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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REVIEWS LETTERS OF INTENT: The State Advisory Council on Libraries Committee on Letters of Intent met April 16th to review the Letters of Intent for the LSCA Library Service Area grants. There were approximately \$175,000 in proposed requests for the \$103,000 available. The committee decided that each area should be asked to apply for some funds.

The grant program was altered in overall format to aid service areas in reducing their budgets and to allow some of the major needs as expressed in the Letters of Intent to be fulfilled. The format is now a three-part program. The first two parts allow each service area to apply for funds. The third is a statewide program. Part I is for organization of activities leading to the organizing and coordinating of regional library services. Each service area is asked to apply for \$2,500 to carry out these activities. Part II is action, requesting that each service area apply for funds to implement an action activity which would provide for cooperation and sharing among the libraries within that service area for improvement of an individual library's ability to deliver service or services to its users. It is emphasized that the action activity must provide for cooperation and sharing among libraries which would improve services and service delivery for the users of the participating libraries. Each service area would apply for a maximum of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to carry out the action activity.

The third part is statewide participation which would provide funds for a regional facilitator-coordinator to work with service areas in developing the organization of regional patterns of service during the year and help deliver and coordinate workshops for each service area. This position and activities related to it are in response to needs expressed by each of the Letters of Intent submitted by the service areas. The regional facilitator-coordinator activities will be governed by a consortium consisting of one representative from each service area.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED: The White House Conference on Library and Information Services has been rescheduled for November 15 - 19 and moved to the Washington Hilton Hotel. The original hotel, the Sheraton-Park, is involved in construction and may not be ready in time for the original dates of October 28 to November 1.

ALA PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Small Change, Loose Change, Your Change, an introduction to the budgeting cycle, will be a program sponsored at ALA by the Public Library Association's Small and Medium-sized Library Section, 2 - 4 p.m., June 26, Dallas, Texas. Emphasis will be on practical applications and should be of interest to trustees, branch librarians, and librarians in small and medium-sized libraries. For more information, contact: Jon Scheer, Jackson Metropolitan Library, 301 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39201.

LEGISLATION: S.B. 246 - Oregon Depository Library Bill, which would standardize the number of copies of state publications required to be submitted to the State Librarian, passed the Senate 22 to 3 on April 10th. The measure has since been referred to the State Government Operations Committee in the House.

S.B. 31 - Per Capita State Aid: Bill is still in Ways and Means Committee.

GENEALOGY PACKETS: The Oregon Library Association held a one-day workshop April 18th on Genealogy resources, conducted by J. Carlyle Parker, Modesto, California Branch Genealogical Library. Packets containing valuable aids for helping genealogy buffs were compiled as part of the workshop and extras of these are available for \$1.00 to defray mailing costs. Checks should be made payable to the Oregon Library Association and mailed to Donna Selle, Washington County Cooperative Library Services, P.O. Box 5129, Aloha, OR 97005. Included are a course outline for the workshop, lists of suggested titles for small and medium-sized public libraries, pamphlets from Seattle Archives Branch, Genealogical Books in Print, National Archives, etc.

The objective of the mini-course was to give instruction in providing reference service for genealogists, assisting in the use of genealogical reference tools and locating and obtaining research materials.

SOSC OFFERS 2-DAY MICROFORMS COURSE: If microforms are becoming more important in your library and you're not sure what to do about them, you might consider a special short course in the 1979 Summer Library Science program at Southern Oregon State College. "Microforms for Libraries and Media Centers" will be held Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16. John Webb is the instructor for this 1-credit course. John is the Administrator of Technical Services at the State Library and is currently the Chairperson of ALA's Micropublishing Committee. For further information about this or SOSC's other summer offerings, call or write: Chairperson, Library Science Department, Southern Oregon State College Library, Ashland, OR 97520; phone (503) 482-6441; or you may simply come and register on Friday morning before the course begins at 9:00 a.m.

COOS TO PROCEED WITH SERIAL LEVY: Coos County Commissioners gave the Coos County Library Association permission to go ahead with preparations for a countywide serial levy proposed by a study done by Phyllis Dalton, library consultant. The Association was assured the proposed three-year levy would be reviewed for inclusion on a future election ballot; however the date is being negotiated. Also, approval of the various city councils is still required. It is estimated the levy would raise approximately 55 cents per \$1,000 property value based on 1978 assessment figures. Funds received would be split three ways: among city libraries in the county, the library at Southwestern Oregon Community College, and for support of rural use of libraries. Each city library would remain independent under the plan and support for libraries would be freed from county and municipal budgets.

Mrs. Dalton was asked by the library association to present to commissioners the results of her study recommending the serial levy to provide for all library services in Coos County. She explained that there will not be a "county system", the city libraries will retain their boards, and the present system will remain intact. She added the levy would assure that all services would be paid for and libraries would be kept responsible to the people and at the level of services people want.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS: A Directory of Friends of Libraries in the United States, with over 2,000 groups listed, is available for \$6.50 from FRIENDS DIRECTORY, LAMA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

A 40-page manual for starting a Friends group is available for \$5.00 from Hennepin County Library, Public Information, 7009 York Ave., South, Edina, MN 55435.

FELLOWSHIPS: North Texas State University, Denton, has available three \$3,000 library training fellowships sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education for academically qualified handicapped students to complete the M.L.S. degree. The fellowship period begins with the fall semester, September 1979, and ends with the summer semester, August 1980. Deadline date for inquiries is July 1, 1979. For further information, write James L. Thomas, EdD, Fellowship Project Director, School of Library and Information Sciences, N.T. Box 13796, Denton, Texas 76203, or call (817) 788-2445, Ext. 34.

UMATILLA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: The Umatilla County Budget Committee instructed the County Board of Commissioners to direct Librarian Greg Zuck to pursue the formation of a county-wide library district with distribution of funds to be based on population and school district valuation. The decision is an abrupt change in library funding, especially for Pendleton. The committee said \$55,500 of the Umatilla County Library's \$161,550 budget will be distributed to nine communities with branch libraries--Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Echo, Stanfield, Pilot Rock, Athena, Helix, Umatilla and Ukiah--on a prorated basis. The vote of the committee was unanimous.

The Umatilla County Library Board had previously recommended to the County Commissioners that funds for a countywide library system come from the general county budget rather than a voter-approved serial levy. The library board had also recommended a "unified county library system" to include Hermiston and Milton-Freewater and bring them under the direction of the county librarian, along with the Pendleton library. Another recommendation was that the library board be increased from five to seven members with the two new members coming one each from the Hermiston and Milton-Freewater areas.

WCCLS CONTRACT: A specially created ad hoc committee of elected officials and librarians has been selected to rewrite a proposed new cooperative contract between Washington County cities and the County Cooperative Library Service. Some of the cities, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Beaverton and Sherwood, have raised objection to signing the new proposal on grounds of possible loss of local control.

The issue involved is one of "home rule" in which some city officials feel their city's share of the WCCLS levy should be spent as they see fit as opposed to the intent of the levy: to provide better service to patrons in the service area of each library. Since writing of the first contract, performance standards not approved by the voters have been developed by the Library Service and incorporated in the new proposed contract.

It has now been decided that cities were not given sufficient input at the time the new proposal was prepared. The ad hoc committee is charged with coming up with an agreement both sides can accept and which will reflect recognition of local responsibility to determine level of services and dollars of appropriations.

Besides setting minimum hours of operation and other standards, the proposed contract disperses levy money to all seven city libraries and three private non-profit libraries in the county based on taxes paid and the amount of free service each library provides for county residents living outside city limits.

OCLC'S FIRST OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Josephine County Library System and Eugene Public Library became the first Oregon public libraries to go online with OCLC. Library staffers received a briefing on search techniques from the OCLC Western Region Service Center.

UW SUMMER LIBRARY COURSES: Courses to run June 18 - Aug. 17, at a tuition rate of \$68 per 3 cr. hrs. for nonmatriculated students are:

Libr. 465 - Hospital & Institutional Libraries, 3 cr. Exploration of program justification, community support, and difficulties of managing a library service within priority system of a variety of institutions.

Libr. 498 - Introduction to Document Retrieval Systems, 3 cr. Organization of bibliographic data for computer storage; automated searching and retrieval techniques; design and evaluation of document retrieval systems.

Libr. 590 - Serving Individual Information Needs, 3 cr. Training in awareness and skills for new concept and approach to meeting information needs and training information specialists and librarians.

Storytelling Workshop - June 1 & 2, on UW campus. Workshop director is Spencer Shaw, School of Librarianship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

For further information regarding summer session courses, contact Office of Admissions, 320 Schmitz Hall, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, (206) 543-9686.

The Professional Development Studies Program will allow librarians with less than five years professional experience to participate. This is a program of continuing education in a post-master's status. For further details, call or write Rachel D. Smith, Counselor in Admissions, University of Washington, School of Librarianship, 133 Suzzallo Library, FM-30, Seattle, WA 98195, (206) 543-1794.

CONSTRUCTION: LAKE OSWEGO: The Library Board voted to appeal to City Council four conditions imposed by the City Planning Commission in approving a conditional use permit for expansion of the city library. Conditions being appealed are code requirements for lot coverage, parking, drainage, and improvement of the alley to city standards. LINCOLN CITY: The official dedication March 12 of the new Fischer Building - Driftwood Library was attended by more than 100. Blanche Fischer, donor of the land and funds, cut the ribbon on the west door of the building. Speeches by various community and state leaders honored the occasion and Mrs. Fischer for her contribution. Dignitaries included Norma Paulus, Oregon Secretary of State, former Mayor John B. "Bud" Kiefer, members of the City Council and various service organizations. Mrs. Fischer presented Mayor Hatton with the deed to the new library. The Friends of the Library were presented a check for \$500 toward purchasing furniture by the North Lincoln Junior Women. McMINNVILLE: City Council members approved a \$7,200 contract with Michael Keller for a complete review of library facilities and preparation of schematic drawings for any required expansion. Previously, a Library Study Committee report recommended the expansion-planning effort. It is anticipated the end result will be a bond issue proposal. SPRINGFIELD: An advisory committee and City Council have been considering concepts and costs for remodelling Spring Village for a city hall and library. An architect's estimate of cost to remodel Spring Village was \$3,497,000, only 34% of total project cost. The balance would include property and land acquisition, relocation, parking, furnishings, etc. Decision is still to be reached whether to purchase Spring Village or build anew. SUTHERLIN-DOUGLAS COUNTY: Open house for the new C. Giles Hunt Memorial Library, sponsored by the library board, was held Sunday, May 6th. Featured were a short program and tours of the new building, the culmination of four years of work by the city, the county, and the community. The library received \$80,000 towards the new building from the trust fund of C. Giles Hunt, a local resident who left it for community grants.

BUDGETS & TAX LEVIES: ALBANY: Voters May 8th defeated 2,075 to 708 (almost 3 to 1) a \$1.57 million city tax base levy, requested mainly due to a large deficit caused by declining federal revenues anticipated for 1979-80. CORVALLIS: On May 1 the Corvallis budget committee recommended a final version of the 1979-80 budget for City Council adoption. A total of \$576,250 is earmarked for operation and administration of the Corvallis-Benton County Library, compared with \$509,764 this year. The money comes half from the city general fund and half from Benton County. KLAMATH COUNTY: Cuts in programs, services and personnel have been mandated by Klamath County Commissioners to "reduce the library's budget" by some \$91,333, following action by the library's advisory board. The cuts are being required to stay within six percent of taxes levied last year. SALEM: The 1979-80 city budget proposal presented to the City Council by the City Manager will allow a \$49,000 bookmobile service with a five-day-per-week bookmobile. The Cental Library will be closed on Mondays to save \$53,000. MULTNOMAH COUNTY: The County Board of Commissioners formally approved a \$143.3 million budget for 1979-80. Included was almost full funding of the County Library at \$4.7 million, just under the \$4.8 million requested by the library board and submitted earlier in April by Commission Chairman Don Clark.

COMING EVENTS

- June 9 - 14 Special Library Association Annual Conference, Hilton Hawaiian Villiage, Honolulu, Hawaii. Theme: "Politics and Economics: Their Impact on Library/Information Services."
- June 21 - 22 ALA Preconference, Library Systems: Disparate Designs, Common Problems. (See April Watermark, p. 2)
- June 23 ALA Preconference, Assertiveness Training for Administrators and Managers (See April Watermark, p. 2)
- June 23 - 29 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Convention Center, Dallas, Texas
- June 26 Meeting during ALA Conference: Small Change, Loose Change, Your Change - Introduction to budgeting cycle for librarians of small and medium-sized libraries.

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