

Libraries should look toward millennium

At the National Archives in August, the President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched the White House Millennium Program—a multiyear national initiative to mark the end of the 20th century and the beginning of a new millennium. The Millennium Program will celebrate the accomplishments of the 20th century, recognize and initiate projects, and engage every sector of society in conveying the American heritage to future generations.

Many federal agencies will sponsor millennium projects, and some annual events will be given a special millennium focus. Individual communities and the public also are being invited to participate. Among the examples of individual participation cited by the First Lady was “helping to raise money for a library.”

Communities that carry out the best local millennium projects will be awarded the honorary title Millennium Communities, and their stories will be posted on the White House web site. Among planned White House and federal agency millennium projects, these may be of special interest to the library community, according to the American Library Association.

Internet Goal. Work to connect every classroom and library in America to the Internet by the year 2000.

National Digital Library. The Library of Congress is putting part of its collection online for students, teachers, and citizens. (The year 2000 is the 200th anniversary of the creation of the Library of Congress.)

National Archives Preservation Project. The National Archives has proposed a three-year preservation plan to ensure that precious U.S. Documents, such as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, survive into the next millennium.

Millennium Minutes. The National Endowment for the Humanities will sponsor national television spots that highlight 1,000 years of important events, people, and achievements.

Worthy Ancestors Program. The President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities will bring together people from the commercial, creative, and nonprofit sectors to save significant cultural material from the folk, popular, and classical traditions.

NSF2000. The National Science Foundation will launch a national education and information campaign on the importance of science, engineering, and mathematics.

AmeriCorps Goal. AmeriCorps has set a goal of doubling the number of full-time AmeriCorps volunteers by the year 2000.

A summary and additional information about the program are available on the White House web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/Millennium/>. ■



New editor named

Improving communication with its constituents is one Department of Public Instruction goal for the 1997-99 biennium. To do this, DPI will develop a new electronic newspaper for educators and the public. Budget cuts forced elimination of *Education Forward*, DPI’s printed newspaper, in 1995.

The new electronic publication and *Channel*, newsletter of the DPI Division for Libraries and Community Learning, will be produced by a single editor. He is Mark Ibach, who edited *Education Forward* before its termination in 1995.

The printed *Channel* will continue, and an electronic version also will be made available on the DLCL web site at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/>. “We are committed to continuing and expanding the ways we provide information to the Wisconsin library community,” said State Superintendent John Benson. ■

LSCA/LSTA Update

Statewide project will give access to full-text databases

Division for Libraries and Community Learning staff estimate that Wisconsin's allocation from the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) will be \$2.5 million in 1998. After considering recommendations from the state's LSTA Advisory Committee and others, State Superintendent John Benson has used that estimate to decide how 1998 LSTA funds will be spent. His decisions were made prior to final action on the federal fiscal year 1998 budget. Amounts shown here may be revised once full information on Wisconsin's LSTA allocation is available from Washington.

Wisconsin's federal library program will be making a transition to a new timetable beginning in January 1998 (see page 3). This will leave a gap in competitive grant programs from July through December 1998. The majority of 1998 LSTA funds will be used for a statewide full-text database project. Remaining federal dollars will support two major statewide planning efforts and other types of projects.

Full-text database services (DLCL, \$1,800,000) will be made available to Wisconsin public, school, academic, and special libraries through a statewide contract coordinated and administered by the Division for Libraries and Community Learning. The project is designed to demonstrate how a comprehensive statewide contract with a vendor or vendors can help Wisconsin libraries realize cost savings they could not get by contracting on their own or through a public library system. DLCL staff estimate the project will begin in spring 1998 and end in December 1999.

A Library Technology Planning Conference (DLCL/DOA, \$25,000) will be held February 23 and 24, 1998, at the Ramada Inn, Wausau. This invitational working meeting is being cosponsored by the Department of Public Instruction and Department of Administration at the recommendation of the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Public Libraries. Its goals will be to work toward reaching consensus about the direction for further development of library and information technology in Wisconsin and to determine priorities for future budget initiatives. Participants selected will represent a cross section of the state's library community and other interested groups.

An At-Risk Youth Task Force (\$25,000) will develop a statewide plan to ensure that low-income children and teenagers and those with disabilities have equitable access to library services in Wisconsin. As part of this initiative, a conference on at-risk youth will be held in spring 1998 for librarians from around the state.

A new competitive grant category will be established with other LSTA funds. Money from it will be used to support

- (\$5,000) public library system studies on the feasibility of mergers between two or more systems,

- (\$15,000) continuing study of existing delivery services for interlibrary loan and other materials, with the goal of developing recommendations and consensus on the evolution of statewide delivery services, and
- (\$630,000) ongoing DLCL projects, including WISCAT, the state's electronic union catalog, from July through December 1998. ■■

Four more 1997-98 automation grants awarded

At its May meeting this year, Wisconsin's Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Advisory Committee reopened the application process for grants from the automated systems category of the state's 1997-98 LSCA program. Committee members also extended the deadline for submission of grant proposals to September 1. The original application deadline had been March 1.

The extension was made so that unallocated LSCA Title II funds not awarded in the May round of grants for this category could be expended. Federal restrictions prevented the use of these funds for other LSCA purposes.

Sixteen applications were received by the September 1 deadline. The advisory committee recommended, and the state superintendent agreed to, funding for four project proposals.

Door County in OWLSnet (Nicolet Federated Library System)	\$50,000
Joining LINK (Plain Public Library)	\$13,899
LINK Performance Enhancement (South Central Library System)	\$17,200
Medford and Merrill Shared System (Wisconsin Valley Library Service)	\$41,534
Total	\$122,633

These were the proposals that outside reviewers ranked numbers one through four among all applications submitted. The total amount requested in all 16 applications received was \$351,953. ■■

Wisconsin changes grant program schedule

The 1996-97 grant period was a year of transition from the old Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), which expired last fall, to the new Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program. Intended to bring federal library legislation up to date, LSTA makes federal moneys available to be used as a stimulus for technological innovation. Funds also can be used for resource-sharing projects and for providing library and information services to

- persons who have difficulty using a library and
- underserved urban and rural populations, including children from families with below-poverty-level incomes.

The move to the new LSTA program provided an opportunity to reassess program administration and how federal funds are used for library improvement around the state. As a result, Wisconsin's federal library program timetable will be changing from the old July through June schedule. All LSTA grant programs will be moving to a January through December timetable beginning in January 1998 (*see box*). This will leave a gap in competitive grant programs from July through December 1998. In addition, most 1998

LSTA funds will be used for a statewide full-text database project (*see page 2*) administered by the Division for Libraries and Community Learning (DLCL).

Changing the LSTA year to the calendar year has a number of fiscal and programmatic advantages. Local library, library system, and LSTA years will now be compatible for auditing purposes. Among other advantages are the "extra" funds available during the transition year due to the overlap in two federal fiscal years, the ease of matching local and state funds to the federal year, and elimination of competing spring due dates for grant proposals. DLCL staff hope that the extended time for writing grant proposals will compensate for the early fall due date. ■

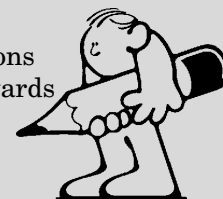
Advisory committee plans meeting

Wisconsin's LSTA Advisory Committee will meet next spring, tentatively in late February, to establish 1999 Library Services and Technology Act grant categories. A public hearing will be held before that meeting to gather comment from librarians and interested others on possible uses of LSTA funds.

Details about preliminary LSTA program proposals and the meeting and hearing time/location will be published in a forthcoming *Channel*. They also will be posted on the LIBSYS listserv. ■

Tentative New Schedule for LSTA Program Activities

Late February 1998	LSTA Advisory Committee meets to establish grant categories and budget
Early March	Preliminary grant information sent to potential applicants
Late March/early April	Information sessions offered on the Educational Teleconference Network (ETN)/Special needs planning meeting held
August 1	Grant applications due
August - September	Grant reviewers are trained and evaluate grant applications
November 1	LSTA Advisory Committee meets to recommend grant awards
November 15	Grant awards announced
January 1, 1999	Projects begin
December 30, 1999	Projects end



Federal grants help adults learn to read, find jobs

Five public library systems, five public libraries, one county library service, and one state institution library are using \$243,099 in federal grants to provide adult literacy services, library services in jails and state institutions, and job and career information services during 1997-98. Grants for their 12 projects come from the special needs adult literacy/job information category of

Wisconsin's Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program administered by the Division for Libraries and Community Learning.

The U.S. Congress passed LSTA last fall to replace the old Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). The new LSTA program has two key priorities, information access through technology and information empowerment through

special services. With their goal of planning and implementing programs for educationally and socio-economically disadvantaged adults, Wisconsin's adult literacy/job information grants address the second priority. However, many of the projects, particularly those providing job information services, have a strong technology component.

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One public library system, a county library service, and a small library in northern Wisconsin are reaching out to improve library collections and basic education services at the jails in their communities. All are cooperating with the jail administrations and with the technical college staff that provide educational programs at the jails.

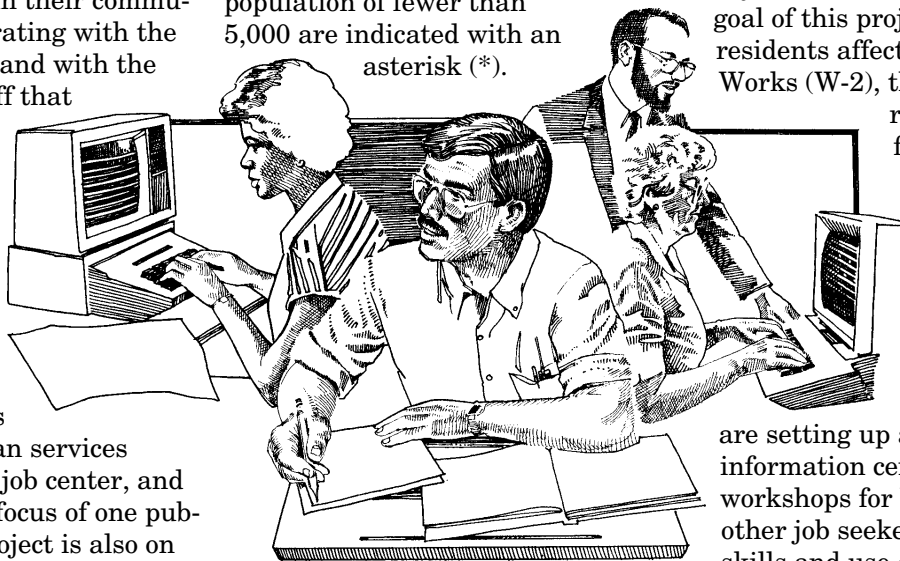
A medium-sized library is creating a countywide volunteer literacy council with the assistance of the other four public libraries in its county, county human services groups, the regional job center, and other agencies. The focus of one public library system project is also on individuals with low reading levels, with emphasis on improving job information skills and family literacy.

Three resource libraries and two public library systems are initiating and/or expanding job information services for job seekers. Among project components are collection enhancement, improving computer technology for access to JobNet and other job databanks, and purchase of educational and job-related software.

Most 1997-98 projects include training for library staff in the use of the new technology and the services provided by Job Service as well as public programs on topics such as life management skills, using technology for job seeking, and welfare reform legislation. Among the agencies cooperating with libraries and library systems in carrying out projects are county human services departments and other social service agencies, regional job centers, technical colleges, high schools, literacy councils, University of Wisconsin-Extension, and churches.

1997-98 Projects

Descriptions of 1997-98 adult literacy/job information grants follow. Names and telephone numbers of project coordinators are included in parenthesis after project titles. Libraries serving a municipal population of fewer than 5,000 are indicated with an asterisk (*).



More information about the projects is available from project administrators or from specialized services consultant Frances de Usabel at the Department of Public Instruction address, (608) 266-0419, or deusafe@mail.state.wi.us. Copies of entire grant proposals also are available from de Usabel.

Rock County Works: The Library Connection (Arrowhead Library System, \$22,550; Mike Cross, (608) 758-6690). Arrowhead Library System is cooperating with the Rock County Job Center to provide up-to-date, comprehensive information to job seekers. Each of the system's seven member libraries is acquiring additional job information materials and setting up at least one computer work station where users can get Internet access to the electronic job-search service called JobNet. Monthly Job Center workshops will be held at the libraries, libraries will make Job Center information available, and the Job Center also will offer brochures about library services and

resources. Project staff are developing pathfinders, brochures, bookmarks, press releases, and public service announcements to publicize project activities and materials.

Career Center (Vaughn Public Library, Ashland, \$9,854; Jim Trojanowski, (715) 682-7060). The goal of this project is to help area residents affected by Wisconsin Works (W-2), the state's welfare reform legislation, to find employment. It involves cooperation with the Ashland County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) and other community organizations. Library personnel

are setting up an in-house career information center and planning workshops for W-2 clients and other job seekers on job search skills and use of the library's job seeking materials. Workshops will be presented in Ashland, Odanah, and Mellen. Another project activity will be library-sponsored programs that inform community agencies and the general population about W-2 and its effects. Library and ACDHS staff are receiving training about one another's resources and how to make appropriate referrals. In addition, a bibliography of library job materials and a listing of area services and programs for W-2 recipients are being produced for distribution through the Ashland Job Center, public libraries, domestic abuse shelters, churches, and other social service agencies.

Great Opportunities: Job Searching with the Brown County Library (Brown County Library, Green Bay, \$25,867; Rosalie Shier, (414) 448-4373). Brown County Library is acquiring two additional computer terminals to offer Internet access for job seekers; providing another computer with general equivalency diploma

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(GED), career, and resume software; and expanding its collection to include newspapers for the top ten growth cities in the U.S. The library also is cosponsoring eight workshops with community agencies—four Job Seekers programs designed for low-income groups and four Life skills programs for the general public that focus on personal development.

“Technology Icebreaker” sessions are being offered to train Nicolet Federated Library System (NFLS) staff to be guides for job seekers. In addition, volunteers are being enlisted to offer free typing to job applicants during the project year, and a brochure describing community job search resources is being distributed through Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College, high school guidance counselors, the Refugee Center, Job Service, social service agencies, NFLS libraries, and area churches.

The Jail Library: A First-Stop Job Center (Dane County Library Service, \$16,855; Julie Chase, (608) 266-6388). Dane County Library Service is developing jail library services at the Dane County Public

Safety Building. The goal is to improve job-finding and job-retention skills among the more than 100 inmates in the work release program currently without employment. The grant is being used to equip the jail library with the hardware necessary to access JobNet and other job databanks and to enhance its collections of print and compact disc (CD-ROM) resources dealing with job skills. Jail staff and community volunteers are helping to develop and offer classes designed to improve inmates' job-searching abilities. After taking the classes, inmates who leave the jail to seek work will go with a job-search plan that includes a resume and any other required documentation, information about the employers who have openings, and knowledge of how to use public transportation to get to application sites.

LifeNet, Literacy and Job Center Network (Milwaukee Public Library, \$68,500; Marcia Nagy, (414) 286-3070). Project staff are establishing a Job Information Center at the Central Library and strengthening computer technology and Internet access in the six Adult Learning and Job and Career

Information centers at Milwaukee's neighborhood libraries. They are purchasing computers and laser printers for each site and selecting relevant job, career, employment, and literacy materials with input from the Milwaukee Job Center-South, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Greater Milwaukee Literacy Coalition, YWCA, Bay View Community Center, and Next Door Foundation. The library also is working with these agencies to plan and schedule demonstrations and library tours for their clients. Neighborhood libraries are training students and tutors to use the new resources. Press releases and advertisements in local newspapers will be created to publicize new employment and literacy equipment and software.

Foundation for Green County Literacy Education (Monroe Public Library, \$10,683; Lisa Cihlar, (608) 325-3016). Creating a volunteer literacy council in Green County is the purpose of this project. Part of the grant is being used to purchase basic literacy and English as a second language (ESL) materials for all five Green County libraries and supplemental materials that the county resource library can loan to the libraries. Project staff are recruiting volunteer tutors and contracting with the Janesville Literacy Council for a tutor training workshop. A coordinated referral program for students is being set up between county libraries and cooperating agencies, including Green County Human Services, the Southwestern Job Center, Green County Jail, Blackhawk Technical Center, and UW-Extension. Once created, the literacy council will identify and seek out funding from United Way, service clubs, local businesses, and other sources that will enable it to become self-sufficient at the end of the project year.

The Library as Life Management Skills Center (Northern Waters Library Service, \$20,306;

Apply for new reading, discussion program

“Lives Worth Knowing” is a new national library reading and discussion program focusing on the genre of biography. Supported with a grant of nearly \$184,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the program is presented jointly by the American Library Association (ALA) and the New York Council for the Humanities.

“Lives Worth Knowing” will be held at 35 public libraries nationwide from September through December 1998. The series will be particularly targeted toward first-time humanities programmers.

The deadline for application postmarks is January 30, 1998. Libraries selected to participate will be notified by early March. The ALA Public Programs Office will work with the New York Council to publicize the project, select library participants, plan and present a training workshop, and evaluate the program.

Applications and guidelines are available on the office's Web site at www.ala.org/publicprograms. Copies also may be requested from the ALA Public Programs office at (312) 280-5045. ■





WLA announces awards for adult, children's literature

The Wisconsin Library Association's Literary Awards Committee and Children's Book Award Committee have selected Wisconsin authors, illustrators, and/or books for 1997 recognition. All works chosen were published in 1996. For information on availability of brochures and lists of 1997 awards, contact WLA at (608) 254-3640.

Literary Awards Committee

Banta Award

A. Manette Ansay, *Sister*

Notable Wisconsin Authors

Frederick G. Cassidy

Gerda Lerner

Outstanding Achievement

Stephen E. Ambrose, *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis,*

Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West

Juanita Brunk, *Brief Landing on the Earth's Surface*

Lynne Hume Burgess, *For Truly to See Your Face*

M. Evelina Galang, *Her Wild American Self*

Stewart David Ikeda, *What the Scarecrow Said*

Justin Isherwood, *Book of Plough: Essays on the Virtue of Farm, Family and Rural Life*

John Judson, *The Inardo Poems*

Bill Lueders, *An Enemy of the State: The Life of Erwin Knoll*

Dennis Trudell, *Fragments in Us: Recent and Earlier Poems*

Roberta Hill Whiteman, *Philadelphia Flowers: Poems*

Children's Book Award Committee

Elizabeth Burr Award

Barbara Juster Esbensen, *Echoes for the Eye: Poems to*

Celebrate the Patterns in Nature

Notable Wisconsin Author

Lorna Balian

Outstanding Achievement

Alden and Siri M. Carter, *I'm Tougher Than Asthma!*

John Duggleby, *Artist in Overalls: The Life of Grant Wood*

Lois Ehlert, *Under My Nose*

Kevin Henkes, *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*

Kathleen Krull, *Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph*

Became the World's Fastest Woman

Jim La Marche (illustrator), *Grandmother's Pigeon,*

by Louise Erdrich

Cris Peterson, *Harvest Year*

Rob Reid, *Wave Good-Bye*

George Shannon, *Tomorrow's Alphabet*

Stephanie S. Tolan, *Welcome to the Ark* ■

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Joan Airoidi, (715) 682-7700). Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) is an eight-county public library system in rural northwestern Wisconsin. It is using the grant to provide low-income NWLS residents with library materials and services related to work skills and careers. More materials about employment-related and life management topics are being purchased for system member libraries. Ads describing these resources will be placed in the "Help Wanted" sections of local newspapers, libraries will write articles for their local papers, and booklists will be distributed through Job Service and related agencies. Training workshops presented by staff from the regional Job Service and county human services offices also are scheduled for NWLS member librarians. Information sharing and referrals will be encouraged between these agencies and the

libraries. In addition, each participating library is planning an outreach program for its community.

Jail Literacy and Job Skills Outreach (*Phillips Public Library, \$3,674; John Hendricks, (715) 339-2868). While the population of Price County has remained stable, the number of prisoners detained at the Price County Jail has almost doubled in the past decade. Currently, the jail houses about 16 prisoners daily and approximately 600 persons annually. The average detainee has completed tenth grade. Phillips Public Library staff are using this grant to acquire and process a collection of basic reference, literacy, and job skills materials. Included will be legal sources as well as adult basic education, general equivalency diploma (GED), and high school equivalency diploma (HSED) items in print, audio, and compact disc/CD-ROM formats designed for self-study or tutor assistance. A refurbished computer

is being purchased so jail detainees can work with the employability skills software. Project staff also are cooperating with the Price County Jail administrator and personnel from Northcentral Technical College to provide literacy and job-related small group and individual instruction at the jail.

Reaching Adult New Readers and Nonusers through the Prison Library (Racine Correctional Institution, \$7,000; Jean Dushensky, (414) 886-3214). The Racine Correctional Institution (RCI) is a maximum/medium security facility with a population of approximately 1,450 adult males. Fifty percent of the residents read at less than a ninth-grade level, and 25 percent read below sixth-grade level. RCI is spending its grant to develop a core collection of high interest/low vocabulary materials and book/cassette kits for low-level readers. In addition, three cassette players and

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headphone sets are being purchased and an area set aside in the library for listening. Teachers will then be encouraged to use the new materials for assignments and to provide release time from classes so inmates can visit the library and become familiar with its resources.

Library and Literacy Services at County Jails (Southwest Wisconsin Library System, \$16,210; Jo Don Anderson, (608) 822-3393). The purpose of this project is to improve the library collections and basic education services at the Crawford, Grant, and Richland County jails. Approximately 50 percent of the inmates housed in jails in southwest Wisconsin have not finished high school, and the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College provides basic education/GED classes to the three jail sites. Southwest Wisconsin Library System is upgrading these jail collections with input from the inmates and basic education instructors. The system also has hired a part-time project coordinator to establish written policies for selecting, organizing, and maintaining jail library materials; train jail staff and inmate library clerks; survey the inmates' library needs and interests; and work closely with basic education instructors and jail staff to

upgrade inmates' reading and information-seeking skills.

Increasing Library Service to...the Educationally and Socio-economically Disadvantaged (Waukesha County Federated Library System, \$19,945; Nancy Fletcher, (414) 896-8245). WCFLS is helping member libraries increase services to individuals who have low-level reading skills by providing them with grants to purchase literacy and job-related materials. System staff also are planning a workshop for member librarians on the role of libraries in providing services to individuals needing literacy and job information skills. Another project activity is the creation of brochures on literacy, learning, and libraries intended for persons with low-level reading skills. These will be made available in the lobby of the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services and at other community sites. Information packets about literacy also will be distributed to Waukesha County literacy students, low-income parents, childcare providers, and community organizations. The packets will include a coupon that can be redeemed for a free book at a local library.

Improving Access to Job Information/Adult Literacy Materials and Services (Winnefox

Library System, \$21,655; Janice Dibble, (414) 236-5214). This project is designed to maximize access to job information for low-income and educationally disadvantaged adults in the Winnefox Library System (WLS) area. Eleven member libraries are ordering items from a "Best Titles List" prepared by Oshkosh Public Library staff. The list includes job searching, adult literacy, basic skills, life management skills, English as a second language (ESL), and citizenship titles in all formats. A WLS World Wide Web home page with an electronic Job Center is being developed as well. Training will be provided to help WLS librarians learn about the Wisconsin Works (W-2) welfare reform legislation and about technology, including how to use the WLS home page and how to search the web for job information. Agencies that provide services to low-income and educationally disadvantaged adults will be informed about new library resources with flyers, bookmarks and brochures, library tours, web page demonstrations, articles in agency newsletters, and regular reports at agency meetings. System member libraries also are planning programs in the four counties on topics of interest to low-income persons and the general public. ■

Student can vote for favorite books

The Golden Archer Awards program, sponsored by the Wisconsin Educational Media Association (WEMA), gives students the chance to nominate their favorite book for recognition. The list below includes books named most often in the first round of student nominations submitted to school library media specialists around the state.

Primary Level (P)

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
Arthur's Chicken Pox by Marc Brown
Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm by Jerdine Nolan Harold
Junie B. Jones and The Stupid Smelly Bus by Barbara Park
Piggie Pie by Margie Palatini
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Intermediate Level (I)

Falling Up by Shel Silverstein
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger by Louis Sachar



Wild Willie and Kind Kyle: Detectives by Barbara M. Joosse
A Pizza the Size of the Sun: Poems by Jack Prelutsky

Middle/Junior High Level (M/JH)

Redwall by Brian Jacques
Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
Mr. Tucket by Gary Paulsen
Wolf Rider by Avi
Lyddie by Katherine Paterson

WEMA is encouraging Wisconsin school library media personnel to invite students to read books from this list and vote for their favorites. Official ballots must be returned by March 16, 1998. A sample ballot will be printed in an upcoming *WEMA Dispatch* newsletter. Ballots also may be requested from Mary Ann Blahnik and Julie Davis, Sturgeon Bay Schools, 1230 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay 54235; fax (920) 746-3888, blahnik@mail.wisnet.net.

Golden Archer winners for 1997 were *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman (P), *The Stinky Cheese Man* by Jon Scieszka (I), and *Harris and Me* by Gary Paulsen (M/JH). Winners in 1996 were *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg (P); *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein (I); and *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (M/JH). ■

Libraries Change Lives

Internet search helps family

Editor's note. *This story appeared in Directions, newsletter of Indianhead Federated Library System. Its author is director of Elmwood Public Library and Pierce County Library Service. The "Yahoo" mentioned is a "search engine" for locating information on the Internet.*

FROM JOANNE BAIER

A young family in our area [recently had] a new baby boy, Sam. Unfortunately, he began to have seizures, and the doctors at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis didn't know the cause. He had spent more than six weeks in the hospital with every drug imaginable given to him.

Anyway, I remembered seeing a story on TV about a high-fat diet that was developed many many years ago. When the diet was given to children with seizures, it helped control or even stop them. So I typed "high-fat diet" and searched Yahoo. Bingo! Instant information on the diet, its history, its technical name, its current use, and suggested references. Well, that was not enough for me! I wanted the actual diet, even though the messages found on Yahoo indicated it had to be prescribed by a doctor.

I turned next to the Indianhead Federated Library System-sponsored Ebsco service. (I didn't have this at my library yet, but Doris Ronnander did at the Spring Valley Public Library.) So, we researched the technical name for the high-fat diet—ketogenic—and bingo again! Two excellent magazine articles which included that actual diet and more references.

We passed this information to the family, who discussed it with the doctors. The doctors were surprised, to say the least, about the information these parents had. It gave the family hope when there was no hope.

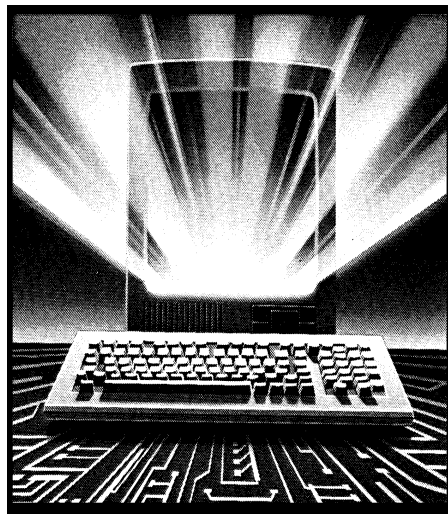
Luckily, Sam's seizures have declined somewhat, and he is now at home. However, should they start again, the doctors will try the ketogenic diet.

You all know what a great feeling it is to help our patrons, especially when the information you find makes a significant change in their lives. I feel this one did. Happy searching! ■■

One answer to a persistent question

A recent survey by the Software Publishers Association shows that 38 percent of homes in the U.S. have personal computers. Half of these use online services. Of that half, 31 percent use electronic mail (e-mail), 31 percent use research/reference tools, 24 percent have Internet access, and only 7 percent go e-mail shopping.

If this is true and such a small percentage of people have Internet access, "how can anyone say that libraries will be replaced with the Internet?" asks Sandra Robbers, library development coordinator for Indianhead Federated Library System. She adds, "And isn't this a good reason for libraries to have Internet access, since so few people have it at home?" ■■



Some small libraries lack Internet access

Recently updated statistics on Internet access in Wisconsin public libraries are available on the Department of Public Instruction's World Wide Web page at <http://www.state.wi.us/agencies/dpi/dlcl/access.html>. Included are access statistics for 1997 and some comparisons with previous years. Here are some examples of information provided.

- Internet access among public libraries in Wisconsin has increased from 6 percent in 1994 to 69 percent in 1997.
- Of the 69 percent of Wisconsin public libraries with access to the Internet, almost half—48 percent—make it available to the public.
- All public libraries in communities of more than 25,000 residents have Internet access, but only 54 percent in communities of less than 2,000. Almost half of the state's public libraries are in these small communities.

Further information about public library use of the Internet around the state can be obtained from Department of Public Instruction library technology consultant Bob Bocher at (608) 266-2127, fax: (608) 267-1052, bocherf@mail.state.wi.us, or rbocher@mail.badgerdial.net. ■■

Wisconsin Media for Young People

Media can support learning

Editor's note. As a service to its readers, Channel prints annual surveys of materials by Wisconsin creators and about Wisconsin topics. "Audiovisual Wisconsin" appeared in the October issue. The author of this column directs the Wisconsin History Series Project for the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board, 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison, WI 53713; (608) 264-9713. She asks librarians, school library media specialists, and others to send her information about locally produced media that may be of interest to librarians and teachers.

FROM KATHLEEN ERNST

The column is intended to acquaint teachers and librarians with producers of media that can be used in learning activities. Many of the companies listed offer other programs in addition to those described. Anyone interested is encouraged to write to them for more details, prices, and ordering information. The December 1996 Channel provides information about additional producers of instructional media.

Two Sources

Big Top Chautauqua offers a number of historical musical shows featuring northern Wisconsin themes. Programs are available on videocassette, audiocassette, and/or compact disk (CD). Inquiries about availability may be sent to Big Top Chautauqua, P.O. Box 455-WS, Washburn, WI 54891.

Northword, P.O. Box 1360, Minoqua, WI, 54548, is another producer of materials about the state. For example, the videotape *A Prophet for All Seasons* describes the progress of Wisconsin naturalist Aldo Leopold's thoughts, from the concept of wildlife management to the personal reflections that led to the development of his land ethic.

NEWIST Videos

Northeastern Wisconsin In-School Telecommunications produces the videotape programs described here and others on current social topics such as divorce, eating disorders, and domestic abuse. For more information, write NEWIST/CESA 7, IS 1040, UW-Green Bay, Green Bay, WI 54311.

- *The First Day of School in America* features a Southeast Asian youth who experiences the language barrier and racism as he begins school in the United States.

- *A Wedding* shows the clash of cultures when a Southeast Asian girl gives up her dreams and reluctantly agrees to the marriage her parents have arranged for her.

- *After the War* explains some of the reasons why Southeast Asians have come to the United States.

- *Color Blind* features minority youth describing their experiences with racism and their hopes for the future.

- *Down with Us* presents a cautionary tale of gang involvement.

Indian Life Videos

Ootek Productions makes available a number of videotape programs on Wisconsin topics, including those about Wisconsin Indians listed here. Ordering information can be obtained by writing to S1229 Round River Trail, Spring Green, WI 53588.

- *Ho-Chunk Stories*, a special limited-edition compilation, focuses on the Ho Chunk people's involvement with archaeological links to their past.

- *The Rush for Gray Gold* is a two-hour documentary about the lead mining boom that hastened Indian land cessions and set in motion the forces that created the territory of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Powwow: Naamikaaged, Dancer for the People. The Smithsonian Institution developed this video set with teachers in mind. The first tape provides a broad overview of a powwow, and the second focuses on the role of an individual dancer. The set can be ordered from the Center for Folklife Programs, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

ECB Offerings

The Wisconsin Educational Communications Board delivers instructional television (ITV) to prekindergarten through 12th-grade (PK-12) schools and educators throughout the state. During the 1997-98 school year, 140 PK-12 ITV series comprising 1,775 programs are being broadcast on Wisconsin Public Television stations. All ITV series are supported with teacher guides, and several feature additional instructional materials. The *Parade of Programs*, a booklet describing each series and its curriculum correlations, is available for \$3.

Wisconsin: Celebrating People, Place, and Past is a compact disc (CD-ROM) produced for the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial celebration in 1998. It will be available in May of next year. The program provides an interactive exploration of Wisconsin culture, history, geography, and politics. Designed for classroom use,

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Wisconsin Reference and Loan Library. These tapes are part of the library's interli-

Plan ahead for Black History Month programs

February is Black History Month. This column was prepared to help schools, organizations, institutional groups, and others find VHS videocassette materials they can include when planning classroom, meeting, and other presentations for use during the observance.

One way to locate appropriate materials is to search WISCAT, the statewide database of library holdings. It lists videocassettes owned by libraries across the state

on topics relating to African Americans and black history. In Wisconsin, most public libraries and many school libraries have access to WISCAT. The database also will be available free on the Internet beginning January 1, 1998, at <http://wiscat.brodart.com>.

R&LL Offerings

Among videocassettes about black history and culture listed on WISCAT are many owned by the

library loan collection available free to all borrowers. Teachers and other programmers interested in planning ahead may book R&LL videocassettes in advance for specific use dates.

Only a small number of Reference and Loan's videotapes that could be used for African-American studies

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Wisconsin Media for Young People (cont.)

the CD is especially designed for fourth-grade study of Wisconsin. This disc and the *ITV Parade of Programs* may be obtained from the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board, Attn.: Joan Haight, 3319 West Beltline Highway, Madison, WI 53713.

Audio Materials

The Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies, Smithsonian/Folkways Recordings, 414 Hungerford Drive, Suite 444, Rockville, MD 20850, now has these and other old folk recordings available on cassette tape.

- *Chippewa Game and Social Dance Songs*
- *Folk Songs of the Midwest*
- *Songs of the Great Lakes*

Corvus Productions, Anne Beetem, 2070 Bingham Court, Reston, VA 20191, distributes *Voices That Are Gone*. This compact disc of Victorian music features voice and piano.

Heritage Military Music, P.O. Box 1864, Milwaukee, WI 53201 offers various audiocassettes of the First Brigade Band and may have plans to make a compact disc available as well. The band uses antique instruments and scores to recreate the Civil War music of the original First Brigade Band from Brodhead, Wisconsin.

Spread My Wings by Wisconsin artist Leotha Stanley includes nine positive songs with full piano accompaniment and/or an audiocassette recorded by the "Be a Friend" Singers. It can be ordered from Musical-Lee Yours, Inc., Box 3431, Madison, WI 53704.

The Landlooker is a book and cassette tape set available from Prairie Oak Press, 2577 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53705. It presents historical fiction about a young man in the era of the Peshtigo Fire. Brought on by a long drought, the 1871 fire killed more than 1,200 people in Peshtigo, destroyed 1.25 million acres of forest, and affected Oconto, Brown, Kewaunee, Door, and Menominee counties.

More for Listening

Tomorrow River Records, Box 165, Madison, WI 53701, makes available these and other albums by folk performer Stuart Stotts.

- *Are We There Yet*, is a Stotts cassette tape that offers songs for elementary-aged students and families.
- *I'm Not Scared* is an audiotape that includes ghost stories from southwestern Wisconsin and several songs. Another source of stories told by Stotts is *The Bookcase Ghost: A Storyteller's Collection of Wisconsin Ghost Stories* (Mount Horeb: Midwest Traditions, 1996).
- *One Big Dance*, a cassette tape and compact disc, features a collection of songs about children, family, and neighborhood life. It received a Parents Choice Award.

W.E.S.T. Ethnic Wisconsin History Pamphlets / Cassettes focus on the Belgian, Czech, Dutch, Native American, German, and Welsh history in various Wisconsin communities. The cassettes can be used to take self-guided tours of each area. Materials may be ordered from Wisconsin's Ethnic Settlement Trail, 5900 North Port Washington Road, Suite 146, Milwaukee, WI 53217. ■■

AV Notes (cont.)

and Black History Month programs are described here. They are selected recent and notable older videos dealing with art, literature, biography, history, ethnic identity, racism, and the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. Many other items are available as well, including more familiar titles such as *Eyes on the Prize*, *Roots*, *Ethnic Notions*, *Color Adjustment*, *Road to Brown*, or *Africans: A Triple Heritage*.

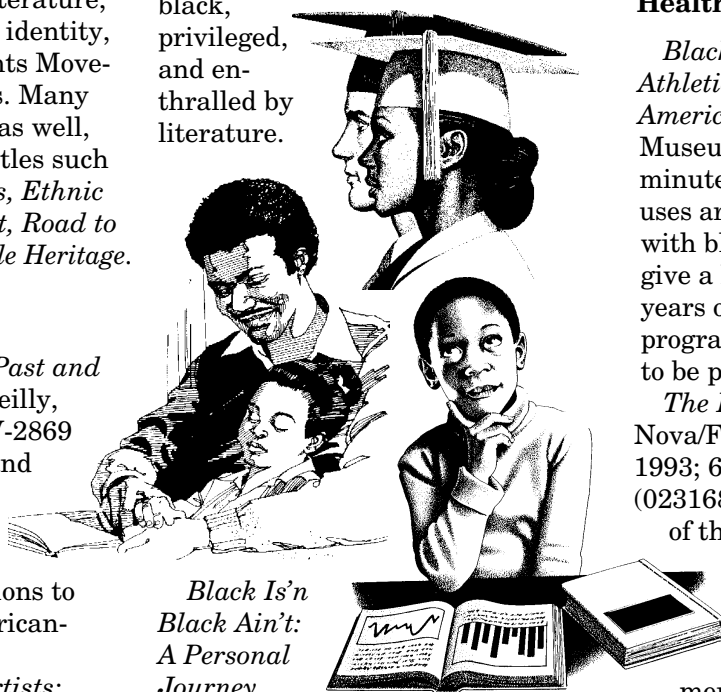
Art and Literature

African American Art: Past and Present (Reading and O'Reilly, 1992; 90 minutes) (VHS V-2869 (022905)) combines rare and historical photographs, reproductions of paintings, sculpture and crafts, and musical selections to present an overview of African-American art.

In *African-American Artists: Affirmation Today* (National Museum of American Art/Crystal Productions, 1994; 28 minutes) (VHS V-2951 (023443)), five contemporary African-American artists talk about their work, background, and triumphs over racial prejudice.

As I Remember It: A Portrait of Dorothy West (Mekuria Productions/

WGBH/Women Make Movies, 1991; 56 minutes) (VHS V-2542 (023053)) interviews African-American writer Dorothy West at age 83. West relates her memories of growing up black, privileged, and enthralled by literature.



Black Is'n Black Ain't: A Personal Journey Through Black Identity (Independent Television Service/California Newsreel, 1995; 88 minutes) (VHS V-6211 (024453)) focuses on gay filmmaker Marlon T. Riggs, who was dying of AIDS at the time the program was made. Riggs asserts that American culture has stereotyped black Americans for

centuries. He also argues that the definitions of "blackness" African Americans impose upon one another have been equally devastating.

Health and Hope

Black Olympians 1904-1984: Athletics and Social Change in America (California Afro-American Museum/Churchill Films, 1986; 28 minutes) (VHS V-2534 (023016)) uses archival footage and interviews with black Olympic medalists to give a historical overview of 80 years of black U.S. Olympians. The program also traces their struggles to be part of American athletics.

The Deadly Deception (WGBH for Nova/Films for the Humanities, 1993; 60 minutes) (VHS V-2914 (023168)) presents an investigation of the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male, conducted in Alabama beginning in 1932. This medical experi-

ment involved African-American men who believed they were receiving free treatment for syphilis but were actually being given worthless medicines by government physicians.

Family Across the Sea (South Carolina ETV/California Newsreel, 1990; 56 minutes) (VHS V-2543 (023017)) follows a delegation of Gullah people who travel to Sierra Leone to trace the roots of their heritage. The Gullah are African Americans from South Carolina who have retained ties with their homeland through speech, songs, and customs.

Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker (Joanne Grant/First Run/Icarus Films, 1986; 48 minutes) (012505) documents the life work of Ella Baker, whose activism for racial justice spanned more than 50 years in the northern and southern United States. Baker was known as Fundi, the Swahili word for a person who passes skills from one generation to another.

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Use call numbers when requesting videos

Libraries and library media centers of all types may call or send requests for videocassettes directly to the Reference and Loan Library or they may send them through regular interlibrary loan channels. Organizations and businesses, 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. The Reference and Loan telephone number for direct video requests is (608) 224-6169. The fax number is (608) 224-6178.

All other users, including individual borrowers, must request materials on interlibrary loan through their public library. They may not contact R&LL directly. The call numbers and booking system numbers included in the citations in "AV Notes" may be referred to when requesting videocassettes from Reference and Loan. ■

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Hair and Heritage

400 Years without a Comb: The Inferior Seed (California Curl, 1989; 60 minutes) (VHS V-1454 (022275)) is a docudrama on African history and culture, the journey to slavery, and the feelings of inferiority black people were taught to have about their own hair, skin, noses, and lips. The program points out that it wasn't until the 1960s and 1970s, with heightened Black awareness and the popularity of the "Afro" hairstyle, that appropriate combs were commercially produced.

Hair Piece: A Film for Nappy-Headed People (Ayoka Chenzira/Women Make Movies, 1985; 10 minutes) (VHS V-2548 (023029)) is an animated satire on black consciousness and self-image from the perspective of hair styling.

Henry Ossawa Tanner (Tanner Film Group, 1991; 17 minutes) (VHS V-2423 (022738)) describes the life and work of this African-American painter, from his childhood in Pittsburgh through obstacles of racism he faced to his successes in Paris.

James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket (Karen Thorson/Maysles Films/WNET/California Newsreel, 1989; 87 minutes) (013813) uses interviews with friends, colleagues, and relatives in a presentation about the life history and accomplishments of this black writer and civil rights activist.

Song and Struggle

Jessye Norman, Singer: Portrait of an Extraordinary Career (Malachite Productions/Filmakers Library, 1991; 74 minutes) (VHS V-2555 (023024)) creates a portrait of classical singer Norman with interviews, footage of performances, and a discussion of how the historical context of racial strife

in the South affected her development.

The Life and Art of William H. Johnson (Reading & O'Reilly, 1991; 25 minutes) (VHS V-2424 (022861)) presents a chronology of painter Johnson's life and art. Old photographs, paintings, and music of the period are used to document his artistic evolution and to show what it was like to be a black artist in the 1920s through the 1940s.

Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Making of a Holiday (On the Potomac Productions/Films for the Humanities, 1988; 30 minutes) (VHS V-1325 (021998))



examines the principles King stood for and uses documentary footage and interviews to follow the sequence of events leading to the establishment of his birthday as a national holiday.

Miles of Smiles, Years of Struggle: The Untold Story of the Black Pullman Porter (Columbia Historical Society/Smithsonian Institution/Benchmark Films, 1982; 60 minutes) (VHS V-2337 (021014)) describes the struggle of black Pullman porters to unionize despite rebukes from white organized labor during the early years of this century. The program also examines the impact on the U.S. Civil Rights Movement of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters eventually formed under the leadership of A. Philip Randolph.

Spirit and Memory

Nigerian Art: Kindred Spirits (WETA/Smithsonian Institution/PBS Video, 1990; 60 minutes) (VHS V-2095 (022706)) presents interviews with Nigerian artists and a look at the vitality of Nigerian art, its historical background,

and its role in Nigerian culture.

On My Own: The Traditions of Daisy Turner (University of Vermont/Vermont Folklife Center/Filmakers Library, 1986; 28 minutes) (VHS V-1274 (021947)) features the 102-year-old daughter of a former slave. Turner recalls childhood incidents, her father's Civil War experiences, and life on her homestead in Vermont.

Picking Tribes (Saundra Sharp/Women Make Movies, 1988; 7 minutes) (VHS V-2556 (023031)) uses vintage photographs from the 1940s through the 1960s and animated watercolor drawings to take a light look at a girl of Black American and Native American descent. She struggles to find an identity between the two heritages and eventually begins to recognize both.

Color and Contrast

Question of Color (Kathe Sandler/California Newsreel, 1992; 58 minutes) (014714) examines the issue of color consciousness within the black community. Some African Americans share their experiences of and attitudes about a caste system based on how closely skin color, hair texture, and facial features conform to a European ideal.

Uncommon Images: James Van DerZee (WNBC-TV/Filmakers Library, 1977; 22 minutes) (VHS V-2557 (023027)) features black photographer Van DerZee talking about his life and work. The program also shows examples of his photos, which are said to capture the proud and glamorous aspects of New York City's Harlem section.

Zajota and the Boogie Spirit (Crossgrain Pictures/Filmakers Library, 1992; 20 minutes) (VHS V-2559 (023028)) is an animated folktale that interweaves African rhythms and dance with the saga of black people, from their African origins to present life in the United States. ■

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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. Specific dates / months must be given for events reported; vague terms such as "soon" and "recently" render news items unusable.

People

Marilyn Amundson has left her position as director of Calhoun Memorial Library, Chetek.

Cynthia du Bois has resigned from her position as director of the Rusk County Community Library.

Sue Freedman has become the reference librarian at Stoughton Public Library.

Lark Hadlock became the new interlibrary loan coordinator for Indianhead Federated Library System in September.

Barbara Hauer is now director of River Falls Public Library.

Youth services librarian **Kathleen T. Horning** has resigned from her position at Madison Public Library to devote more time to her work at the Cooperative Children's Book Center, Madison.

Telise Johnsen left her position as editor of *Channel*, newsletter of the Division for Libraries and Community Learning (DLCL), in mid-November. She served as editor for 16 years, half of the 32 years that the newsletter has been in existence.

Nicole Jude has left her position as director of Pepin Public Library.

Connie Krenz has moved from her position as kindergarten through sixth-grade librarian with Luck School District to become library media specialist at the new Cumberland Middle School.

Former microcomputers and instructional technology consultant

Neah Lohr has been named director of the DLCL Instructional Media and Technology Team. She will also head the Technology Literacy



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Challenge Fund grant program for the Department of Public Instruction.

Mark Merrifield became director of Nicolet Federated Library System in late October. He came from Martin Memorial Library in York, Pennsylvania, where he served as chief operating officer.

Barbara Morford has resigned as director of Spring Green Community Library.

Patty Peterson has become library media specialist at Somerset Elementary School.

Jane Rowe retired in June after 27 years as a school library media specialist, the last 17 years at Mendota Elementary School in Madison.

University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison General Library System deputy director **Sue Searing** is on a one-year leave of absence to serve as visiting professor of library administration and acting library and information science librarian at the University of Illinois-Champaign Library.

Lisa Strand has become the new executive director of the Wisconsin Library Association. She was formerly the executive officer of the Madison Area Apartment Association.

Rose Swanson, director of Dresser Public Library, plans to retire at the end of 1997.

Jill Wells has left her position as children's librarian at Brodhead Memorial Public Library.

Publications

An article by **Don Litzer**, adult services librarian at McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids, is scheduled for publication in the fall 1997 issue of *RUSQ* (*Reference and User Services Quarterly*). Based on a survey of 100 Ohio genealogical societies, the paper is entitled "Library and Genealogical Society Cooperation in Developing Local Genealogical Collections and Services."

Places

In addition to moving to new quarters, the **Wisconsin Library Association** office has been assigned a new zip code. The WLA

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AV Notes (cont.)

Check out ALA tapes

The Reference and Loan Library has available for loan audiocassettes of the 46 programs selected for recording at the 1997 American Library Association annual conference held in San Francisco June 26-July 2. Programs cover a number of topics, including library fund raising, the Internet, cooperative purchasing, access to online databases, telecommuting, the freedom to view, and more.

A complete list of the titles may be found on the Reference and Loan Library's home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/rll/avala97.html>. Or, titles may be requested from R&LL's Willeen Tretheway at (608) 224-6171 or trethwk@mail.state.wi.us. ■

The future calls

FROM TELISE JOHNSEN

November 14 was my last day with the Division for Libraries and Community Learning. After 16 years of editing *Channel* and other publications for librarians, school library media specialists, teachers, and teacher educators in Wisconsin, I said good-bye to friends and colleagues at the Department of Public Instruction and left to consider new options and pursue new goals.

It has been a privilege to serve the division and to help provide the statewide library community with information for the last decade and a half. The skill and dedication of the people with whom I have worked have been inspiring. The H.W. Wilson Library Periodical Award, which *Channel* won in



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1990, is a testimony to their concern for keeping constituents in touch with the state library agency. I know that concern continues, as the division finds new ways to spread the word about state-level library programs, goals, and legislative initiatives.

As I review my tenure with DLCL, I remember gratefully the leadership, support, and prose contributions I have received from six division administrators—W. Lyle Eberhart, Leslyn Shires, Sally Drew, Bill Wilson, Larry Nix, and Carolyn Folke. I think appreciatively of DLCL team leaders and consultants who have written up vital information, revised articles I produced, and even taken photographs for the newsletter.

And finally, I am thankful to *Channel* readers around the state who have perused, criticized, and sent in news items over the years. Along with division staff, they have helped to confirm what I always suspected, that people who care about children and the disadvantaged, lifelong learning and libraries are the best people in the world. ■

Around Wisconsin (cont.)

address is now 5250 East Terrace Drive, Suite A1, Madison 53718-8345. The association is also on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bratshb.uwc.edu/~wla/>.

Clinton Public Library closed for two weeks in November to barcode and enter 19,000 items in a database in preparation for bringing up a new computerized circulation system. Community volunteers helped with the process.

On August 9, a fire damaged one-third of **Delavan-Darien High School**, including the library media center and adjacent classrooms. Many books were smoke damaged, ten years of periodicals were destroyed, and few reference books survived. A temporary media center has been set up in very tight quarters, so donors are asked to call library media specialist Barbara Nielson at (414) 728-2642 before sending materials. Nielson also reports that school district voters recently approved a \$14 million building expansion for the high school and middle school. Of that, \$9.2 million has been designated for building a new library/media center.

Northern Waters Library Service has a new headquarters telephone number. Those calling the system are asked to remove (715) 682-7700 from all directories and replace it with **(715) 682-2365**.

Prizes

Charles A. Bunge, a professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at the UW-Madison and former SLIS chair, is the 1997 recipient of the American Library Association Beta Phi Mu Award. Sponsored by the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honorary Society, the award recognized Bunge's special commitment to "the development of excellence in teaching both library school students and practicing reference librarians."

Social Science Reference Library director **Mary Folster** has been named one of two UW-Madison librarians of the year.

Larry Jacobsen, librarian at UW-Madison's Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center, has won the 1997 American Society of Primatologists Distinguished Service Award.

Mitch Lundquist, library automation help desk coordinator, is

one of two selected as librarians of the year at UW-Madison.

Wayne A. Wiegand, a professor of library and information studies at the UW-Madison, is the 1997 recipient of the American Library Association's (ALA) G.K. Hall Award for Library Literature. The award is given for an outstanding contribution to library literature. Wiegand received the honor for "Irrepressible Reformer: A Biography of Melvil Dewey," published by ALA Editions (1996). ■

Certificates given

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 librarians who have recently earned certificates. For information about certification, contact (608) 267-9225.

Grade 1

Mary J. Bloedow, Rusk County Community Library, Ladysmith
Doreen V. Dalman, Beloit PL
Mary M. Hutnik, Mazomanie PL
Bret K. Jaeger, Waupun PL
Ann R. Piehl, Whitefish Bay PL, Milwaukee

Grade 3

Lisa L. Wold, Sparta Free Library ■

Dates and Data



Send information on continuing education activities and meetings to Continuing Education, *Channel*, Division for Libraries and Community Learning.

December

4: Security in Your Library. 9 a.m.-noon. Beaver Dam. Sponsored by Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System.

4: Internet Issues and Policies. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lowell Hall, UW-Madison. Sponsored by UW-Madison SLIS and UW Extension. 0.7 CEU. \$135. Contact Jane Pearlmutter, (608)262-6398, jpearl@macc.wisc.edu (information), or (608)262-7942, fax (608)265-3163 (registration).

5: Global Dimensions of Local Librarianship. First teleconference in a two-part series titled "Dancing with Change: Libraries Now and in the Future"; second teleconference on 2/6/98. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Madison Area Technical College. Sponsored by South Central Library System and MATC. Registration is free to SLCS members and members of systems that have intersystem agreements with SCLS; \$20 (others). Contact Donna Hussin, (608) 246-5613, dhussin@scls.lib.wi.us.

5-6: WEMA Board of Directors meeting. Wisconsin Dells. Contact Helen Adams, (715) 677-4011, (715) 592-4614, hadams@coredcs.com, or Sherry Freiberg, (414) 929-2780.

11: WLA Board of Directors Meeting. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wisconsin Library Association Office, Madison. Contact (608)245-3640.

12: 1998 WLA Leadership Conference. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wisconsin Library Association Office, Madison. Contact (608)245-3640.

January 1998

1-31: National Book Month. Sponsored by the National Book Foundation and the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. Contact National Book Foundation, 260 Fifth Avenue, Room 904, New York, NY 10001; (212)685-0261.

6-9: Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE). New Orleans, LA.

9-15: American Library Association. Midwinter meeting. New Orleans. Contact ALA, (800)545-2433.

16: The Internet: Sites for Your Workday, Sites for You. Video teleconference for library support staff. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Madison Area Technical College. Sponsored by South Central Library System and MATC. Sessions are free to members of

library systems that have intersystem agreements with SCLS; \$20 (others). Registration materials mailed to all Wisconsin library systems. Contact Donna Hussin, (608)246-5613, dhussin@scls.lib.wi.us.

February

1-28: American History Month. Contact Historian General's Office, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006-5392; (202)879-3255.

African-American History Month. Sponsored by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. For materials, contact The Associated Publishers, Inc., 1407 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005; (202)265-1441.

American Music Month. Contact National Federation of Music Clubs, 49 South James Road, Columbus, OH 43213; (614)231-2815.

1: National Freedom Day. Commemorates the signing of the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery in 1865.

6: Developing Leadership for Change. Second teleconference in a two-part series titled "Dancing with Change: Libraries Now and in the Future"; first teleconference was on 12/5/97. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Madison Area Technical College. Sponsored by South Central Library System and MATC. Registration is free to SLCS members and members of systems that have intersystem agreements with SCLS; \$20 (others). Contact Donna Hussin, (608) 246-5613, dhussin@scls.lib.wi.us.

10: Library Legislative Day. Madison. Sponsored by Wisconsin Library Association. Contact Lisa Strand, (608)245-3640.

27-28: WEMA Board of Directors meeting. Milwaukee. Contact Helen Adams, (715) 677-4011, (715) 592-4614, hadams@coredcs.com, or Sherry Freiberg, (414) 929-2780.

March

1-31: Music in Our Schools Month. Contact Music Educators National Conference, 1806 Robert Fulton Drive, Reston, VA 22091; (800)336-3768.

National Nutrition Month. Contact American Dietetic Association, 216 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606; (312) 899-0040, ext. 4653.

National Women's History Month. Contact National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492; (707)838-6000.

Youth Art Month. Contact Council for Art Education, 100 Boylston Street, Suite 1050, Boston, MA 02116; (617)426-6400.

8: International Women's Day. Same day every year. Contact National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492; (707)838-6000.

10-14: Public Libraries: Vital, Valuable, Virtual. Seventh national conference. Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the Public Library Association. Contact (800) 545-2433, extension 5PLA, <http://www.pla.org>.

27: It Takes a Vision. Video teleconference for library support staff. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Madison Area Technical College. Sponsored by South Central Library System and MATC. Sessions are free to members of library systems that have intersystem agreements with SCLS; \$20 (others). Registration materials mailed to all Wisconsin library systems. Contact Donna Hussin, (608)246-5613, dhussin@scls.lib.wi.us.

April

1-30: National Media Month/School Library Media Month

1-3: Wisconsin Educational Media Association. Spring conference. Grand Milwaukee Hotel, Milwaukee. Contact Mary Lou Zuege, (414) 255-8444, or Pamela Penn (414) 475-8128.

2: International Children's Book Day. Celebrated on Hans Christian Andersen's birthday to help young children develop an understanding of other cultures through literature. Contact U.S. Board on Books for Young People, c/o International Reading Association, 800 Barksdale Road, P. O. Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139; (302)731-1600, ext. 274 or 229.

3: WLA Young Adult Services Section. Spring conference. Stevens Point. Contact Elizabeth Vollrath, Portage County Public Library.

7: World Health Day. Commemorates establishment of the World Health Organization in 1948. Contact American Association for World Health, (202)466-5883

19-25: National Library Week. Contact American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

26-28: The Wright Place at the Right Time: Positioning the Library for Maximum Impact. Wisconsin Health Science Library Association annual meeting. Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison. Contact Mary Janeck, (608)358-6532, mjaneck@ssmhc.com, or Robert Koehler, (608)267-6234, rkoehler@meriter.com. ■



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