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Dear Colleague:

Next week more than 3000 people interested in and involved with our nation's libraries will be coming to Washington to participate in the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services. The first such conference took place in 1979, and the recommendations that were made then became the foundation for federal library policy over the past decade.

As chair of the House subcommittee that has oversight responsibility for federal programs supporting our nation's public libraries, I will be holding a joint hearing with my colleague from the corresponding subcommittee in the Senate, Senator Claiborne Pell. The hearing will be held on July 11, 1991, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Renaissance East Ballroom of the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The hearing will focus on the future needs of library users and how federal programs can be best structured to meet those needs.

As you very well know, the role of libraries in our educational system is constantly changing. Libraries are a critical element in our attempts to reform that system, and will be even more critical in the future. So the July 11th hearing promises to be interesting and informative.

I hope you will be able to attend this historic event. If you do plan to attend, please contact Gail Brown at 55768.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Pat Williams