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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



"Nearer and closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness and forbearance!"

--Charles Dickens

As we leave Thanksgiving feasting behind, and dash on to prepare for further celebration at Christmas, Chanukah, and New Year's, we realize how appropriate Dickens' words are. Exhausted by Thanksgiving festivity, with Christmas shopping more than half undone, a hundred cards and notes unsent, a half score of holiday gatherings yet to attend, a house to clean and decorations to hang, a spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, duty, kindness and forbearance alone may see us through it all. Knowing that you face the same, we will detain you but briefly here.

Thank heavens our shopping is done at the R.I. Library Association. As we look around the 1977 RILA tree, we see gifts for our members which have arrived through the year: a new constitution from the Constitution & ByLaws Committee, new officers from the Nominating Committee, additional funding from the RILA lobbyist and Government Relations Committee, a directory and increased membership from the Membership Committee, a workshop on the rights of librarians from the Intellectual Freedom Committee, a second workshop on commercial processing from the Continuing Education Committee, a third workshop on a statewide borrower's card from the ad hoc committee dealing with the subject, what is probably the finest annual library conference ever held in the state from the Conference Committee, a new personnel committee and a NCLIS fall pre-conference and some fine leadership from the Executive Board, and electronic advertising and an NLW campaign from the Public Relations Committee. There are many other gifts also, from committees and from individuals, to our members and our association. To those gifts we add our little pile of Bulletins, especially this issue with a fine Outreach Committee bibliography on library service to the disadvantaged, with our regular SRRT Job Hotline, and with reports on recent conferences that some of you may have missed.

With this issue we welcome the changes of Peter Bennett as Advertising Manager and Betsy Kesler as Circulation Manager. We thank Carol Cold and Ruth Corkill for their long and excellent service in Advertising and Circulation respectively.

As we come to the close of 1977 we are most grateful to be part of such an organization as RILA, to know so many kind and generous people amongst its members. May your holidays indeed be bright and merry and warm, and may the coming year bring the best of good fortune to each of you, to our Association, to our libraries, and to our friends and readers.

Letters to the Editor



October 21, 1977

Dear Editor:

Just finished your fascinating article on RILA history in the October Bulletin. It made for engrossing reading, and you are to be commended on a most thorough and well-written article...

Sincerely,

Joodie Perlow, Pawtucket Library

November 1, 1977

Dear Lee:

Your readiness to receive comments upon your History of the Rhode Island Library Association leads me to reiterate a point which might seem minor but which, from my viewpoint, should have a different interpretation. The DSLS Processing Center gave a service for several years at a time when it was needed, helping to promote more adequate and efficient cataloging and processing of collections in Rhode Island. It served a useful purpose, and was discontinued only after careful, long appraisal by experts from many fields, after consultations with users and potential users, with budget administrators, and after a realistic "estimate of the situation." The phasing out that occurred over a period of time was not, in any sense, a "collapse", so I do question the use of that term, or view, in this instance.

Your reference to my years at PLS and DSLS are overly generous and might obnoxiously enlarge my ego, never inflated by experiences in state agency work. (Lee, forgive this attempt at humor. You were really much too kind in commenting on my part in some sixteen years).

The fortunate transition, in 1975, by the induction of Jewel Drickamer as director of DSLS, will undoubtedly contribute to the annals following your impressive, basic history. During my ten plus years as director, I saw proof and continue to recognize her substantive, imaginative, and professional contributions towards library development; firmly recognized also outside of Rhode Island. Thus Rhode Island's library development and network, now on record in your History, are certain to move forward.

May I conclude these comments with a tribute to you, Lee. You deserve appreciative recognition for delving into the past, researching, and producing a valuable History of the Rhode Island Library Association. No one, hitherto, has shown the initiative to attempt this difficult, neglected subject. Considering R.I.'s unique history, emerging with some national recognition, your respected contribution adds importantly to the library record.

This brings congratulations on a job well done, and best wishes for a good future.

Elizabeth Gallup Myer,
Former Director, R.I. Dept. of
State Library Services

November 2, 1977

To the Editor:

We take strong exception to your comment regarding the "relationship" of the R.I. Affiliate of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) and the decline in membership of RILA (October, 1977 Bulletin, p.21). Whether you intended it to or not, this statement can be construed quite negatively. We do not believe we have in any way adversely affected RILA's membership. As a matter of fact, not only are active members of RI SRRT ardent supporters of RILA, but we are active members, serving on standing and ad hoc committees, serving as chairpersons and on the Executive Board, as well as co-sponsoring and attending programs at RILA Conferences.

We trust this information will clear up any misconceptions concerning the "role" of RI SRRT in regard to RILA's membership problems.

Sincerely,

RI Affiliate of the Social Responsibilities Round Table

November 2, 1977

Dear Editor:

Your article on the history of R.I.L.A. is excellent. You have another fine issue of the Bulletin which is an increasingly impressive publication.

Your tribute to Elizabeth Myer and to her achievements in bringing Rhode Island libraries into the Twentieth Century, is well thought out and very well expressed. That achievement can best be appreciated by observing the lack of progress in far wealthier states, during the years when she was working so effectively in one of the poorest states. She worked with towns where the per capita support for libraries was measured in pennies rather than dollars. A discouraging situation was turned into an exciting, effective coalition.

Your article recognizes the achievements of all the people involved in Rhode Island's progress, and properly singles out the woman who led the way. It's an important story and I'm glad you wrote it.

Sincerely,

Ellen P. Spilka, Director, Stevens Memorial Library
N. Andover, Mass.

November 9, 1977

Dear Lee:

I congratulate you on turning out the best association history that I have yet seen. It must be good because I read it through and such history is not my favorite reading. I'm telling my readers next month to take it for a model if they ever have to write such a history. Maybe you ought to go into the business of writing histories of library and education associations.

Sincerely,

Robert Alvarez, Editor
Administrator's Digest, San Francisco



NEWS FROM RILA

-by Judith Plotz

The RILA Executive Board met November 2, 1977, at the Rockefeller Library, Brown University, its last meeting before the newly elected Board takes office.

Treasurer Jean Nash reported dues are coming in at last. \$2,460 was received since July 1, keeping the Association modestly solvent.

Assignment changes were announced. Bea Lufkin of DSLS replaces Joann Fuchs of Pawtucket Public Library and Diane Kadanoff of the Cumberland Public Library as head of the RILA Continuing Education Committee. Jim Giles, Director of the Cranston Public Library, resigned as RILA Representative on the URI Graduate Library School Advisory Committee. Curt Bohling of the Bohling Book Company will take his place.

Victoria Lederberg, Representative in the Rhode Island General Assembly and able supporter of libraries, will chair the Citizens' Advisory Committee on the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services, scheduled for October 1978.

The Board heard reports from several Committees: Conference, Continuing Education, Public Relations, Government Relations, and Trustees. The Board voted to endorse the legislative program drawn up by the Government Relations Committee as follows:

- 1) Increased funding for Providence Public Library
- 2) Increase of 10¢ per capita state funding to city and town libraries
- 3) Each regional center should receive at least \$55,000 (even when per capita calculation indicates a lower figure)
- 4) Increase of \$25,000 for the Rhode Island Library Film Cooperative
- 5) Salve Regina College should be included in the Rhode Island Interlibrary Loan Network.



CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL INFORMATION POLICY

-by Lee Flanagan

On the morning of November 4 one hundred and twenty-five people drove through heavy rain and fog to attend the conference at Rhode Island College on "A National Information Policy: Its Implications for Education and Human Development." Their reception at the College was a warm one, with coffee, pastry, and greetings from fellow participants. The Conference itself was a promising one, and according to a preliminary brochure, intended to explore the philosophical, social, economic and technological ways in which information policy affects, and might affect our society through computer networks, sophisticated communications systems, and centralized library service. But while

the Conference was well organized, and the leading authorities were invited by the Conference sponsors (RIEMA, the Rhode Island Library Association, RIC's College Lectures Committee, RIC's Adams Library, and RIC's Departments of Instructional Technology, Education, and Philosophy), its promise simply was not fulfilled.

James Riley, Executive Director of the Federal Library Committee and one of the two main speakers, was wholly unprepared and rambled for over an hour. He provided virtually no information not previously apparent to the audience, and his presentation turned out to be as disorganized as the cooperative efforts of national information agencies at present.

Alphonse Trezza, Executive Director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, presented a somewhat discursive though not disorganized talk about his Commission. He commenced by asserting that in the 1971 law establishing his Commission, Congress had in fact established a national information policy. That policy in sum states that library and information services for the public are essential to meet national goals, and that the government is obliged to work for and to provide optimum service. Trezza recommended that anyone who has not read the Commission's final draft of a National Plan do so. And while he advocated a national "integrated multi-type network" (i.e., a number of large networks cooperating with one another) rather than a "monolithic" (i.e., single) national network, he called for unification of networks at the local level. Trezza first recommended that the New England Library Board and the New England Library Information Network merge and represent New England as a single agency for the region. In Rhode Island he saw no reason for more than one state network of school, academic, public and special libraries and information agencies. And we wondered as public and academic libraries work more and more closely together under the leadership of the Department of State Library Services why the Department of Education and school libraries were still refusing cooperation in that network after nearly a decade and a half of overtures. Perhaps, as Trezza observed, many agencies just fear to lose their autonomy, and that fear is the major obstacle to network development. What counts, he noted, is not autonomy but the ability to deliver service to the public. In R.I., we must discover what kind of single network can be most effective in delivering service, and then we must convince our legislators that support for it is essential. In an aside, Trezza said that he thought Sen. Claiborne Pell's latest LSCA federal funding bill falsely raised the hopes of major urban libraries for money they would never see. We are the ones who must decide on a single network and how to fund it, and the 1978 R.I. Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services is the opportunity to decide.

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Maxima Culpa

A report from several sources in last month's Bulletin to the effect that two Cranston Library trustees did not vote for a new library building bond issue is not correct according to Ann Parent, public relations officer for the Library. One trustee did not vote because he was out of town at the time. But all trustees worked intensively for the bond issue. The problem according to Mrs. Parent was that a number of other people close to the library did not vote--and they are looking rather sheepish.

In an open question and answer session which followed, Jewel Drickamer, Director of the R.I. Department of State Library Services, guaranteed that any librarian (and, we presume, any other media or information specialist) who wants to be effective in building a state plan can have input into the Governor's Conference. But by the time that the question and answer session began over half of the audience, numbed by Riley's ramblings and over three hours uninterrupted speaking, had faded away. And most of the debate on a national information policy, debate which might have been expected, never occurred. The fog which had lifted outside by noon, seemed to have descended inside at about the same time.



SECOND URI GRADUATE LIBRARY SCHOOL COLLOQUIUM

-by Judith Plotz

Cooperation Among Academic Libraries in Rhode Island was the topic of speaker Richard Olsen, Director of the Library, Rhode Island College, at the Second Colloquium, Fall 1977, at the Graduate Library School, University of Rhode Island, held Oct. 24, 1977.

Olsen reviewed the development of the Consortium of R.I. Academic and Research Libraries (CRIARL) established in 1970. It has undertaken projects including provision of Interlibrary Loan service for undergraduates, cooperative acquisition of expensive items in selected fields, and a study of dissemination of R.I. state documents. The meetings of the Consortium provide an opportunity for exchange of information and ideas.

The talk set off a lively audience discussion on related issues. Jewel Drickamer, DSLS Librarian, praised both the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College Libraries for their service through the statewide network to the average citizen.

A plan for a National Lending Library Service was mentioned which would operate on a decentralized model such as R.I. interlibrary cooperation as an alternative to a centralized service operated by the Library of Congress.

A student who works at the URI Library noted difference in level of service among the academic libraries in the state. The URI Library allows direct borrowing by any resident of R.I., whereas the RIC Library required that a URI student go through Interlibrary Loan to borrow RIC materials. Dean of URI Library George Parks and Director Richard Olsen explained that this is the result of geographic circumstances: URI, in a rural area, can afford to serve the few non-URI people who come, but RIC in the largest urban area of the state would be overrun by public demand on its smaller collection.

The issue of charging fees for library services was raised. A student spoke in favor of charging fees to support library services. Dean of the Graduate Library School Bernie Schlessinger offered as a guideline that fees could be charged for any services that a library could not otherwise afford to provide.

The Colloquium was attended by 18 people including practicing librarians and GLS students and faculty.



THE 75TH RILA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

THREE REPORTS

-by Judith Plotz, Matthew Higgins, &
Lee Flanagan

(Editor's note: The several papers read at the Conference by John Berry and Daniel Gore will not be published in the Bulletin at their request. They have either recently published ideas in these papers or intend to do so. Celeste West appeared to speak from notes.)

REPORT ONE, by Judith Plotz

Exhaustion usually follows a library conference. But with the conclusion of the 1977 Annual RILA Conference (Nov. 14-15, Newport, R.I.), there also comes a special satisfaction--this has been an A-1 conference. An estimated 350 people attended. The speakers were good, the conference participants were responsive, the microphones worked, and the champagne didn't run out. I don't envy the planners for next year's conference. They will have to muster much imagination and hard work to come up to the high standard set this year.

Freedom of speech seems alive and well among Rhode Island librarians. Both program speakers



and speakers from the floor forthrightly expressed their positions on some of the important issues facing the library community. The "out-of-staters" Daniel Gore, John Berry and Celeste West seemed to relish the exchange of ideas with Rhode Islanders and with each other.



(Above) l-r: John Berry, Celeste West, Beth Perry, Daniel Gore, Jan Sieburth.

(Left) l-r: John Berry, Celeste West, Ardis Holliday, Daniel Gore.

By the end of the Wrapup Session on Tuesday afternoon, we had touched on freedom of speech, measurement of library services, access for the handicapped, alternative work schedules, alternatives to profit-motive publishing, and copyright for audio-visual materials.

A summary of individual programs that I attended follows.

Daniel Gore of Macalester College read two papers in the course of the Monday program, both of them thoughtful and thought-provoking. He is sometimes billed as a controversial figure on the library scene. It is indicative of his influence that after two or more years of acquaintance with the concepts of the Fast Cat Collection and the No Growth Library (see Gore's LJ articles in the past five years), librarians no longer find his ideas so shocking.

In the morning session Gore dealt with "Mischief in Measurement; A Caveat on the Hazards of Using Faulty Instruments in Measuring Library Performance." Specifically he warned against using one method offered by Ernest DeProspero in Performance Measures for Public Libraries. This is to check a measured sample of library holdings against the Book Publishing Record to determine holdings and availability rates. This provides only the obvious information on what percentage of published books the library purchases, and no information at all on how well the purchased books fill the needs of the users of that particular library. Gore believes this DeProspero method substantially overestimates the need for more titles and underestimates the need for more copies of heavily used books (DSLS in its DeProspero studies will allow for the Gore charge). Gore described a simple unscientific method of measuring performance in his own library, and he challenges especially the young members of the library profession to think of better measures for library performance. He is offering a \$1,000 prize to the library school student who offers the best method by Sept. 1, 1978.

In the evening Gore addressed a smaller audience, thinned by the departure of those anticipating the rigors of a regular workday in the morning. Those who remained seemed somewhat subdued either by champagne, a good dinner, or tobacco smoke. Gore's title was "Going Out of Bibliographical Control: A Theory of Library Organization." The theory is based on the human aspects of information seeking in including among others the following principles:

- People are curious about new books;
- People hate to use the card catalog;
- People are frustrated by vast amounts of irrelevant information.

Gore has developed some solutions to deal with the flow of book publication. The Macalester Library offers a Fast Cat Collection which contains the newest books from 48 hours after arrival in the library to 1½ years. The books are in almost random order with minimal catalog access, yet the collection is popular and is heavily used. Besides providing the new, Gore provides the time-tested, in the Great Books Collection. The bulk of the books are in the Phoenix Collection, those which occasionally serve some user need. At the opposite end of the spectrum is what Gore terms the Lazarus Collection: those books of so little interest that they can be separated and eventually be sent to a distant low cost cooperative storage center so they do not distract library users browsing for information in the regular collection. Gore emphasized that a library should not become the house

of the dead. Questions and explorations following the talk continued until 10 p.m.

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Rhode Island Senator Lila Sapinsley brought to our attention the concepts of flextime and job sharing in a Monday afternoon meeting. Both are alternatives to the traditional 9 to 5 full-time working schedule. A variety of groups need more working flexibility--parents of young children, students, the elderly who don't want to retire completely, the partially disabled, and people who have other commitments. Ms. Sapinsley reported on experimental programs and explained the goal of her proposed legislation. Governments at both federal and state levels are large employers and ought to take the lead in testing new work arrangements. Librarians are accustomed to unusual work schedules, but job-sharing has been tried very little on a professional level. It is a concept to watch.

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The RILA Outreach Committee sponsored a program entitled "Barriers to Library Service to All: Reaching Handicapped, Non-English Speaking or Non-Reading People" featuring three enthusiastic panelists: Joan Carlson, Librarian at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf; Vincent Conlin, Pawtucket library patron who uses a wheelchair; and Barbara Goldberg of Project RATE (Relevant Adult Training and Education). Carlson alerted librarians to the needs of deaf people which the hearing tend to be unaware of. Conlin made a rousing appeal to open up libraries to the physically handicapped by architectural changes including ramps, elevators, dropped telephones and drinking fountains, and adequate bathroom facilities. Goldberg described her program, underlining the natural role of the public library in adult education.

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The Speaker, an ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee produced film was screened and discussed by a panel consisting of Charles Churchwell, Lee Flanagan, David Green, Craig Kaspark, Jan Thomas, and chaired by Kathleen Paroline. The film has been condemned and defended on several levels. RILA participants brought up a variety of views, but the debate was given shape by statements from Lee Flanagan and Charles Churchwell. Flanagan deplored the film on grounds of indifferent technical quality as a film, poor choice of an issue to dramatize intellectual freedom, and low relevance to libraries compared to many other issues. Churchwell supported acceptance of the film in solidarity with the ALA position, and in view of the value of intellectual freedom in any arena. The film is about a student invitation to a racist speaker to address their high school assembly. The invitation arouses anger and a clash of values among the students, teachers, and the whole community.

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Celeste West of Booklegger Press gave us the good news and the bad news about the publishing world in a talk on Tuesday afternoon entitled "Beyond the Literary-Industrial Complex."

The bad news is: the over-riding influence of profit motive in the publishing industry which systematically stifles creativity, innovation, and unknown authors because these represent financial risk. West notes the trend to mergers and takeovers in publishing which means ever greater control over what is published. Now 200 companies, or 3% of publishers produce 70% in publishing volume. Furthermore, most reviewing media are controlled by large companies. Librarians should be concerned about these powerful influences on what information is available.

The good news is: the independent press is alive and well and fighting for its life. Independent presses cover all kinds of fields such as: advocacy journalism, survival manuals, avant garde poetry, women's studies. The big problem for librarians is locating independent press material. There are now a few directories and distributors, but a librarian must become a specialist to do this kind of acquisition--be ready to go out on the street and to fairs to purchase, and please pre-pay when you order! The rewards are great.

West noted that the DSLS has a substantial collection of alternative press publications, so anyone interested would do well to start with inquiries there.

REPORT TWO, by Matthew Higgins

The Public Relations and Outreach Committees' program "Not Ready For Prime Time..." featured Dick Howard, Director of URI's AV center in a presentation of public service announcements (PSA) for review by the membership present. Specifically, Dick presented two video cassettes and one filmstrip, each showing advertisements designed to get people into the library.

At the conclusion of the video and film showings Howard posed several questions. For example, will PSA motivate people enough to get them out of their living rooms and into the library? Or, how do people interpret television messages? In answering these and other questions, he delivered an excellent talk on the role of the newer mass media in communication. To communicate effectively you must have a clear idea about who it is you want to reach with your message. Does the message have a point to it? Does action flow? Do actors come alive? Is it in the right style and dialogue? These are things that we must know if we are to put ourselves in the role of the receiver of a message.

As we watched the three PSA's, we did not seem to place ourselves in the receiver's role. Instead, we appear to have chosen the PSA that we would like to be shown on Channel 36. As it was, the PSA that had general approval was one showing a man's head as he answered Watergate-type questions, eventually leading to the library. It was primarily an audio message with scarcely any visual stimulation.

During the discussion that followed it was suggested that perhaps Channel 36 would not be the appropriate channel to air a PSA directed to non-users of the library. Would we be reaching our target group? Are the people who watch public television also library users? These questions went unanswered. Maybe it's time for some ambitious person (maybe a GLS student) to determine if there is a correlation between

library users and, say, the people who watch Channel 36. If that channel's viewers are people who already use the library, would it make sense to advertise on it for new users?

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"Applications of Video to Library Use" introduced many of us to Alan Powell of Electron Movers - Research in Electric Arts Inc. Powell, who runs a media center in Providence, described his experiences with video tapes, pre-packaged video learning devices, and porto-packs when working with area schools. He highlighted the Fall River Video Program and its application of bilingual tapes in aiding minorities in seeking employment.

Following the showing of a video tape, a discussion period explored the possibility of providing media productions to the community, with emphasis on local productions. Alluding to the cable TV experience in Danbury, Conn., the future impact of cable television on the functions of public libraries was discussed. If anyone is interested, visits to Electron Movers' media center in Providence can be arranged.

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If Daniel Gore had chosen to become a stand-up comic, he would be one of the funniest entertainers available. Instead he chose to become Library Director of Macalester College, writer, speaker, religious book salesman, etc., while still being very funny and very entertaining. His "Going Out of Bibliographic Control: A Theory of Library Organization," in spite of its good sense, had most of the audience convulsed with laughter and ready to roll in the aisle (if there was one in the Stern Room).

His opening scenario, about a system of bibliographic control presided over by an unfortunate named Bill, put us all in such a good humor, that even those of us who quake at the mention of bibliographic control systems, were prepared to enjoy the presentation.

Bemoaning the interminable waits for LC catalog cards, he introduces us to something called FASTCAT, which makes it possible to put new books in circulation the day they arrive in the library. FASTCAT works something like this: When ordering, assign each book an order number and an alphabetical code corresponding to the broad LC classification division that the book falls into. Place the stiff copy of the order card in the public catalog. When the book arrives, retrieve the order slip from the acquisitions file and type the order number on a call number label with the word FASTCAT on top of it. That same day the book will be shelved in a special collection in a prominent location. Books stay in the FASTCAT collection for 6 months to a year, by which time the LC cards have arrived. Use rate of books in the FASTCAT collection is five times greater than regular use.

Saying that the test of time works infallibly, Gore recommends that classics might also be drawn together in special collections. The total number of great books for all time would be about 2,000. If the best editions available were drawn together and conspicuously displayed, such a collection would be eagerly sought. It is up to librarians to provide a starting point to make new books and classics

visible lest they get lost in the dead wood of the unused part of the collection. Growth rate of Core's classics collection would be about one volume per year.

Citing R. W. Trueswell's findings of book usage, Gore went on to divide the entire library book collection into the following collections: FASTCAT, GREATS, PHOENIX and LAZARUS. As I've already mentioned FASTCAT and GREATS (classics), let me just say a little about the other two. The PHOENIX Collection is in a continuous state of regeneration and is self limiting. Its content is ever changing, but never growing. The LAZARUS Collection, on the other hand, is functionally dead but subject to resurrection from time to time. It's the only collection that continues to grow, with the costs of maintaining it ever-burgeoning. The LAZARUS Collection has failed the test of time and should be routed to central storage.

Although the presentation was a bit long, it was time well spent.

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The first meeting, Update: University of Rhode Island Graduate Library School, opened with Leah Bohnert's introduction of Bernie Schlessinger, the Library School's new dean, accompanied by an outline of Dean Schlessinger's impressive educational and working experiences.

Dean Schlessinger's remarks centered on what has been happening at the GLS over the past year. Attendance is down, but not to the extent that was expected. Besides, the dean happily pointed out, the remaining students are dedicated and want to help. He seemed generally pleased with what the faculty has been doing, mentioning that each member has some research interest, is involved in committee work, and that some writing is being done. Permission has been given to the GLS to advertize for a media person for 1978-79 academic year.

In the area of curriculum and programming, work is underway toward setting up double master degree programs in which only 54 credit hours would be required. Graduates of such programs would, it is opined, be more competitive in the area of academic librarianship. Also there is some work being done toward the establishment of a sixth-year program.

Continuing Education is proceeding apace with the issuance of a continuing education brochure possible in January 1978 (GLS will not be held to that date). Professional field experiences (internships and practicums) continue to be sponsored by public, school, and academic libraries and with a high degree of success.

Dean Schlessinger outlined the schedule of the Self-Study and called upon the faculty members present to give their status reports. The status reports reflected the hard work already done, showed substantial progress, and emphasized what remains to be accomplished before the visit by the C.O.A. from September 25 to September 28, 1978. A question and answer session followed.

REPORT THREE, by Lee Flanagan

After Monday's presentations by Daniel Gore, which really amounted to a mini-institute on collection development and use, John Berry, editor of Library Journal, led off Tuesday's talks. Speaking on the Politics of Library Survival, Berry catalogued a host of library and societal problems facing the librarian, and concluded that librarians need more of the sense of the service mission of the early librarians, more involvement with their publics, and less involvement in procedures. Librarians in their tendency to see public service as secondary have not been professional. But then they have not been hurt either by recent public suspicion about the motivation of the major professions such as medicine and law. To better serve the public, Gore the day before had called on librarians to make judgments about the positive qualities of materials, their newness or timelessness, and ignore the ALA neutralist stance on selection. Berry also called for librarians to make judgments, this time on the negative qualities of materials. This judgment, in concern for the public, should go as far as labeling books with very dated or scientifically questionable information. Information can be dangerous. Promotion of accurate timely information and referral is necessary if libraries are to return to their original educational mission.

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The annual business meeting of the Association followed Berry's talk. Annual reports of the president and committees were distributed to members (call Beth Perry, 456-8053 if you did not get copies) and demonstrated that a great, great deal of work had been done this past year. Curt Bohling was appointed as the new RILA representative to the Advisory Committee of the URI Graduate Library School. Nancy Potter, former acting dean of the school, was presented with RILA's annual Citation for Outstanding Service in Librarianship for her work in setting the school back on the road to reaccreditation. In accepting, Dean Potter stated that she had been impressed with librarians, a group which serves the public with "enormous grace, a sense of purpose, and few rewards."

Jewel Drickamer, Director of the DSLIS, outlined preparation to date for next year's R.I. Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services. A steering committee, chaired by Representative Victoria Lederberg, is being appointed to plan the Conference, and Jewel has invited anyone who is interested in helping to contact her. RILA President Ardis Holliday, who chaired the business meeting, requested ideas on the need for an RILA spring conference, perhaps a March 9 RILA 75th birthday celebration.

Thanks went to RILA's past president Dan Bergen and to his Executive Board. Thanks go especially to outgoing Board members Treasurer Jean Nash, Secretary Peg Caldwell, Corresponding Secretary Sydney Wright, and Super Committee chairpersons Louise Sherby, Kathy Gunning and David Green. Kathy Gunning immediately rejoins the Board, having won election as vice-president/president-elect of the Association. She is joined by new Secretary Connie Lachowicz, Treasurer Ruth Corkill, and Member-at-Large Edna Nelson. For a list of all officers and committee chairpersons, see the inside back cover of this Bulletin.

Amongst reports was that of the treasurer who informed us that the Association spent \$11,906.19 last year, against an income of \$14,188. Speaking for the Government Relations Committee, Curt Bohling recommended that the membership support four bills in the General Assembly, one to guarantee a minimum of \$55,000 annual funding to each interrelated library system, another to increase per capita support of local libraries by 10¢, and two others to increase state funding for the Film Cooperative and for Providence Public Library as the principal public library. Government Relations will also monitor federal legislation on libraries for the membership, announced that it is scheduling a legislative party for legislators and librarians on January 25, and that a contract for RILA lobbyist has been offered to Robert Persson (he accepted after the conference).

Constitutional revisions as proposed in the September Bulletin were passed with several exceptions. While super committees were abolished as proposed and all committees now report directly to the Executive Board, members voted to increase the number of Members-at-Large on the Board from one to three by the 1978 election, and to allow committee chairpeople to decide the exceptional circumstances where their committees may exceed ten members.

The growth of the Bulletin was cited and new associate editor Matt Higgins and assistant editor Judy Plotz were introduced. Kathy Paroline asked for RILA support for Sonja Coleman, Chelsea, Mass., school librarian in her censorship fight (see Nov. Bulletin, p.31). RILA voted \$100 in support of her court costs, which may run \$3000-6000. Those wishing to make individual contributions may send checks to the Right to Read Defense Committee of Chelsea, c/o Mike Heichman, 32 Warren Ave., Chelsea, Mass. And appreciation was expressed to the Conference Committee for a fine production in this annual conference.

Finally, Lee Flanagan moved the the Association express its regret on ALA's expenditure of almost \$100,000 to produce "The Speaker," a film dealing with censorship in a school and not a library situation, a film concerned with the right to be heard rather than the right to read, a film which ignores the more pressing library censorship issues, a film that exhibits a range of historical-racial-legal ambiguities, a film which portrays librarians as weak and compromising, and a film of indifferent technical quality. Charles Churchwell of Brown argued vigorously against the motion on the grounds that ALA members at ALA's Annual Conference had approved (barely) the film and that any defense of the first amendment was of concern to librarians. The motion was defeated by approximately 2-1. We still think it's appropriate to season; that is, it's a turkey. But decide for yourself if you haven't seen it--it will be shown again at the Film Cooperative on December 14.

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In a "wrap-up" session to the Conference, featuring Daniel Gore, John Berry, and Celeste West, most of the discussion focused on the publishing industry. Libraries continue to have tremendous power over the industry, buying, for example, over 85 percent of the children's literature produced in this country. They should exercise it.

And so librarians at RILA's 75th Annual Conference departed, convinced that they still had control over organization of their collections, that they had the ability to better serve their publics, and that they had an influence on the quality of the nation's publications.



SRRT JOB HOTLINE

The Social Responsibilities Round Table of Rhode Island has published a "Job Hotline" on a regular basis for over a year now. We have enjoyed much success and we are grateful to the individuals who have contributed to our effort. The RILA Bulletin has generously offered to continue printing the SRRT Job Hotline in its monthly publication. We would like to stress that it is not necessary to join RILA to receive the Job Hotline. Just send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to either of the coordinators whose addresses are listed below and you will receive updated Job Hotlines each time there are new lists.

Coordinators:	Candice Civiak	Marcia Hershoff
	Providence Public Library	Cumberland Public Library
	150 Empire Street	Cumberland, RI
	Providence, RI 02903	

JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY. Brown University. Requires at least three years expr. in advanced rare book cataloging; a command of the techniques of analytical bibliographical tools in accordance with principles of Greg, etc., prior exposure to administrative responsibilities, an awareness of the potential of computerized cataloging, knowledge of Classical, Romance, & Germanic languages, & of early modern European history are important assets. Salary range \$16,300 to \$20,400. Send vita, including full particulars relating to job requirements, no later than Dec. 19, 1977, to: The Librarian, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912 (Academic Journal, Nov. 1, 1977)

REVERE PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Director. MLS from an ALA accredited library school, minimum of 3 yrs expr. public library adm. & supervisory expr. Salary \$15,200. Send letter of application and complete resume to: Frank Tranfaglia, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Revere Public Library, 179 Beach St., Revere, Mass 02151.

ROCKLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY. Director for local public library. MLS from ALA accredited library school plus at least 3 yrs of administrative expr. Rockland is an attractive town of 17,000 population with 50,000 volume library. Salary to be negotiated. Send resume to: Ms. Nora Keezer, Dir. Rockland Memorial Library, Rockland, MA 02370 (Mass. Eastern Regional News Oct. 77)

ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY. Head Librarian. MLS From an ALA accredited library school and 3 yrs expr. \$10,000 to \$10,500. Begins Jan. 16, 1978. Deadline: Nov. 30, 1977. Send resume and date you could interview to: Board of Trustees, c/o Athol Public Library, 568 Main St., Athol, MA 01331. (URI Joblist, Nov. 3, 77)

WOONSOCKET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. Substitutes. Req: R.I. Dept. of Ed. certification as Teacher of Library Science. \$22 per diem. Apply to: Woonsocket School Dept., Cass Park Media Center, 350 Newland Ave., Woonsocket, RI 02895 (URI Joblist, Nov. 3, 77)

BRAINTREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Director. 5 yrs expr. in administration. \$15,000 to \$17,000. Contact: Robert Bay, Personnel Director, Braintree Town Hall, 1 JFK Drive, Braintree, MA 02184

RUSSELL LIBRARY. Middletown, Conn. Public Library Director. Req: MLS and 3 yrs. expr. in public library administration. Available June 1, 1978. Deadline for application: Dec. 31, 1977. Contact Sybil B. Paton, President, Board of Trustees, Russell Public Library, Middletown, Conn. 06457 (New York Times, Sun. Oct. 9, 77)

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Graphics Curator. To accession, arrange and process the Library's collections of photographs, prints, maps, posters, broadsides and architectural drawings. Responsibilities also include preparation of guides and registers, conservation, acquisitions, field work, servicing patrons and supervising of film archives. Req: Master's degree in American history, American studies, art history or library science; training in archival methods and conservation techniques, and experience in arranging graphic materials. Submit resume to Nancy F. Chudacoff, Librarian, R.I. Historical Society, 121 Hope St., Providence, RI 02906. Salary \$9,000. (Received from the Historical Society Nov. 8, 77)

LIBRARY MEDIA DIRECTOR. To coordinate library and media resources in a small private college; to supervise other library and audio-visual personnel. MLS necessary. Library and AV experience desirable. Salary negotiable; good fringe benefits. Send resume to Box 1952, Journal Office, Providence Journal Bulletin, Providence, RI (adv. in Prov. Journal 11/20/77)

R.I. DEPT. OF STATE LIBRARY SERVICES announces an opening for deputy director of the Dept. Should be a librarian (MLS) with at least 3 yrs administrative experience, to serve as a strong second to the Dept. director and act in the absence of the director. Also responsible for construction, planning, policy, programming, supervision of chiefs of two divisions, and consulting. Position open Dec. 3, 1977. Salary \$18,760-\$21,235. Send application and resume to Miss Jewel Drickamer, Director, Dept. of State Library Services, 95 Davis St., Providence, RI 02908. An Affirmative Action-Equal Opportunity Employer.

ESSEX PUBLIC LIBRARY, TIVERTON, RI. Library Assistant: Tiverton Library Services. Part-time professional position in charge of reading center. MLS preferred. College degree and library experience acceptable. For details, call 624-8079. Send resume to: Essex Public Library, 238 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878. Position starts Dec. 19, 1977. (Providence Journal Nov. 27, 1977)

EAST PROVIDENCE. Coordinator of Children's Activities, \$10,600-\$12,792. MLS and exp. in children's library services required. Applications available from Personnel Dept., City Hall, 60 Commercial Way, East Providence, RI 02914. Apply by Dec. 21, 1977 (NY Times, 11/27/77)

LIBRARIAN-INSTRUCTOR, accredited 2-year college. Must be able to teach Freshman English, math or human relations. MLS, second master's required. Send resume to Box 1068, Journal Office (Prov. Journal, 11/27/77)



GRADUATE LIBRARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL INGATHERING
ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Saturday, April 15, 1978

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:45 - 9:15 Coffee and Registration
- 9:15 - 9:45 Greetings and State of the G.L.S. - Bernie Schlessinger
- 9:45 - 10:30 Speaker - Pat Pond, Assoc. Dean, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences. Topic: Differentiated Staffing and Its Implications for Library Schools.
- 10:30 - 11:30 Small Discussion Groups - Led by faculty and officers of Student/Alumni Association
- 11:45 - 12:45 Lunch and Spirited Conversation.
Memorial to Betty Fast, led by Evelyn Kennedy
- 1:00 - 1:30 Reports on the Morning Discussion
- 1:30 - 2:10 Informal Conversation (choose any two) led by Alumni and Friends of the GLS
- 2:10 - 2:50
- I. New and Controversial Children's Materials
 - II. Vandalism in Libraries
 - III. Should NELINET Be Just an OCLC Distributor?
 - IV. Preparing for the Governor's Conference on Libraries
 - V. Dealing with Non-Print Media
- 2:50 - 3:30 The Second Round
- 3:30 - 4:10 Informal Conversations (choose any two) led by Alumni and Friends of the GLS
- VI. New and Controversial Young Adult Materials
 - VII. Job Jeopardy and Censorship
 - VIII. Preservation of Library Materials
 - IX. New Copyright Law
 - X. Better Service through Networking?
- 4:00 Wine and Cheese Reception in honor of the retirement of Dr. Frances W. Chin.

Notes:

This first Annual Ingathering has been dedicated to the memory of Betty Fast. Dick Waters has offered to conduct a fund-raising drive tied into this (and future) Alumni Ingatherings, designed to establish a permanent Betty Fast Memorial Fund, the interest from which will be used to subsidize Alumni Ingatherings of the future (all built around Continuing Education of the Alumni).



BARRIERS TO LIBRARY SERVICE: A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON LIBRARY SERVICE TO NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, DEAF, NON-READING CHILDREN AND ADULTS

-Compiled by the RILA Outreach Committee

As circulation increases and reference questions grow more numerous, it is often difficult for us as librarians to acknowledge and localize our lack of relevance to a large number of our potential population. If we are to develop multi-faceted, comprehensive programs of library service, then there must be continuous examination of programs and whom they serve. Is there a nucleus group that forms the majority of the audience for all our activities? Do our libraries cater to the middle class or majority pressures and demands? What of the people whom we never see in the library? What is it that keeps people from being served by the library?

The Outreach Committee has taken a look at some of the barriers to library service. The following bibliographies have been compiled to present background information and possible programs of service to various groups of people not regularly served by the library. Persons whose mother tongue is not English are often unable to find materials in most libraries or library staff to assist them in their own language. The annotated list of directories of materials for non-English speaking people provides sources of a wide range of foreign language materials. The deaf are one group of potential library patrons often forgotten by libraries. The section on libraries and the deaf offers several articles that discuss the needs of deaf people and offers practical suggestions of what the library can do for the deaf. Physical access to buildings is becoming a major issue as buildings must be made accessible and usable by the physically handicapped. The selective bibliography on this topic includes surveys of building accessibility in Rhode Island as well as articles that explore possible architectural adaptations. The problem of illiteracy is so widespread that it is estimated that one of seven Americans is functionally illiterate. Illiteracy is an adult problem that is caused by the failure of children to be properly taught to read or properly motivated. Two bibliographies address the problem of illiteracy. Library service to nonreading children offers background articles on reading instruction and program suggestions for slow or reluctant readers. The final bibliography on library service to non-reading adults includes articles that define the levels of literacy and offer practical information for setting up literacy training programs in libraries.

November 1977. RILA Outreach Committee: Carolyn Anderson, Debbie Brennan, Carolyn Ferren, Bella Goes, Leona Johnson, Susan Leach Reed, Judith Meister Einhorn, Chairperson.

I. LIBRARY SERVICES TO NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE

-by Bella Goes, Central Falls Public Library

Butler, Lois & Wynar, Lubomyr. Building Ethnic Collections: An Annotated Guide for School Media Centers and Public Libraries.

From native American, Appalachian, Arab, Armenian through Welsh and Yugoslav-American; audio-visual as well as print. Very helpful for locating material on smaller groups.

Publisher's International Directory. 7th ed. Bowker, 1977.

Gives the names and addresses, areas of interest and ISBN for publishers in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania. The subject index lists the publishers under area of interest, subdivided by country. Also gives publishers and booksellers associations.

Johnson, Harry A., ed. Ethnic American Minorities: A Guide to Media and Materials. Bowker, 1976.

Contains sections on Afro-Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Spanish-speaking and "other"--annotated.

Wasserman, Paul & Morgan, Jean, eds. Ethnic Information Sources of the United States. Gale, 1976.

"A guide to organizations, agencies, foundations, institutions, media, commercial and trade bodies, government programs, research institutes, libraries and museums, religious organizations, festivals and fairs...bookdealers, books, pamphlets and audio-visual on specific ethnic groups."

Wertheimer, Leonard, ed. Books in Other Languages: How to Select and Where to Order Them. Canadian Library Association, 1976.

Lists selection aids and dealers for materials in forty-nine languages--an invaluable tool.

Woodbridge, Hensley & Newberry, Dan, eds. Basic List of Latin American Materials in Spanish, Portuguese and French. SALAM (Seminar on Acquisitions of Latin American Materials) 1975.

An annotated listing of material for college level Latin American studies. Divided into reference, geography, history, linguistics, literature, philosophy and fine arts, politics and government.

Wynar, Lubomyr & Anna. Encyclopedia Directory of Ethnic Newspapers and Periodicals in the United States. Libraries Unlimited, 1976.

Gives the subscription information, language, and in most cases an annotation for publications of 52 ethnic groups.

II. LIBRARIES AND THE DEAF

-by Carolyn Ferren, Department of State Library Services

Amdursky, Saul J., "To Reach the Deaf," Illinois Libraries, 57 (September 1975) 468-70. (Also excerpted RILA Bulletin, Sept. 1977)

An excellent article on how public librarians can serve the deaf.

It ranges from identifying the deaf community, to programming for the deaf, to the use of teletypewriters.

Coats, Reed, "Library Services with Deaf People or Books Are Just the Beginning," Unabashed Librarian, 12 (Summer 1974) 17-18.

A practical article listing numerous things a library can do for deaf patrons, and including a list of organizations to contact.

Hagemeyer, Alice. Deaf Awareness Handbook for Public Librarians. Washington, D.C.: District of Columbia Public Library, 1975.

An excellent tool for public librarians written by a deaf librarian. This pamphlet is particularly helpful in breaking down the language problems that result from different types of deafness.

"Materials Program Suggestions for Hearing-Impaired Children," School Media Quarterly, 4 (Spring 1976) 263-68.

A bibliography, with some short annotations of books on deafness, books for deaf children (preschool through grade 3), books on sign language, and books to help hearing children and adults understand deafness.

Posell, Elsa Z., "Libraries and the Deaf Patron," Wilson Library Bulletin, 51 (January 1977) 402-4.

A well-written, informative plea for public library service to the deaf. Includes background information and a few suggestions for basic services to the deaf.

Putnam, Lee. "Library Services and Hearing Impaired Older Americans," Illinois Libraries, 57 (September 1975) 470-73.

A discussion of the information needs and several other needs of people experiencing hearing loss, and what librarians can do about it.

ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE DEAF

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Inc.
3417 Volta Pl. NW, Washington, DC 20007

Gallaudet College
7th & Florida Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002

I Hear Your Hand, Inc. (Deaf awareness promotion materials)
5652 Stevens Forrest Rd., Columbia MD 21045

International Association of Parents of the Deaf
814 Thayer Ave., Silver Springs, MD 20910

National Association of the Deaf
814 Thayer Ave., Silver Springs, MD 20910

National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies
814 Thayer Ave., Silver Springs, MD 20910

National Hearing Aid Society
24261 Grand River, Detroit, MI 48219

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
P.O. Box 1339, Washington, DC 20013

U.S. Office of Education, Bureau of Education for the Handicapped
Division of Media Services and Captioned Films
400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20202

III. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED: A SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY -by Susan Leach Reed, Pawtucket Public Library

American National Standards Institute, Inc. Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable By the Physically Handicapped, 1961.

Syracuse University is presently revising this standard work known as ANSI Standard 117.1 and expanding it to include dwelling units.

Architectural Barriers Act. U.S. Code, Title 42, secs. 4,151-4,156 (1968).

Regulations from this act will be found in the Federal Register. This act says "any building constructed in whole or part with Federal funds must be made accessible to & usable by the physically handicapped."

Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults in Rhode Island, Inc. and others. A Survey of Building Accessibility to the Handicapped. 667 Waterman Ave., East Providence, RI.

This pamphlet is available by writing to Meeting Street School at above address. It covers Barrington, Cranston, East Providence, Providence and Warwick.

Greco, Constance M., "Barred from the Library," American Libraries, 1 (October 1970) 908-910.

Author explores what she believes to be some librarians lack of awareness of the handicapped and the belief that these patrons need special facilities and services.

Iffland, Carol, "Mainstreaming," Illinois Libraries, 28 (December 1976) 806-809.

This is a short article on including exceptional children in regular library programming. It lists ideas and sources of information.

Paraplegia Association of Rhode Island. Accessibility Guide for Restaurants. P.O. Box 6906, Providence, RI 02940. 1976.

Describes accessibility of Providence area restaurants. This pamphlet is available by writing to the above address or by calling 738-0304 from 1 to 8 pm. A small fee may be charged in the future.

Rhode Island. Rhode Island State Building Code (1976).

Section 316 deals with the physically handicapped and the aged.

Vasi, John, "Building Libraries for the Handicapped: A Second Look," Journal of Academic Librarianship, 2 (May 1976) 82-83.

Vasi writes of access versus efficient use of space. (I don't agree with him entirely but he does raise some important questions)

Velleman, Ruth A., "Library Adaptations for the Handicapped,"
Library Journal (October 15, 1974) 2713-2716.

This article is about architectural adaptations incorporated in the Human Resources School Library which can be easily used in other libraries.

Vocational Rehabilitation Act. U.S. Code, Title 29 secs. 31-42,
49b-49g and Title 20 secs. 107, 107a, b, e-1 (1973)

Regulations from this act will be found in the Federal Register. Section 504 of the regulations states: "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States...shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

IV, LIBRARY SERVICE TO NON-READERS: CHILDREN

-by Carolyn Anderson, Warwick Public Library

Chambers, Aidan. The Reluctant Reader. Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1969.

This British author suggests efforts which authors, teachers, librarians and publishers could make to interest adolescent nonreaders in books.

Goodgion, Laurel F., "Holy Bookshelves! Comics in the Children's Room," School Library Journal, 23 (January 1977) 37-39.

Article explains how the New Britain (CT) Public Library uses comic books to attract reluctant readers to the library.

Kelley, Glada, "Library Club Stimulates Slow Readers," School and Community, 60 (January 1974) 8.

School librarian describes her program to help develop the reading skills of slow readers.

"The Librarian and the Teaching of Reading," Wilson Library Bulletin 45 (November 1970) 239-307.

When the national Right to Read program was started, WLB published this issue in order to acquaint librarians with the current thinking in reading instruction and learning. Contains several interesting articles.

"Librarians and the First R," Wilson Library Bulletin, 50 (May 1976) 704-41.

Another issue on reading. The articles discuss reading instruction and library programs for disabled readers, reluctant readers, and illiterate teens and adults.

Lyman, Helen H. Literacy and the Nation's Libraries. Chicago: ALA, 1977.

A manual to "assist librarians in helping people learn to read." Provides information on the meaning of literacy and on identifying reading problems, lists resources, etc.

Marqua, Nancy Lill, "RIF for Teenagers," School Library Journal, 23 (May 1977) 45.

Describes how a RIF program is used at a junior high school to encourage young teens to read. Includes address for RIF program.

Melcher, Daniel, "Johnny Still Can't Read; Would Children Learn to Read as Early as They Learn to Talk if We Let Them?" Library Journal, 98 (October 15, 1973) 3109-17, also School Library Journal, 20 (October 1973) 79-87.

Author proposes that reading problems may be caused by children not being taught until school age. He cites research in early childhood reading and suggests beginning-to-read games for mothers and pre-schoolers and the librarian's contribution.

Smith, Carl B., & Leo C. Fay. Getting People to Read: Volunteer Programs that Work. New York: Delacorte, 1973.

Discusses various programs by groups, individuals, schools, and libraries to reach nonreaders from pre-schoolers to adults.

Thornton, C.D., "Reading Can Be FUN: Combining Books and Media," Previews, 5 (September 1976) 7.

Short article describes a program for junior high students which gets them to read "good" books.

Veatch, J., ed., "Right to Read: What Does It Mean?" School Library Journal, 16 (May 1970) 29-40.

Series of articles on various aspects of reading, including theories on instruction. Good background information for librarians.

Withrow, Dorothy E., et al. Gateway to Readable Books: An Annotated Graded List for Adolescents Who Are Reluctant To Read or Find Reading Difficult. 5th ed. New York: Wilson, 1975.

The subtitle tells all! Includes a good introduction.

V. LIBRARY SERVICE TO NON-READERS: ADULT
-by Judith Meister Einhorn, South Kingstown Public Library

Axam, John, "The Public Library and the Adult Illiterate," Pennsylvania Library Association Bulletin 29 (March 1976) 72-74.

Defines levels of literacy and outlines steps to take to provide services, from providing space for adult basic education classes to preparing lists. Includes list of publishers of easy reading materials for adults.

Landy, Sarah, "The Right to Read: Regina Public Library Accepts the Challenge," Canadian Library Journal 31 (Sept./Oct. 1974) 442-45.

Outlines the steps used to set up adult basic reading program in the library that is taught by library staff.

Lawson, Patricia, "In Search of High Interest Low Reading Level Books," Wilson Library Bulletin 47 (April 1973) 691-95.

Author recommends use of Fry Graph, a readability formula that evaluates the difference between reading level and interest level, as one way to overcome the lack of HILRL books. Includes list of books at grade level six that have been used successfully with adults.

"Libraries and the Need for Literacy," Library Association Record 77 (August 1975) 184.

A statement by England's Library Association that seeks to encourage librarians to take an active part in literacy work.

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. Library Materials in Service to the Adult New Reader. Chicago, ALA, 1973.

Report of the Library Materials Research Project that sought development of standards for reading materials that would support the adult new reader in the use of the skill and would build habit of regular reading.

Literacy and the Nation's Libraries. Chicago: ALA, 1977.

A manual of procedures for setting up literacy training programs, determining budgets, and assessing library resources and community needs. Stresses importance of cooperation and collaboration.

Reading and the Adult New Reader. Chicago: ALA, 1976.

Examines the interrelationship among adult new readers, adult reading materials, and library services for adults. Provides guidelines for identifying and evaluating practical information materials, works of literature and writings that portray the experiences of different ethnic groups.

Warren, Margaret, "The Literacy Librarian: Case Studies of Experiments in Dallas," Wilson Library Bulletin 45 (Nov. 1970) 278-84.

Capsule accounts of experiences of literacy librarian at Dallas Public Library with agencies and organizations in the community in efforts to provide meaningful program against functional illiteracy.

Warshasky, Stanford, "Literacy Volunteers: A 'Natural' for Public Libraries," Connecticut Libraries 16 (April 1974) 17-18.

Discussion of national Literacy Volunteers program aimed at helping adults over 16 learn to read at a level at which they can function in today's society. Article looks at the place of this program in public libraries.



CALENDAR

The RILA Calendar is now maintained by RILA's Continuing Education Committee. If you have a date for any event of library/media interest, please telephone it to JoAnn Fuchs, 725-3714 as early as possible.

- Dec. 6 Young Adult Cooperative Book Review Group, Somerville Public Library, Mass., 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 7 "The Job Market," Adult Book Meeting, Warwick Public Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 13 "Inspirational Reading for Young Adult Librarians," Young Adult Round Table, Foxpoint Branch of Providence Public Library, 9:30 am.
- Dec. 14 Preview of children's films, R.I. Library Film Cooperative, Warwick Public Library, 9:30-12 noon; also preview of ALA's "The Speaker."
- Dec. 15 Massachusetts Library Association Mid-Winter Conference, Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass., 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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- Jan. 11 "Sources of Information," film, Adult Book Meeting, Roger Williams College, 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 11 Preview of films for adults, R.I. Library Film Cooperative, Warwick Public Library, 9:30-12 noon; 1:30-4 p.m.
- Jan. 19 Meeting, R.I. Educational Media Association (Program to be announced)
- Jan. 19-21 Northeast Regional Media Leadership Conference, "The Media Professional and Curriculum Design and Change," Dunfey's Sheraton Inn, So. Portland, Maine. \$25 registration fee. By invitation only--contact Richard Potelho, President, R.I. Educational Media Association, 433-0063 if you would like to be invited.
- Jan. 22-27 ALA Midwinter Conference, Chicago, Ill.--see Oct. American Libraries, p.493.
- Jan. 26 "A Consideration of Copyright Concerns," Special Libraries Association, R.I. Chapter, Providence Journal Library.
- April 2-8 National Library Week
- April 7-8 "Tell It Like It Is," Annual Conference of the R.I. Educational Media Association, Cranston Hilton, Cranston, R.I.

GALLIMAUFRY

-By Matthew Higgins

In the annual report of the Providence Public Library, Executive Committee President Knight Edwards reports an increase in the library's appropriation from the city of Providence of more than ten per cent. Corporate and individual donors have contributed \$72,000 to help restore the library's previously reduced services. To continue at its present level of service, however, the library will need substantial funding increases from all sources; federal, state, city and private donors. The trustees have appointed a long-range planning committee to work with other board committees in seeking solutions to the library's financial problems.

From the URI Graduate Library School Newsletter of November 1, 1977: It's not too early to begin planning for ALA Midwinter in Chicago. The possibility exists that the GLS will be able to provide bus service. If you are at all interested, please write to Charlotte Brown, c/o URI Graduate Library School, 74 Lower College Rd., Kingston, RI 02881 and include a daytime phone number.

The Providence Bulletin of November 3 reports that on November 2 Providence police raided two bookstores, confiscating allegedly obscene publications, arresting three persons and closing up the shop for the day. Accompanying the raiding party was Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. According to the mayor the purpose of the raids was to test the state's obscenity laws' conformity with the standards set by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cianci said that the raids were made following complaints from the public and consultation with Atty. Gen. Julius C. Michaelson. The effort started, according to Cianci, when Harold Doran and others complained to him that "Providence is a pornographic center." Cianci denied Doran's charge but declared that the obscenity law would be enforced as it exists. Michaelson, Cianci, and Police Chief Robert E. Ricci contended that the arrests and a continuing campaign against pornography would have a deterrent value.

Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts will soon announce the members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee who will organize and solicit participation in the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services to take place in Boston in the spring of 1978. The conference, which will precede the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services to be held in 1979, will bring together persons from throughout Massachusetts with a broad range of backgrounds, including people from business, industry, government, members of citizen action groups, minorities, and other groups seeking better services from libraries. The Citizen's Advisory Group will select the 300 conference delegates.

LOST: One plastic Dimonstein bag containing four books at the RILA Fall Conference, Tuesday, November 15. The books include three children's titles and one on foundation grants. Please phone Carol Ciallella, head of Adult Services, Barrington Public Library, if you have found her books.

WANTED: Volunteers for RILA committees. If you would like to work on any RILA Committee, please phone Kathleen Gunning at Brown University Library, 863-2167 as soon as possible.

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The New England Educational Media Association and the New England Library Association have joined with the Connecticut and Massachusetts Library Associations and TRAVELRAMA to provide a charter package for the June 24 - June 29, 1978 ALA Convention in Chicago. The package includes round trip jet airfare, round trip transfers, accommodations at the Conrad Hilton, baggage handling and gratuities. For \$290.00 (per person) double occupancy all dues-paying members of the sponsoring associations and their immediate families are eligible for this package. Contact your association representative, Louise Dolan.

In response to a grant application written by former assistant director Lee Flanagan, the Pawtucket Public Library has been awarded \$40,000 under the City's FY 1978 Community Development Block Grant Program. The funds will be spent to initiate an architectural and engineering design study for the rehabilitation and improvement of



the library complex. The architectural firm of Robinson, Green and Baretta was selected from among a number of qualified consultants. They will begin work November 1, 1977, according to Lawrence Eaton, Director. Nolan Lushington, Director of Greenwich Public Library and well known in Rhode Island, was hired as a Library Consultant for the Project.

The time-table of events requires that the study be completed by January 15, 1978. At that time, the Library Trustees will request from the City of Pawtucket and the State Legislature permission to raise a bond issue in the November 1978 election. Upon success of the election, renovation will be expected to begin early in 1979, in line with a time-table originally established by former library director Curt Bohling and the City Planning Department. This major library renovation and expansion program is long overdue considering the heavy use and crowded conditions that this elegant building has been experiencing.

The Young Adult Services Division's Research Committee invites research papers in the area of young adult materials and services for presentation at ALA's annual conference, June 25 - July 1, 1978 in Chicago. Papers must be original and unpublished. Interested persons should prepare an abstract of not more than 300 words, outlining topic, research procedures and justification for the study, and submit it before Dec. 15, 1977 to: Dr. W.B. Lukenbill, Acting Chairperson, YASD Research Committee, Box 7576 UT Station, Austin, Texas 78712. Winners will be notified by February 1978. Topics in all areas of young adult literature, library services and information needs will be considered.

An appeal from Lee Flanagan, formerly assistant director at the Pawtucket Public Library, regarding the elimination of his position on grounds he found very questionable, is rescheduled for hearing by the Pawtucket City Appeals Board on Nov. 29. The first hearing was postponed over a question of jurisdiction with the city solicitor.

The Government Relations Committee of RILA invites you to attend this year's edition of the legislative cocktail party January 25, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Legislative Dining Room, State House. Your monetary contribution will support the party and your animated informed presence will support the RILA legislative package. If you plan to attend, please pre-register. It will help us estimate for the caterer.

LEGISLATIVE PARTY - PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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Mail to: Robert S. Burford, Party Person, Mohr Memorial Library,
One Memorial Ave., Johnston, RI 02919.



QUOTABLE QUOTES

From 1969 through 1976 I became more and more painfully aware that the person who was out there running a library was a genuine fool, a puppet dancing to tunes that grew staler and more repugnant with each airing.

- Curt Bohling, former director
of the Pawtucket Library,
10/10/77 (referring to himself)

The only advice, indeed, that one person can give another about reading is to take no advice, to follow your own instincts, to use your own reason, to come to your own conclusions.

- Virginia Woolf
The Second Common Reader

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