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PER CAPITA STATE AID BILL PASSES: The most significant legislative victory in the history of libraries in Oregon was achieved this session with the passage of S.B. 31 which will provide per capita direct state aid of 21¢, beginning in the second year of the biennium, to units of local government providing public library service. This, coupled with the passage of the establishment and development grants made available by the legislature last biennium, provides the cornerstone for significant advances in library development in Oregon.

Libraries and the entire library community should be proud of these achievements in a year in which the lion's share of the state's general fund went to tax relief and basic school support. Thanks should go to all legislators for their support.

OTHER LEGISLATION: S.B. 5555, which contains a program for the Oregon State Library to provide materials to blind and/or physically handicapped students in higher education, was passed.

S.B. 246, a documents depository bill which standardizes at 45 the number of publications provided to the Oregon State Library and requires that the documents be withheld by the State Printer on behalf of OSL, passed.

The Oregon State Library budget was approved at essentially the same program level as last biennium and includes a beginning materials preservation program.

JOINT MEETING: There will be a joint meeting July 29 and 30 at the Embarcadero in Newport with the Oregon State Library Board of Trustees, the LSCA Advisory Council and the State Aid Advisory Committee. The agenda will deal with long-range library development and the use of federal and state funds and the relationships between the Oregon State Library Board and the two committees.

OREGON DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES MEETING: A meeting is scheduled for 1:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 9, at the State Library to discuss the implementation of S.B. 246 and revisions of the depository system. All current depository libraries have received an invitation to the meeting and a questionnaire which should be returned before the meeting.

All librarians are welcome to attend and suggestions for changes in distribution or procedures are encouraged. Please contact Kay Grasing.

PNLA 1979: The Pacific Northwest Library Association annual conference will be held August 21-25 at the Rodeway Inn in Boise, Idaho. Plans are being based, in part, on an examination of regional, national and international trends in policy planning. The meeting will provide an opportunity for sharing results of the individual state pre-White House conferences and for a regional assessment of needs to be expressed in Washington D.C. at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in November. Non-professional people and members of the Mountain Plains Library Association are being invited to attend. Persons interested in attending may contact: Anna Green, Portneuf District Library, 5210 Stuart, Pocatello, ID 83201, (208) 237-2192.

A pre-conference on Media Evaluation: The Group Process will be held August 20 (noon) to August 21 at the Boise Public Library. There will also be an Evaluation of Children's Films and an Evaluation of Children's Books. A fee of \$20 will include lunch on Tuesday. College credit is available. Contact: Pat Feehan, Oregon Children's Consultant, Eugene Public Library, Eugene, OR, (503) 687-5450, for further information.

REGIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT: The Eugene Public Library agreed to act as the central location for the Regional Facilitator/Coordinator approved for the Regional Library Development program at the June 11 meeting of the State Library Board. The Council and the Board agreed since Eugene is centrally located. A consortium to include a representative from the State Library and each of the service areas is planned.

ONGOING GRANTS - ORULS: The State Library Board approved for administrative purposes two ongoing grants involving \$25,000 of 1978-79 funds for the third edition of the Oregon Regional Union List of Serials. One grant is for a new contract with Blackwell North America and the other is for Linfield College, acting as a fiscal agent, to provide clerical assistance for input on the ORULS project.

OREGON FALL BOOK PREVIEW: An Oregon Fall Book Preview, similar to one held two years ago, will be held at the Rodeway Inn in Eugene on Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 - 5, and Sunday, Aug. 26, 10 - 4. Mary Finnigan of Oregon State University Book Stores, Inc. and Scott LePine of Doubleday are the organizers. There will be no formal meetings but there will be book exhibits and a hosted cocktail party at 6 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 25. Public librarians have been invited, and nearly all publishers intend to participate. Those who wish lodging at the Rodeway Inn should make reservations soon, as space is limited.

JAVITS-KENNEDY BILL: Senators Jacob Javits and Edward Kennedy on May 14 introduced on the floor of the Senate a bi-partisan study bill for a new National Library Act. The new Act is intended to replace the present LSCA and would provide, for the first time in the country's history, direct Federal-State aid for operating funds for public libraries. The bill would insure a minimum per capita expenditure for public library services to guarantee equal library access to citizens in all communities.

The legislative proposal is the result of months of work by representatives of the National Citizens Emergency Committee, working jointly with the Urban Libraries Council. The bill has already received the approval of the Legislative Committee of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, representing state librarians throughout the nation. The bill has been filed as a study draft expressly for the purpose of focusing discussion at the White House Conference on Libraries on public library needs and how best to meet them. The plan is for the sponsors to consider any recommendations from the Conference--and other library group meetings--in revising the bill for actual Congressional consideration and vote.

INSTITUTE ON IMPROVING JAIL LIBRARY SERVICE: Improving Jail Library Service, a national institute on library service to jail populations, will be held March 10 - 12, 1980 at the Texas Criminal Justice Center, Huntsville, Texas. Sponsors will be the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), ALA; the American Correctional Assn.; National Jail Assn.; National Sheriffs' Assn.; Texas Criminal Justice Center; and The Fortune Society. One hundred librarians, jail personnel and former inmates will be selected through advance registration to work together to assess problems of providing jail library service, to receive help on how to involve library and jail personnel and inmates to plan and provide better jail library service, and to learn how to train others to expand and improve library service currently being offered in local jails. The training is free, stipends will be provided, and Continuing Education units will be awarded. For more information and an application, contact Connie House, Project Director, Improving Jail Library Service Project, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 944-6780.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE: The first national White House Conference on Library and Information Services will be centered around five themes relating to library and information services for: 1) Meeting Personal Needs; 2) Enhancing Life-long Learning; 3) Improving Organizations and Professions; 4) Effectively Governing Our Society; and 5) Increasing International Understanding and Cooperation. The themes and issues to be discussed under each were drawn from the recommendations of the state and territorial pre-White House Conferences, legislation, private and public sector input, and special theme conferences sponsored by the White House Conference.

Delegates will receive in stages, in advance of the Conference workbooks, papers on the major theme areas, context papers on subjects affecting these areas, and fact sheets with brief analyses of issues under each area.

A "Theme Center" will function as a working information center and be planned and operated by the staff of the Library of Congress. Displays built around the theme "Bringing Information to People" will simulate delivery of information to the modern library, the home, the workplace, education, government, community service, international exchange, science and technology, and to the blind and physically handicapped.

It is expected that recommendations of the White House Conference will have a direct impact on the formation of a national information policy and result in specific legislative recommendations.

YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, by Mildred Taylor, was chosen the YRCA winner for 1979. An historical novel, it depicts the life of a black family in the South during the depression. The award will be presented at PNLA. The 1980 ballot, with guidelines for voting, can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Young Reader's Choice Award, School of Librarianship, FM-30, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

NEH PUBLIC LIBRARY GRANTS PROGRAM: The National Endowment for the Humanities is offering a Public Library Grants Program to strengthen library programs that stimulate and respond to public interest in the humanities. Grants are available to any library or library-related agency serving the adult public, including library associations, multi-state library organizations, and library schools. Proposals may be submitted independently or in cooperation with other community organizations. Academic and school libraries are also eligible if the proposed project is aimed at the adult public. Application deadlines are August 24 and November 19, 1979. Applications and further information are available from National Endowment for the Humanities, Grants Office, Washington, D.C. 20506.

DOCUMENTS ORGANIZATION PUBLICATION: Organizing a Local Government Documents Collection is designed for small public libraries who serve as repositories for documents issued by the different departments of local government. Librarians are advised on the kinds of documents and materials to collect and how to assure their continuing receipt. They learn how to organize these resources by reference to the required files and appropriate cataloging and classification. Order for \$5 from ALA Order Dept., 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

ALA PUBLICATION: Public Libraries is the official newsletter of The Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association. It is printed four times a year and would be of special interest to trustees, public librarians, and friends of the library. Subscriptions are \$10 and may be obtained by sending a check, payable to ALA/PLA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: The Directory of Literacy and Adult Learning Programs lists 91 library literacy programs offered in 1978 by public libraries. The program profiles represent 71 library systems in 23 states. Each includes a contact, program description, title, location, clientele, program purpose and objectives, staff development and training activities, sources of funding, materials developed for the program, results, and follow-up. Copies may be ordered for \$7 from Order Dept., ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

The 1979 Directory of Coordinators of Children's Services and of Young Adult Services in Public Library Systems Serving at Least 100,000 People may be ordered for \$4.50 from ALSC/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

CONSTRUCTION: McMINNVILLE: Architectural work is continuing on a plan to expand the library to nearly four times its existing size. The architect has advised the building should be 16,500 square feet with provision for later expansion to 25,000 square feet. The Library Study Committee hopes to place a construction bond issue before voters in November. SPRINGFIELD: The City Council has authorized a \$6.9 million bond issue which, if approved Aug. 14, will provide the funds needed to purchase Spring Village Shopping Center and begin renovating early next year. The library would be moved to a 17,500-square-foot area on the mall's second story platform.

BUDGETS & TAX LEVIES: ALBANY: For the second time voters defeated a proposed city tax levy to balance the 1979-80 operating budget. The amount voted on was \$993,619, and it was turned down by 191 votes, 1,230 to 1,421. CLATSOP COUNTY: A revised estimate of \$208,407 in federal Revenue Sharing funds to be received by the county during the next fiscal year includes \$10,000 for the Books-by-Mail program. BENTON COUNTY: A \$1.7 million tax levy needed to balance a proposed \$15.6 million 1979-80 county budget was rejected June 26th by 643 votes, 3,010 No to 2,367 Yes. The budget committee had allocated \$276,000 to the Corvallis City Library. BROWNSVILLE: City voters will decide July 24th whether the library will reopen for the next budget year. An \$8,156 library budget will be among five separate levy items to be voted on. COOS BAY: Voters approved a \$413,053 tax levy outside the 6 percent limitation 481 to 471, supporting the city's \$2.31 million budget request for 1979-80. Passage allows Coos Bay to return to its mid-1978 level of services. The library is expected to expand its operations, curtailed following the 1978 budget defeats. EUGENE: A \$7.5 million tax levy request to support the city's approved \$28.1 million 1979-80 budget was defeated 6,796 No (53 percent) to 6,018 Yes (47 percent). A new \$6.4 million proposal will be voted on Aug. 14. KLAMATH COUNTY: Formal passage of Klamath County's 1979-80 budget means the county library will be able to extend its opening hours. The library has been able to rehire several employes and the bookmobile will continue through August. WASCO: The Dalles-Wasco County Library will reduce from a 6-day to a 5-day a week schedule and close its part-time branch at Mosier June 30 because of lack of funds for staff. PENDLETON: The 1979-80 proposed city budget was defeated June 12 by a 74-vote margin. It included the increase in the city library's funding from \$12,000 to \$20,000.

DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . JAN FORTIER, interim head librarian for the past year at Pacific U. in Forest Grove, was appointed Director of the Library, effective July 1. JAN FREATMAN, recently moved to Wallowa County from Conifer, Colorado, has been hired as the new librarian for Enterprise City Library. JAY TAPPAN, formerly librarian for the Oregon Department of Energy, is now librarian for Western SUN in Portland. JULIE KAWABATA, former Tektronix, Beaverton, librarian, has formed an information business in the Portland area called Information Enterprises. ED BUDGE, Josephine County Library Director for 5½ years, announced his resignation July 1. GARY STRONG, former Director of the Lake Oswego, Oregon and Everett, Washington public libraries before joining the Washington State Library staff, has been appointed Washington State Library Deputy Director. KENNETH DUCKETT, curator of special collections at Southern Illinois U. since 1970, has been named to the same position at the U. of Oregon, replacing Martin Schmitt who died in November. He is a former Oregon Historical Society head librarian, 1956 to 1959.

COMING EVENTS

- July 29 - 30 Joint meeting of the LSCA Advisory Council and the State Aid Advisory Committee, The Embarcadero, Newport.
- Aug. 10 OLA Executive Board Meeting, 10 A.M., Eugene Public Library
- Aug. 20 - 21 PNLA Pre-conference: Media Evaluation: The Group Process, Boise Public Library, Boise, Idaho.
- Aug. 21 - 25 Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference, Boise, Idaho.
- Aug. 25 - 26 Oregon Fall Book Preview, Rodeway Inn, Eugene.

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