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J/TEXT: ITS EVOLUTION AND USE IN LIBRARIES

by Susan Fedorzyn-Edgar

At the Providence Journal, an electronic library system--J/TEXT--provides reporters and researchers with a means of searching quickly the full-text of more than 400,000 stories. Last year, J/TEXT users conducted more than 110,000 searches, many of which would have been either impossible or extremely time-consuming without the use of an electronic system.

The history of the Journal's database dates back to August 1980. Since that time the Journal has successfully installed a system and developed a telecommunications network which provides access for hundreds of users.

The idea of a database was certainly interesting in the days when hours were spent in the daily process of marking, clipping and filing articles from the newspaper. Disadvantages of the manual clipping system were numerous: restricted retrieval, limited space, and no remote access. Clippings were often torn, missing, stolen, or in use.

An electronic system provided answers to all of these problems. The possibility of a story's being destroyed became negligible. The same story could be displayed simultaneously to a number of reporters, including those assigned to suburban offices. Most important, users would be able to discover quickly the relationships between bits of information. What did a certain politician say about a particular issue or event? Who were the people involved in a certain scam last year? Were these two individuals arrested together a few years ago? Which stories most frequently mentioned the phrase "medical malpractice" in conjunction

with a particular hospital? The potential of such a database was tremendous. The Journal began to develop plans for storing selected stories.

Selection criteria were developed by a library systems team which included members of several departments--systems, newsroom, and library. Most policies set forth in the initial "retention proposal" are still in effect. Briefly, that proposal, which shaped the scope of the system, stated that it should contain "information about institutions in the area and information about issues that specifically concern Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts."

More detailed selection information was outlined, i.e., What will be saved in sports? TV? editorial? Sunday Magazine? Information to be retained was identified: lottery results, Action Line, obituaries, Journal-Bulletin columns, General Assembly legislation, editorials, letters to the editors, biographies, police records, real estate transactions, birth announcements, weddings, and reviews. Excluded would be weather forecasts, almanac, temperatures, horoscopes, TV listings and national wire service

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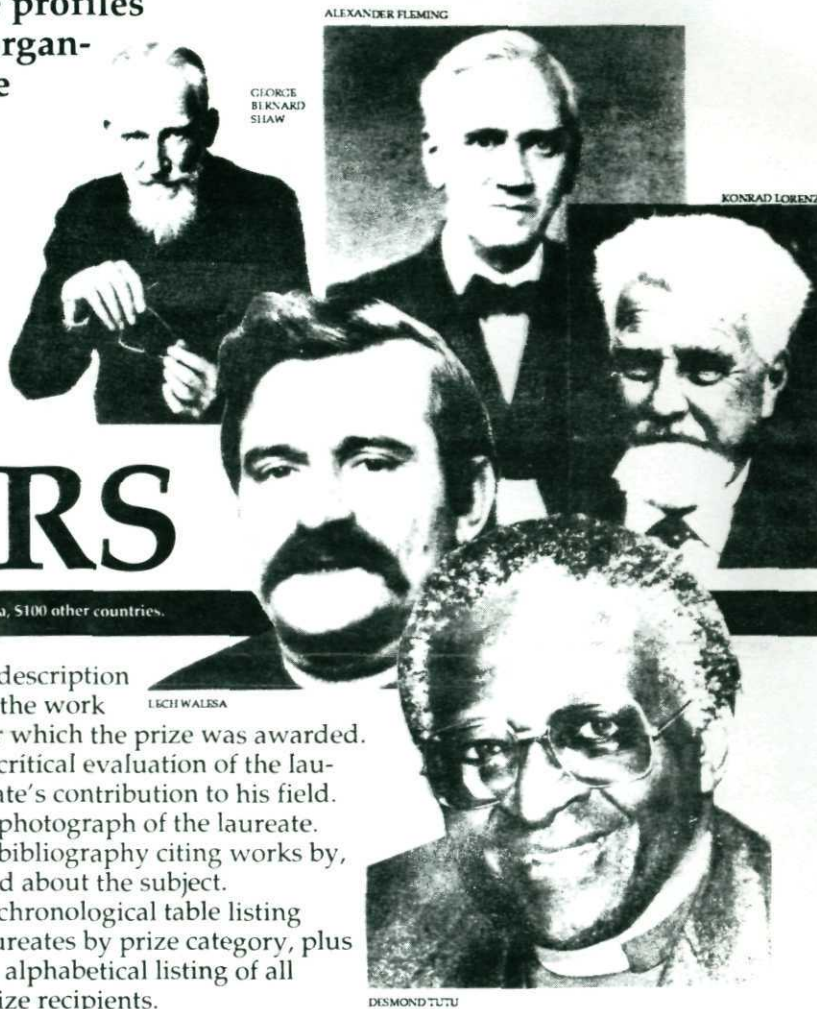
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A listing of 100-plus enhancement terms--words added to a story to make retrieval easier and more efficient--was identified, e.g., accident, obituary, or biography. Often, these words are not included in the text of a story. For example, there are numerous descriptions of a car accident--"crashed", "skidded", "collided", "struck a pole", "left the roadway", "veered to the right", "hit-and-run", "overturned", "dropped into a 5-foot gully"...the list is endless. By enhancing accident-related stories with the word "accident" a user can quickly retrieve all those possible descriptions and more. Also identified were "stop" words--words to be ignored by the system, e.g., prepositions, conjunctions and letters of the alphabet.

Beginning in March, 1981, the Journal began the process of saving these stories on computer tapes. Copies of all stories generated by reporters were sent electronically to librarians. Librarians would then select, verify, correct, enhance and "save" stories.

Two years later, evaluation began of electronic library systems with two criteria in mind: (1) software capabilities and (2) resource requirements. Primary considerations in selecting software were (1) ease-of-use and (2) response time. Features evaluated included Boolean operators, truncation, search length, proximity, phrase searching, highlighting, case sensitivity, hyphenation, stop words, dictionary, date ranging, record size, database size, printing options, remote capabilities, formatting options and global searching.

Hardware requirements were evaluated with respect to cost and compatibility with existing Journal hardware. The decision was made to purchase software and maintain the database internally. An in-house system would provide greater quality control of the database service.

After evaluating two major systems it was decided to purchase software from QL Systems, Limited, a Canadian firm. The software was most compatible with our equipment. QL/News was in use in a number of private and governmental agencies, as well as such papers as The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News, and the Toronto Globe and Mail.

In August, 1984, QL software was installed. Initially, two terminals were installed in the News Library. After several months of training, testing, and debugging, daily updates were added to the database. In January, 1985, two dedicated terminals were installed in the newsroom. The logic was simple: leave two "experimental" terminals in the room ... good news reporters are curious! They want training, and most wanted to use the system. The manual "clipping" system continued for several more months. All clipping ceased on March 4, 1985. By mid-1985, all stories, retrospective to January 1, 1982, were loaded.

The next step was to provide library system access to the Journal's thirteen remote bureaus. Phone links were established. A telecommunications software package was developed for internal use. While the system could be accessed using any telecommunications package, the Journal needed quick, easy-to-use features which were totally compatible with our mainframe. This communications package is now available at no charge to J/TEXT subscribers who own an IBM personal computer or a compatible system and one of three brands of modems.

Several pilot projects were conducted in cooperation with outside agencies and libraries. The objective in participating in these programs was to identify potential users of the system. Clearly, J/TEXT, first offered to the public in January 1987, has proven to be an effective resource for a multitude of researchers including insurance brokers, bank managers, credit personnel, lawyers, advertising agents, politicians, detectives, governmental employees, television researchers, teachers, and librarians.

An online educational program was established early in 1987 in cooperation with the Journal's Newspaper in Education program. Those participating in the program receive use of equipment and online access to J/TEXT at no charge. School media specialists and public librarians from several communities have already participated in the program.

Currently, as many as 11,800 searches are conducted each month. In the forthcoming year, the Journal hopes to install a software update as well as to continue in-

vestigations into online-related issues, specifically CD-ROM and national and local area networking.

Susan Fedorzyn-Edgar, a systems analyst at the Providence Journal-Bulletin, holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College.

J/TEXT AT THE STATE HOUSE

During the past two years, the Rhode Island State Library has performed over three hundred searches on the Providence Journal-Bulletin Online Index, commonly known as J/TEXT. The library utilizes an IBM M300 Workstation with a modem.

Upon receipt of J/TEXT, the library was able to do away with the inadequate, labor intensive manual clipping file it had maintained for years. Now, equipped with only topic and date range, the library can access any Rhode Island related article since January 1, 1982 using a simple, keyword approach. Every word in the article is indexed, thus broadening the chances of a direct hit.

Access is through simple search commands and the articles contain full-text from all editions of the Providence Journal and Bulletin. After completion of the search, the article can be printed online or off-line at the Journal. Modifications of searches are easily accomplished and field delineators can be used if only bibliographic citations are needed.

The State Library has found J/TEXT to be an excellent reference tool--whether the search is for a specific article, "everything on a topic", or a limited topical search. Request forms completed by patrons help determine the exact nature of the request and insure cost effectiveness.

Variant spellings of names can be a bit tricky -- a search request for an article on Woody Springer, the astronaut, brought up all the articles on springer spaniels! Most variant spelling problems can be eliminated through different strategies.

The State Library has been very happy with the database, especially its ease of use, its ability to zero in on just the right article and its quick and efficient research capabilities.

It presently offers the service to legislators, legislative staff, general officers, and state department officials. From the response of those served, I would certainly say that J/TEXT is a hit, and I would recommend it for any library with a high demand for up-to-date information on Rhode Island government, people, legislation, trends, and events.

Karen Quinn
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Rhode Island State Library

J/TEXT AT PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 1985, the Providence Journal approached the Providence Public Library Administration with information about its computerized database. The Journal had been using the database for some time in-house, and wondered about its usefulness and marketability in the community. After seeing a J/TEXT demonstration at the Journal, the administration and the Reference Department staff agreed that having access to a much broader base of information and being able to access it by keyword had real potential for increasing the Library's ability to serve the public. The Reference Department had, for many years, maintained its own subject index to the Journal and Evening Bulletin, and the staff was interested in seeing how J/TEXT could be used together with this index.

The Library's newspaper index forms part of a larger component called the Rhode Island Index. The Rhode Island Index is an index to articles, chapters, pages, photographs and other materials that are included in the Rhode Island Collection as well as in other library sources. The newspaper index is especially valuable to researchers. It is arranged primarily by subject. In some cases, citations date back to the late 1800s but it is more complete for the twentieth century. The City Edition of the Journal and Evening Bulletin is indexed daily by Reference Department staff members for articles dealing with Rhode Island people, places, and events, and currently there are approximately 640,000 citations in 185 catalog drawers.

The Journal and the Library agreed that if the Library could get the hardware to hook-up to the Journal database, the Journal would supply the necessary software

RIALC/CLAN Merge

and allow the Library free access for a pilot project. Through an incentive grant provided by the Department of State Library Services, the Library obtained the hardware it needed, and the pilot project was begun in October, 1985. The new service was christened SCAN (Searching Computerized Access to News) and the system was incorporated into our comprehensive services to the public.

SCAN proved to be extremely helpful to both the staff and the public. Patron use ranged from ready reference to complicated searches that sometimes required a great deal of assistance from the Reference staff. For example, because SCAN was accessed by key word, to find articles on the Capital Center project, one needed to use more specific terms since the subject was too broad for searching. The Rhode Island Index was used more heavily for this type of search because of its subject arrangement. However, SCAN was invaluable as a ready reference tool, especially for locating obituaries, recipes, or information not carried in the City Edition. Other advantages were full-text retrieval, immediate access, and availability of all editions of the paper. The pilot project lasted just over a year, and SCAN proved to be a real asset in the department. There were also some problems. There were times when glitches in the system prevented the use of SCAN--inclement weather, inability to connect with the Journal, a frozen screen, etc. When these problems arose, a contact at the Journal was available for assistance. The Reference Department also continued the indexing of the Providence Journal and the Evening Bulletin for it was felt the subject arrangement of this Index and the key words access of SCAN complemented each other and were used for different types of searches. SCAN was discontinued in January, 1986, when PPL's free access to the Journal database ended. The Reference Department looks forward to using J/TEXT again in the future as a ready-reference tool.

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During the week of December 14, 1987, the CLSI database of the Rhode Island Automated Library Consortium (RIALC) was merged into that of the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN). The RIALC libraries, Barrington Public Library, Cranston Public Library and the Department of State Library Services, are now joined with the eighteen existing CLAN libraries.

The combined database contains over 625,000 title records with over 1,800,000 items, and more than 375,000 patron records.

CLAN has been working for the past two years on converting existing records and adding new records in MARC format in order to implement a Public Access Catalog in both on-line and off-line CD-ROM modes. Some 245,000 records are in MARC format at the present time. Both on-line and off-line PACS should be operating sometime in 1988.

The software for the merge was developed by CLSI and funded by grants from DSLS and the Rhode Island Foundation.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Information above was supplied by Peter Bennett, Chief of Technical Services, Providence Public Library. Questions and comments may be submitted to Peter at PPL.



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EXECUTIVE BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING

by Judith Paster

Increasing concern over the present state of health of RILA was the impetus for a special meeting of the Executive Board on December 11, 1987. A group of sixteen interested participants, including past presidents and present committee chairs met at the Warwick Public Library in an all-day session. Its primary task was to examine the role, mission and objectives of the organization and to recommend specific solutions to problems identified in that examination.

The opening session provoked numerous responses concerning goals of RILA, problems of distinguishing the organization from others, such as RIEMA or COLA, and, in general, setting goals unique to RILA. Discussion centered on three main areas: (1) the need for the entire organization to become involved in the RILA study commission whose recommended legislation will become applicable in January 1989: hence, the need to monitor legislation as it is being formulated in 1988; (2) the need to merge the functions of various elements in the association; too much perceived as representative of public libraries, the association must make a determined effort to meet the needs of all libraries, public, academic, special, and school; and (3) the need for RILA to serve as the voice of librarians throughout the state and to become a more vigorous and forceful spokesperson on issues crucial to the organization and its members.

After small group discussions focused on problems ranging from attracting new members, to involving the present membership more substantially, to becoming more crucially linked to other organizations and chapters who share RILA concerns, to cite but a few, the group reassembled to construct specific recommendations aimed toward improving the quality of RILA's service to its members. Two major recommendations emerged: (1) the need for an Executive Officer, who would assume secretarial and managerial duties now performed by officers and committee chairs. Such duties might include keeping membership lists current, paying authorized invoices, serving as recording secretary, managing conference registration and arrangements, maintaining archives, and responding to routine correspondence. At present, this position is seen as

a paid part-time one. (2) the need for substantial changes in the committee structure, distinguishing between the sheerly administrative committees, such as Conference, Membership, and Nominating, and the issue-oriented committees, such as the Intellectual Freedom Committee, which traditionally has had a solid and involved membership. Additional professional committees could be created on such issues as the image and promotion of librarians and librarianship, and public awareness of library issues, now represented by Publication or Government Relations Committees.

Changes of this magnitude do require constitutional changes and approval of the membership. Therefore, it is crucial that all RILA members familiarize themselves with the options proposed by this special session. During the Spring Business Meeting on May 23, time will be set aside expressly to present and discuss potential changes to organizational structure.

This all-day session proved to be one of the most stimulating sessions targeted on specific problems of the professional organization that this participant, as well as all others, has ever been involved with. All those present on December 11, feel fervently committed to being a better organization for all members, to improving the quality of RILA's membership, mission, and functions, and in short, to "professionalizing" the profession in ways that bring increased satisfaction to all its members. All RILA members are urged to think about these proposed changes and to plan now to attend the Spring Business Meeting with reflections, suggestions, or recommendations.

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- Brown University recently received a grant of \$210,000 under Title II-C of the Higher Education Act to convert to machine readable form the bibliographic records of the monographs of the John Hay Library. The grant will fund the first year of a three-year project. During the first year 70,000 bibliographic records will be converted, of which 50,000 records will be from the Harris Collection of American Poetry and Plays, 10,000 records will be from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection, and 10,000 records will be from other special

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- The Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association has planned its visit to the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies for April 10-14, 1988. In conjunction with the visit, alumni and employers of URI/GSLIS graduates are invited to a reception on Tuesday, April 12. For more information, please call Dr. Elizabeth Futas at 792-2878.

- ACRL, the Association of College and Research Libraries, and CCAIT, the Community College Association for Instruction and Technology, will cosponsor TECHNO-COM, a national teleconference on the topic of CD-ROM technology on Wednesday, April 27, 1988. Originating from the studios of Oakton Community College, Des Plains, IL, it will air from 11AM to 1PM, CST. The teleconference will feature vendor presentations of representative CD-ROM products that provide public access catalogs, reference and collection development tools, library and financial services, cataloging support, and major online databases. Registration fees (\$100) provide for 10 participant packets, videotaping rights, telephoning rights, and C Band reception. For more information contact: Joseph Borowski, Director of Learning Resources, Oakton Community College, 1600 Golf Road, Des Plains, IL 60616 (312-635-1641).

- Dr. Patrick Conley will offer a short presentation on Rhode Island and the Constitution at the CRIARL Government Committee's March 15th meeting at the Warwick Public Library at 9:30 AM. All interested in this talk should plan to attend. Following Dr. Conley's presentation, a short business meeting will follow.

- The American Library Association is offering a free catalog of 1988 library graphics promoting reading and libraries. The 24-page catalog describes more than 100 items and includes materials to celebrate

National Library Week, April 17-23. Send each request on a postcard to: ALA Graphics, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

- The Catholic Library Association's 67th Annual Convention will be held in New York City at the Penta Hotel, April 4-7, 1988. For information write: CLA Convention Office, 461 West Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, PA 19041 (215-649-5251).

- The Northeast Map-Users Organization (NEMO) held its first meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 1987, on the Storrs Campus of the University of Connecticut in conjunction with the Northeast NCIC State Affiliates' Fall Meeting. The organizers of this meeting, Jenny Marie Johnson (Clark University), Patrick McGlamery (University of Connecticut), and Jim Walsh (Tufts University), hoped to appeal to a wide cross-section of map/cartographic materials users and providers. Among the 34 in attendance were map librarians, cartographers, map retailers and publishers, and geographers from seven states. NEMO's broad goal, as a cooperative organization of cartographic information users and purveyors, is to serve as a regional unifying body through increased knowledge and communication. Those wishing more information about NEMO may contact: Jim Walsh, Government Publications and Map Librarian, Wessell Library, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155; 617-381-3087 or 617-628-500, ext. 5234.

- The 97th Annual Conference of the Connecticut Library Association will be held on April 5 and 6, 1988 at the Treadway Hartford Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut. The Conference theme will be "As Others See Us: Building A Positive Image." For further information contact Co-Chairs Arlene Bielefield, East Hampton Public Library, 105 Main Street, East Hampton, Connecticut 06424; or Louis G. Sheehy, Trumbull Library, 33 Quality Street, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611.

- The Hathaway Library of Conservation and Natural History of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island in Greenville has been invited to join the Northern Interrelated Library System. The Library specializes in the natural history of the Northeast but contains much information on environmental pollution and conservation. Inquiries may be

addressed to Peter Fuller, coordinator of the Northern Region, as the library does not have a full-time staff member at present.

- The Executive Board has voted to send Steve Thompson, chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, to ALA's workshop on intellectual freedom. Representatives who attend the national workshop must then put on similar workshops in their respective states.

FROM THE LIBRARIES

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DEVELOPED
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On January 6, 1988 Warren High School Librarian, Pat Bailey, brought college-bound English classes to the Roger Williams College Library for an introduction to research in a college library. This was the third visit for these classes in as many years. On January 7, 1988 the Barrington High School classes came for the first time for the same program with Librarian, Linda Molvar. The introductions were presented by Reference Librarian, Wendell Pols with assistance from other librarians: Paul Drake, Tanya Trinkaus, and Elisabeth Burns. This outreach program enhances the basic education programs at each high school.

The newly developed Curriculum Materials Center in the Library received praise December 1, when the accrediting team for the Elementary Education Program visited the campus. The Center was cataloged and organized by Librarian, Tanya Trinkaus, with the cooperation of faculty, Anne Barry, Temple Fawcett, and Mary Finger, and Librarian Paul Drake (Serials). It contains curriculum guides, textbooks, juvenile non-fiction, kits, toys, maps, audio-visual materials, computers and computer software and periodicals.

- Information submitted by Tanya Trinkaus

EDITORIAL NOTE: Libraries are urged to submit activities in which they and their staffs are involved. If you have events you would like us to know about, please contact a Publications Committee member with the information. All news items must be in our hands on the 15th of each month.

At Brown University, **ANN BEKINS** has been appointed Serials Catalog Librarian, **ANN MORGAN DODGE** is now Conservator of Library Materials, and **MICHELE CLOONAN** has been named Preservation Librarian.

C. ANNETTE COOKE recently accepted the position of Librarian, Slide and Photograph Collection at Rhode Island School of Design.

BEVERLY LAMBERT, former director of Tiverton Library Services, is now Director of the Dyer Community Library in Hampden, Maine.

MARY FRANCES COOPER, former branch librarian of the Providence Public Library, became head of Reference and Adult Services at the Worcester Public Library on January 1st.

DOUG SWISZC, Supervisor of Circulation Services at the Cranston Central Library, has accepted an internship at the Providence Public Library, in the Cataloging Department effective January 16th. The new Head of Circulation Services is **BARBARA ANGELONE-POULIN**.

JACKIE TOY COOPER, branch librarian of the Providence Public Library, will be serving as Chair of the Educational Assistance Committee of NELA as of its November 20th meeting.

LINDA WALTON, medical librarian at the Butler Hospital and former Bulletin editor, became the mother of Claire, a 6lb. 11oz. girl, on December 8, 1987.

NORMAN DESMARAIS, Acquisitions Librarian at Providence College, has compiled the Optical Information Systems Buyer's Guide & Consultant Directory recently published by the Meckler Corporation. He has also written "Managing a Laserbase Project" in the November/December issue of Optical Information Systems and "Unicorn Collection Management System: Acquisitions Module" in the September/October issue of Library Software Review. He presented a paper entitled "How CD/Corporation Has Changed Business Referencing: at the Optical Information Systems '87 Conference and one on "The Impact of Optical Information Systems on Library Operations and Services" at the North Carolina Library Association's meeting.

ELISABETH BURNS, Collection Development/Acquisitions Librarian at Roger Williams College attended a conference in November entitled "Issues in Book and Serials Acquisition" sponsored by the Center for Continuing Education at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC. Most of the programs concerned interrelationships between publishers, jobbers, and acquisitions personnel. However, **CORRIE MARSH** at Brown University presented a program on net pricing.

RICHARD OLSEN, Director of the Library at Rhode Island College, was elected to the position of Endowment Trustee by the Executive Board of the American Library Association. Three people serve as trustees of the Association's endowment funds and have "authority to hold, invest, reinvest, and disburse endowment funds as directed by the Executive Board." Mr. Olsen was elected for a three-year term, September 1987 through August 1990.

Recent appointments at the Rhode Island State Library are **MARGOT McCLAREN**, cataloger and **GRETCHEN PFEFFER**, Assistant Legislative Reference Librarian.

LOIS CALUNIAN joined the Providence Public Library as Development Officer on January 11th. Ms. Calunian comes to Providence from Newport, where she engaged in fund-raising projects for the Trinity Church.

NORMA JEAN CAULDWELL is joining the Circulation and Reference Services Departments at the Walpole Public Library, Walpole, MA. Her last day as Reference Librarian at PPL will be January 29th.

PAUL MARTIN will be joining the reference staff at Providence Public Library on January 25th. He is presently on the reference staff of the Pawtucket Public Library.

COLA TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA) will hold its Annual Meeting and champagne reception on Thursday, February 11th, from 5 to 7 o'clock at the State House. Governor DiPrete will extend greetings and Len Cabral, storyteller, will entertain with "The Library: A Star."

Composed of both librarians and interested patrons, COLA's mission is to "support library

service and libraries of all types through education, public awareness, the encouragement of local library-support groups, and other activities."

COLA increased its membership by 20 per cent last year and encourages new members both from individuals (\$5-\$24) and organizations (\$25). Cost of the champagne reception is \$3.50 which should be mailed to COLA, 95 Davis Street, Providence, RI 02908

NELA CONFERENCE HELD

The Annual Conference of the New England Library Association was held at the Sheraton-Boxborough, Boxborough, MA, on September 27-29, 1987, with over 1,030 attending. This Conference was significant as it marks the fourth and final joint conference between NELA and NEEMA (the New England Educational Media Association).

Although programming opportunities of a joint conference were obvious, financial advantages to NELA were less apparent. Though a possible compromise was suggested by NELA in 1985 of NEEMA's joining it as a section, by the time of the Conference, each Executive Board had voted against further joint conferences or mergers.

Of great interest to RILA was the scheduling of the next "Counterparts Day" on June 23-25 at Salve Regina College in Newport. The meeting will again focus on a concern of all regional library associations in New England. Themes of "membership" and "leadership" have been suggested, with a representative of ALA asked to address the group. As is traditional and highly successful, the second day will be devoted to meetings between officers and committee chairs from each state. Such conferences allow the leaders of each association to share concerns, ideas, and creative problem-solving. In this way, NELA feels it addresses the needs and concerns of all state library associations in New England.

Future conferences will be held in Sturbridge, MA, October 23-25, 1988, and September 24-26, 1989 at the Sheraton Tara, Springfield, MA.

Information supplied by Janet A. Levesque, NELA Councilor

RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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January - December, 1988

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Please list below RILA committee memberships or offices held in the last two years:

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calendar

FEBRUARY 11: Coalition of Library Advocates annual meeting and champagne reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the State House.

FEBRUARY 24: YART meeting. Summer Reading Lists, 3PM, Union Free Library, North Providence.

FEBRUARY 26: "Interviewing: A View From Both Sides of the Desk" conducted by Anne Parent, Director of the Fall River Public Library. University of Rhode Island, Galanti Lounge, 10AM to 3:30PM. Registration fee: \$25.00 (includes lunch). Contact: Fay Zipkowitz (401) 792-2878.

MARCH 1: Executive Board meeting of RILA, including Committee Chair reports, Warwick Public Library, 2:00 PM.

MARCH 15: CRIARL Government Documents Committee, Warwick Public Library, 9:30 AM.

APRIL 1: Nominations for Trustee of the Year award due. Names should be sent to Ann Crawford, Cross Mills Library.

APRIL 17-23: National Library Week.

APRIL 23: "Annual Gathering" of the GSLIS at URI, 9:30-4:00.

MAY 10: New England Technical Services Librarians (NETSL) spring program on the "Impact of Automation on Library Staffing", Worcester Polytech.

MAY 23: Spring Business Meeting of the RILA, Cranston Public Library, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue of the Bulletin begins the appointment of a new Managing Editor. As you may remember, Managing Editors are not elected by the members, but appointed by the President of RILA. Therefore, the Editor serves a dual function of representing the membership to the Executive Board and of serving as spokesperson for the Board to Association members. This is a responsibility I find both challenging and exciting.

Very briefly, my experiences in Rhode Island libraries began in 1979 as reference librarian at the Pawtucket Public Library and later at the Providence Public Library. Six years ago, I left full-time library work for the more flexible schedule of a free-lance librarian and thus found myself working in varied situations, ranging from the Pembroke and Rockefeller libraries, to CCRI-Warwick campus, to the East Providence Public Library, with numerous "guest appearances" in Pawtucket and Providence. Working in these different libraries has made me interested in the great range of Rhode Island libraries. I sense a great need in a state of this size, which possesses such variety, to cooperate together, to share our similarities and differences, and thus, to enhance the quality of our libraries and their services. This is my goal for the Bulletin: to try to communicate the person-

alities, activities, ideas, histories, of the libraries in this state that all make it an exciting place to be a librarian.

I urge you to make the Bulletin your own forum of communication. As you may know, the Bulletin is prepared by a Publications Committee, who, in cooperation with the Editor, commit considerable time and hard work to its appearance ten times a year. I have been working with Committee members since last July, and I can assure you that they are energetic and dedicated to the Bulletin. Moreover, working with them is fun! The Committee urges you to become involved with its publication. We can only produce a Bulletin as good as the suggestions, articles, news items, and general input and feedback that you give us. Please feel free to use us!

I would like to express not only my personal gratitude but that of the entire Association to Linda Walton for her extraordinary managerial gifts. She has made the Bulletin work and work well. Without her, this issue of the Bulletin, and those that hopefully will follow, would have been impossible. I look forward to working with her, the members of the Publications Committee, and all of you.

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