. Any Section that has redefined its goals should send a copy to Paul Dove. The Committee hopes to have the revised Handbook ready for presentation at the August meeting of the SCLA Executive Committee.

OTHER REPORTS

THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN was awarded the H. W. Wilson Periodicals Award of $500.00. The editor and former editor suggested that the interest from the money be used for an award for the best article during the biennium. The first award will be presented in Birmingham.

EDITOR, S. C. LIBRARIAN: Larry Mitlin requested that anyone wishing to contribute articles for publication in the next issue please do so immediately. The next issue of the SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIAN will be in April. A broader representation of librarians submitting articles would enhance the journal and make it more valuable to the Association and the profession.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR: John Landrum pointed out that David Warren would be attending Legislative Day on April 15, 1980, in Washington, D.C. He will be contacting South Carolina legislators to encourage their support of libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from Ron J. Chepesiuk on behalf of the College and University Archives and Special Collections Interest Group was read by Jan Buvinger. The letter requested roundtable status for the group and was accompanied by a petition with the required twenty-five signatures of SCLA members. Carl Stone made a motion which was seconded by Martha Evatt that the group be accepted as an SCLA roundtable.

A voice vote on the motion was inconclusive. It was necessary for the President to rule on who was eligible to vote. Roundtables are ex-officio members of the Board and are, therefore, ineligible to vote. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 4.
As a point of information and future consideration, John Landrum requested that provision be made in the revised SCLA Handbook for an annual evaluation of the performance of salaried persons employed by the Association.

A motion was made by Bill Summers and seconded by Carl Stone that the question of reducing the dues paid by Trustees be referred to the Membership Committee. A discussion was undertaken and Larry Mitlin pointed out that dues should cover the cost incurred by the Association in services provided, i.e. NEWS AND VIEWS, THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIAN, section activities. Carl Stone questioned maintaining institutional dues at their present amount if reductions were made for trustees. The motion was carried and the matter referred for consideration to the Membership Committee.

The next meeting will be held on May 24, 1980. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS 1980

Constitution and By-Laws, Norma Lightsey, Greenville County Library, Greenville, S. C.
Continuing Education, Bill Cooper, Laurens County Library, Laurens, S. C.
Editorial, Larry Mitlin, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.
Grievance, Helen Callison, Brookland Cayce High School, Cayce, S. C.
Intellectual Freedom, Thelma Elkins, Baptist College of Charleston, Charleston, S. C.
Legislative, Mary B. Toll, South Carolina State Library, Columbia, S. C.
Publicity and Awards, Ilene Nelson, Spartanburg County Public Library, Spartanburg, S. C.
Handbook Revision Committee, Paul Dove, Francis Marion College, Marion, S. C.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION, 1980

Program Committee, Judy Duffie
Nominations Committee, Bud Walton
Public Relations, Christopher Murray
Committee to make changes in by-laws to include Solinet Users Group, Carole McIver

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The School Library Section had its first Executive Board meeting on February 9, 1980. School media specialists have probably already received one of the results of this meeting: the membership promotional flyers. Read NEWS AND VIEWS for more plans and activities of the School Library Section.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! Check your district policy on professional leave procedure! You may be surprised!

GREENVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY INSTALLS JOB SERVICE TERMINAL

A new service, aimed at fighting unemployment, has been initiated by Greenville Public Library. The Library has installed a computer terminal on line with the South Carolina Jobbank and the Coordinated Occupational Information Network (COIN). Jobbank is a listing of all the employment opportunities available throughout the state which
are listed with the S. C. Employment Commission. The job title, salary, and educational and previous work experience prerequisites are given. Armed with this information, the job seeker can then go to the Jobank office to learn more about the position and possibly arrange for an interview. The job list is updated daily.

COIN gives students information on major occupations and their specialities, descriptions of related post-secondary education and training programs, descriptions of military occupations, and information on high school subjects that may help to prepare the way for future education, training, or employment.

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND SUCH

March 20: Meeting of State Library Board. 12:00 noon.


Public Library Trustees (Region II, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown) Calhoun Mansion, 16 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C. (1 block from the Battery). Film "Multiple Choice", group discussion about trusteeship and library concerns, legislative update, light refreshments. For more information: Mrs. Patricia Doyle, 528 Front Street, Georgetown, S. C. 29440 and Mrs. Sandra Fowler, Box 179, Sullivan's Island, S. C. 29482


April 7: Handbook Revision Committee, second meeting.

April 10: Public Library Trustees (Region VIII, Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg). Cash bar and dinner at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at Colonial Court, Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville. $6.25 (roast beef); checks payable to Colonial Court. Discussion of library finances, personnel, intergovernmental relations, responsibilities of trustees. For more information and reservations (with checks) by April 8: Ann Carlton Helgerson, Pelham Road, Route 2, Greenville, S. C. 29607. Phone-- 288-4938.

April 13-
April 19 National Library Week


April 25: Federal Depository Librarian’s meeting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cooper Library, USC, Columbia. Topic: "Problems Relating to Depository Libraries." All interested librarians are invited to attend. For further information, call Susan Derrick, Cooper Library, USC; 777-4741.

June 19:
July 5:

ALSO:

Kay Vowvalidis, Section Chairman of the Trustees and Friends and Barbara Cooper, Program Chairman, announce that it is time for the Trustees and Friends to start making plans to attend the SELA Conference to be held in Birmingham, November 20-22, 1980, at the Hyatt House.

A "special day" for Trustees and Friends will be on Friday, November 21st beginning at 9:00 a.m.

A full day workshop will be presented by Auburn University based on a format developed for Alabama trustees. The program is considered to be stimulating, informative and beneficial to trustees, friends and public librarians alike.

Also, for the first time, a very special segment will be presented for "Friends." Susan Whittle, public library consultant for the State Library of Florida is the coordinator for this part of the program.

Many special events have been scheduled and outstanding people will be conducting the workshop. Watch for more details in forthcoming issues.

ETC.

IN MEMORIAM--Miss Lorena Miller, former director of Lexington County Library, died on January 8. Miss Miller was the first director of the Lexington County Library, retiring in 1971. During her years with the library, she supervised three building programs and the establishment of bookmobile service. She was a life member of the South Carolina Library Association and was among the first public librarians to receive her professional certificate through the certification program of the South Carolina State Library Board.

John T. Weeks, Vice-Chairman of the Board and Secretary of Bankers Trust of S. C. has been appointed to the Richland County Library Board of Trustees by the Richland County Council.

At the Annual Meeting and Reception of the Friends of the Library, Mrs. Bernard Manning was elected President; Dr. Walter B. Edgar, Vice-President, and Mrs. H. Bland Hammond, III, Recording Secretary. The 1980 Lucy Hampton Bostick Award was given to Dr. George C. Rogers, Snowden Professor of History at USC.
David Warren has been appointed to the Nominating Committee of the Public Library Association of the American Library Association.

Stephen Prine became Director of the South Carolina State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped on February 4. Mr. Prine received both his undergraduate degree and a master's degree in library science from Florida State University. He was formerly associated with the Florida Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as Assistant Librarian. Mr. Prine is active in both library and rehabilitation organizations, and currently serves as the Chairman of the Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Section of the Association of State and Cooperative Library Agencies.

State Librarian Betty Callaham and C. David Warren, Director of Richland County Public Library and SCLA Federal Relations Coordinator will be in Washington, D. C. on April 15 for the sixth annual Legislative Day. During the day the two will be visiting members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation in their Washington offices, and sharing with them the effects of federal funds on the provisions of library services in South Carolina. Also addressed will be needs that exist and encouragement of the Delegation's support for increased Federal spending for libraries.

Congratulations to Greenville County Library for the lovely article which appeared in the Greenville Piedmont of March 6. Also, thanks to Verena Bryson for calling it to our attention.

We've been talking about it for months; now Ilene Nelson really is going to Greece. Ms. Nelson leaves April 29. (Taking the portable display to a shopping center in Athens, we hear.)

Everybody!! Please remember that March 31 is the deadline for renewal of your SCLA membership. Beyond that point you will no longer receive Association mailings. If you're feeling sorry for your mailman, fine. But if you want to keep up with what's happening in SCLA, renew before March 31.