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## **President's Message**

SUSAN REED

**O**UR SPEAKER FOR THE RILA FALL CONFERENCE will be Diane B. Frankel. Diane is the first Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. In 1996, legislation was approved to create the Institute and to empower it to oversee federal programs of support for museums and libraries. Before being chosen for this position, she was appointed by the President to direct the Institute of Museum Services. She brings with her 20 years of experience in the museum field. Her accomplishments include working to improve school and museum partnerships, improving the Institute of Museum Services' grant applications process to ease the burden borne by museums, and implementing innovative methods to serve more museums with limited federal dollars.

Ms. Frankel will speak about her experiences setting up the new Institute and cover the area of LSTA funding. This is a perfect opportunity to find out what the federal government sees as the future of library service. She will leave time at the end of her speech for questions and concerns. I have also asked her to speak about

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## **The Champlin Foundations: Benefactor to Rhode Island Libraries**

BY CYNTHIA T. ARCHAMBAULT

**T**HE BACKGROUND OF THE CHAMPLIN FOUNDATIONS sounds exactly like a Horatio Alger story. Sometime in the 19th century, a twelve year old boy ran away from his home in Narragansett to make his way in the big city, Providence. A Dorrance Street grocer, sorry for the barefoot youngster, allowed him to sleep in the back of his store. The boy, S. B. Champlin, started working for the grocer. He was a hard worker and in time saved enough money to buy the store for himself.

"We don't know how much of the story is true," chuckled Dave King, executive director of the Foundations. "No one is alive to confirm it. But it's a great story. I hope it's true."

What is undeniably true is that S. B. Champlin expanded his holdings from a grocery store to a jeweler's shop to an industrial empire with factories including United Wire and the Dart Union Company that were scattered about the United States and Canada. The manufacturing concerns are gone now but the fortune they produced still exists and has benefited an extraordinary number of Rhode Island non-profit agencies.

The first of the three Champlin Foundation Trusts was established in 1932 by George S. Champlin and his sisters, Hope Champlin Neaves and

Florence Champlin Hamilton. Mr. Champlin died in 1980, Mrs. Neaves in 1987 and Mrs. Hamilton in 1970. They founded the second Champlin Foundation Trust in 1947 and the third in 1975. The three Champlins were entitled to the interest from these irrevocable trusts during their lifetimes. After their deaths, the interest from the principal reverted to the Champlin Foundations. The PNC Bank, Delaware is trustee for all the Foundations: it handles all the investing. The principal at this time amounts to around 420 million dollars.

The Champlin Foundations is one of the largest charitable trusts in the country and is the second largest in New England, running behind Vermont's Freeman Foundation.

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However, unlike the Freeman Foundation the primary focus of which is environmental preservation, the Champlin Foundations have a range on interests. According to their 1996 annual report, the five areas that received the most funding were education, youth and fitness, hospitals and health care, libraries and the environment.

"We like libraries," Mr. King said. "Everyone can go to them, get whatever information they need and it's free!" The Champlin Foundations have helped at letting Rhode Island libraries continue to provide free public service. Since 1980, the foundations have contributed \$24.7 million in the capital needs of the state's public libraries. Of that amount, over \$6 million went to create, upgrade and expand the CLAN system. In just 1996, \$2.1 million dollars was distributed to 46 public libraries and CLAN for equipment and books.

According to the 1996 annual report of the Champlin Foundations, grants awarded to libraries ranged from around \$4600 to over \$350,000. The Central Falls Free Public Library received \$132,000 so that they could buy land and buildings on either side of its facility. As the report states, it is most unusual when such an opportunity occurs. The Louttit Memorial Library in West Greenwich was awarded \$98,500 toward its expansion. The renovation project at the Warwick Public Library received \$300,000. Both Louttit and Warwick are representative of the generosity of the Foundations to public libraries: since 1982, the Louttit Memorial Library has been awarded \$321,000 for the major changes there and since 1981, and Warwick Public Library has received over \$753,000.

Mr. King recalled that the first of the grants made to public libraries was to the Providence Public Library when then director Annalee Bundy wanted to convert their records to MARC format, creating the foundation for today's CLAN system. Since 1980, the

Foundations have invested \$6.8 million in CLAN equipment. The following paragraph from the Champlin Foundations' information sheets on library construction and equipment grants summarizes their philosophy about libraries and their funding. (Italics are the RILA Bulletin's.)

"We are particularly interested in CLAN, and requests for equipment for CLAN members are almost automatically funded. *In its voluntary cooperative effort to make all information resources in the state available*, CLAN is exceptional. Provided there has been sufficient power at the central processing unit, and the governing body of the library has agreed to pay for operating costs, we have funded the needs of all those in Rhode Island who have applied. I believe we will continue to support the gradual growth of this system as long as CLAN doesn't become another bureaucracy."

The largest portion of the Foundations grants goes to education. In 1996, 96 public middle, junior and senior high schools received \$2,330,470 for equipment. That's an average of \$24,000 per school. A grant of particular interest to Rhode Islanders is the \$350,000 in 1996 that went to Brown University to provide scholarships for graduates of Rhode Island public high schools: this scholarship program receives their yearly support. Mr. King explained that these scholarships enable bright students form families with modest circumstances to attend Brown. Thanks to the Champlin Foundations, a couple of these recipients have received their undergraduate degrees from Brown and are now enrolled in the Brown School of Medicine. In the midst of grants for various forms of technology made in 1996 was the award of \$2500 to the rural J. Alton Jones Campus of the University of Rhode Island for a pig nursery.

While nearly all the grants are made to non-profits within Rhode Island, occasionally the Foundations

go out-of-state. In 1996, the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club was awarded \$428k000 for the purchase of the former Tupperware Park in nearby Massachusetts because the agency serves many Rhode island youngsters from the northern part of the state.

Fifteen percent of the total grants was awarded for hospitals and health care. These funds will be used for purchases such as Jaws of Life for a volunteer ambulance/rescue company to the grant of \$300,000 to Memorial Hospital for the construction of its new Primary Care facility. Open space and recreation is also an area of interest for

## PEOPLE

**Marcia DiGregorio**, Collection Development Librarian at Providence Public Library, has retired after forty-one years of service. RILA and the entire RI library community join in wishing her a happy and rewarding retirement.

**Paul Gandel** recently was named Vice-Provost of Information Services and Dean of Libraries at the University of RI. He comes to URI from Ohio University where he held a similar position.

**Frank Kellerman**, Biomedical Reference/Collection Development Librarian at Brown University, is the author of *Introduction to Health Sciences Librarianship: A Management Handbook*, recently published by Greenwood Press.

Congratulations to **Marykay Schnare**, School Media Specialist at Nathan Bishop Middle School and Rhode Island 1996 Teacher of the Year. Marykay recently received a National Milken Family Foundation Award for exemplary educators. The \$25,000 award was presented to her at a special ceremony at her school presided over by Mayor Cianci.

**Kendall F. Svengalis**, Rhode Island State Law Librarian, is the author of *Legal Information Buyer's Guide and Reference Manual 1997-1998*, published by Rhode Island Law Press.



the Foundations. They have given \$20.7 million dollars to land project projects in the state. The Nature Conservancy received \$1 million in 1996 with which to purchase land.

"This is a great job," Dave King exclaimed. "You get to give away money to groups that need it and it's not your own money!" His enthusiasm is infectious and sincere: he and the distribution committee deal with almost 600 non-profit agencies a year. Although they give away large sums of money, their request procedure is admirably brief. A one page letter describing the project, its purpose, cost and the amount requested is what the Champlin Foundations expects. "It forces people to be concise," added King. While he was not positive that Champlin Foundations was the only grantor in the country that invested so heavily in libraries, he did think it was probably one of few that did so. It is certainly hard to imagine Rhode Island public libraries without their generous support.

*(This article was written with the kind assistance of Mr. David A. King, Executive Director of the Champlin Foundations and with material provided by the Foundations.)*

## JOB SEEKING IDEAS

1. Be able to list at least one state and one national professional association on your resume (student memberships are a bargain!).
2. List some experience. If you have no library/information center/related experience, consider enrolling in an LIS Supervised Fieldwork.
3. Attend a professional conference.

*(From Kathleen de la Pena McCook, Professor and Director, School of Library & Information Service, University of South Florida)*

## Government Information on the Internet

INFORMATION FROM THE U. S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is appearing with increasing frequency on the Internet, especially on the World Wide Web. In many cases, it is the only place to locate important government information. As this trend continues, several issues need to be addressed including, what kind of skills will searchers need to possess in order to find government data? As the private sector becomes responsible for publishing more and more government reports, how does one determine the authenticity of the information? And finally, will an archival system be established to preserve this digital information? These issues are overly simplified, but do address the problems that are arising as a result of the Internet becoming a primary source of information dissemination of government documents that were previously printed on paper by the GPO. Just as Rome was not built in a day, we cannot expect solutions to these obstacles in the near future. However, strides have been taken to improve the accessibility of government information on the Internet.

Fortunately, there are many powerful search engines, subject indexes and World Wide Web pages designed to assist in finding particular government information resources. Two useful search engines are GovBot (<http://cobar.cs.umass.edu/ciirdemo/Govbot/indexl.html>) and AltaVista (<http://www.altavista.digital.com>). GovBot has gathered hundreds of thousands of web pages from U. S. Government and military sites around the country. It employs easy to use search forms and searches only WWW sites that have a .gov or .mil domain, thus increasing the relevancy and authenticity of the hits. Most Web junkies are familiar with the ease of use of AltaVista. Be sure to investigate the advanced search techniques

(through help) to limit searches to government and military sites.

Subject indexes differ from search engines because they already contain selected lists of sites based upon a subject hierarchy. Yahoo! (<http://www.yahoo.com>) and Infomine (<http://lib-www.ucr.edu>) are two such examples. Yahoo! is probably the most popular subject index on the WWW and is often a good place to start when looking for information. The section on government includes federal, state, local and international sites. But remember, it is very easy to get "lost," especially for a patron (or librarian) who really is not sure what they are looking for. Infomine is a database developed by librarians at the University of California at Riverside, containing thousands of records covering most academic disciplines, including a large section devoted to government information. It allows searching and browsing by subject, keyword or title.

Finally, there are numerous WWW Sites posted onto the Internet that are great starting points. In fact, my colleagues and I have quickly been able to locate information for several patrons just this past week because the printouts of several of the home pages for these sites have been floating around our reference desk. Browse through the following sites—they offer lots of information that may supplement your printed collection! The University of Michigan Documents Center (<http://www.lib.mich.edu/lib-home/Documents.center/>) can be a great starting place for beginners and experienced users alike. The University of California at San Diego also has a site (<http://gort.ucsd.edu/peruse/universe/intro.html>) which locates information on the "Laws of the Land" and "Statistics, Demographics and Other Useful Data." Looking for government agencies which have posted their own web page? Turn your browser to [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/dpos/agencies.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/dpos/agencies.html). Do you have a patron searching for the text of a 1942 Supreme Court case? Do you own the



U. S. Code or the CFR? Look towards the "Core Documents of U.S. Democracy" at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/dpos/coredocs.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/dpos/coredocs.html). Also try <http://www.clark.net/pub/lshank/web/govpubs.html>.

The following is a listing of other useful information that my colleagues and I have added to our bookmarks.

PublicDebt (<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/opd/opd.htm>)

Project Vote Smart (<http://www.vote-smart.org/pvs/contents.html>)

Prime Rate History (<http://www.stls.frb.org/fred/data/irates/prime>)

Government Periodicals(<http://www.louisville.edu/library/ekstrom/govpubs/periodicals/periodical.html>)

Medline (<http://www.healthgate.com/HealthGate/MEDLINE/search.shtml>) Sponsored by the NLM. Free search, abstracts only.

Consumer Information Catalog (<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov>)

— Lori A. Rose  
Warwick Public Library

## Lexis-Nexis Search Tips

**N**EED TO CONTACT A NEWSPAPER concerning a story? The Ulrichs International Periodicals Directory on the Lexis-Nexis services provides information for magazines, journals, newsletters, newspapers, and annuals published worldwide.

To find the publisher, address, and phone number of Telecomworldwire:

LIBRARY: BUSREF  
FILE: ULRICH  
ENTER: title (telecomworldwire)

To find biographical information on Lee Iacocca, try the Biographical References and Directories file.

LIBRARY: PEOPLE  
FILE: BIOS  
ENTER: name (lee w/3 iacocca)

## Legislation Search Tips

Lexis-Nexis services provides access to information like the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, the Taxpayer Relief Act and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Below are search tips to help you get the information you need quickly, economically and efficiently.

To find the President's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998:

LIBRARY: LEGIS  
FILE: BUDGET  
ENTER: fiscal year 1998

(The BUDGET file also gives you access to historical budget information back to fiscal year 1993.)

## ALA Establishes a Member-Forum Discussion List

**E**FFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, a discussion list is available to all ALA members. The purpose of the list is largely defined by the original motion:

"Resolved, that an ALA member subscription listserv be developed and mounted by ALA for the purposes of

- 1) making information about ALA issues and projects more immediately available to members,
- 2) providing members an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from officers, staff and councilors; and
- 3) facilitating member discussion of concerns and interests, and
- 4) providing a way for members to speak directly to those representing them on council about issues they would like to see ALA Council and/or their officers address." Additionally, the list will provide an avenue for ALA committee chairs and others wishing to consult with members.

List name:  
[Member-forum@ala.org](mailto:Member-forum@ala.org)

The member-forum list will be unmoderated and self-subscribing. Undeliverable addresses will be automatically deleted.

### To subscribe:

Send an email message to [listproc@ala.org](mailto:listproc@ala.org) with the following command as the first line of text in the body of the message: *subscribe member-forum < your name >*

Drop down two lines and enter your membership number.

Please enter your full name. Do not use angle brackets in entering your name or membership number. We will not verify membership numbers initially, but will work toward an automatic verification at time of subscription.

### To receive messages in digest form:

If you prefer to receive messages from Member-forum in digested form (that is, one message to you per day, which will contain all messages posted to the list in the previous 24 hours), send the following command to [listproc@ala.org](mailto:listproc@ala.org): *set member-forum mail digest*.

If, at a later time, you wish to resume receiving Member-forum mail in "real time," send the following command to [listproc@ala.org](mailto:listproc@ala.org): *set member-forum mail*.

If you have technical questions or problems subscribing, contact Rob Carlson, ALA Internet Services Coordinator, at 1-800-545-2433 x 2431 or [rcarlson@ala.org](mailto:rcarlson@ala.org).

## Regional & National Employment Resources

### Regional Employment Resources

Library Job Postings on the Internet/  
NortheastUS:<http://www.si.umich.edu/~newbeitt/newengland.html>

Maine Library Jobs <http://www.state.me.us/msl/jobjar.htm>



Massachusetts Position Vacancies  
[http://www.mlin.lib.ma.us/mp\\_vintro.htm](http://www.mlin.lib.ma.us/mp_vintro.htm)

University of Rhode Island Graduate  
School of Library and Informa-  
tion Studies <http://www.uri.edu/artsci/joblist.html>

Southern Connecticut University  
Library Science Jobline  
<http://scsu.ctstateu.edu/~jobline>

### **New England Joblines**

Connecticut Library Association  
Jobline (860)889-1200

Simmons College New England  
Jobline (617)521-2815

### **National Employment Resources**

Association of Research Libraries <http://arl.cni.org/careers/vacandy.html>

Bulletin Board for Libraries Job Vacancies  
<http://bubl.ac.uk/news/jobs>

Chronicle of Higher Education -  
Academe This Week <http://chronicle.merit.edu/ads/.links.html>

Drexel University Job Placement <http://www.cis.drexel.edu/placement/placement.html>

Indiana University School of Library  
and Information Science - Jobs in  
Library & Information Science  
<http://www-slis.lib.indiana.edu/Profession/JobPlacementBulletin/jobpage.htm>

Libjobs Web Site (IFLA! <http://www.nlc-bnc.ifa/11/lists/libjobs.htm>

Library Job Hunting <http://tigger.cc.uic.edu/~aerobin/libjob.html>

Library Journal Digital's Job Listing  
<http://www.ljdigital.com/job.htm>

Library of Congress Job Opportunities  
[gopher://marvel.loc.gov/11/employee/employ](http://gopher://marvel.loc.gov/11/employee/employ)

Reforma Employment <http://latino.ssc-net.ucla.edu/library/reforma/refoempl.htm>

Special Library Association (Members  
only) <http://www.sla.org/professional>

University of Michigan - School of  
Information Placement Bulletin  
<http://www.si.umich.edu/hp/pb>

### **Library Listservs**

Listsrv: libjob - Subscribe:  
[listproc@firefly.prairienet.org](mailto:listproc@firefly.prairienet.org)

Listsrv: libref-1 - Subscribe:  
[listserv@kentvm.kent.edu](mailto:listserv@kentvm.kent.edu)  
*Listsrv geared toward reference services*

Listsrv: Melibs-1 - Subscribe:  
[listserv@maine.maine.edu](mailto:listserv@maine.maine.edu)  
*Library listsrv for Maine*

Listsrv: publib-net - Subscribe:  
[listserv@nysernet.org](mailto:listserv@nysernet.org)  
*Deals primarily with issues affecting public libraries*

Listsrv: pubyac - Subscribe:  
[listserv@lis.pitt.edu](mailto:listserv@lis.pitt.edu)  
*Focuses on young adult services*

Listsrv: sla-boston - Subscribe:  
[listserv@babson.edu](mailto:listserv@babson.edu)  
*Listsrv for the Boston Chapter of the Special Libraries Association*

Listsrv: slaite-1 - Subscribe:  
[listserv@babson.ledu](mailto:listserv@babson.ledu)  
*Special Libraries Association Information Technology Division Listsrv*

Listsrv: sts-1 - Subscribe:  
[listserv@utkvml.etk.edu](mailto:listserv@utkvml.etk.edu)  
*Science and Technology Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries*

### **RILA FALL CONFERENCE**

**T**HE RILA FALL CONFERENCE will be held on Monday, November 3, at the Barrington Public Library. The speaker will be Diane Frankel, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The tentative schedule for the day is: 9 a.m. registration; Director Frankel, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; RILA Business Meeting, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Lunch, 12:15 p.m.

## **Rhode Island Libraries Celebrate Successful Legislative Initiative**

(from *New England Public Libraries*, Vol. 20, No. 5, September 1997)

**R**HODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES are celebrating a successful legislative initiative for this year. The 1998 state budget contains increases in two library grant categories, for a combined total increase of just over a million dollars.

The increase comes as the result of hard work and efforts of the entire statewide library community, spearheaded by Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) Government Relations co-chairs David Macksam, director of the Cranston Public Library, and Dale Thompson, director of the Providence Public Library.

In 1989 the Rhode Island legislature passed an ambitious bill establishing a new library funding formula whose goal was for state funding to equal 15 percent of the second previous year's local funding by the year 2000. 1998 is the first year that the funding formula has kicked in, and, although there's a long way to go before the 25 percent standard is reached, according to Rhode Island Library Association President Susan Reed, library officials are committed to working just as hard in the next few years.

## **Reference Round Table**

**"The Virtual Reference Collection: Best WWW Sites"**

**T**HE NEXT MEETING of the Reference Round Table will be held on November 13, 1997, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the East Greenwich Public Library, 82 Peirce Street, East Greenwich (884-9511).

At this meeting, Robert Balliot, Information Services Librarian at the



East Greenwich Free Library, will offer a presentation on web site evaluation, best web sites by subject area, user interface satisfaction, and the virtual reference collection as it affects purchase decisions. He also will be sharing his thoughts on the technical/philosophical aspects of digital information.

If you wish to visit the East Greenwich Free Library home page in preparation for this meeting, check it out at: <[www.ultranet.com/~egrlib/](http://www.ultranet.com/~egrlib/)>.

*Directions:* The library is located at 82 Peirce Street, across the street from St. Luke's Church and the Town Hall. From Providence, take I95 South to Route 4 and then the first exit (Division Street) off Route 4. Bear right off the exit and continue on Division Street, bearing left at the fork in the road. Peirce Street will be on your right. The library is one block up the road. On-street parking is available in the vicinity of the library.

## **The Redwood Library and Athenæum**

### **A Brief Description**

THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY was established in 1747 by Abraham Redwood and a group of his friends and associates. One of the country's earliest "public" libraries – open, though not "free," to the general public – Redwood is the oldest surviving lending library in the country.

The Redwood remains a "membership library" supported by Proprietors, who own shares and pay an annual assessment, and Subscribers, who pay fees. The Library's name was changed in 1833 to The Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum to reflect its ever expanding role as an educational institution.

The Library is open without charge to qualified scholars and

researchers and to those making occasional use of the collections. The changing exhibitions, drawn primarily from the Library's collections, are open free to the public.

The original Library building, which faces Bellevue Avenue, is the oldest library building in the United States and is still in use. Constructed between 1748 and 1750, the building, which incorporates the first classic portico in America, was designed by Peter Harrison, who is considered America's first architect. It is regarded by architectural historians as one of the most significant surviving public buildings from the Colonial period.

The Library grounds are also noteworthy. John Russell Pope designed the present garden in the mid-1930s, incorporating two important eighteenth-century elements: the ornamental iron gates brought from London in 1731 by Abraham Redwood for his town house and the 1766 Summer House (attributed to Peter Harrison) which had been moved to the Library grounds in 1917 from Redwood's country house.

Redwood's book collections number more than 155,000 volumes, with major strengths in the arts and humanities, especially literature, history, and the fine and decorative arts. About 75 percent of the Library's book collection circulates, along with its more than 200 periodicals and 2,500 music recordings and books on tape. The reference and special collections do not circulate.

The Library's special collections include the Original Collection purchased in England in 1749, of which about 90 percent of its approximate 750 titles survive either in the original volumes or in replacement volumes (a number having disappeared when the Library was used as a British officers' club during the Revolution); the Cary Collection, which emphasizes eighteenth-century English furniture, interior design, and decoration and is

one of the best collections of its kind in the world; the Calvert, Greenvale and Perry libraries; a collection of pre-1801 imprints, including the earliest surviving *incunabulum* (a Venetian Bible of 1487) in an American library; the Redwood archives; a small but fine collection of prints, drawings, and photographs; and a collection of documents and printed material relating to Newport and Rhode Island.

The Library also owns a well-known painting collection consisting primarily of eighteenth and nineteenth-century portraits, among them an important group of works by Gilbert Stuart along with a small sculpture collection. Several outstanding examples of eighteenth-century Newport furniture by members of the Goddard and Townsend families and a rare William Claggett clock are included in the Library's decorative arts collection.

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### **President's Message**

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grants for model cooperative programs between museums and libraries. If you have a museum in your community, please ask the museum director to attend. If the director is a member of another R.I. library organization, they can attend at member rates. Coffee and Registration is 9 to 9:30; Diane Frankel will speak from 9:30 to 11:00; the annual business meeting will be held at 11:15; and lunch will follow. Call Paul Martin at 725-3714 to register.

The response to our survey was exceptional. I thank everyone who took the time to fill it out and send it in. In the near future the RILA Bulletin will have more information on the results of the survey.

**The Elizabeth Futas Catalyst For Change Award**  
**1998 APPLICATION FORM**  
**ALA Awards Program**

**T**HE FUTAS CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARD recognizes and honors a librarian who invests time and talent to make positive changes in the profession of librarianship by:

- taking risks to further the cause;
- helping new librarians grow and achieve
- working for change within ALA or other library organizations;
- inspiring colleagues to excel or make the impossible possible.

**AWARD:** \$1,000 from Elizabeth Futas Memorial Fund and Citation.

To nominate someone, please complete the form below and send **SIX COPIES** of the application form and **SIX COPIES** of supporting documentation to the Jury's Chair:

Elizabeth Curry  
SEFLIN  
100 South Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
fax 954-357-6998; currye@pb.seflin.org

**1998 APPLICATION FORM**

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NAME (of person nominated)

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INSTITUTION

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STREET ADDRESS (Institution)

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NAME (nominated by)

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SIGNATURE



## Editor's Notebook

**W**ELCOME TO THE FALL ISSUE of the Rhode Island Library Association Bulletin. It is an interesting time of year, with several events coming up that we hope will be of interest to you.

The first, and most important, is the increased funding provided by the State Legislature and Governor in the new state budget. The increased funding has come about from the work of members of our State Association and of the Coalition of Library Advocates. Further details are inside this issue.

The second event is the RILA Fall Conference. We hope that you will join us on November 3, 1997, at the Barrington Public Library. The featured speaker will be Diane Frankel, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Conference will begin with Registration at 9 a.m., and conclude with lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The third event of note is a Retirement party for Dr. Fay Zipkowitz. After many years of service to the library community, from the Library of Congress, to Rhode Island DSLs, to the URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Fay has decided to limit her teaching level to adjunct status at URI. For many librarians, her Cataloging course introduced us to the library world. She graciously shared her knowledge and experience with us. The party will be held at the University Club (Upper College Road, Kingston), Friday, November 7th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Finally, we need to be aware of the next meeting of the Reference Round Table. Robert Balliot will host this meeting at the East Greenwich Public Library, with a presentation entitled "The Virtual Reference Collection: Best WWW Sites." Round Table will meet on November 13th. (See page 5.)

Enjoy the Fall Season, for the leaves will soon be covered with snow.

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