

# library newsletter

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Sun Valley in late April 1982...a few last minute skiers taking advantage of the unusually heavy snow-pack and several hundred librarians, trustees, exhibitors and friends gathered together to recharge after a long winter.

Idaho (or Sun Valley) attracted a number of luminaries who instructed and enlightened us with their expertise. There was Michael Gorman of the University of Illinois and a joint editor of AACR2 who shared his intimate knowledge of the new cataloging rules. There was Dr. James Jacobs of BYU who served on the Caldicott Award committee and who took us step by step through the selection process (on the last weekend the committee is literally locked in its room until a selection is made). The feature attraction was a panel on "Intellectual Freedom and Censorship in Idaho's Libraries," with Michael Ferris of the Washington (State) Moral Majority on one side and Eli Oboler of ISU, Judith Krug of ALA and Jessica Mitford, unaffiliated, on the other side. A controversial subject conducted in a controversial manner with controversial results. Oboler, the moderator, did more than moderate. Ferris often tripped over his own statements. Krug came on strong and perhaps strident. Mitford, from whom much was expected, had little to say--preferring to respond to audience questions. Time ran out before the audience came to grips with the issue and we dutifully trooped to small group discussions with Krug, Mitford and Oboler. Ferris was last seen hightailing it back to Washington with derision ringing in his ears.

Ms. Mitford was the after dinner speaker on Friday and she earned her keep with a rousing rehearsal of the trials she has experienced as a result of writing some of her muckraking books. By the way, she defined muckraker and declared the appellation fitting. No doubt Mitford's sense of humor, aptly demonstrated at dinner, has helped her successfully challenge her detractors.

At the WLN user's meeting Bruce Berwick discussed changes in WLN's organization, recent activities promoting the system and the status of enhancements to the system. Bruce's report was optimistic and encouraging in an era where pessimism reigns.

Not all of the meetings involved imported talent. Roger McPheeters of Ricks gave a number of Reference workshops; Diane Broon of The Book Shop dealt with "What's New in Young Adult Literature;" Gary Bettis, ISL, and Mike Herman, Region Three, worked with the trustees; and many others gave time and talent to sundry programs (and after hours "discussions").

All-in-all it was a successful conference, or so it seemed from comments overheard. The cost was reasonable since off-season room rates were 56% of in-season rates. Banquet meals were more than adequate and while not cheap the prices compared favorably to meal prices paid at ALA or PNLA meetings.

## SERIALS TITLE CHANGES

The following serials have changed titles. All changes are now shelved under the new title rather than separately by title as in the past.

JOURNAL OF LIBRARY AUTOMATION changed to INFORMATION AND LIBRARIES with 1982. Volume numbering has begun over again.  
Subject - Library Science

CREDIT UNION YEARBOOK changed to CREDIT UNION REPORT this year. This is a standing order - not a journal. Subject - Management & Finance

## NEW EQUIPMENT

The Periodical section has received a new Minolta RP405E reader/printer. This addition should help relieve periodic crowding of the reader/printer facilities. The Serials section has received a new 810 Binding System from Brodart. The 810 is an inexpensive, fast and reversible method of binding periodicals. It uses an ordinary drill to make holes in the volume to be bound and plastic tacks that are applied by heat to hold the volumes together. The 810 is being used at U.C. Davis, Carroll College, Gonzaga and other Western institutions to the apparent satisfaction of most users. It will be particularly useful in binding incomplete and low use volumes.

## PNBC

PNBC will expire on June 30 after which the University of Washington Library will assume some of its services - for a fee. The latest word from PNBC director Bill DeJohn is that he and four of his staff will transfer to the UW Library on July 1. DeJohn will "set up the new unit and see that it is functioning effectively..." Information on the scope of services to be offered and the fees to be charged should be available for distribution in early June.

## NEWS NOTES

Richard (Dick) Rapp, Director of Career & Financial Services is on the Parking Committee. Anyone with complaints or suggestions should send them to him . . . . WLN is seeking a new terminal supplier when its contract with Hazeltine expires. Service on the machines presently in use by WLN members will be guaranteed for five years. According to Gloria Ostrander, who is a member of the WLN Terminal Selection Advisory Committee, the current Hazeltine terminals "are considered antiques." At the Committee meeting Gloria learned that WLN hopes to have its interlibrary loan subsystem ready in approximately nine months and that it is in good financial health. That's good news . . . . On July 1 Dave Crane will become the library faculty representative on the Social Committee. Dave and Adrien are feverishly working on a plan for the smooth transfer of the reins of office. The editors regret our inability to reproduce Dave's acceptance speech on these pages . . . . Beverly Miller has been reelected to the Vice-Presidency of the local AFT chapter . . . . Leslie Pass has been elected to the Senate of the Association of Classified Employees and is serving as a BSU representative to the Idaho Public Employees Association (IPEA) . . . . The Faculty Senate voted to change Basic Library Skills LS102

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to LS102, Basic Library Skills I, and add LS103, Basic Library Skills II to the Library Science curriculum . . . . . Of the 103 books put out on display for Ground Zero Day 65 were checked out by the end of the week. (Who says youth doesn't want to know?).

## ANSWERS TO SUGGESTIONS

The suggestion box at the Circulation desk is used by students for a variety of purposes, some of which express valid criticism of the Library and its environment. From time to time we will share pertinent suggestions and the Library's responses to them with you. It is not hard to believe that the most common criticism concerns the temperature in the building. Its too hot or its too cold. We have devised form letters to respond to these complaints but would prefer to be able to correct the condition that elicits them. Other suggestions are to extend the hours, hire more help, control talking and excessive noise in study areas and allow coffee in the building. All of these suggestions were received in the last two years. What can we expect next year when budget cuts will no doubt further impact our service levels?

The best "suggestion" of the year was an anonymous one which said "No suggestion. This is a nice Library. Thank you." And thanks to all of you who help make it a nice library.

## FROM CLEO's NOTEBOOK

The following report is from the BJC Roundup of June 1, 1937.

### Max's Hygiene Class Visits State Pen

The inmates of the Idaho state Penitentiary were entertained at their home by Max Elden's hygiene class last week. One of the highlights of the visit was an inspection of the prisoners cells.

Many of the visiting boys had to be reprimanded for making faces and teasing the men behind bars. Such goings-on might have surely started a riot. The prisoners seem to resent their being behind bars and feel very self-conscious of their position. The men's dining hall and yards were also visited.

A fish pool has been placed in the exact vicinity formerly occupied by the gallows. No one could see the reason for this change unless drowning has replaced hanging for capital punishment.

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