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OUTREACH LEADERSHIP NETWORK

by BARBARA CONROY

(A plan to prepare public librarians in New England for leadership roles in reaching out to unserved community groups with effective programs of library service.)

In the effort to improve public library services in New England, the Outreach Leadership Network seeks to build regional resources to further out-reach efforts in public libraries -- specifically, to provide more effective library services to presently unserved community groups. "Outreach" is here defined as new and extended patterns of service planned to meet informational needs of community groups not previously adequately served, for whatever reason.

Many efforts in the library field are attempting to respond to this need in different ways. The Outreach Leadership Network is one

approach. It is not intended to compete with other efforts, but rather to collaborate in working toward the mutual goal of improved library services.

The purpose of this project is to develop a strong core of New England library leadership which is committed in attitude and action to outreach efforts in public libraries and which can develop an on-going network to sustain these efforts. Specific project objectives designed to achieve this purpose are:

- 1) development of the ability of public librarians to formulate and implement action plans

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of library outreach, and
2) development of the
leadership and organiza-
tional skills of individ-
uals to enable them to
create a network which
will continue the out-
reach impetus of the pro-
ject.

Three project elements will
seek to realize these objec-
tives: the institute series, the
training programs, and the
Network Advisory Committee.

During the period of the pro-
ject, July 1971 to October
1972, two training programs
and a series of four institutes
will be conducted. Institute
programs will enable 120
public librarians to design
and implement community-
based action programs of lib-
rary services. Training pro-
grams for 42 librarians will
develop skills of leadership,
conference administration,
action planning and problem
solving.

From January to May, 1972,
a series of four Outreach
Institutes will be conducted
-- one for the combined
states of Maine, Vermont,

and New Hampshire, and one each for Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. For each institute, a planning committee will determine specific institute objectives. A staff team composed of faculty, intern assistants, and coordinators will then design a 4-5 day educational program based on these objectives. Institute staff and participants will engage in preliminary activities, such as community surveys, in preparation for the institute. The institute itself will present a series of concentrated learning experiences focused on action planning for library outreach. Probably focal points will concern community, planned change, action planning, human interaction skills, and program evaluation. The faculty will consist of Dr. Lawrence A. Allen, Dean, College of Library Science, University of Kentucky, and Barbara Conroy, Project Director. In addition to the faculty, intern assistants, state coordinators, lecturers, and resource people will staff each institute. Activities to support implementation of the action plans will

follow each institute.

The training segment will consist of two separate programs. The first training program will prepare 16 New England librarians to work as staff in the institute programs. The second training program will concentrate on leadership skills development for 24 individuals who have been involved as participants in the institute segment. Individuals for both training programs will be selected on the basis of their commitment to outreach and their potential leadership skills.

A Network Advisory Committee made up of various segments of New England librarianship will suggest and recommend general program directions and guidelines, will review evaluative findings, and will consider further directions at the conclusion of the project.

The project is funded by a grant from the Office of Education (Higher Education Act IIB) through the New England Center for Continuing Education on the campus of the University of New

Hampshire in Durham, N.H. Project Director is Barbara Conroy, and Project Coordinator is Mrs. Peg Soper. Project offices at the Center will serve as headquarters for activities and communications.

(NOTE: Barbara Conroy, project director of the Outreach Leadership Network, will be attending the RILA Conference and will be available for discussion and questions on the January workshop. For information on her whereabouts while at the conference inquire at the registration desk.)



FALL CONFERENCE of the RILA

THURSDAY, OCT. 21

COLONIAL HILTON INN

Route 1-A
Cranston, R.I.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COLONIAL HILTON:

From the North:
Route 95 South to Providence. Take Exit 19 (Allens Ave.) Stay on Allens Ave. which is Route 1-A, when you cross the Cranston line this becomes Narragansett Blvd. Colonial Hilton is on your left about 2-2 1/2 miles after exit.

From the South:
Route 95 to Elmwood Ave. exit. Take Elmwood to Park and Park to Narragansett Blvd. (Route 1-A), and the Colonial Hilton is on your right.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

10:30 - 11:30:

KEITH A. KREWSON

Keith A. Krewson is Corporate Director of Personnel and Community Relations for the Foxboro Company, Foxboro, Mass.

Well known for his inspirational and practical lectures and seminars in the field of Human Relations, Mr. Krewson is sought after as a lecturer and seminar leader by professional and technical societies as well as civic and church organizations.

The American Management Association, the American Association of Industrial Management, the Society of American Management and the American Society for Training and Development have cited Mr. Krewson's outstanding leadership and significant contributions toward more effective management education.

Mr. Krewson was graduated cum laude from both the undergraduate and graduate schools of Industrial Psychology of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and has completed extensive post-graduate study. He has extensive experience as a factory supervisor and as a Personnel executive in several types of industry.

He is especially active in church and civic affairs and has been instrumental in establishing several major mental health clinics. He has also served as Assistant Superintendent of a major juvenile detention home.

Mr. Krewson is a past president in Toastmasters' International and winner of many country-wide speech contests. His inspirational and thought-provoking lectures and seminars on communication, human relations, leadership and motivation have received wide acclaim.

11:30 - 12:30:

WILLIAM J. DeNUCCIO

Mr. DeNuccio is Fiscal Advisor to the Rhode Island General Assembly. Mr. DeNuccio was Executive Director of the Legislative Council prior to his current position. He has had extensive experience with the General Assembly, and will speak to librarians on the best methods of approaching the General Assembly when action is desired.

2:00 - 3:00:

JOHN T. CAREY,
Keynote Speaker

Mr. Carey's article in the May 15, 1971, issue of *Library Journal*, entitled "Go-For-Broke In Groton" discusses the censorship controversy in which he has been involved for several months when the Board of Trustees was forced to remove the February issue of "Evergreen Review" from the shelves of the Groton Public Library.

Mr. Carey received his B.A. from St. Bonaventure University in 1962, and his MLS from Simmons College in 1968. He has attended HEA Institutes at the graduate level for library film services at the University of Wisconsin in 1969, and for library outreach at Springfield College in 1970. He also attended the Graduate School of Business at the University of Connecticut, 1970-1971.

Before becoming director at Groton, Mr. Carey was employed as assistant Regional Administrator for the Western Public Library System, Springfield, Mass. He has been active in many library and library-related associations, and has published several articles in local and national periodicals; the most recent of which include "Taking Issue with the Issues," in *Wilson Library Bulletin*, February 1971, as well as the above-mentioned *Library Journal* article.

PREVIOUS
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



DR. JESSE H. SHERA



Don Roberts



Arthur Curley

FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 9:00 - 10:00 Registration and coffee (Foyer to Ballroom)
- 9:00 - 10:00 Viewing of Exhibits (South Ballroom)
- 10:00 - 10:30 Business Meeting (Suite 301-302)
- 10:00 - 12:00 Visit local libraries
- 10:30 - 11:30 Keith A. Krewson: "What's Clear to You -- Is Very Clear -- To You!" (Suite 401-402)
- 10:30 - 11:30 Tape Recording: "Sounds of American Libraries," ALA Conference 1971 (Suite 301)
- 11:30 - 12:30 William J. DeNuccio on Funds for Libraries; how to approach the General Assembly. (Suite 301-302)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Trustees Workshop (Suite 401)
- 12:30 - 2:00 Luncheon (North Ballroom)
- 2:00 - 3:00 John T. Carey on Censorship (Suite 301 - 302)
- 3:00 - 4:00 Nonbook workshop and discussion of nonbook materials, presented by Warwick Public Library (Suite 301)
- 3:00 - 4:00 Reception and discussion with John Carey; presented by the Intellectual Freedom Committee (Suite 302)

LOCATION: Colonial Ballroom (North)
 Colonial Hilton Inn
 Route 1-A
 Cranston, R.I.

MENU: Frosted Cranberry Frappe

Broiled half Spring Chicken
 or
 Broiled Halibut Steak with
 Lemon Butter

Baked Potato
 Carrots Vichy

Deep Dish Apple Pie

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 Coffee, Tea, or Milk

PRICE: \$3.75 (either choice)

Return reservation to:

The Northern Interrelated Library System
 13 Summer Street
 Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

OR CALL: 723-5350 Monday - Friday 9-5.
 Deadline for reservations is Thursday, October 14, 1971.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Check meal choice(s): Chicken Halibut

Amount enclosed \$ _____

LOCAL LIBRARIES TO VISIT

In particular we suggest a visit to the William H. Hall Library, 1825 Broad Street in Cranston, which has recently joined the Cranston Regional System, and the Edgewood Highlands School Library, 160 Pawtuxet Avenue in Cranston, opened last year, which is an example of the "open education" system. Both of these libraries are within five minutes of the Colonial Hilton, and would welcome visitors. Directions to these libraries will be available at the registration desks.

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NON-BOOK WORKSHOP

Warwick Public Library and the Western Interrelated Library System again present a program on Non-Book Materials. It will cover Educational Toy collections, framed paintings, posters, folios, art slides, cassettes and film loops.

The Workshop will be conducted by Mr. Vincent Bleeker, Director of Warwick Public Library.

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TRUSTEE SECTION OF RILA SCHEDULE

Oct. 6, Wed., 7:30 p.m.
at Wm. Hall Library,
1825 Broad St., Cranston.
Review and discussion of
Mergers and Unification
among Rhode Island lib-
raries. Program includes
Mr. Herbert L. Anderson,
head of Cranston's unified
library system, and Mrs.
W.B. McClarran of East
Providence unified lib-
raries.

Oct. 21, Thurs., 12:00 noon
(Suite 401, Colonial
Hilton Inn) Trustees and
Directors of Rhode Island
Meeting and Workshop
in connection with RILA
all-day Fall Conference.
Program -- Finance --
Public Relations -- Leg-
islation.

Nov. 10, Wed., 7 p.m.
Trustee Committee Meet-
ing at R.I. Dept. of State
Library Services Confer-
ence Room. Open to
any interested Trustees
who would assist in future
plans.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in working espe-
cially as an acquisitions or
reference librarian, prefer-
ably in an urban or univers-
ity setting. In time, increas-
ing administrative responsib-
ilities are anticipated.
Received a BA in English
from Hiram College which
included 2 years exchange
study at Elphinstone College
in India; MLS from the
School of Library Science at
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Executive Board met on Sept. 15th at the Pawtucket Public Library. At this time plans for the Fall Conference were completed.

Committee reports presented to the Board included a discussion of guidelines for legislative programs effecting libraries for the coming year presented by Mr. Andrews of the Legislative Comm., and a report of the Trustee Comm. by Mr. Denomme.

A questionnaire evaluating the Fall Conference was recommended and its make-up was placed in the hands of the Conference Chrm., Ann Parent.

The Executive Board was presented a letter by a R.I. librarian asking for information on "Cataloging in Source" and the outcome was a project planned for the Spring Conference on this process.

A discussion of the revised standards for college libraries led to a discussion of those for public libraries and the committee examining them.

The next meeting will be Tues., Oct. 13, at Providence Public Library.

Providence Public Library received a request from a jewelry firm for a replica of the Constitution -- they were given a facsimile of the Constitution of the U.S. while the patron was really after the U.S. Constitution also known as Old Ironsides!



A Rhode Island college librarian submitted the following incident involving library terminology: A student came in asking for "mini-fish" to help her with a project!

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

The Providence Inner City Arts Association held a Providence County Fair at the Aldrich Dexter Field on September 11 and 12. The Providence Public Library Bookmobile was conspicuously placed just to the left of the entrance gate. Brilliantly sparkling in its new color scheme of yellow and green, the facility proved very popular with all visitors. Youngsters made signs and posters which were displayed on the spot from 11 am until dusk of each day.

Rain did crimp the style of the display on Sunday, but people were registered for new cards and given schedules of the Bookmobile, the branches and special services.

Mrs. Linda Beckwith has become Reference Assistant at Westerly Public Library.

Mrs. Katherine Johnston is at Westerly Public Library as a professional Reference trainee.

Westerly Public Library is expanding its Outreach Program to the Elderly by adding a third nursing home to its parent

to its present service to two nursing homes and an apartment complex.

For the month of October, Westerly Public Library will have on display the Gallery Exhibit, a loan collection of photos and artifacts on the subject of whaling from Mystic Seaport.

Roger Bennett has been hired as a graphic arts assistant for the Southern Regional Systems Office. He will work with the coordinator of the region to help small libraries in South County promote their special services and programs.

Mrs. Rhoda Early has been appointed Supervisor of the Reserve Section. She is a graduate of URI and of Pratt Library School.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, in addition to running a remarkable children's program all summer, has also served as Acting Director of East Providence Libraries since Mr. Waters has left the system.

Rosemary Ball, formerly librarian at Cumberland High School and recently Coordinator of Central Falls school libraries, is now part of the excellent McFee staff.

The most northern of all Northern libraries in Rhode Island will soon be 100 years old. October, 1971 will be the 100th anniversary for the Pascoag Library Association.

Sunday openings resumed at Pawtucket Public Library on September 12. Pawtucket has pioneered in Rhode Island with this venture, and it has been a tremendous success.

The Cumberland Public Library has been established by the town council of Cumberland. For many years Cumberland has had three

separate libraries with three boards of trustees. The new seven-member board consists of six representatives from the three libraries and one townwide representative.

Senator C. Pell is speaking on October 1, at the annual meeting of the Association of Friends of the Library of the University of Rhode Island.

As of July 1, 1971, all professional librarians at URI, RIC, and RIJC were granted full faculty status by the Board of Regents.

The Graduate Library School is holding a colloquium on library topics of current interest during the fall semester. The next speaker will be on Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. Mr. Robert A. Fairthorne will speak on "Classification and Temporal Structure".

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