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White House Conference on Library and Information Services: Early Stages (1979-1985): Booklet 01

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"Across this great land let those of us who can read teach those who cannot. Let the lights burn late in our classrooms, our church basements, our libraries and around our kitchen tables. Wherever we can gather to help others help themselves to the American Dream."

President Ronald Reagan
launching the Adult Literacy Initiative
September 1983

"It appears none too soon for library users, civic leaders and lawmakers at all levels to join forces in working with librarians and suppliers of library and information service products to consider what new directions we expect our libraries to take in the future."

"Because so much information becomes available only online and for a fee-per-use, the library role in guiding users to the most appropriate source in whatever format, and to providing access to those who could not otherwise afford needed information, will be crucial."

Senator Claiborne Pell,
Rhode Island
National Library Week 1985

"The purpose of House Joint Resolution 244 calling for a White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1989 is simple: To build public awareness of the precarious state of American library service today and to facilitate informed, grassroots, policymaking concerning the future of all types of libraries."

Representative William Ford,
Michigan
June 19, 1985



**For The Next
White House Conference
On Library And
Information Services**

What Is WHCLIST?

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) is an action-based group working with individuals and groups interested in promoting the goals set forth by the 1979 conference.

What Happened In 1979?

These goals were established (and many of them have been implemented):

- Resolutions provided a blue-print for action at local, state and federal levels.
- New Friends of Libraries groups were organized (as well as statewide citizens' councils)
- Public-awareness campaigns were devised to promote increased use of library facilities
- WHCLIST joined forces with the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science to help implement the 1979 goals
- Some increased local, state and federal funding for libraries was forthcoming
- New information technology resulted via cooperation between public and private sectors
- Resource-sharing networks were increased
- Of the 64 resolutions from the 1979 conference, *real progress has been accomplished in 55 of the resolution areas!*

We Need Your Help To Achieve The 1989 White House Conference!

Senate Joint Resolution 112 and House Joint Resolution 244 have been introduced in the 99th Congress to authorize and request the President to call a White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held not later than 1989.

All who understand how vital this 1989 Conference is to the future of America's library system are urged to become advocates for these resolutions to be enacted into law.

By 1989, the problems will be different (and some more acute . . .) changes will be more dramatic . . . needs even more sophisticated . . . and the future of the library systems throughout the country vastly more complex.

This projected 1989 conference is vital to the planning needed to ensure all Americans full and complete access to information . . . vital to the changing times and the changing needs of library users and the communities in which they function.

WHCLIST



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TEAR OFF AND MAIL TODAY — PLEASE!

Yes, I support a second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

- Please send me more information.
- Please put me in touch with others in my state who are working to make the 1989 Conference a reality.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

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