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**WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE:** Approximately 911 delegates attended the five-day White House Conference on Library and Information Services held in Washington D.C. in November and more than 1,000 other persons from across the nation also participated in the meetings. President Jimmy Carter appeared Friday morning, despite pressures of the crisis in Iran, and spoke for a good twenty minutes.

The delegates voted for 29 resolutions dealing with the future of libraries and information services. The recommendations will be presented to President Carter and Congressional committees within 120 days, and 90 days later the President will make his recommendations to Congress.

Five key resolutions among those passed were: 1) An office of library and information services should be established within the new Department of Education with an assistant secretary of education at its head; 2) A national information policy should be established to ensure that government agencies work together to make new and existing library and information services available to all; 3) State, local and federal governments should work together to identify the functionally illiterate, coordinate programs to train them, and the state and federal government should share the cost of these programs; 4) Libraries should reach out to special groups such as children, youth, the aged, homebound, racial and ethnic minorities, physically handicapped and emotionally disturbed, and eliminate barriers that now separate them from library and information services; 5) A new federal program should be established to provide for international training and exchange of library and information personnel and the free flow of library materials of all kinds across national borders.

The Oregon State Library will be receiving the complete results of the White House Conference listing the specific recommendations. These will be included in a later Watermark.

**PNBC - NPC:** The PNBC Board, at its November meeting, unanimously agreed to support the concept of regional access to periodical literature and therefore not support the concept of a centralized National Periodical Center. The rationale for this position was based on PNBC's forty years of success in document delivery, the strong collection of the University of Washington, the concern with the lack of specificity in the legislation (HEA Title II-D) dealing with the regional components of a National Periodicals System, and a philosophical disagreement with the national assumption of the responsibility for one of the functions of library service.

Board members voting included Marcia Lowell, Chairperson, Oregon State Librarian; Gary Strong, Deputy State Librarian for Washington; Merle Boylan, Director of Libraries, University of Washington; Helen Miller, State Librarian, Idaho; Earle Thompson, Dean of Library Service, University of Montana; Margaret Leibowitz, Associate State Librarian, Alaska; Donna Selle, Coordinator, Washington County Cooperative Library Service, PNLA Representative; and Margaret Freisen, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, University of British Columbia.

**REGIONAL COORDINATOR APPOINTED:** Barry Booth has been hired by the Regional Consortium to be the Regional Coordinator for Oregon. Barry begins work January 7, 1980, and plans are for him to make his initial visits to each of the Library Service Areas (LSAs) by early March. In the meantime, Barry is working with the Regional Consortium to develop the job description for a Continuing Education Coordinator to work with the LSAs on continuing education activities. Both coordinators will be located at Eugene Public Library.

Barry Booth formerly was the Interlibrary Cooperation and Networking Consultant for the Illinois State Library and Assistant Director of the Illinois Valley Library System, Peoria, Illinois.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** At a recent meeting of the consortium put together by the Eugene Public Library, administrator of the recently awarded State Aid grant for the development of standards for Oregon libraries, it was decided to hold a two and one-half day meeting at Marylhurst March 3 - 5, 1980, to react to a draft set of standards prepared by the Oregon State Library. The grant will fund the participation of 30 persons with additional participants to be accommodated at their own expense. Letters will be sent to all public libraries in Oregon from Helen Howard asking for names of persons interested in participating in the session.

**RESOURCE LIBRARY NETWORK & COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK CONTINUATION RECOMMENDED:** The State Advisory Council on Libraries met December 5th to consider the continuation of the Resource Library Network and the Communications Network and to review a draft of the revised Long-range Program. The Advisory Council recommended that the Resource Library Network be continued through June 30, 1980 for \$35,000, while the State Library reviews the potential changes in interlibrary loans caused by the development of regional services and the State Library's use of the OCLC data base. The Advisory Council will make further recommendations based upon interlibrary loan activities in the spring relating to the Resource Library Network.

The Advisory Council recommended that the Communications Network be continued for another year with the Oregon Library Association serving as fiscal agent for the project. Up to \$10,500 is available for this project.

The above projects are to be funded with Library Services and Construction Act money as part of the FY 1980 Annual Program. The State Library Board is scheduled to hold a telephone conference meeting December 19 to act upon the Advisory Council recommendations.

**LIBRARY COURSES AT CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** In order to provide educational opportunities for library personnel who have not had formal training, Chemeketa Community College will begin library science courses during the Winter Quarter, 1980. This curriculum will provide area librarians and library assistants with an excellent opportunity to review, enhance, or learn for the first time various areas of librarianship. The first two courses to be offered will be reference and cataloging for the non-cataloger. Each course carries 3 hours of credit and the cost is \$45 per course. Classes will be held at the College and interested persons may register during the normal registration period or at the first class session. The two course offerings are:

**Reference:** Designed for the librarian and library assistant with no formal training but with some experience in library work. This course will cover the entire reference process, including the following areas--the role of reference service in the library; types of reference services; the reference interview; basic reference tools and how and when to use them; sources of reference tools and how to evaluate them. The instructor will give special emphasis to these topics as they relate to the small library. Instructor: George V. Smith, Oregon State Library. Class Schedule: 1:30-3:30 Thurs.; first class, January 3, 1980. Prerequisite: Some library experience.

**Cataloging:** Library catalogs are complex and dynamic. This course provides an overview of the principles and practices that shape them. It is aimed at library staff who use the catalog as a reference tool or who assist in cataloging or filing. Although there will be some practice in constructing catalog entries, the emphasis will be on interpreting and using the entries created by cataloging agencies. Topics covered include bibliographic description, access points, form of headings, arrangement of catalogs, subject analysis, classifications, and the impact of automation on the form of library catalogs. Instructor: Lynn Chmelir, Linfield College Library. Class Schedule: 1:30-3:30 Tues.; first class, January 8, 1980. Prerequisite: Some library experience.



**REVISION OF THE LONG RANGE PROGRAM FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON:** A draft of the Long Range Program revision was completed for review by the Long Range Program Revision Committee and the State Advisory Council on Libraries December 5, 1979. As a result of these meetings, another draft will be written and presented to the Revision Committee in January, 1980. Librarians around the state will be asked to participate in the further development of the plan through various library committee meetings and hearings to be held statewide in late spring or early summer. The Long Range Program revision will cover fiscal years 1981 - 1985 and is to be submitted to the U. S. Department of Education by October 1, 1980.

**INFORMATION ON AGING:** A wide variety of reports, publications and other documents related to the field of gerontology are now being distributed on microfiche to repository organizations throughout the United States by The Service Center for Aging Information (SCAN) of the National Clearinghouse on Aging which is part of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Southern Oregon State College Library, Wilson W. Clark Memorial Library at the University of Portland and the Gerontology Resources Center at the University of Oregon will be receiving entire sets of the microfiche. SCAN plans to abstract and index the documents in a monthly journal which will probably be distributed to federal depository libraries as well as to SCAN repositories. Both Southern Oregon State College and the University of Portland will make the microfiche available on interlibrary loan.

**FILM PREVIEW SESSION:** The Statewide Film Library Selection Committee is again previewing films to add to the collection. The next preview session is to be held at Multnomah County Library's North Portland Branch, 512 N. Killingsworth, Portland, on February 8 and 9. The Selection Committee meets in different parts of the state every six to eight weeks and encourages public librarians in the area to help in selecting films for the collection. About 85 films will be added to the collection by September 30, 1980. Future preview dates will be announced in Watermark. For further information about the preview sessions or the film program, contact Ralph Delamarter, State Library.

**NEW OREGON GRADUATE CENTER LIBRARY:** Ground was broken November 27th for a new \$150,000 Samuel L. Diack Memorial Library at the Oregon Graduate Center in Beaverton. The library is being named in honor of the center's co-founder and former board chairman, a Portland physician and philanthropist who died in 1977. The Oregon Graduate Center conducts research in physical and biological sciences and awards masters and doctoral degrees. The new construction will add 1,800 square feet to the present 1,200-square foot library.

**LIBRARY RESEARCH COMPETITION:** The Library Research Round Table of the American Library Association is again sponsoring a national Research Competition. An award of \$500 will be awarded, and the winning paper is to be presented by the author during the Library Research Round Table meeting at the 1980 ALA Conference in New York City. A copy of the guidelines governing the Competition and further information is available from Terry L. Weech, School of Library Science, University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242, (319) 353-3245. The deadline for submitting entries is April 1, 1980.

**AUDIOVISUALS GUIDE:** An Annotated Guide to the Audiovisuals is a reference work published by California State Polytechnic University at Pomona. The central guideline in its preparation was to assist the American Library Association, the U. S. Public Health Service, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and libraries in general to disseminate reliable, comprehensible information to alleviate such national problems as teenage pregnancy and venereal disease and to assist parents and educators in guiding young people. For further information about ordering, please contact Ronald S. Daniel, Ph.D., Professor, California State Polytechnic University, 3801 West Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768.

**REFERENCE TOOL:** Reference Books for Small and Medium-sized Libraries, third edition, has been published by the Reference and Adult Services Division of ALA. It is designed as a helpful guide for purchasing adult reference collections for newly established libraries and for improving and adding to existing collections. Copies may be purchased for \$9 from American Library Association, Order Dept., 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

**CONSTRUCTION:** BEAVERTON: The City Council approved moving the library from its present 4,000-square-foot building to 9,100 square feet of leased space in the newly constructed Hall Street Station at SW Hall Blvd. and Farmington Road. The move will cost \$108,000. The Council approved \$63,669 in a supplemental budget request for the purpose, with \$25,000 added from the Library Trust Fund and \$20,000 from federal revenue-sharing funds. The leased space is an interim measure until the location of new quarters can be agreed on. Inclusion of a new library in an entirely new city hall-library complex has been proposed. JACKSON COUNTY-MEDFORD: The library board is waiting for action on its request for \$1 million to either remodel the Central Library in Medford or build a new one in the same location. Should it be successful, a bond issue will be requested for the remaining funds. JEFFERSON: Open House was held December 1st to enable public viewing of the renovated, remodeled library which was founded in 1923. McMINNVILLE: The City Council approved bond and serial levy elections to be held February 19, 1980, on whether to finance \$1,715,000 in construction and \$45,000 in operating costs for the public library. The construction bond issue will be for expansion and remodeling of the old library, purchasing of adjacent land for parking, and providing new carpeting, equipment and supplies. Voters will also decide on a proposed three-year, \$45,000-per-year serial levy for operating expenses. The Library Study Committee received Council approval of the proposed project. Though there may be a possibility of some outside financial assistance, details are not available at this time.

**DO YOU KNOW THAT:** MARGARET "PEGGY" BERNEI, a native of New York who attended Farmingdale University, has been appointed Sisters public librarian. Former librarian LINDA SMITH left to attend Central Oregon Community College to study forest management. RUTH LUNDY, Tillamook County Librarian since 1965, has announced she will retire June 30, 1980. Mrs. Lundy earned her library degree from the University of Washington and had worked in the Tillamook County Library for five years prior to becoming County Librarian. She has seen the library move from the second floor of City Hall to its present building on Ivy Avenue, construction of a mezzanine, and further expansion in 1976. Mrs. Lundy is credited with being the guiding force in building the main library and its branches into one cohesive library system. ROSALYN GOBEL, former children's librarian at North Bend, has been appointed Cornelius Public Librarian, replacing HELEN JOHNSTON who retired November 3rd.

**BROWNSVILLE AGREEMENT REACHED:** Differences of opinion centering primarily on the financial responsibility for the library program were settled at a joint meeting of the Browns-ville Community Library Board and the City Council. The Council agreed to continue op-erating under the present library ordinance with an agreed on stipulation. This was that financial control of the library must remain with the City, a condition not men-tioned in the current ordinance but which is required by State Law. The remaining functions--appointment of library staff, setting open hours, etc.--are to be handled by the Board.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 11 State Board Meeting, Eugene Public Library
- Jan. 11 OLA Continuing Education Committee meeting, Donna Selle, Hillsboro
- Jan. 18 Institutional Libraries meeting, Hillcrest School, 9 A.M. Tour at 10 A.M. Lunch at 11 A.M.
- Jan. 20 - 26 ALA Midwinter, Palmer House, Chicago
- Jan. 30 Special Library Association Winter Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- Feb. 8 and 9 Film Preview Session, Statewide Film Library Selection Committee, North Portland Branch Library.

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