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PNBC INTERLIBRARY LOAN OPERATIONS FOLD: NORTHWEST LIBRARIES CARRY ON

The Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center (PNBC), upon which BSU had relied heavily for years for bibliographic searching and routing of interlibrary loan requests, closed down its interlibrary loan operations June 30th. The decline of the regional resource sharing service was eventually inevitable, given the growth of bibliographic utilities like WLN, but the fact that only two of the member states could assure continued financial support for PNBC hastened its demise.

As a result, libraries in the Northwest are left, at least temporarily, without established protocols for resource sharing; interlibrary loan codes and agreements have been rendered inoperative overnight; and there is considerable confusion as to what the relationships of the regional libraries should be. At least one Idaho library, (ISU), has announced that it is considering charging other libraries each time they submit an interlibrary loan request.

The University of Washington Library is trying to take up some of the slack by establishing a Resource Sharing Program, headed by former PNBC Director Bill DeJohn, assisted by four of his former staffers. The PNBC Union catalog, which lists thousands of pre-WLN Northwest library holdings, is being transferred to U. of W. as of July 1, after which their newly-established unit hopes to make available some of the services PNBC once offered, but on a cost-recovery basis. Document delivery (of items available at U. of W.) will be \$5 per item; provision of bibliographic locations (determined through the Union Cat, WLN, OCLC, and NUC) will cost \$3 per request.

A new dimension has been added by the offer of rush service for a price -- \$5 for a 48-hour report; \$10 for a 24 hour report (which could consist of simply the news that U. of W. does not own). In addition, bibliographic verification for requests the borrowing library is unable to verify, or for which incorrect or incomplete information is provided, will be \$7.50, and there are extra charges for copying beyond 20 pages. The Idaho State Library has indicated that it will be able to pay for part of these

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# Fallacies of Librarianship

A British librarian of many talents and much experience has devised the following list of erroneous but commonly-held beliefs maintained by some library professionals. The list has recently been published by New Library World, a London publication.

- 1. Users can find their own way around a library.
- 2. Users are completely helpless at all stages of library use.
  - 3. Gift books are free.
- Cooperation between libraries, of whatever kind, saves money.
- 5. Holdings are more important than service.
- 6. The case for well-funded libraries is self-apparent.
- 7. A library that receives no complaints is a good library.
- 8. Library education is a useful preparation for library practice.
- 9. A research library should give the unknown needs of the future priority over the known needs of the present.
  - 10. The catalog is the key to the library.
- 11. Interlibrary borrowing is expensive.
- 12. Interlibrary borrowing is a cheap substitute for acquisition.
- 13. Interlibrary borrowing is no substitute for acquisition.
- 14. The distance between a lending and a borrowing library affects the speed of supply.
- 15. It is possible to devise a classification scheme that organizes knowledge in a coherent, useful, and intelligible way that is and will remain acceptable.
- Existing classification schemes can be improved by local modifications.
- 17. No system devised for one library can be adopted by any other library.
- 18. A love of books is a useful prerequisite for a librarian.
- 19. All that is needed to improve a library service is more money and more staff.
- 20. A library building that wins a prize for architecture is functional.
- If CGRL News readers wish to add further fallacies to the list, or if something has been included which perhaps should not have been, write George M. Eberhart, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

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expenses with LSCA funds, but it now seems apparent that some charges will have to be passed on to individual borrowers.

Aside from the added costs, the major anticipated change for BSU will be loss of PNBC's referral service, which automatically routed our requests to libraries that owned them. Two transmissions will now be required to effect what one once could, and even with Electronic Mail, this will slow down the process considerably, in addition to eating up more staff time. Reference librarians are presently making every effort to convey to patrons the fact that requests will now be slower in arriving, which will come as unwelcome news, particularly to those undergraduates who rely on ILL for term paper material. Until the new operations have an opportunity to get established, we are advising people to allow at least two months for requests to arrive, so that those submitted at the beginning of the fiscal year should not be anticipated before Labor Day.

#### PATTI McDAID'S GREEN MACHINE

The shiny new machine sitting behind Patti McDaid's desk for the past two months has been eliciting much curiosity: it looks like a large green can opener, covered with Japanese graffiti. But Serials has not (yet) opened a soup and saki kitchen for underemployed librarians. The green machine is a Togic Drill Binder, and the serials staff has much nobler aspirations for its future at BSU.

Togic is manufactured in Tokyo, but distributed by BrO-Dart, which unimaginatively refers to it as the "810." It is a two-part machine that produces an inexpensive reversable binding for periodicals. One part lines up the issues, together with pre-cut covers (available in a dozen sizes to accommodate everything from heavy reading --  $11" \times 14"$  -- to mini-magazines --  $5" \times 7"$ ). The other part drills holes, allowing for insertion of plastic pins, which are then melted on one end and formed into semi-permanent posts.

The result is a binding that does not deface the issues, nor stitch them together so tightly the reader needs weight training to hold the covers apart, as many home-binding operations do. In addition to flexibility and durability, the "810" binding promises adaptability: the plastic pins can be snipped and new ones inserted to accommodate more issues as they become available, making it ideal for use on incomplete volumes. If the volumes become complete with subsequent additions, they can be sent to a professional binder for permanent binding.

Right now Serials is in the process of Togic-binding as many incomplete volumes from the Serials stacks as time permits. Over 30 volumes have been rescued thus far. Having the incomplete volumes bound makes them easier for circulation staff and patrons to handle, and keeps issues together preventing more dispersal while the missing issues are sought. Jill Collins estimates that the \$1200 machine will more than pay for itself in the near future.

Patti McDaid has become very proficient at Togic. When a student assistant becomes available, s/he will be trained to use Togic, and hopefully turn out many Togicked volumes. (Training time is considerable, but once mastered, the machine can process one pre-collated volume every 2-3 minutes).

Togic has been in use at UC Davis, Gonzaga, and Carroll College for some time. Despite a few technical bugs, the serials staff at BSU are very happy with their green machine. Jill sees it as an integral part of a process that will enable them to establish an accurate serials holdings record and make the serials collection, already heavily used, even more responsive to the needs of the university community.

#### BAG IT!

Safeway markets, in cooperation with ALA and other library organizations is advertising a "Call Your Library" program. On each shopping bag provided by Safeway is a bold red statement "HAVE A QUESTION?" This is followed by five sample questions that your library can answer. The questions are separated by a picture of a telephone and the concluding statement is "CALL YOUR LIBRARY." The questions are: Why did Napoleon put his hand in his vest? What is Arachibutyrophobia? According to Al Capone's business card, what was his occupation? When was the fourth down added to American football? Where does the term "sirloin" come from? For the answers "Call Your Library" or shop at Safeway.

#### Idaho Benefits - A Real Benefit

An early April article in the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> headed "Louisiana's Deferred-Pay Plan is a Mess, Angering Workers, Endangering Politicians" caused ripples all the way to Idaho. Louisiana's plan, one of the oldest of 40 now in existance, was managed by an outside company that "was more intent on collecting commissions than on making sound investments," according to Louisiana officials quoted by the <u>Journal</u>. Could the Louisiana experience be repeated in Idaho asked G. J. Neumayer, Chief of Administration, Transportation Department. NO, replied Steve Swadley of the Department of Administration's Division of Insurance Management in a seven page single spaced letter. This letter, the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> article and Neumayer's inquiry are available for loan from the Administrative Offices. It is our opinion that Mr. Swadley's response is well worth the attention of participants in Idaho Benefits.

### Yes, Virginia, the library does have rock music!

Do you prefer Neil Diamond to Caruso? Barbara Streisand to Roberta Peters? the Cars to the Julliard Quartet? rock to Bach? If so, you will find samples of your preferences in the CRC's small popular listening record collection.

These albums have been donated by friends and frequent users whose preferences are the same as yours. They are not cataloged but an album and performer index is available at the CRC desk. Since the records are seldom new and have been played many times before we get them, their life span is somewhat in doubt. Those students who find our listening facilities on their own, or come in with a friend, become regular patrons. Studying to music is a way of life for them and they seem to appreciate the use of our turntables and headphones.

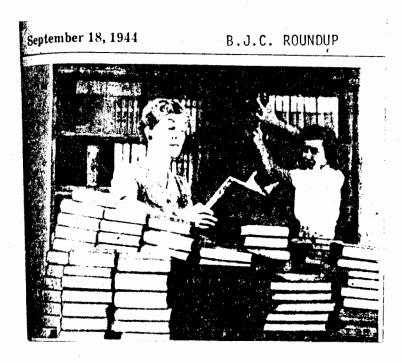
We have learned that the popular music record collection is a viable addition to the CRC's services. Should any of you need a place to put your cast-off albums, please keep us in mind.

#### Serial Title Changes

- 1) ADA WEEKLY BUSINESS REPORTER changed to IDAHO WEEKLY BUSINESS REPORTER with vol. 1#34 (June 14, 1982).
- 2) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING JOURNAL changed to E.L.T. JOURNAL with vol. 36, October, 1981.
- HOSPITAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT changed to HEALTHCARE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT with vol. 36#6, June 1982.
- 4) JOURNAL OF INORGANIC AND NUCLEAR CHEMISTRY. This title merged with Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry Letters (no holdings) in 1982 to form POLYHEDRON. The volume numbering begins with vol. 1.
- 5) JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION changed to JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND PROGRAM with vol. 78#4, June 1981.
- 6) LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LINGUISTICS: ABSTRACTS (ref) changed to LANGUAGE TEACH-ING with vol. 15, 1982.
- 7) SOLAR ENGINEERING MAGAZINE changed to SOLAR ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING in 1982. Vol. numbering begins again with vol. 1.
- 8) WORKING PAPERS FOR A NEW SOCIETY changed to WORKING PAPERS MAGAZINE with vol. 8#4, July, 1981.

From Cleo's Notebook

Do you know who the lovely young lady on the right is? Look again. It's Gloria Elder Miller and she was helping Mrs. Mary Bradford process the Rockwell Collection, a gift of 1,500 volumes to Boise Junior College. Gloria Miller is well known to us, but did you know that Mrs. Bradford is Rachel Terry's aunt?



Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all.

Henry David Thoreau

#### NEWS NOTES

The base COM scheduled for July 9th has been postponed until late August. It will not arrive until after the Fall semester has been in session for several weeks. At this point no firm decision has been made as to the number of supplements that will be run in '82-'83 ... Newly elected members of the Social Committee are Lois Bair (Circ), Betty Brown (Cat), Kathy Fennell (Mono), Nancy Rosenheim (CRC), and Betty Metkin (EMS) .... From CONSERVATIONEWS we learn that many self-duplicating business forms were impregnated with PCB which is believed to be a carcinogen. The use of PCB in newly manufactured forms has been forbidden by order of the federal government but no one knows how many billions are in desks and archives around the world. The article warns persons using such forms from licking their fingers .... There will be only two issues of the "Newsletter" this summer. The next issue will be out in late August .... The inauguration of Basic Library Skills II has been postponed until Spring Semester .... Koa Bostwick became the newest staff member on June 21, 1982. Koa is a Clerical Specialist in the Monographs Department; for the last two years she held a similar position in the SUB. Koa will start immediately on the backlog of supply requests -Roneo orders will have to wait a little longer!

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A Tenth Century Riddle: An enemy ended my life, deprived me of my physical strength: then he dipped me in water and drew me out again, and put me in the sun, where I soon shed all my hair. After that, the knife's sharp edge bit into me and all my blemishes were scraped away; fingers folded me and the bird's feather often moved over my brown surface, sprinkling meaningful marks; it swallowed more wood-dye and again travelled over me leaving black tracks. Then a man bound me, stretched skin over me and adorned me with gold; thus I am enriched by the wondrous work of smiths, wound about with shining metal.

What is being described? The answer will be in the August issue.

He ate and drank the precious words, His spirit grew robust; He knew no more that he was poor, Nor that his frame was dust. He danced along the dingy days, And this bequest of wings Was but a book. What liberty a loosened spirit brings!