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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS & WESTERN COUNCIL COOPERATIVE REFERENCE EXCHANGE  
Craig Smith, Oregon State Library Reference/Circulation Supervisor, represented Oregon at the Library of Congress/Western Council Cooperative Exchange, September 21-25 at the Library of Congress. The purpose of the exchange, which was sponsored by the Western Council of State Libraries, was to enhance reference services provided to Western state residents by: 1) developing a closer working relationship between State Library reference staff and Library of Congress staff; 2) providing State Library staff with information on how to use the services and resources of the Library of Congress; and 3) acquainting Library of Congress staff with state and local cooperative reference networks and services of state libraries.

As a result of the exchange, OSL will be able to send reference requests to the Library of Congress. When Craig determines that it is appropriate to refer a request to LC, he will notify the requesting library.

DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF PNBC Because proposed changes in the goals and planning of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center may affect the way Oregon libraries share resources, State Librarian Marcia Lowell invites librarians interested in discussing the implications of these changes to meet at the Oregon State Library on November 3, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 14. The agenda will include a presentation of the recommendations by Bill De John, Director of PNBC, followed by a discussion period. The goal of the meeting is to reach a consensus reflecting the opinions of Oregon librarians on the future of PNBC and the larger issue of resource sharing.

POSTAL RATES DECREASE According to the October 6, 1981 issue of the Washington Newsletter, the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors overturned the recommended rates of the Postal Rate Commission and increased the rate of the first-class stamp from 18 to 20 cents effective November 1. The Governors' decision will also reduce the library rate from 25 to 24 cents for the first pound, and reduce the full attributable cost to be reached in 1987 from 50 to 41 cents. The book rate will stay the same at 63 cents for the first unsorted pound. There will be no change in the third class nonprofit bulk rate per piece, but the pound rate will increase from 15.3 to 15.8 cents.

The new phased (which means a gradual phasing in of the full costs attributable to a particular class of mail) rate schedule for the fourth-class library postage rate follows:

PERMANENT PHASED RATE INCREASES IN CENTS

(Each step begins on July 6 of the indicated year unless otherwise indicated)

Library Rate	'81	11/1/81	'82	'83	'84	'85	'86	'87
First pound	25	24	27	29	32	35	38	41
Each additional pound thru 7 pounds	9	9	9	10	11	12	13	14
Each additional pound over 7 pounds	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7.5

In their September 29 decision, the UPSP Governors indicate the rationale for the reduction in the library rate:

The rates for library rate mail which were recommended by the Commission and which we allowed under protest reflect a 32 percent increase. We believe that an increase of this magnitude is not only unduly onerous for mailers whom the Congress favors but is also out of line with the rate changes for similar kinds of mail.

OREGON REGIONAL UNION LIST OF SERIALS The State Library will soon publish the 1981 New Title Supplement to ORULS 3. It will list about 3,000 new titles which have been reported since the publication of ORULS 3.

The New Title Supplement will be distributed to all ORULS libraries and to all libraries which receive the Oregon State Library microfiche catalog. ORULS 4 is scheduled to be published in the fall of 1982.

1980 CENSUS MAPS As information from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing becomes available, data users will need to identify the boundaries of small areas such as census tracts and enumeration districts. The Oregon Data Center has received a set of maps for Oregon. A full set is available for use at OSL. In addition, each of the Affiliate Data Centers has maps for the geographic area in which the affiliate is located. Copies of the maps can be purchased from Ford Graphics, 1035 S.E. Main Street, Portland, OR 97214. Telephone number: 232-5181.

If you need assistance in identifying the map you need, or in locating the Affiliate Data Center in your area, contact Craig Smith or Candy Morgan at the State Library.

WCCLS MEETS TO SET GOALS State Librarian Marcia Lowell and Larry Sprecher, management consultant (formerly Beaverton City Manager then Director, Executive Department, State of Oregon), served as facilitators at a recent one-day goal-setting session for the librarians of the Washington County Cooperative Library System (WCCLS). Issues identified during the session needing further study included organizational structure and the use of technology. Gordon Mulleneaux, County Administrator for Washington County, participated in part of the session.

CARE AND HANDLING OF BOOKS The State Library has purchased a slide-tape presentation entitled The Care and Handling of Books, produced by the preservation staff of the Yale University Library. It is an excellent primer for all library staff members — from the director to student shelvers — on the proper treatment and handling of library books from receipt and processing to shelving and retrieval. Benign neglect by the library staff can destroy books as readily as deliberate abuse by library patrons. The Care and Handling of Books consists of seventy nine 35mm color slides, an audio cassette, and an accompanying eight page text. The cassette is pulsed for use on automatic slide/cassette players. Of course, the cassette and slides may also be played separately. This kit is available for loan using the normal borrowing procedures. Its call number is "Tech Ser 025.8 Care."

COPYRIGHT FORMS The Oregon State Library has obtained a supply of the most frequently requested forms for applying for a copyright. If you have a patron who needs one of these forms, contact Craig Smith, Reference/Circulation Supervisor.

TRUSTEE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED Nina Cleveland, Chair of the Trustees Section of the Oregon Library Association/Vice-Chairperson of the Oregon State Library Board of Trustees, and Marcia Lowell, State Librarian, will conduct a trustee workshop in Umatilla County on October 28, 1981. The afternoon session, scheduled for 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Far West Savings & Loan Building, 1701 S.W. Court, Pendleton, OR, will be repeated in the evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Invitations have been extended to library trustees in Eastern Oregon, to city and county officials, and to state legislators.

The focus of the sessions will be on the role of public libraries in the 1980's as well as the role and function of library board members and librarians under Oregon law.

DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . Rebecca Fillion Thompson, formerly at the Oregon College of Education, is now employed at Central Oregon Community College in Bend. Patricia Kirk, Oregon State Library, Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Administrator, will become the Head Librarian, Massachusetts Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA on November 15.

LIBRARY COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP "Libraries in America" will be the subject of a 1982 commemorative postage stamp, according to a September 14 press release from the U.S. Postal Service. The single first-class library stamp will be issued in Washington, D.C. on a date in April to be announced later.