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Telecommunications discounts will benefit libraries, schools

Significant discounts on a wide range of telecommunications services were established for the nation's libraries and schools by a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruling passed unanimously May 7. The new rules mandate rate reductions ranging from 20 to 90 percent. Schools and libraries in rural, high-cost, and low-income communities will be eligible for the largest discount.

To make rate reductions possible, the FCC has created a Universal Service Fund to which telecommunications providers will be required to contribute up to a maximum of \$2.25 billion annually. Money from the fund will be available beginning January 1, 1998, to offset telecommunications costs. The full text of the FCC ruling is available at http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/fcc97157/. Additional information can be found at <http://www.ala.org/oitp/univserv.html>.

Libraries and schools were made eligible for lower telecommunications rates and support from the Universal Service Fund (USF) with passage of the Snow-Rockefeller Amendment to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. They will have to apply to the USF administrator in order to receive discounts, which will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. At *Channel* press time, no forms had been developed or application dates set.

State Superintendent John Benson sent two letters to the FCC while its members were soliciting public input into development of the universal service rules. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) staff also created an FCC-recognized World Wide Web site describing the act and universal service provisions at http://www.state.wi.us/agencies/dpi/www/telecom_act.html. DPI automation consultant Bob Bocher will post information about application forms and deadlines on this web site and on school and library listservs as it is made available. ■■



Photos by Jane Roeber

Librarians arriving at the registration desk for Youth Services Librarians' Day at Old World Wisconsin (above) look over handouts and programs. Below, an attendee examines reproductions of historic games.

Youth librarians zap into the past at rural historic site



About 170 of the state's youth services librarians traveled cheerfully into the long ago at Old World Wisconsin on May 8, according to Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Summer Library Program coordinator Jane Roeber. They were attending the SLP kickoff celebration based on Wisconsin's 1997 "Zap into the Past" theme.

DPI personnel planned the daylong event in cooperation with Old World Wisconsin staff. Its purpose was to help youth librarians gather historical

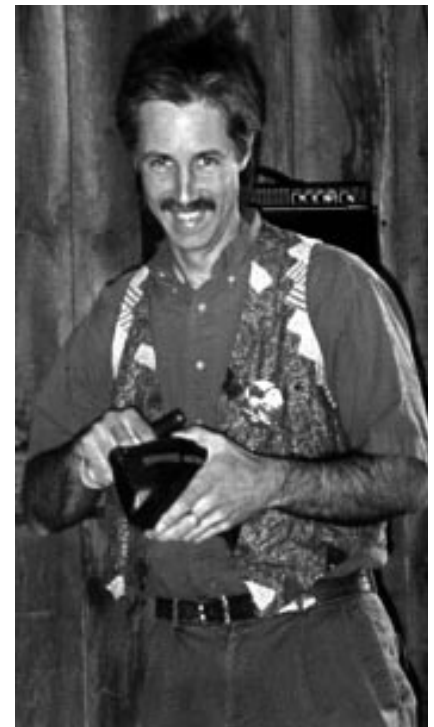
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SLP Hotline

Youth Librarians (cont.)



Youth librarians (clockwise from bottom left) try out old-fashioned toys, ride the OWW train, and sing songs with performer Stuart Stotts (right).



impressions and information they could use to enhance their own summer programs at local libraries around the state.

Owned and operated by the State Historical Society, Old World Wisconsin is an outdoor museum of immigrant farm and village life located in the southern unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest near Eagle. Visiting librarians explored the more than 575 acres via motorized trams and on foot, touring an

ethnic crossroads village and farmsteads reflecting German, Polish, and Scandinavian traditions. Interpreters in appropriate clothing were at each site, performing tasks commonly done by Wisconsin's rural residents in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Youth librarians also had opportunities to try out old-fashioned games and to shop for authentic historical toys and crafts at the Old World Wisconsin museum store in

the Ramsey Barn. Lunch was catered in the loft of the Clausing Barn, an octagonal space with a soaring, 60-foot ceiling.

The afternoon program in the Clausing Barn featured storyteller/musician Stuart Stotts. He taught attendees a number of songs and shared his insights about collecting and telling stories. Stotts also suggested ways to use family stories to help children gain an appreciation for and understanding of history. ■■

CYA Frequencies

Libraries can help with sesquicentennial projects

Celebrating Everyday Life in Wisconsin History is a resource kit that is part of a sesquicentennial project being carried out by the Office of School Services at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (SHSW). The 150th anniversary of Wisconsin statehood will be celebrated in 1998. One of the key objectives of the SHSW project is to establish or reinforce linkages between classrooms and community resources such as public libraries, local historical societies and museums, and community members.

Fourth-grade teachers are the primary audience for the resource kit. They can use it to design and put on local history exhibits with

their students during the 1997-98 school year. The kit's creators realize, however, that teachers and students doing such projects are likely to turn to their local public library for materials, guidance, and referrals. To let library staff know the kinds of help that may be requested, the Office of School Services distributed a copy of the kit to every Wisconsin public library in mid-May when the kits were sent to the state's public and private school libraries.

Both youth and adult services staff in public libraries may want to become familiar with the content of *Celebrating Everyday Life in Wisconsin History*. Its major component is a 52-page guide for creating classroom exhibits. Among accompanying inserts are the "Wisconsin Council for Local History 1997 Roster" and "Wisconsin Heritage Traveler" and a

piece entitled "Regional Resources: Regional Archaeology Program, Private Preservation Groups, Local Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commissions, and Area Research Center Network."

Although produced as a sesquicentennial project, *Celebrating Everyday Life in Wisconsin History* could continue to be useful after 1998. Classroom teachers may want to adopt its approach to teaching Wisconsin history. Home schooling parents might find the suggested activities valuable. Community groups could use information and ideas offered to shape various projects during 1998 and thereafter.

Questions about the kit should be directed to the Office of School Services, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706. Or call (608) 264-6579. ■

Children's book awards announced

These winners of 1997 children's book awards and other honors were announced at the February American Library Association (ALA) midwinter conference in Washington, DC. Unless otherwise noted, all materials were published in 1996. Publishers are listed in parentheses.

Newbery Award (outstanding writing)
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg (Atheneum)

Newbery Honor Books
A Girl Named Disaster by Nancy Farmer (Orchard)
Moorchild by Eloise McGraw (Simon & Schuster)
The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner (Greenwillow)
Belle Prater's Boy by Ruth White (Farrar Straus Giroux)

Caldecott Award (outstanding illustration)
Golem, written and illustrated by David Wisniewski (Clarion)

Caldecott Honor Books
Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho, illustrated by Holly Meade (Orchard)
The Graphic Alphabet, edited by Neal Porter, illustrated by David Pelletier (Orchard)

The Paperboy, illustrated by Dave Pilkey (Orchard)
Starry Messenger, written and illustrated by Peter Sis (Farrar Straus Giroux)

Coretta Scott King Award (African-American author)
Slam! by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic)

Honor Book
Rebels Against Slavery: American Slave Revolts by Patricia C. McKissack and Frederick L. McKissack (Scholastic)

Coretta Scott King Award (African-American illustrator)
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney (Dial)

Honor Books
The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children, edited by Davida Adedjouma, illustrated by Gregory Christie (Lee and Low)
Running the Road to ABC by Deniz Lautur , illustrated by Reynold Ruffins (Simon & Schuster)
Neeny Coming, Neeny Going by Karen English, illustrated by Synthia Saint James (Bridgewater)

Carnegie Medal for Children's Video
NotesAlive! On the Day You Were Born, Tacy Mangan (What a Gal Productions, Minneapolis), based on the book *On the Day You Were Born* by Debra Frasier

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School Media News

School libraries suffer most from North Dakota floods

"It would appear that school libraries in North Dakota have been hardest hit by recent flooding," North Dakota Library Association president Lillian Sorenson wrote to the American Library Association in early May. While University of North Dakota libraries and various public libraries around the state had reported minimal damage by May 5, Grand Forks Public Schools confirmed that there were at least four heavily damaged schools which, for all intents and purposes, had lost everything.

Plans are underway to lend both personal and other types of assistance to librarians in the Grand Forks area, Sorenson indicated. The most immediate need is for money to replace items. A source has been located to match up to 75 percent of funds donated to Grand Forks

Foundation for Education, Attn: Sandy Glas, Director, P.O. Box 6000, Grand Forks ND 58201. The value of destroyed books alone is estimated at from \$3 to 5 million. This does not include losses of personal libraries and materials in all classrooms flooded.

Contributions of materials are welcome as well. The state's reading council network is routing donations to a central depository and coordinating an effort to adopt schools and "shower" teachers with books, teaching supplies, and other items. The plan is to time distribution to "flood" the Grand Forks area in early August. While final details are still to be determined, those wishing to donate books may notify International Reading Association (IRA) state coordinator, Joyce Hinman, 400 Avenue E East, Bismarck ND 58501; (701) 221-3771, extension 147, fax (701) 221-3711, or joyce_hinman@mail.lmo.bismarck.k12.nd.us.

In addition, Sorenson has received many phone calls and offers of assistance for all affected North Dakota libraries and is coordinating support efforts. She is forwarding any offers of funds or contributions toward collection replacement to libraries that already have indicated their needs and to other libraries as she receives information.

"Another need, given the length of time various libraries have been forced to stay closed, will be of the 'librarian-type expertise' and elbow grease variety," Sorenson said. Mail must be sorted and opened, periodicals checked in, and so on. She is compiling a roster of librarian-volunteers to travel to libraries as needed to help with this type of recovery effort. Potential volunteers are asked to respond directly to Sorenson at Dickinson State University, Stoxen Library, Dickinson, North Dakota 58601; (701) 227-2561, lillian_sorenson@eagle.dsu.nodak.edu.

Children's Book Awards (cont.)

Mildred L. Batchelder Award (to publisher for outstanding translated book)

The Friends by Kazumi Yumoto, translated from the Japanese by Cathy Hirano (Farrar Straus Giroux)

Margaret A. Edwards Award (outstanding writer for young adults)

Gary Paulsen for *Canyons* (Delacorte, 1990), *Woodsong* (Macmillan, 1990), *Winter Room* (Orchard, 1989), *The Crossing* (Orchard, 1987), *Hatchet* (Bradbury, 1987), and *Dancing Carl* (Bradbury, 1983)

1998 May Hill Arbuthnot Lecturer (outstanding children's literature author, editor, critic, librarian, historian, or teacher)

Susan Hirschman, senior vice president of William Morrow Company and editor-in-chief of Greenwillow Books, New York (lecture date and location to be announced at ALA annual conference this summer)

Complete retrospective lists of Newbery, Caldecott, Batchelder, and Coretta Scott King Award books, with information about each award, are available from the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) in Madison. Also available are the 1997 ALA Association for Library Service to Children's (ALSC) list of Notable Children's Books and the ALA Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) lists of Best Books for Young Adults and Best Books for Reluctant Young Adult Readers.

To receive them, ask at the CCBC or mail one self-addressed, stamped (\$.32) #10 envelope for each list to the CCBC, 4290 Helen C. White Hall, 600 North Park Street, Madison 53706. Single copies of the annual annotated lists also are available free beginning each spring from the ALA Publications Department, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611; (800) 545-2433. In addition, the lists are available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ala.org/alsc> and <http://www.ala.org/yalsa>. ■

Staff seek ways to continue R&LL support for local reference service

Reference and Loan Library staff are exploring ways to continue to provide quality interlibrary loan reference service



despite a 50 percent cut in their materials budget. In April, they met with David Null, head of reference services at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison Memorial Library, and toured the library's reference area to learn more about the resources in that collection.

R&LL staff also made arrangements to do on-site reference work at Memorial Library when they decide this could help them handle interloan requests for information that might otherwise remain unfilled. They will focus on using Memorial Library print and microform materials, such as United Nations documents and microfiche financial reports from Wisconsin foundations. This is because licensing agreements restrict the use of electronic resources, and staff already have access to many online and compact disc (CD-ROM) databases at the Reference and Loan Library.

Doing on-site reference work will, of course, extend turnaround time—the amount of time it takes to fill a request. Reference and Loan staff will inform libraries when an extended search is being done by putting notes in the electronic

“reply” field on requests made using the QuILL interlibrary loan software program. When some material is being sent, but additional information is being sought at a site outside R&LL, “4-RLL. Doing extended search” will appear in the reply field. “2-RLL. Doing extended search” will indicate that nothing has been located at Refer-

ence and Loan and off-site resources are being checked.

The arrangement to do on-site reference work builds on agreements with other UW-Madison campus libraries that have been in place for some years. Since 1989, R&LL has compensated the art, music, and other libraries for helping its staff with difficult reference or verification requests. In 1996, Reference and Loan referred 82 requests to the UW-Map Library and UW engineering libraries, some of the most frequently used sources.

R&LL staff telephone requests or, more recently, send them via electronic mail (e-mail) to UW campus libraries. The libraries are paid \$3.50 per verification and \$18 per subject request. This service is funded through the Division for Libraries and Community Learning's contract with Wisconsin InterLibrary Services (WILS) in Madison. ■

Many find missing songs and stories

Thanks to Bob Toth and Kay Pohnl of Rhinelander District Public Library for being alert enough to catch the miswording in the first line of a song requested in the *May Channel*. Reference and Loan Library reference staff were having difficulty locating the piece and had asked *Channel* readers to search their minds and files for clues.

The line was thought to read, “A little boy went walking one lonely summer day.” Toth and Pohnl realized that *lonely* was actually *lovely* and found the song indexed in Carolyn Sue Peterson's *Index to Children's Songs*. They then located the song itself in Emilie Poulsson's *Finger Plays for the Nursery and Kindergarten*, published in 1921, and sent R&LL a copy.

April Color

Two people provided information related to the tradition of giving colored candy on April Fool's Day. R&LL staff had asked for help with an interloan request about this practice in February.

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Videos on professional topics for loan

Topics of special interest to library personnel are the focus of videocassettes described in this month's "AV Notes." All are recent additions to the Reference and Loan Library's audiovisual collection. Call numbers and booking system numbers are included with citations and may be used when requesting the videocassettes from R&LL.

Internet and Reading

Best of the Internet (ALA Video/Library Video Network, 1997; 28 minutes; closed-captioned) (VHS V-6336 (024756)) presents a compilation of taped feature articles about libraries and the Internet from back issues of the video magazine *Inside Libraries*. The program introduces the international Internet electronic information network and then shows some of the ways technology and the "Net" are being used in libraries around the country. Segment titles are "The Internet"; "The Infofilter Project, December 1995"; "The Kiosk, April 1996"; "A Whole New World, August 1996"; "Technology Tuesday, December 1996"; and "Libraries On-Line, December, 1996."

Born to Read: How to Nurture a Baby's Love of Learning (ALA Video/Library Video Network, 1997; 25 minutes; closed-captioned; with manual) (VHS/V-6335 (024755)) consists of a motivational/training videocassette and a loose-leaf planner's manual. The "Born to Read" Project fosters partnerships among public library staff and health care professionals, who then reach out to show at-risk expectant/new parents how they can influence their child's learning potential through reading. Part one of the video program is a motivational introduction to the project. Part two describes how a community can implement it. The "Born to Read" Project is administered by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. It is funded by the Prudential Foundation.

CCBC Choices 1996 (Cooperative Children's Book Center, 1997; 2 videocassettes, ca.180 minutes) (VHS/V-6312 (024732)) is a two-part videorecording of a March 8, 1997, Cooperative Children's Book Center presentation. CCBC director Ginny Moore Kruse and staff members Kathleen T. Horning and Megan Schliesman introduce the publication *CCBC Choices 1996* and discuss some of the books published in 1996

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At R&LL (cont.)

An unidentified staff member from Lomira Public Library sent information from *Holidays of Legend* by Mildred Arthur (1971). Arthur describes the Hindu festival of Huli, or Holi, which is celebrated March 31. During the festival, young people hide on balconies or roofs and use syringes to shoot friends or relatives with brightly-colored dye.

Jennifer Tyskiewicz of Park View Middle School Library sent information from *Festivals of Western Europe* by Dorothy Gladys Spicer. It describes the chocolate fish displayed in confectioners' windows in France on April 1.

After Dark

Debra Tobias, who did not provide any further identifying information about herself, recognized a song that begins, "Come out tonight, when everything is still..." as an old Barbershop number titled "After Dark." The piece was requested in the April *Channel*.

Once they knew the song's title, R&LL staff checked their index to the song books in the Reference and Loan Library collection. The requested words and music were located in a book titled *Just Plain Barbershop*. ■■



Tune in Ideas (cont.)

Library Birthday

When Martin Library in York, Pennsylvania, wanted to celebrate 60 years of service to its youngest customers, library staff invited those customers to help. The children wrote to

favorite authors and illustrators, asking them to send birthday cards to the library.

As a result of the children's enthusiastic efforts, Martin Library received many hand-crafted cards. These were displayed on a five-foot cake located in the Children's Library. ■■

AV Notes (cont.)

that the annotated list recommends for young people. Part one is "CCBC Choices for Older Readers," and part two is "CCBC Choices for Younger Children."

Libraries and Advocacy

Information Please! Your Library in Action (Rainbow Educational Media, 1995; 15 minutes; with teacher's guide) (VHS V-6321 (024741)) is a library orientation program for children in grades 4 through 8. The presentation features a nine-year-old boy who visits the public library to do a report. He learns about the different areas of the library and how to use common research tools. Part of the producer's "Community Helpers" series, the program describes the librarian as one who can help find books and information in the community library and in the school library or media center.

Library Advocacy Now! (ALA Video/Library Video Network, 1996; 23 minutes; closed-captioned; with booklet) (VHS V-6313 (024733)) describes the basics of promoting the library in the community. The program stresses the need for library funding and the importance of increasing awareness of and support for

libraries and librarians at all levels. It also discusses methods for building an effective advocacy network, mounting a public awareness campaign, developing a message, dealing with the media, making contacts with legislators, and keeping in touch with the community. The accompanying American Library Association booklet is entitled "Library Advocate's Handbook."

Libraries and media centers of all types may call or send requests for videocassettes directly to the Reference and Loan Library. If they prefer, they may send requests through traditional interlibrary loan channels. Organization and business personnel, teachers at kindergarten through 12th grade schools, faculty and staff at academic institutions, and state agency employees also may choose between contacting R&LL directly or sending interloan requests through their libraries.

All others, including individual borrowers, must request materials on interloan through their public libraries. They may not contact R&LL directly.

The R&LL numbers for making direct requests are (608) 224-6169, fax (608) 224-6178. Videocassettes may be booked for specific use dates. An item requested with no date specified will be sent immediately if available or booked for the next open date if it is in use. ■■

Tune in Ideas

This column includes programming and other ideas that librarians and school library media specialists may be able to use or adapt. Send information on successful ideas, with contact person's phone number and e-mail address, to the Channel editor.

Building Support 1

Library facilities and services can become so familiar that community residents may take them for granted, according to an issue of *Waukie-Talkie*, newsletter of Waukesha (WI) County Federated Library System. In order to receive their fair share of tax dollars, libraries must persuade boards of supervisors, city councils, and taxpayers of their indispensability.

Increasing visibility in the community can further this goal. Librar-

ies in southwestern Wisconsin have developed two successful community partnership activities.

- Some provide a meeting place for the Extension Homemakers group and space for displays. In turn the Homemakers cosponsor parenting and children's book activities with the library.
- Some supply materials for local day-care personnel. In turn, day-care providers are asked to volunteer to help with library story hours.

Building Support 2

If library trustees asked local people what the most important agencies or services were in their community, would the library make the top five? It should, according to an article from the *Rural and Small Libraries Newsletter* reprinted in

Nicolet Federated Library System's (WI) *Compass* newsletter.

To compete successfully for funds in an increasingly competitive world, libraries must be positioned in such a way that local community funders recognize their importance. A library should carry out one or two high-profile projects every year to demonstrate its value.

Such projects need not be expensive or time-consuming. With some imagination and creativity, librarians may be able to repackage existing services so they can be presented with fresh impact and excitement.

Every successful project enhances the perception of the library. Over time, the increased visibility of the library can modify the behavior of funding bodies.

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Around Wisconsin

News of staff changes, individual or institution honors, major service innovations, public relations efforts, new or remodeled facilities, and local news coverage sent to "Around Wisconsin," Channel, Division for Libraries and Community Learning, will be printed. No biographical information will be included for personnel.

People

Shellie Anderson has become director of Kewaskum Public Library.

Mary Brittnacher has become the director of Columbus Public Library.

Charles Bunge, professor at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) since 1967, retired this spring. His teaching and research during the last 30 years has dealt with provision and evaluation of reference service. Bunge also served as SLIS director from 1971-1981.

Anne Cooper has retired from her position as a senior librarian at the UW-Madison Center for Demography Information Services.

Monroe Public Library director **Michael Dowling** left that position in May to become deputy executive director of the Reference and Users Services Association of the American Library Association.

Sue Freedman, who has worked at both the Brown Deer and Kenosha public libraries, is now the young adult librarian at Sun Prairie Public Library.

Elaine Helmrick, Berlin Public Library children's librarian for the last ten years, retired in June.

Susan Herr-Hoyman is now the children's librarian at McFarland Public Library.

Linda Knutson, interim director of Nicolet Federated Library System since February 1996, resigned in May to take the position of founding executive director of the new South-west Florida Library Network.

Professor **James Krikelas** retired this spring after 30 years with the UW-Madison SLIS. His research and teaching during those years focused on information-seeking behavior and technical services in libraries.

Division for Libraries and Community Learning administrator **Larry Nix** announced his resignation in April. He will continue to head the division until a replacement can be found and then return to his position as director of public library development for the Department of Public Instruction.

Ruth Sandor has retired from her position as a senior librarian at the UW-Madison Center for Demography Information Services.

At the end of May, **Daniel Van Straten** retired from his position as technical services manager for Mead Public Library, Sheboygan.

Outreach librarian **Joan Sullivan** retired from Madison Public Library in May after 23 years of service.

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Librarians earn credentials

Wisconsin law requires public library (PL) and public library system (LS) administrators to be certified at the appropriate level by the Division for Libraries and Community Learning. This column lists administrators and other librarians who have recently earned certificates. For more information about certification, contact Don Lamb at (608) 267-9225.

Grade 1

Charlene J. Lenzen, Muskego PL
Thomas L. Merchant, Milton PL
Paul E. Nelson, Middleton PL
Krista L. Ross, Dodgeville PL

Grade 2

Karen J. Augitto, Minocqua PL (provisional)

Lynn A. Barringer, Glenwood City PL (provisional)
Polly J. Gropen, Delafield PL
Sally A. Kitson, Menominee Tribal/County Library,
Keshena (provisional)
Darla Jean Kraus, Lakeview Community Library,
Random Lake (provisional)
Michele R. McCaughtry, G.E. Bleskacek Family
Memorial Library, Bloomer (provisional)

Grade 3

Gretchen M. Dieterich, Blanchardville PL
Judy L. Hermanson, Benton PL
Nicole M. Jude, Pepin PL (provisional)
Dolores J. Krings, Hawkins Area Library
Edith Phillips, Winneconne PL (provisional)
Carol J. McDaniell, Darlington PL (provisional)
Rebecca Rickel, Shiocton PL
Dorothy K. Youngblood, Ellison PL, Scandinavia
(provisional)
Carol V. Zietlow, Norwalk PL (provisional) ■■

Around Wisconsin (cont.)

Phil Sullivan, adult services supervisor at Madison Public Library for the past 30 years, retired in May.

Publications

Kathleen T. Horning, special collections coordinator for the Cooperative Children's Book Center, Madison, and a youth services librarian at Madison Public Library, has authored a new book, *From Cover to Cover: Evaluating and Reviewing Children's Books* (HarperCollins, 1997).

Melba Jesudason, librarian at the UW-Madison College Library, has published an article in the winter issue of *Illinois Libraries* titled "Mentoring New Colleagues: A Practical Model from the University of Wisconsin-Madison."

Places

The AnnMarie Foundation has given **Baldwin Public Library** a \$4,000 grant for a circulation desk in its new building at 400 Cedar Street. The Hugh J. Andersen Foundation of Bayport, Minnesota, provided \$8,000 for shelving in the children's room. Donations for library furnishings totaled \$25,000 in March, and moving was scheduled for early June.

Dodge County Library Service, Beaver Dam, has purchased an XL Ellison Letter Machine, a variety of dies, and a 25-inch laminator for member libraries to use.

Campbellsport Public Library has received bids for construction of a new facility and is negotiating with contractors. The library also is beginning to automate using Athena software.

Trustees for **Duerrwaechter Memorial Library, Germantown**, interviewed architects about doing a feasibility study on library expansion in April. The

Architects and engineers are working on plans for an expanded and remodeled **Cedarburg High School Instructional Media Center**. Scheduled to be completed in February 1998, the new facility will have double its current space, seating for more than 100 students, and display space for student art and class projects. Among other features to be added or enlarged are the writing center, teaching room/television production studio, audiovisual room, multimedia room, and conference rooms. Internet access will be offered on several computers, and all IMC rooms will be wired for computers and television and cable programming.



IMC director Vonna Pitel and a student in the soon-to-be-remodeled Cedarburg HS media center.

library also has added DialPAC to its Dynix system.

Duerrwaechter Memorial Library, Germantown; Hartford Public Library; and West Bend Community Memorial Library have been negotiating with Ameritech Library Services (Dynix) for a new Washington County shared automation system.

Jefferson Public Library has loaded WISCAT, the statewide union catalog, onto a hard drive for more efficient service.

Johnson Creek Public Library is preparing to automate with Dynix in the coming months.

Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution has joined the Eastern Shores Library System interlibrary loan network.

L.D. Fargo Public Library, Lake Mills, is now providing its patrons with access to the Internet by appointment.

Land O' Lakes Public Library staff have been working with community members and the Winnebago software company to recover from the effects of a "ripper" virus that

was imported into their new automation system via the Internet early this year. The virus spread from computer to computer, corrupted most of the library's MARC records, and shut down cataloging of new books. Stronger anti-virus protections have been installed and a new file back-up program has been implemented.

Madison Public Library, in conjunction with **Dane County Library Service** and **South Central Library System**, sent special access cards to all members of the state legislature in February. The cards enable legislators to telnet or dial in to the system's LINKcat automated catalog to place holds on library materials and have them delivered directly to their offices at the State Capitol. **UW-Madison Memorial Library** is partially funding the Capitol delivery stop and also is developing a package of direct services for legislators.

Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System is barcoding materials and entering records for

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Around Wisconsin (cont.)

those housed at its headquarters into the WisCon software program so that the records can be included in the next edition of WISCAT, the statewide electronic union catalog.

A new 9,000-square-foot building for **Nekoosa Public Library**, to be named the Charles and JoAnn Lester Library, is scheduled to be completed by late fall of this year. It will include a meeting room that accommodates 80 people. The library had raised nearly \$800,000 for the project by March and was still actively seeking pledges.

Northern Waters Library Service has received \$25,000 from the Bremer Foundation and is seeking additional funding for a roof-replacement and space-addition project at its headquarters building.

Oakfield Public Library has purchased a computer that will enable it to automate using Winnebago software. Staff and volunteers are matching shelflist cards to books to start the barcoding process.

Powers Memorial Library, Palmyra, is barcoding its collection and plans to be online with Athena programs in several months.

Park Falls Public Library has received a \$1,500 grant from the AnnMarie Foundation to buy a new public access computer.

Poynette Public Library has automated its catalog with Winnebago CIRC/CAT.

Tripp Memorial Library is now officially **Prairie du Sac Public Library**. Its new address is 560 Park Avenue, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578.

Hutchinson Memorial Library, Randolph, has been taking bids for its renovation project, which would add space in public service areas and make the library handicapped accessible.

Rio Public Library celebrated its 80th birthday with a party in

March. Entertainment, library history, comments from local officials, a children's poster display, and refreshments were featured.

Plum Lake Public Library, Sayner, began the automation process in April.

Spooner Memorial Library broke ground for a 2,000-square-foot addition in April. The community had raised \$190,000 for the project by late spring. Projected completion date is August 15.

Sun Prairie Public Library has acquired 17 acres of land for the site of its new building from the Sun Prairie Area School District. Ground-breaking will be in late summer or early fall. The planned 32,000-square-foot building will include a large conference room and auditorium, coffee shop, a quiet room with a fireplace, and screened-in porches.

Verona Public Library has had to liquidate its over-2,000-title phonograph record collection because of space limitations. Begun more than 30 years ago, the collection included records representing many musical styles and even the precursors of modern-day audio books. Phonodiscs were sold for \$1 apiece.

Karl Junginger Memorial Library, Waterloo, is now offering its staff supervised Internet service.

Assumption High School, Wisconsin Rapids, is a new South Central Library System multitype member.

Prizes

Professor **Charles Bunge** of the UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies has received the 1997 Award for Professional Contributions to Library and Information Science Education from the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE). The award recognized his teaching, research, service, and other efforts to promote and enhance the state of education for

librarians and other information professionals. The citation read, "In these roles his warm guidance and exemplary service, often in times of transition and renewal, have given the profession a lasting model of responsive and fearless professionalism." Bunge received the honor at the association's annual meeting in Washington, DC, in February.

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library, Cross Plains, is using a \$2,100 grant from Wisconsin State Journal Youth Services, Inc., to purchase multicultural literature, audiovisual materials, and theme kits for children.

The Modern Poetry Association and the American Library Association have selected **Fond du Lac Public Library** as one of 50 national demonstration sites to host "Poets in Person," a reading, listening, and discussion program on modern American poetry.

Carolyn Haskin, a librarian at Brown County Library, Green Bay, is one of 25 librarians from around the country selected to attend an American Library Association (ALA) Emerging Leaders Institute to be held at the June ALA annual conference in San Francisco. Participants were selected from more than 130 applicants with five years or fewer of professional experience. Selection was based on leadership potential, career goals, experience, and involvement.

Director **Ginny Moore Kruse** and the **Cooperative Children's Book Center** at UW-Madison have been named recipients of the 1997 American Association of School Librarians(AASL)/Social Issues Resources Series, Inc., (SIRS) Intellectual Freedom Award. Kruse founded the center's Intellectual Freedom Service 20 years ago, and the national honor recognizes her as one who "has dedicated most of her professional career to the mission of promoting intellectual freedom in a

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positive way by dealing with issues before the censors strike." The award includes \$2,000 to the individual and \$1,000 to the media center of the recipient's choice, donated by SIRS. It will be presented at the June ALA annual conference in San Francisco.

La Crosse County Libraries, Holmen, have received the Demco Creative Merchandising Grant, one of eight distinguished service

awards made available through the Public Library Association, a division of ALA. Sponsored by Demco, Inc., the award provides \$1,000 and Demco supplies valued at up to \$2,000 to a public library proposing a project for the creative display and merchandising of materials either in the library or the community.

The Rita Briggs Memorial Book Fund has purchased a new World Book Encyclopedia set for **La Valle Public Library**.

Poynette Public Library now has a computer available to the public for word processing, thanks to a permanent loan from Madison Area Technical College-Portage, and a new computer and color printer for public Internet access and career-search software donated by Cooperative Educational Service Agency 5. A \$1,000 donation from Cooperative Services of Poynette and Land O' Lakes also has enabled the library to purchase a four-tower video square. ■■

Dates and Data

JUNE

- 12: MARC Cataloging for a Shared System.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Beaver Dam. Sponsored by Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System.
- 13: Soaring to Excellence: Session III.** Oconto Falls (9:30 a.m.); Marinette (1:30 p.m.). Sponsored by Nicolet Federated Library System. Contact Sylvia Pratt, (414)448-4413, skpratt@mail.wiscnet.net.
- 17: Gentle Reads and Christian Fiction.** 1-3:30 p.m. Berlin Public Library. Sponsored by Winnefox Library System. Contact Gloria Hoegh, (414)236-5222, hoegh@winnefox.org.
- 19: Soaring to Excellence: Session III.** 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Door County Library, Sturgeon Bay. Sponsored by Nicolet Federated Library System. Contact Sylvia Pratt, (414)448-4413, skpratt@mail.wiscnet.net.
- 19-22: Canadian Library Association.** Ottawa, Ontario.
- 20: WLA Board of Directors Meeting.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Edith Evans Community Library, Laona. Contact Larry Martin, (608)245-3640.
- 26-7/3: American Library Association.** San Francisco. Contact ALA, (800)545-2433.

JULY

- 11: Council on Library and Network Development.** Sheraton Madison Hotel, Madison. Contact (608)266-2205.
- 19-24: American Association of Law Libraries.** Baltimore, MD. Contact AALL, (312)939-4764.
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24: QuILL: Interloan Benefits for Your Library & WISCAT Online: A Progress Report. 9 a.m.-noon. La Crosse Public Library. Sponsored by Winding Rivers Library System. 0.5 CEP. No fee; registration required. Contact Carol Erickson, (608)789-7131.

24: Recommended Children's Reference Titles. 1-3 p.m. La Crosse Public Library. Sponsored by Winding Rivers Library System. 0.5 CEP. No fee; registration required. Contact Carol Erickson, (608)789-7131.

31-8/3: Culture Keepers III: Making Global Connections. Third National Conference of African American Librarians. Sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. Winston-Salem, NC. Contact Gertiana Williams, New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112; (504)596-2601, fax (504)596-2609, twillia3@www.gnfn.org, or BCALA web site, <http://www.bcala.org/>.

AUGUST

- 2-14: Librarians' Tour of Scotland.** Sponsored by UW-Madison SLIS and Extension. \$1,650 plus airfare. Contact Jane Pearlmutter, (608)262-6398, jpearl@mac.wisc.edu.
- 3-6: Great Lakes Regional Reading Conference.** Sponsored by Wisconsin State Reading Association. Hilton Hotel, Milwaukee. Contact Bonnie Corcoran, (608) 592-7366.
- 3-7: Basic Reference.** Frederick Center, UW-Madison. Sponsored by UW-Madison SLIS. 7.0 CEUs. \$378. Contact Linda Mundt, (608)263-4452, fax (608)263-4849, lemumdt@facstaff.wisc.edu.

11-14: How Many Hats Can One Librarian Wear? Continuing Education Programs to Enliven Your IMC.

Sessions on author visits and literature across the curriculum (\$115), compact discs across the curriculum (\$115), the Internet (\$120), and developing a technology support plan (\$120). Sponsored by UW-Madison Extension and SLIS. Discount for attending all four days. Equivalency clock hours requested. Contact Linda Mundt, (608)263-4452, fax (608)263-4849, lemumdt@facstaff.wisc.edu.

15: WLA Board of Directors Meeting. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva. Contact Larry Martin, (608)245-3640.

15-25: Librarians' Tour to Iceland. Sponsored by UW-Madison SLIS and Extension. \$3,250. Contact Darlene Weingand, (608)262-8952, weingand@facstaff.wisc.edu.

25: Take a Personal Break: Workplace Stress and Ergonomics. 9:15 a.m.-noon. Green Bay. Sponsored by Nicolet Federated Library System. Contact Sylvia Pratt, (414)448-4413, skpratt@mail.wiscnet.net.

31-9/5: International Association of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Copenhagen, Denmark. Contact IFLA Headquarters, P.O. Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, The Hague, Netherlands; telephone 31-70-314-0084, fax 31-70-383-4827, ifla.hq@ifla.nl, web site: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/home.htm>.

SEPTEMBER

1-30: Library Card Sign-Up Month. Contact American Library Association, (312)280-5043. ■■



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