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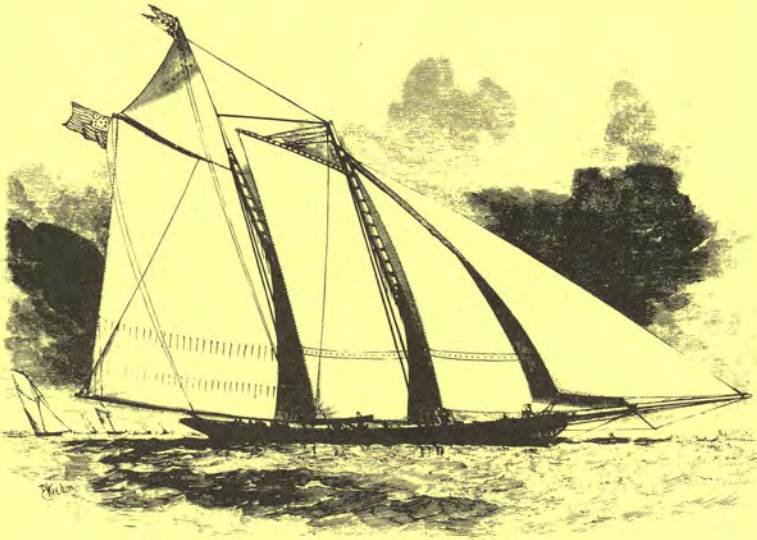
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Dear BULLETIN Subscriber:

Contrary to your initial impression when you open the covers of this issue of the BULLETIN, it is not an April Fool's edition. The editor apologizes for the numerous errors committed by the printer in production of this issue of the RILA BULLETIN.

An errata list follows which will hopefully keep confusion to a minimum. We hope that these printing errors will not greatly inconvenience our readership.

### Errata

- 1) page 1 (Editor's Notebook) can be found as page 29 at the end of the issue
- 2) page 22 - the dates at the top of the hotel registration form should read November 17 and 18, 1980
- 3) page 23 - the dates at the top of the conference registration form should read November 17 and 18, 1980
- 4) some issues may have pages or sections which are upside down and backwards

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CENSORSHIP: WHAT NEXT?  
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In the Spring of 1979, a grant was received by one of the authors, L.B. Woods, Assistant Professor of the Graduate Library School of the University of Rhode Island to conduct a survey "...of concern to school librarians in the United States. Materials that had caused actual censorship cases in high schools during a twelve year period were collected and listed."<sup>1</sup> The list referred to was then sent to "carefully chosen libraries" all over the country. This paper summarizes the results of the data collected, for New England libraries.

The titles on the list used for the survey were those that received at least two complaints during the period studied, with some receiving considerably more than two complaints. All the titles included for this study were identified from The Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom published by the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF). It is not a complete list but represents only those titles reported by the OIF.

Although some of these titles, such as The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Brave New World and The Catcher in the Rye have imprints long before the 1960's, they have become and continue to be controversial, especially with some parents and/or so-called "watch-dog organizations." These titles thus provided convenient avenues through which attempts could be (and were) made to impose outside views on selections for the school library and to demand withdrawal of materials at variance with these views. These attempts, when successful, have adversely affected curricular and library materials at the secondary level since, for many of the titles, no satisfactory alternatives are available.

The one-sheet questionnaire was sent to selected high school librarians across the country, all members of ALA. (The study may be slightly skewed since it may be argued that more professionally active librarians were sampled.) For this article, however, only results from the questionnaire sent to high

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school librarians in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) are tabulated. Table I presents a breakdown of questionnaires sent and returned for each state in the New England region.

Table I

	Total No. of Questionnaires Sent	Questionnaires Returned		Questionnaires Usable		Questionnaires Not Usable	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
New England	46	39	84.7%	36	78.2%	3	6.5%
Connecticut	14	12	85.7%	12	85.7%	0	0
Maine	3	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	0	0
Massachusetts	21	19	90.4%	17	80.9%	2	9.5%
New Hampshire	3	3	100 %	3	100 %	0	0
Rhode Island	3	3	100 %	2	66.2%	1	33.3%
Vermont	2	1	50 %	1	50 %	0	0

The questionnaire included fifty-two titles of which nineteen were published in the '60s and nineteen in the '70s. The remainder (those published before the '60s) included titles which are considered classics, e.g., Of Mice and Men and Farewell to Arms; one magazine, Newsweek; one play, Lysistrata; and a rock musical, Jesus Christ, Superstar. It may be noted that the titles listed are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and biography.

Table II is a list of the selected titles sent to libraries in New England for analysis, with the percentage of the titles owned by the library, the number placed on order, and the number which restricted access to the title.

TITLE	Owned by Library		Not Owned by Library		Title placed on order	Title has restricted access
	No.	%	No.	%		
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884)	35	97.2%	1	2.8%	1	
Black Boy (1945)	32	88.8%	4	11.2%		
Black Like Me (1961)	34	94.4%	2	5.6%		
Boss (1971)	17	47.2%	19	52.8%		
Brave New World (1932)	32	88.8%	4	11.2%		
Catch-22 (1961)	30	83.3%	6	16.7%		
The Catcher in the Rye (1951)	35	97.2%	1	2.8%		
A Clockwork Orange (1968)	17	47.2%	19	52.8%		
Deliverance (1970)	24	66.7%	12	33.3%		
Do It! (1970)	4	11.1%	32	88.9%		
Down These Mean Streets	21	58.3%	15	41.7%		1
Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test (1969)	20	55.5%	16	44.5%		1
Exorcist (1971)	20	55.5%	16	44.5%		3
Farewell to Arms (1929)	34	94.4%	2	5.6%		
The Fixer	29	80.5%	7	19.5%		
Flowers for Algernon (1966)	34	94.4%	2	5.6%	1	
Go Ask Alice (1971)	32	88.8%	4	11.2%		2
The Godfather (1969)	22	61.1%	14	38.9%		1
Grapes of Wrath (1939)	32	88.8%	2	11.2%		
Grendel (1971)	12	33.3%	24	66.7%		
A Hero Ain't Nothing but a Sandwich (1973)	23	63.8%	13	36.2%		
How to Take the Worry Out of Being Close	0	0	36	100 %		
Janis (1974)	8	22.2%	28	77.8%		
Jaws (1975)	29	80.5%	7	19.5%		
Jesus Christ, Superstar (Rock Musical)	15	41.6%	21	58.4%	1	
The Learning Tree (1963)	18	50 %	18	50 %		
Listen to the Silence (1969)	11	30.5%	25	69.5%		1
Lord of the Flies (1955)	34	94.4%	2	5.6%	1	
Love Story (1970)	29	80.5%	7	19.5%		
Lysistrata (Play)	23	63.8%	13	36.2%		
Manchild in the Promised Land (1965)	33	91.6%	3	8.4%		
The Naked Ape (1967)	26	72.2%	10	27.8%		
Naomi in the Middle (1974)	1	2.7%	35	97.3%		
Native Son (1950)	33	91.6%	3	8.4%		
Newsweek (magazine)	36	100 %	0	-----		
Nigger (1964)	25	69.4%	11	30.6%		

TITLE	Owned by Library		Not Owned by Library		Title placed on order	Title has restricted access
	No.	%	No.	%		
Of Mice and Men (1937)	34	94.4%	2	5.6%		
On the Road (1957)	15	41.6%	11	58.4%		
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich Solzhenitsyn (1971)	32	88.8%	4	11.2%		
One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1962)	20	80.5%	7	19.5%		
Our Bodies Ourselves (1973)	16	44.4%	20	55.6%		4
Reincarnation of Peter Proud (1975)	7	19.4%	29	80.6%		
Rosemary's Baby (1967)	15	41.6%	21	58.4%	1	
Run, Rabbit Run (1960)	17	47.2%	19	52.8%		
Run, Shelley Run (1975)	10	27.7%	26	72.3%		
Show Me! (1975)	1	2.7%	35	97.3%		
Slaughterhouse Five (1969)	28	77.7%	8	22.3%		
Soul on Ice (1968)	28	77.7%	8	22.3%		
The Sting (1974)	5	13.8%	31	86.2%		1
The Summer of '42 (1971)	18	50 %	18	50 %		
Tell Me that you Love Me, Junie Moon (1975)	26	72.7%	10	27.8%		
To Kill a Mockingbird (1960)	36	100 %	0	-----		

It is interesting to note from Table II that only one book, To Kill a Mockingbird, and the one magazine, Newseek were owned by all thirty-six respondents. How to Take the Worry Out of Being Close was not owned by any.

Of the fifty-two titles, only five from the list were placed on order by librarians answering the questionnaire, while fourteen were noted as not in the circulating collection but were available on a "restricted access" basis. Our Bodies Ourselves was placed on restricted access by 4 libraries, Exorcist (3) and Go Ask Alice (2). The seventeen titles that were owned by at least thirty or more of the libraries responding are indicated in Table III below.



Table III

Title	Titles	
	Owned by Thirty (or more) libraries No. of libraries	Percentage
To Kill a Mockingbird	36	100 %
The Adventures of Huckle- berry Finn	35	97.2%
The Catcher in the Rye	35	97.2%
Black Like Me	34	94.4%
Farewell to Arms	34	94.4%
Flowers for Algernon	34	94.4%
Lord of the Flies	34	94.4%
Of Mice and Men	34	94.4%
Manchild in the Promised Land	33	91.6%
Native Son	33	91.6%
Black Boy	32	88.8%
Brave New World	32	88.8%
Go Ask Alice	32	88.8%
Grapes of Wrath	32	88.8%
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich Solzhenitsyn	32	88.8%
Catch-22	30	83.3%

In Rhode Island, only three questionnaires were sent to selected librarians on the secondary level for this study. Of the three that were returned only two were usable in the tabulation of the results (see Table I). Although the sampling is too small for meaningful results, it is included here because of its interest to Rhode Island librarians.

The two school librarians in Rhode Island who responded to the questionnaire both owned and circulated sixteen (30.7%) of the titles. Twenty-five were owned by one but not both (48.1%) and eleven titles (21.1%) were not owned by either. Neither of the librarians indicated that they had placed any titles on order or that they restricted the circulation of these materials. A more complete study will soon be done by the Intellectual Freedom Committee of RILA.

Further analysis of the L.B. Woods data is presently under-way.

#### A Look at the Future

High schools, according to the number of censorship attempts reported to the Office of Intellectual Freedom, have experienced

a higher percentage of problems not only with teaching materials, but with teaching methods; people, including speakers, faculty, students; campus and underground newspapers; art works, etc. Censorship attacks have typically come from a variety of sources, including administrators, faculty (including librarians), students, parents, and citizens; groups such as the John Birch Society, Concerned Citizens Committees, religious groups, and the NAACP.

Many educators believe the heyday of censorship occurred in the '60s and early '70s. Research into actual cases indicates that censorship continues to be rampant as we enter the eighties. Librarians who have a commitment to the profession must be prepared more than ever before to defend intellectual freedom. Without this defense, the selection of materials will be taken out of the hands of professionals, and librarians will have no one to blame but themselves. If apathy is present in the library profession, perhaps this is due to not having a real commitment to or an understanding of the ideals embodied in the term "intellectual freedom." If librarians are not willing to back these ideals, they cannot expect internal or external support. Therefore, it behooves librarians to take a leading role in advocating freedom of choice in curricular and reading/viewing/listening materials.

A point of departure is for the librarian to be knowledgeable about censorship practices, and to be prepared to defend the selection of materials in libraries. To accomplish this, administrators, teachers, students, and parents must be involved in formulating a comprehensive and decisive materials selection policy. Participation will more likely guarantee their support and understanding when problems occur. If the policy is broad based, the likelihood of the success of a censorship attempt will be lessened. To a large extent, what happens in the 1980s depends on librarians and how they cope with the problem on a personal and professional level.

<sup>1</sup>Prof. L.B. Woods. Survey Cover Letter. Dated Apr. 4, 1979.



# RILA SRRT HOTLINE

The RILA *Bulletin* editors ask local library employers in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut to send us news of upcoming openings at any level in their libraries. There is no advertising fee. Write or call Elizabeth Rogers, Providence Public Library, Providence RI 02903. Telephone: 401-521-7722.

Job-seekers desiring a copy of the most recent monthly Jobline may obtain one by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the SRRT coordinator: Marcia Hershoff, Woonsocket Harris Public Library, Woonsocket, RI 02895. In order for a job notice to appear in the *Bulletin*, it must be received before the 15th of the preceding month.

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# CALENDAR

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- Sept. 10 Film Preview Session. Topic: Children's Films. 9:00-4:00, continuous. Rhode Island Library Film Coop. Warwick Public Lib.
- Sept. 13 ALA/Bibliotherapy Roundtable. Speakers: Rhea Rubin, Helen Elser and Dr. Kenneth Gorelick. 12:30-4:00PM. Sheraton-Boston. Fee: \$20.00. Contact: Joan Bostwick, 617-267-9400.
- Sept. 25 RILA Public Relations Committee Meeting at 9:30 am, DSLS.
- Sept. 26 University of Rhode Island, Graduate Library School/Intellectual Freedom Committee. "Censorship of Materials for Children and Young Adults." Speaker: Nat Hentoff. Fee: \$35 -includes workshop, materials, refreshments, lunch. Contact: Prof. Stewart Schneider, 792-2728.
- Sept. 28-  
Oct. 4 Citizens for Rhode Island Libraries, Inc. (CRIL) "Rhode Island Library Awareness Week" Contact Janet Levesque, 949-3630.



## CANDIDATES FOR RILA EXECUTIVE BOARD

1980-81

*Ballots will be mailed to RILA members in September, 1980, for voting for officers of the Association for the 1980-81 year. Elected officers will be announced and will take office at the November, 1980 Annual Conference. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Frank Tacono, offers the following slate: (only RILA members who are also ALA members are eligible to vote for the ALA Councilor position in accordance with ALA's Constitution and By-laws)*

### VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

*Dr. Thomas T. Surprenant*

*Professor, Library  
Science, URI Gradu-  
ate Library School*



EDUCATION: Ph.D. - Library Science (Minor: Instructional Technology), U. Wisconsin, Madison; MS - Instructional Technology, U. Wisconsin, LaCrosse; MLS - Library Science, Catholic University of America; BA - English/History, Siena College.

Professional Experience: Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory-Library Assistant; Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute, Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis Center-Librarian; Northland College-Librarian; Teaching experience at Northland College, U. Wisconsin, Madison.

Professional Organizations: RIEMA-Currently Treasurer; RILA Executive Board-Currently Member at Large; RILA Personnel Committee; ACRL New England Chapter-Head of Bibliographic Instruction Committee

Other Activities: Lilly Foundation Teaching Effectiveness Grant 1979-80; Kellogg Foundation National Fellowship 1980-83

Statement about RILA: The key to success of RILA is service to members. During the next few years it will become increasingly important for the Association to remain relevant to the needs of members. As President, I would attempt to strengthen the services to members as well as to increase contact with other state organizations (ie, RIEMA) to build upon common areas of interest.

Anne T. Parent  
Assistant Director, Cranston  
Public Library



Education: MLS-URI Graduate Library School, 1973; BA - English Literature, McGill University, Montreal, 1967

Professional Experience:

Cranston Public Library- Assistant Director, 2/79-present; Program Coordinator, 9/76-2/79; Program Specialist/Branch Librarian, 1/76-9/76; Branch Librarian, 1/73-1/76  
Pawtucket Public Library-Community Services Librarian, 1/72-12/72; Community Services Assistant, 70-72; Children's Librarian, 69-70; Library Intern, 68-69

Professional Organizations: ALA-member; RILA- Member Personnel Committee, Chair, Policies and Procedures Subcommittee; Rhode Island Library Film Cooperative-member; NELA-Member By-Laws Committee

Other Activities: Instructor: Library Technical Assistants' Program,

University of Rhode Island Extension Division. Course: Children's Services. (Also substitute instructor: Reader's Services)

Statement About RILA: In the ten years that I have been actively involved in RILA, I have become aware of the spectrum of viewpoints from which it is seen. Those who see in RILA a forum for long-range plans affecting the future of librarianship in the state, and those who see it as a practical medium for assistance in day-to-day problems, are not mutually exclusive groups. RILA's future effectiveness will be assured if it continues to build with the support of the membership as its foundation, the accomplished objectives of its committees as its bricks, an executive board as the mortar that draws together and channels the diverse elements, and our common goals as its apex.



SECRETARY

Peter E. Bennett  
Regional Reference Librarian,  
Northern Interrelated Library  
System



Education: MSLS, Palmer Graduate Library School, C.W. Post Center, Long Island Univ., 1976; BA - English Literature, St. Michael's College, Vermont, 1969

Professional Experience: Reference Librarian, West Hempstead Public Library, West Hempstead NY, 1976-77; Reference Librarian, Pawtucket Public Library, 1977-79

Professional Organizations: RILA - member

Statement about RILA: In the difficult times ahead, it is more important than ever to work together, both to increase funding and share resources. RILA is the best vehicle for this cooperation.

Sally P. Grucan  
Technical Services Librarian,  
Rhode Island Historical Society  
Library



Education: MLS, URI Graduate Library School, 1976; BA-English, Clark University, Worcester, 1975

Professional Experience: Assistant Librarian (acting director position), RI Historical Society Library, 8/79-7/80; Library Assistant positions at Raytheon in Portsmouth, the North Kingstown Free Public Library, the University of Rhode Island, and Clark University, 1973-78

Professional Organizations: ALA-member, including RTSD, CRL, JMART; RILA-member; NELA-member, including NETSL Financial Officer; CRIARL representative

Statement about RILA: It's all money and politics from here on in-two things that many of us don't care to think about. A state library association however, must care. Through intelligent decision-making and hard-hitting action, RILA can influence, legislate,



and educate to the benefit of many. As individuals, we elect thoughtful and effective officers of RILA, and join its committees. We keep abreast of its activities and pass along our own ideas and concerns. If you so choose, I will be there to listen, and act.

### TREASURER

*Roberta Leonelli Stevens  
Assistant Librarian,  
Portsmouth Free Public Library*



Education: Finishing MLS at URI Graduate Library School; MA - English, RIC, 1975; BA - English, Rosemont College, PA, 1971

Professional Experience: Library Assistant, Portsmouth Library, 1975-79

Professional Organizations: RILA - member

Other Activities: Member, Finance Committee, Portsmouth Library

Statement about RILA: RILA represents the librarian's voice throughout the state and New England. As such, it should be actively involved in effective public relations for the profession and its functions, it should provide leadership in regional organizations and it should advocate legislative measures which will provide the best quality of library service to Rhode Islanders.

*Catherine Mello Alves  
Coordinator of Technical  
Services, East Providence  
Public Library System*



Education: MS, Simmons College, School of Library and Information Science, 1977; BA, Regis College, MA, 1976

Professional Experience: Technical Services Librarian at Barrington Public Library

Professional Organizations: ALA-member; NELA-member; NETSL-member; RILA-member

Other Activities: member of the fundraising team for the Regis College Athletic Complex

Statement about RILA: I welcome this opportunity to become a more active worker in our state organization. Libraries are being forced to reevaluate the quality and value of their services in light of the economic squeeze of inflation. RILA should be taking the

same stance to see that the priorities of the membership receive sufficient financial backing. I would also recommend financial reports to the membership three times a year. A more frequent review of our accounts may reveal that we have sums of money certain periods of the year that would lend themselves to short term, high interest investments.

#### MEMBER AT LARGE

David J. Panciera  
Director,  
Westerly Public Library



Education: MLS, New York State, Albany; BA-Philosophy, University of Toronto  
Professional Experience: Head, Technical Services at St. Michael's College and Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies (Toronto) 1969-72; Director, Adams Public Library, Chelmsford, MA, 1972-78

Other Activities: Umtea Fly Tiers, Inc.- Board member, 1977-; Book Review Editor, Columnist - Roundtable, 1977-; Reviewer, LJ, 1974-; Little League Manager, 1973-; Westerly Center for the Arts- Board, 1980-; RILA PR Committee, 1979-; New England Document Conservation Center - Board, 1979-

Statement about RILA: RILA does not seem to have reached its potential for bringing - in conjunction with DSLS - cohesion to library planning and posture in this state. I certainly do not claim to be able to effect an imperative and overdue strategy.

this, but it is, to my mind,

Howard Boksenbaum  
Coordinator, Island Inter-  
related Library System



Education: Graduate Work in Asian Studies, U. of Pittsburgh; MLS, University of Pittsburgh, 1976; AB, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1970

Professional Experience: Cataloger, Japanese Division, East Asian Library, Hillman Library, U. of Pittsburgh; Coordinator, Greene County Library System, Waynesburg, PA

Other Activities: Trustee, Women's Center, Inc.; Rhode Island Men's Collective; Choices for Children

Statement about RILA: RILA has shown that it can be an effective catalyst in the library community of Rhode Island by not being afraid to confront issues on the cutting edge of



library growth and survival. Our role in the development of public library consideration of cable TV, the umbrella resolution, the extension of library services to business, ethnic minorities, the mentally retarded, etc., and our willingness to work with other organizations in the state mark RILA as a watershed of progress. The successful legislative year just ended exemplifies RILA's potential as a powerful public voice for Rhode Island libraries. If we continue to perceive libraries of all types as dynamic participants in the culture, economy and society of Rhode Island, and continue to act vigorously upon the relevant issues, our effectiveness will continue. I have been a proud member of RILA, and look forward to being part of RILA as it grows even more dynamic and effective into the future.

#### NELA COUNCILLOR

*Connie Lachowicz*  
*Director, South Kingstown*  
*Public Library*



Education: MLS, URI Graduate Library School, 1972; BA-History, American International College, Springfield MA, 1965

Professional Experience: Librarian, Kingston Free Library, 1972-77

Professional Organizations: ALA-member; NELA-member; RILA-Chair, Membership Committee, 1979-; Rhode Island Library Film Cooperative Executive Board, Chairperson, 1978-

Other Activities: South County Community Players Board of Directors; Aspiring Pianist; Narrow River Preservation Association

Statement about RILA: Rhode Island Librarians can take pride in the accomplishments of the Association during the past few years. Such achievements are an indication that RILA is an organization on the move

to continually improve the quality of library service for all Rhode Islanders. As for the future RILA needs to continue to plan, listen, communicate, and cooperate in order to effect change for libraries, librarians and people.

Sheila Carlson  
DSLS Institutional Consultant



Education: Clark University, Worcester MA, psychology major, 1966-68; BA-Literature, Univ. of Calif., 1971; MLS, URI Graduate Library School, 1979

Professional Experience: RIJC Lincoln, evening librarian, 10/77-6/79; ACI part-time librarian, 11/78-6/79

Statement about RILA: RILA is in a unique position to foster cooperation among all types of libraries and among other library, professional and civic organizations. Such cooperation is becoming increasingly important. RILA is and should continue to be a leader in legislative action and promotion of libraries and, equally important, a librarians' advocate, by providing opportunities for continuing education and encouraging better salaries and employment conditions.

#### ALA COUNCILLOR

Barbara A. Gates  
Head Catalog Librarian,  
Brown University



Education: MLS, Columbia University, 1953; BS, Simmons College, 1946

Professional Experience: Cataloger, Iowa State University Library, 1946-49; Cataloger, Vassar College, 1949-52; Head Technical Services, Brookline MA Public Library, 1953-60; Senior Cataloger, Head Serials Dept., Head Reclassification Unit, Boston University, 1960-69; Head Technical Services, Oberlin College Library, 1969-73; Librarian Coordinator, Interuniversity Council of North Texas, 1973-74; Liaison Officer, Amigos Bibliographic Council, Richardson, Tex, 1975-76; Instructor, Public Library Techniques Program, University of New Hampshire, 1968-70, 1972-73; Adjunct Instructor, University of Rhode Island Graduate Library School, Spring, 1980



Professional Organizations: ALA-Chairman RTSD Council of Regional Groups, Member at Large, Cataloging and Classification Executive Committee; American Society of Information Sciences-member; RILA-member

Other Activities: AAUW-member (President, Providence Plantations Branch); Simmons Club of Rhode Island-member

Statement about RILA: As ALA Councillor I would support the needs of the Rhode Island Library Association at all ALA Council meetings and would keep the RILA Executive Board informed on all matters to come before the Council. As a member of RILA's Executive Board I would work to continue the growth and development of the Rhode Island Library Association; to encourage continuing education seminars and workshops for Rhode Island librarians, and to encourage and support proposals and programs to advance library service in Rhode Island.

*Jody Pitsenberger*

*Supervisor of Branches and  
Community Services, Providence  
Public Library*

Education: Undergraduate, Stanford University; MLS, University of Washington

Professional Experience: Practicum: Brooklyn Public Library; Cataloger: Howard University; Branch Head of three branches: D.C. Public Library; Served as consultant to SUNY, Buffalo, School of Library and Information Services

Professional Organizations: ALA-member; LAMA-member; SRRT Task Force on Women-Coordinator, 1980 Preconference; DCLA-member; NELA-member; RILA-member, Continuing Education Committee

Other Activities: member: Advisory Council on the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Capitol Hill Interaction Council, League of Women Voters, Friends of Rochambeau Library, Program and Exhibits Committee



Statement about RILA: As a newcomer to Rhode Island, I have been very impressed with the caliber of work of the Rhode Island Library Association and its commitment to addressing the vital concerns of librarians, library workers, trustees, and their constituents. As an ALA Councillor, I would expect to serve as both a catalyst and liaison person between RILA members and ALA. By developing a mechanism to do so, I would attempt to hear from all of RILA's members and carry their concerns to ALA. Conversely, I would convey to our members the issues, trends, and efforts of ALA Council and Executive Board, hoping to inform and to encourage increased professional involvement in ALA. Possible mechanisms: information-exchange sessions at RILA's annual meetings, a small column in the Bulletin, a state-wide poll of professional concerns. In working closely with RILA's Executive Board, I would develop positions on Council issues that reflect the interests of RILA and its members.

My professional concerns have and still do focus on the right to know, women's rights, equitable and humane management services, collective decision-making, staff development and continuing education. Having been a perennial, intrigued, sometimes abashed Council-Watcher since 1970, I'd be delighted to join the group and have a voice.

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November 17 and 18, 1980

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MONDAY, November 17

9:00 am - 10:00 am	<i>Censorship and Children's Books</i> Betty Miles
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<i>Public Access to Public Information</i> the meaning of freedom of information, privacy and sunshine legislation
10:00 am - 10:30 am	VISIT EXHIBITS
10:30 am - 12:00	<i>Questions and Answers</i> Cable TV and the future of public libraries
10:30 am - 12:00	<i>Quest for your best</i> Alternative careers for librarians, Betty Carol Sellen
12:00 - 1:00 pm	<i>Luncheon</i>
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<i>SLA and Special Library Profiles</i> SLA
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<i>Personnel Committee Report</i> including June Woolf on the topic of the legal aspects of interviewing



2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Linda Aldrich

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

a discussion with Rhode Island  
legislators

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

VISIT EXHIBITS

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Joan Glazer

-----MEMBERSHIP COCKTAIL PARTY-----

TUESDAY, November 18

9:00 am - 10:30 am

*The Planning Process for Libraries*

a new approach, with  
Robert Rohlfe &  
Updating Standards: a report from the  
RILA ad hoc committee

9:00 am - 10:30

*Public Relations for Libraries*

Alice Norton

10:30 pm - 11:00

VISIT EXHIBITS

11:00 - 12:00

*Business Meeting*

12:00 - 1:30

*Luncheon*

1:30 - 3:00

*In Your Own Image*

making a slide tape with local  
resources, by the RILA PR committee

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Report on RILN

Barbara Higginbottom

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Library Service in Rhode Island in the 80s

a report from the planning conference

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- September 28-30 NELA Annual Conference, Wentworth  
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- Oct. 13-15 AACR II-ALA/RTSD Institute. "Interpretation  
and Application of AACR II." Boston.  
Fee: \$90-ALA/RTSD members; \$105-ALA members;  
\$150-non-ALA members (300 registrants)  
Contact RTSD/CRG/LC Institute ALA Headquar-  
ters.
- Oct. 16 Seminar on Library Conservation Administra-  
tion. Speaker: George Cunha. Westerly  
Public Library. Contact David Panciera,  
596-2877.
- Oct. 19-20 New England Library Board/Panel of Counsellors.  
Semi-annual meeting. Durham, N.H. - New  
England Center for Continuing Education.  
— members and invited guests. Fee:  
\$5. Contact Sally Roberts, 203-525-2681.
- Oct. 25 University of Rhode Island, Graduate  
Library School/Bibliographic Instruction/  
N.E. Bibliographic Instruction Committee  
of New England Chapter of ACRL. Work-  
shop on Bibliographic Instruction.  
Speaker: Thomas Surprenant. Whispering  
Pines Conference Center, W. Alton Jones  
Campus, URI. All Day; Fee: \$35 - includes  
workshop, materials, refreshments,  
lunch. Limit: 40. Contact Prof. Stewart  
Schneider, 792-2878.
- Oct. 27 ACRL New England Chapter. Tentative:  
Materials Conservation. Bryant College,  
Smithfield, RI. Contact Joanna Walsh,  
617-262-0380.
- Oct. 28 NELINET. Fall membership meeting. At  
The 57, 200 Stuart St., Boston. 9:00 am-  
4:00 pm. Fee: To be determined. Contact  
Leslie Junda, 617-449-3685.



## MARINE SCIENCE PERIODICALS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

by Judith B. Barnett\*

Within the past few months, the new Narragansett Bay Room in the Roger Williams Museum has opened. The establishment of an ocean studies center at YMCA's Camp Fuller on Point Judith Pond has been announced, and the Marine Advisory Service at the University of Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay Campus has received funding to extend its educational functions into the elementary schools. The Journal-Bulletin offers an annual essay contest award to high school students on the subject of coastal awareness. The citizens of Rhode Island, the Ocean State, thus continue to demonstrate their concern with, and appreciation of their marine environment. Nationally, 1980 has been declared by President Carter as "The Year of the Coast", on the urging of various environmental and conservation groups concerned with the enforcement of the 1972 Coastal Zone Management Act.

To what extent are public libraries providing current information on marine-related topics and developments to satisfy this demonstrated concern? What periodicals in the areas of marine biology, marine pollution and fisheries are generally available? An examination of the periodical publications received in the Pell Marine Science Library of the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, and the National Sea Grant Depository, also at the Narragansett Bay Campus, identified many titles of popular, non-technical, though authoritative nature that are of moderate cost, or indeed available free on request. Some are particularly valuable for their reporting on Rhode Island commercial fishing and others for coastal environmental news either in Rhode Island, or elsewhere along the east coast. Some report on basic or applied research supported by taxpayers' money. Several are indexed in Readers' Guide.

Six public libraries in Washington County, serving populations ranging from 3500 to 85,000 were visited. Presumably, a sig-

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nificant proportion of the population in this coastal area is involved directly or indirectly with the marine environment. All of these libraries have current periodical display areas that include general science periodicals. Scientific American, Natural History, National Geographic and Science Digest are commonly received. Recreational marine interest is well served by Yachting, Boating and Sail. However, a search for most of the marine science titles listed below proved mainly unsuccessful. The newsletter-type titles, such as URI Commercial Fisheries Newsletter and URI Marine Advisory Service Newsletter were either received irregularly and put at the end of the periodical display areas along with unsolicited religious or political material, or put on tables with tourist, cultural or social service information brochures. In one library, the URI Bay Campus publications are housed in boxes with publications of Rhode Island state agencies. Another library occasionally posts them on a bulletin board, and stores some in a local history collection. Library staff members on duty near the periodical areas either did not know if their libraries were on mailing lists to receive the free items regularly or not; others replied "if it's not on the table, we don't have it". Some were unfamiliar with the term "Sea Grant". Very few libraries have periodical lists, or include them in their book catalogs. Thus, the casual browser in the periodical section of his or her local public library does not have the opportunity to see material which may be of great interest or direct importance.

The periodical titles included in this study are listed below. Others might have been chosen, but these were judged to have the greatest local pertinence:

Catalyst for Environment Quality. 274 Madison Ave., Suite 104, New York, N.Y. 10016. \$12. Quarterly. Articles on a wide range on environmental quality topics, including energy conservation. Includes book reviews.

Maritimes. Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, Davis Hall, Kingston, RI 02881. Free. Quarterly. Popularly-written articles report on the results of URI oceanographic research, and allied fields such as ocean engineering and seafood utilization.

NEMAS Information. Marine Advisory Service, Narragansett Bay Campus, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI 02882. Free, after one-time only charge of \$2.00 for new subscribers. Bi-monthly. The New England Marine Advisory Service is an association of marine advisory, extension and education programs in the New England States. A recent issue of the 4 page newsletter included the article, "New Activists -



- Fisherman's Wives." Lists new publications and conferences.
- NOAA. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402.  
\$7.50. Quarterly. Published by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Recent issues included articles on whales, clams, hurricanes, research diving and marine pollution. Carries new seafood recipes.
- Oceans. Oceanic Society, P.O. Box 10167, Des Moines, Ia. 50340  
\$15. Bi-monthly. Indexed in Readers' Guide. The Oceanic Society is "dedicated to the protection of the world's oceans through research, education, and conservation." Beautifully illustrated, well-written articles reflect this concern. Carries book reviews.
- Oceanus. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Mass. 02543. \$10. Quarterly. Each issue is based on a single theme, such as ocean energy, ocean-continent boundaries, and harvesting the sea. Includes book reviews.
- Sea Frontiers. International Oceanographic Foundation 3979 Rickenbacker Causeway, Virginia Key, Miami, Fla. 33149.  
\$15. Bi-monthly. Indexed in Readers' Guide. Many full-page color photos illustrate popularly-written articles on marine flora and fauna. A subscription includes the newsletter Sea Secrets which prints questions from readers that are answered by marine scientists. Includes book reviews.
- Seagrant 70's. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va. 24061. Free. Monthly. Has articles contributed by various universities, including the University of Rhode Island, reporting on marine-related research nationwide. Carries an annotated listing of new Sea Grant publications from various universities, many of which are inexpensive or free.
- Underwater Naturalist. American Littoral Society, Sandy Hook Highlands, New Jersey 07732. \$15. Quarterly. Articles emphasize coastal zone conservation and fisheries protection along the New England and Mid-Atlantic coasts. Includes book reviews and news items.
- URI Commercial Fisheries Newsletter. Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service, Narragansett Bay Campus, Narragansett, RI 02882. Free. Bi-monthly. Notices of meetings, developments, and publications of interest to fishermen.
- URI Marine Advisory Service Newsletter. MAS Newsletter, Bay Campus, Narragansett, RI 02882. Free. Bi-monthly. Short news articles on URI research, ocean-related programs, work of professors, and listings of new publications.

Although the number of libraries visited was small, and

confined to a particular area within the state, it is quite likely that these titles are similarly scarce elsewhere. One of the smaller libraries, in fact, had the greatest number of titles. Librarians are urged to examine sample issues of those titles with which they may be unfamiliar and to arrange to be put on the mailing lists of the several attractively illustrated and well-written free periodicals. They would thus better serve their publics in this 1980 "Year of the Coast."

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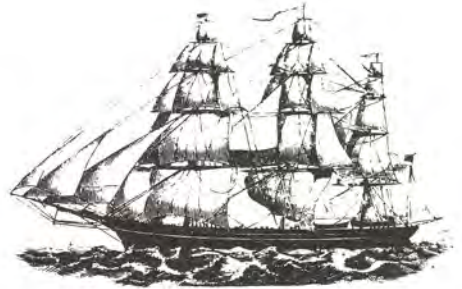
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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK



Following tradition, this September issue of the Bulletin includes the nominated slate of candidates for the 1980-81 RILA Executive Board, as well as pre-registration forms and the schedule for the 1980 RILA Annual Conference. Please note the new registration fees schedule.

In addition, Lucy Salvatore and L.B. Woods take a thought-provoking look at censorship in the 80s, and Judith Barnett lists marine periodicals that should be provided in general public library collections, with annotations included.

Finally, the Bulletin welcomes two new members, Gaile DeStephano, and Sylvia C. Krause, to its staff. Gaile is the Business Manager for the Barrington Public Library, and will be compiling the monthly calendar. Sylvia works as Reference/Interlibrary loan/Bibliographer at the URI Library in Kingston, and will be the new Circulation Manager for the Bulletin. We wish to extend our thanks to Betsey Kesler for her excellent work in the past year, and our best regards go with her to her new place of residence, and we are delighted to have our new members aboard.



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