

Channel

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153 districts share \$6.4 million in technology literacy funds

One-hundred-fifty-three school districts will share more than \$6.4 million in federal funds that will help them integrate technology into teaching and learning. The funds are part of the 1997 \$200 million Technology Literacy Challenge Fund, which is a five-year, \$2 billion federal effort intended to encourage state, local, and private sector investment in technology for improving education. This is the program's second year.

Wisconsin received \$6,840,340, of which 95 percent flows through the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to school districts. The DPI portion of the grant is used for administrative expenses

associated with the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund program. Grant readers from around the state reviewed 127 applications requesting over \$15 million in funding for the program. The 61 applications (many applications are from consortia of multiple school districts) chosen to receive funds impact more than 3,200 teachers and more than 573,000 students.

The Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grant program was developed at the federal level to ensure that all teachers have the training and support they need to help students learn through computers and the information superhigh-

way, to ensure that all teachers and students have modern computers in their classrooms, to ensure that every classroom is connected to the information superhighway, and to ensure that effective and engaging software and on-line learning resources are an integral part of every school curriculum. The grant program also helps states and districts to implement their technology plans.

Wisconsin allowed applicants to address any or a combination of the four federal goals, but at least 30 percent of each project was to focus on support and training for teachers so they can help

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Input sought on *Channel*

The Division for Libraries and Community Learning (DLCL) staff are reviewing the *Channel* newsletter in an attempt to make it more effective in communicating news of interest to library staffs and trustees in Wisconsin.

We would like to hear your ideas in this regard. What are the most useful features in *Channel*? What are the least useful features in *Channel*? How would you like to see it improved? Would a more timely electronic version of *Channel* via the Internet be an acceptable alternative to you?

Please send comments to Larry Nix, Division for Libraries and Community Learning, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841; e-mail to nixlt@mail.state.wi.us. ■

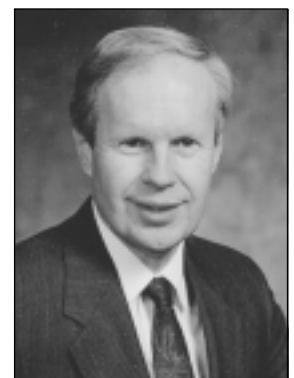
Potter to lead DPI Division for Libraries and Community Learning

State Superintendent John T. Benson announced May 11 the appointment of Sen. Calvin Potter (D-Kohler) to be Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries and Community Learning at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, effective June 8, 1998.

"It is clear to me, to the statewide library community, and to those who understand the important relationship between schools and their communities that Cal Potter is someone who can provide statewide leadership on behalf of children, their education, and the lifelong learning of all citizens," said the state superintendent. "I couldn't be happier than to welcome Cal to our staff as the state librarian."

Potter, a former social studies teacher in the Plymouth School District, served in the Wisconsin Assembly from 1975-90 and has represented the 9th Senate District since his election in 1990. Currently a member of the Senate Education Committee, he has served as chairperson of numerous education- and library-related legislative committees, including the

- Assembly Education Committee (1982-90)
- Senate Education Committee (1991-93, 1996-1998)
- Legislative Council Committee on Public Libraries (1997)
- Legislative Council Study Committee on Library Laws (1977)



Cal Potter

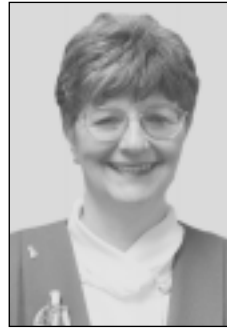
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Winters Folke leaves DPI after 20 years

Having served as an on-line search analyst, Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Library and Microcomputer Center director, director of the Bureau for Instructional Media and Technology, and currently in the dual role of Chief Information Officer and Division Administrator, Carolyn Winters Folke has retired after 20 years at the DPI.

"Carolyn has contributed in significant ways to this agency over the years, and her efforts and talents will be missed,"

said State Superintendent John T. Benson. "Her expertise in the area of library technology has helped the DPI set a solid base upon which to build. Library staff members and patrons will see the effects of her work for years to come."



Carolyn
Winters Folke

During her 20 years at DPI, Folke also has served on a number of technology-related boards and commissions, including the Distance Education Technology Initiative Committee, the Educational Technology Board, and most recently on the Educational Communications Board and the Commission on Public Broadcasting.

"One of my special professional interests has been intellectual freedom," Folke said. She was the principle author of the DPI publication *Dealing with Selection and Censorship: A Brief Handbook for Wisconsin Schools*, and handles calls from schools when they are facing a challenge to library materials. "We work closely with the Cooperative Children's Book Center in this area," Folke added.

In the past few years, Folke said the most exciting aspect of her work at DPI has been bringing together libraries and information systems, both of which are disciplines requiring knowledge about all aspects of information. She said an understanding of the perspectives of each and their relationship to the policy issues surrounding information today is critical to our democratic society. Folke said she hopes division staff are able to continue to explore the relationship between the two.

"As I leave the division I am particularly excited about the work of the Library Technology Planning Conference," Folke said. During the next few months the division will continue the work of

the conference and work with the library community to develop a strategic plan for state library technology. "We are so thrilled that Cal Potter will lead this effort. I am looking forward to using the developing electronic network to pursue my retirement projects. In addition to time with family and friends, these will include gardening, travel, and volunteer organizations—including Habitat for Humanity and literacy projects.

"Public education, libraries, and public policy are very important to me and I am happy to have been able to have a career focused on issues I care about," Folke added. "That is a joy that many people are not able to have in their work life, and I feel blessed." ■■

Potter

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The senator was also a member of the Governor's Council on Model Academic Standards. A two-time recipient of the Wisconsin Library Association Citation of Merit, Potter was a state delegate to The White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1991 and received that group's "State Elected Official Award" in 1993.

"Over the past 24 years, I have appreciated the opportunity to draft and support legislation that responds to constituents' education and information needs," Potter said. "This position will give me a new perspective, an opportunity to see how that legislation translates into the many quality programs in our libraries, schools, and communities."

The Division for Libraries and Community Learning includes staff supporting Bright Beginnings/Family-Community-School Partnership; Education Information Services; Information Technology/Applications Development/Technical Support; Instructional Media and Technology; Library and Statistical Information Center; Public Library Development; and Resource Sharing and Reference and Loan Library.

Sen. Potter replaced Carolyn Winters Folke, who retired May 22, 1998. ■■



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Unsolicited articles are not accepted. Press releases of state and national library/media/educational organizations are printed when space allows and if they are considered to be of statewide interest.

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Technology Literacy

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their students learn through the use of computers and other technologies. Additionally, the DPI considered geographic location and projects that would serve areas with the highest concentrations of child poverty in making grant awards. All 61 grant recipients had a comprehensive technology plan in place, a federal

and state requirement.

“The Technology Literacy Challenge Fund is a wonderful complement to other state and federal grant programs that allow school districts to acquire hardware, improve networking capabilities, or purchase discounted service,” said State Superintendent John T. Ben-

son. “Although the grant program is designed to fund a variety of technology needs, Wisconsin is targeting the majority of grant funds to train teachers to use computers and technology to benefit student learning.”

Agencies receiving grants and their grant allocation follow. Recipients marked with an asterisk (*) are a consortium, with the first district listed serving as the fiscal agent for the consortium.

* Adams-Friendship School District Adams-Friendship , Almond-Bancroft, Cambria-Friesland, Columbus, New Lisbon, Poynette, Princeton, River Valley, Tomorrow River, Wautoma, Wild Rose	\$200,000	La Farge School District	\$73,750
Amery School District	\$85,000	* Lake Holcombe School District Lake Holcombe , Bruce, Cadott Community, Colby, Gilman, Granton, Ladysmith-Hawkins, Stanley-Boyd Area, Thorp	\$200,000
Barron Area School District	\$68,000	Lomira School District	\$75,000
Brighton #1 School District	\$75,000	Luxemburg-Casco School District	\$70,000
Chilton School District	\$93,021	Madison Metropolitan School District	\$100,000
Cumberland School District	\$95,000	Mayville School District	\$70,000
De Forest Area School District	\$85,000	McFarland School District	\$90,000
* Fall Creek School District Fall Creek , Altoona, Augusta, Eleva-Strum, Osseo-Fairchild	\$155,000	Medford Area School District	\$70,000
* Flambeau School District Flambeau , Birchwood, Chetek, (LCO Ojibwe), (Mount Senario College), Weyerhaeuser	\$175,000	Menominee Indian School District	\$65,000
* Frederic School District Frederic , Boyceville, Cameron, Clayton, Clear Lake, Colfax, Ellsworth, Elmwood, Luck, Pepin, Plum City, Prairie Farm, St. Croix Falls, Spring Valley, Turtle Lake, Webster	\$200,000	Middleton-Cross Plains School District	\$97,758
* Gibraltar School District Gibraltar , Sevastapol	\$125,000	Milton School District	\$83,000
Greenfield School District	\$69,880	Milwaukee Public Schools	\$722,015
Hartford J1 School District	\$35,623	Mosinee School District	\$99,846
* Hartland-Lakeside J3 School District Hartland-Lakeside , Lake County	\$200,000	Mount Horeb Area School District	\$85,000
* Hayward School District Hayward , Ashland, Bayfield, Butternut, Drummond, Glidden, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Mercer, Northwood, Park Falls, Phillips, Solon Springs, South Shore, Superior, Washburn, Winter	\$90,000	Muskego-Norway School District	\$30,000
Kenosha School District	\$100,000	Neenah School District	\$99,805
		* Neillsville School District Neillsville , Abbotsford, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Gilman, Greenwood, Loyal, Mondovi, Owen-Withee, Spencer	\$200,000
		New London School District	\$80,000
		New Richmond School District	\$85,000
		Oconomowoc Area School District	\$85,000

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* Oconto Falls School District	\$75,000
Oconto Falls , Coleman, Crivitz, Gillett, Leona, Oconto, Suring	
Oregon School District	\$80,000
* Oshkosh School District	\$140,000
Oshkosh , Appleton, Brillion, Hortonville, Kimberly, Iola-Scandinavia, Manawa, Menasha, (St. Mary High School), Seymour, Stockbridge, (Unified Catholic Schools of Oshkosh), Weyauwega-Fremont, Wrightstown, (Xavier High School)	
Phelps School District	\$70,000
Platteville School District	\$84,914
Plymouth Joint School District	\$75,000
Portage Community School District	\$85,000
Prairie du Chien Area School District	\$80,000
Rosendale-Brandon School District	\$80,000
St. Francis School District	\$30,000
Sheboygan Falls School District	\$70,000
Southern Door School District	\$69,150
Sparta School District	\$85,000
* Spooner School District	\$162,200
Spooner , Prescott, St. Croix Central, Siren	
* Stoughton Area School District	\$150,000
Stoughton , Evansville, Parkview	
Sturgeon Bay School District	\$70,000
Sun Prairie Area School District	\$75,000
Verona Area School District	\$80,000
Waunakee Community School District	\$85,000

Waupun School District	\$80,000
Wausau School District	\$85,000
Whitefish Bay School District	\$75,000
* Wisconsin Dells School District	\$150,000
Wisconsin Dells , Sauk Prairie	
Wittenburg-Birnamwood School District	\$30,000
Woodruff Jt. 1	\$46,161

An advisory panel made up of technology specialists from local school districts, higher education, government, and other groups provided direction for Wisconsin's Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grant allocations. Members of that panel were

- Miriam Erickson, Instructional Materials Center Director, Gibraltar Area School District;
- Linda Hanson, Director of School Services, Educational Communications Board;
- Bob Houts, Technology Consultant, CESA 9;
- Dana Nelson, System Academic Planner, Office of Learning and Information Technology, UW-System;
- Paul Nelson, Telecommunications Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Administration;
- Carol Orlandi, Teacher, Milwaukee;
- Stephen Sanders, Computer Coordinator, Marshfield School District;
- LaVon Schroeder, Instructional Technology Coordinator, CESA 6;
- Greg Wagner, Deputy Division Administrator, Wisconsin Technical College System; and
- Ralph Whiting, Supervisor of Information and Technology, La Crosse School District.

Anders Dahlgren to leave DPI

Anders Dahlgren will be leaving the Public Library Development Team of the Division for Libraries and Community Learning to go into full time private library consulting effective July 3, 1998.

His half-time position as Library Consultant for Buildings and Planning will not be refilled. Instead, his work hours will be added to those of existing part time staff on the Public Library Development Team.

As a result, there will be an adjustment in the duties of Public Library Development Team members and the

services which will be provided by the team. Peg Branson will take on the responsibility for public librarian certification and continuing education (effective July 3). Mike Cross will take on the responsibility for library planning assistance. The Public Library Development Team will no longer be able to pro-



Anders Dahlgren

vide consultation relating to individual public library buildings, but a variety of strategies will be used to assist public libraries that are planning building projects. Larry Nix will be responsible for coordinating these strategies, and will be the public library building contact on the Public Library Development Team.

For more information, contact Larry T. Nix, director, Public Library Development, Division for Libraries and Community Learning, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841; (608) 266-7270 or e-mail to nixlt@mail.state.wi.us. ■■

Ideas sought for project name

Work progressing on full text project

The Division for Libraries and Community Learning has allocated \$2.1 million in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding to purchase access to full text, citations, and abstract information for periodicals, newspapers, reference materials, and an encyclopedia for Wisconsin libraries of all types.

The Request for Proposal for the Full Text Project was sent to approximately 45 vendors in early February. A vendor's conference was held February 25 in Madison at the Reference and Loan Library. Twelve vendors (listed below) responded by the March 16 deadline.

- American Business Information
- EBSCO Publishing
- Gale Research, Inc.
- Grolier Publishing Co., Inc.
- H. W. Wilson
- Infonautics Inc.
- Information Access Company
- Quest (Dawson)
- NewsBank, Inc.
- SIRS, Inc.
- Teton Data Systems
- UMI

Selected vendors made oral presentations April 6 and 7, 1998. The evaluation committee includes representatives from public, school, academic, and special libraries.

All 12 vendors were asked to set up demonstration sites for the members of the review team and advisory committee between April 20 and May 21. Advisory committee members had the opportunity to submit comments to the review team members during this time period.

An e-mail account has been set up so that library staff statewide also can offer comments they may have about any of

the products offered by these companies that may be in use in their libraries and about their experiences with training, customer support, or other services provided by these companies in relationship to provision of full text database services. It is not possible to make details about each vendor's proposal available at this time, so it is possible that comments made by library staff will not directly relate to products the vendors have proposed. However, the committee felt that hearing from library users on their general experiences still could be valu-

able. Comments should be sent to fulltxt@mail.state.wi.us.

An effort soon will be underway to select an inspirational and catchy name for this project and other related statewide automation projects. More information will be posted about this later. The target date for starting the contract(s) is July 1, 1998.

For more information, contact Sally Drew, Director, Reference and Loan Library, 2109 South Stoughton Road, Madison, WI 53716; (608) 224-6161; e-mail to drewsj@mail.state.wi.us. ■■

Summer Library

Summer Library Program activities

DNR needs information on free fishing requests

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is receiving many requests for Free Fishing Weekend materials as listed with the Summer Library Program (SLP). In order to provide better accountability to the DNR's funding sources, the agency needs to know how libraries plan to use the materials ordered.

In the packet containing the green Free Fishing Weekend materials order form, there also is a blue Promotional Information form. Please complete that form and send or fax it to the DNR. If you are hosting an event or program series on a date other than Free Fishing Weekend, use the form to tell the DNR that, too. When the DNR receives this form, the agency will send the requested material. If you no longer have the blue form, you can simply provide the fol-

lowing information to the DNR.

- Dates
- Times
- Place
- Sponsoring Organizations
- Supporting Organizations
- Contact Name
- Telephone Number
- Brief Program Description
- Will this program include a DNR Angler Education component? (You won't be disqualified if you say no.)

Forms can be sent to Angler Education, FH/4, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921; fax (608) 267-7857. E-mail can be sent to stabot@dnr.state.wi.us. For more information, contact Theresa Stabo at (608) 266-2272 or Mike Grahn at (608) 261-6431. ■■

Library Legislation

FROM MIKE CROSS

Library law changes take effect July 1, 1998

On April 20 Gov. Thompson signed SB 269, making official the most significant revision of Wisconsin library law in more than a decade. The bill was introduced by the Joint Legislative Council and developed largely through the work of the Special Committee on Public Libraries, chaired by Senator Calvin Potter. The final bill as amended becomes law on July 1, 1998, as Act 150.

The law's provisions with the greatest potential widespread impact are those that relate to county library planning and funding. Under the new law, county library plans now must provide for reimbursement to public libraries for non-resident service within the system area. Also new is a provision allowing county plans to include minimum standards of operation for public libraries in the county. Such standards take effect if approved by the county and the public library boards of at least 50 percent of the participating library municipalities which represent at least 80 percent of the population of the participating library municipalities in the county. Public libraries not meeting these standards may not be allowed exemption from the county library tax levy.

Beginning in 2001, counties are required to pay each public library in the county at least 70 percent of the cost of library services provided to residents of the county that do not maintain a public library (for example, township residents who use a nearby municipal library). The only exceptions to this requirement are consolidated county libraries and counties with a population over 500,000. Cost calculations for this requirement are to be based on total library operating expenditures, not including capital expenditures and expenditures of federal funds. This new provision makes it es-

sential that all Wisconsin libraries collect adequate non-resident usage statistics as soon as possible, but beginning no later than January of 1999. The newly-required minimum county payments will be made in the year 2001, but will be based on calendar year



1999 circulation statistics. Each library must be able to document 1999 nonresident usage to the satisfaction of the county so that county budgets passed in the fall of 2000 are adequate to fund these payments in 2001.

At the system level, the new law requires the DPI to submit a biennial budget request for library system aids totaling 13 percent of statewide local and county public library operating expenditures. When the 13 percent index level is achieved, the system aid distribution formula factor for local and county public library expenditures will be reduced from 4 percent to 2 percent. Other significant changes for library systems include changes in the system service requirements which better reflect current needs and services, and a new provision

in the public library annual report form that asks if a library's system is adequately meeting the needs of the library. The Division for Libraries and Community Learning will conduct a review of a public library system if at least 30 percent of the participating libraries which represent at least 30 percent of the population of the library municipalities indicate that the system did not meet the needs of the library. If the DLCL determines that the system is not providing effective leadership and did not adequately meet the needs of member public libraries, the DLCL will prepare an advisory plan making suggestions for improvement, including ways to foster intrasystem communications and local dispute resolution.

The new law also makes it easier for counties to change library system affiliation and makes it easier for two

systems to merge. If, because of the withdrawal or realignment of participating libraries or counties, the population of a library system drops below 100,000, the system or member counties must realign with another system within two years. Any newly established public library system must have a minimum population of 200,000.

Another change allows a town to appeal a decision of the county board or county library board that disapproves the town's participation in a joint library with a municipality located in another county.

Division staff will be working with library system and public library staff and trustees to help make the new law a success in improving library services across Wisconsin. ■■

R&LL's VHS Videocassette Loan Catalog now on the Web

The unannotated title list of the 7,000 to 8,000 VHS videocassettes available for free loan from the Reference and Loan Library (R&LL) now is searchable at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/rll/vhslist.html>. This Web version of the catalog is an update of the printed title catalog distributed to Wisconsin libraries by Reference and Loan in the spring of 1997. The Web version will be updated regularly.

The catalog is searchable by title keyword for individual programs and for series. It also is searchable by title number.

Additionally, it is possible to search by or to qualify a title search by a special video feature or characteristic. Currently, the only special feature indexed for searching is audio description for the visually impaired. It is anticipated that this search capability will be expanded later to include closed captioning and foreign language.

The VHS Videocassette Loan Catalog website has information about the Reference and Loan Library's videocassette collection, borrowing and booking policies, use restrictions, and ways to order videocassettes. There also is a link to WISCAT,

Wisconsin's statewide database of library holdings, which can provide additional descriptive information about many of the videocassette titles.

For those who want browsing capability, a text version of the title catalog may be downloaded to the user's local system. Copies of the 1997 printed catalog remain available and may be requested from the Reference and Loan Library.

Sample Videocassettes

These are some recent VHS videocassettes on topics of interest to library staff and others concerned about libraries, reading, and the preservation of information. All of these programs are available for free loan from the Reference and Loan Library.

CCBC Choices 1997 (Cooperative Children's Book Center/Friends of the CCBC, 1998; 2 videocassettes, 180 minutes) is a two-part live videorecording of a March 7, 1998, Cooperative

Children's Book Center presentation. At this annual event, CCBC director Ginny Moore Kruse and staff members Kathleen T. Horning and Megan Schliesman introduced the printed publication *CCBC Choices 1997* and discussed some of the books published in 1997 that this annotated bibliography recommends for young people. Part one is "CCBC Choices for Older Readers" and part two is "CCBC Choices for Younger Children." (VHS V-6554 (024967))

Into The Future: On The Preservation of Knowledge in the Electronic Age (Terry Sanders/American Film Foundation/Commission on Preservation & Access/American Council of

Learned Societies, 1997; 60 minutes) describes the hidden crisis of digital information. Narrated by broadcast journalist and author Robert MacNeil, the program tells that other forms of information storage have deteriorated or become obsolete and questions whether the information stored electronically today will still be accessible in the future. This program is a sequel to the 1987 video *Slow Fires: On The Preservation of the Human Record* (VHS V-859 (021483)) which deals with the preservation of print

materials. (VHS V-6520 (024933))

Make A Difference: Talk About Books (ERIC/EDINFO Press, 1996; 17 minutes; with discussion guide) tells that every adult can learn to share books with children by reading together and then discussing the child's thoughts. The program teaches some book sharing strategies used in the Parents Sharing Books Program developed by the Family Literacy Center. It is intended to help parents to strengthen their relationships with their children, promote their children's intellectual and emotional growth, improve their children's reading skills and classroom performance, and help children appreciate the value of reading. (VHS V-6490 (024903))

Searching the Web (ALA Video/Library Video Network, 1997; 20 minutes; with guide; closed captioned) is an introduction to search techniques on the World Wide Web. It includes

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People

Lisa Anderson is the new director of the Antigo Public Library. The UW-Milwaukee graduate was working at Cabell County Library in West Virginia.

Dorothy Batt, Madison Public Library Monroe Street Branch Librarian, retired after 20 years of service.

Jane Brunner is the new director of the Black Earth Public Library. She was previously a part-time librarian.

Linda Colby is the new Youth Services Coordinator at the Mount Horeb Public Library. She is the former direc-

tor of the Black Earth Public Library.

Stephen Elfstrand is the new automated systems librarian at UW-Eau Claire's McIntyre Library. He had been the head of automation at UW-River Falls.

Eileen Emberson, former library director at Chippewa Valley Technical College, now is the media services consultant at Mount Senario College in Ladysmith.

Jeanne Friedell will retire from the Barron Public Library effective June 26.

Ann Goodall, media specialist at

Chippewa Falls High School, retired at the end of the school year.

Gloria Hoegh, who joined the staff of the Oshkosh Public Library in 1958 and became Coordinator of the Winnefox Library System in 1978, passed away May 10, 1998.

Irene Jones, who was the librarian at Drummond for 16 years, passed away March 8, 1998.

Sue Krug, has resigned as director of the Marshall Community Library after 17 years. She will continue as the assistant librarian. **Diana Skalitzky**, former library assistant, is the new director of the Marshall Community Library.

June Kuske, director of the Centuria Public Library, has retired.

Michele McCaughty is the new director at the Augusta Memorial Public Library. She replaces **Mabel Breid** who resigned.

Molly Panko will be the new Youth Services Librarian at the Madison Public Library Youth Services Department. She was formerly at the Burlington Public Library.

Jo Reitmann, Cedarburg Public Library, resigned her position as director. **Mary Marquardt**, assistant director, has been appointed acting director.

James White will retire as director of the La Crosse Public Library in July.

Awards

Shirley May Byrnes, SCLS public library consultant, has been elected secretary of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table.

Ginny Moore Kruse, director of the UW-Madison Cooperative Children's Book Center, received a Distinguished Achievement award from the UW-Madison School of Education.

Abigail Loomis, coordinator of Library User Education, UW-Madison General Library System, has won the Wisconsin Alumni Association Award

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practical approaches to using the Web, how to perform Boolean searches, how to evaluate the usefulness of search engines, and how to evaluate Web resource materials. It includes interviews with librarians who use the Web on the job and is intended to help librarians determine the best time to use the Web as a reference tool. (VHS V-6503 (024916))

Video, CD-ROM & the Web: Motion Media & the Library of the Future (National Video Resources/ALA Video/Library Video Network, 1997; 115 minutes) is a videorecording of a May 1997 teleconference of the same name delivered from KRMA-TV in Denver, Colorado. The event included presentations and discussion by and for librarians and library administrators on the array of new and emerging technologies and resources. Panelists and presenters discussed the current state of media activity and planning in public, academic and school libraries, and addressed the future of video, DVD, the Internet, the need for continuing education for librarians, and technical and service issues surrounding the development of circulating multimedia CD-ROM collections. The keynote speaker was Kenneth Dowlin, the panelists were Kristine Brancolini, Gordon Conable, Lin Forrest, James Scholtz, and Greg Lubelski, and the moderator was Gary Handman. (VHS V-6499 (024912))

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 may contact Reference and Loan directly or send interloan requests through their libraries.

The R&LL phone number for direct video requests is (608) 224-6169. The fax number is (608) 224-6178. All other users, including individual borrowers, should request materials on interlibrary loan through their public library rather than contacting Reference and Loan directly. The call numbers and booking system numbers included in the citations in this article may be referred to when requesting videocassettes from Reference and Loan. ■■

Certificates earned

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. Below is a list of librarians who have earned certificates. For information about certification, call (608) 267-9225.

Grade 1

Margaret M. Luczywko, South Milwaukee Public Library
Mark E. Merrifield, Nicolet Federated Library System
Barbara Ann Roark, Franklin Public Library
Cynthia C. Taylor, Karl Junginger Memorial Library, Waterloo

Grade 2

Karen J. Augitto, Minocqua Public Library ■■

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for Excellence in Leadership.

Carol Nelson, district media coordinator for the Eau Claire Area Schools, received the Lee Bures Intellectual Freedom Award from the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English—Censorship Committee.

Darlene Weingand, UW-Madison SLIS Professor, was named a 1998 Distinguished Alumna by the Dominican University, River Forest, IL.

Places

Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library and **U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library**, Grafton, are expanding their buildings.

The "Carnegie" portion of the **Plymouth Public Library** has been approved as a landmark for Sheboygan County. ■■

Lester seeks adult services coordinator

The Lester Public Library, Two Rivers, is looking for an Adult Services Coordinator. The starting salary is between \$28,704 and \$30,451 depending on qualifications. The top of the salary range is \$37,315. The Lester Public Library, which is housed in a new 25,000 sq. ft. facility overlooking Lake Michigan, is fully automated with a Dynix information system and a local area network which includes a CD-ROM server. A T-1 line will be added in July.

The successful candidate will be responsible for adult and young adult collection development; developing and maintaining electronic information files; public service at the reference desk; and supervising department staff.

Requirements include: ALA accredited graduate degree (summer 1998 graduation is acceptable); public library experience is an asset; must be willing to be involved with the community; city residency required after probation.

To apply send a resume that includes the names of at least three professional references to Ken Hall, Director, Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams, Two Rivers, WI 54241. ■■

Winnefox System to hire coordinator

The Winnefox Library System, Oshkosh, a multi-county federated public library system with 24 member public libraries in four counties (Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago), is seeking a coordinator.

The coordinator is under the general direction and guidance of the System Director and provides the following operational duties: budget development and management; planning and evaluating services; consulting; personnel management; contract development and negotiations; policy formulation; and grant writing. Requirements include excellent communication and interpersonal skills and an MLS from ALA accredited library school with five years professional experience, three in a supervisory and administrative capacity.

Send a resume and a letter of application listing three references to: John Nichols, Director, Winnefox Library System, 106 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901. ■■

Kenosha Library has technology opening

The Kenosha Public Library is searching for someone to handle computer and network services for the library.

Candidates must have a BS or BA in Computer Science (or equivalent education) and/or ALA MLS preferred, demonstrated supervisory ability, and three years progressively responsible experience working with computers, networks, and telecommunications. Solid expertise in computers, both mainframe and microcomputers; networking, both local area networks (LAN) and wide area networks (WAN); CD-ROM hardware and software; and telecommunications hardware and software. Familiarity with UNIX desirable.

The position is responsible for coordinating daily activities of the Computer and Network Services Division. Will develop and improve the Library's Geac Advance computer system, and develop, coordinate and maintain the Library's computerized telecommunications network, including access to electronic sources, CD-ROM tools, e-mail, Internet, and the Geac Advance system. The successful candidate also will participate in library planning, evaluation, and policy development.

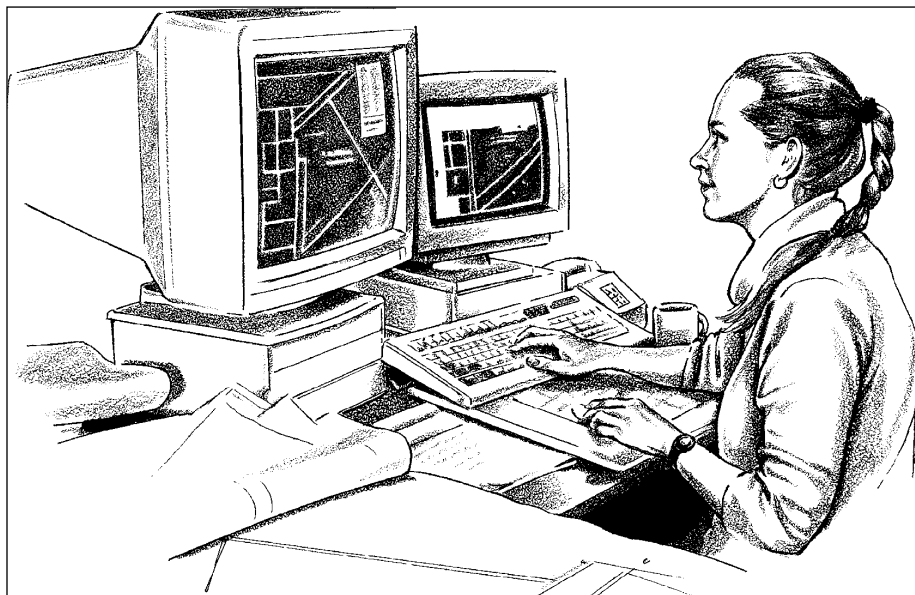
Interested candidates should submit a letter of application, current resume, and the names and phone numbers of three references to Lin Swartz-Truesdell, Personnel and Public Relations Coordinator, Kenosha Public Library, P.O. Box 1414, Kenosha, WI 53141-1414. The deadline is noon on June 19, 1998. ■■

Reference and Loan readies six WISCAT products

Spring is always a busy time at the Reference and Loan Library—the time when the new yearly edition of WISCAT (the statewide database) is distributed to libraries. The catalog now contains nearly 6 million bibliographic records and more than 28 million holdings. This year there are six products coming out, all of which are coordinated to facilitate resource sharing in Wisconsin.

- WISCAT/LePac (the statewide database on CD-ROM)
- WisCon (program for adding library holdings to the database)
- WISCAT/LePacNet (the statewide database on the World Wide Web)
- LePac Interim Client (Internet software program for adding holdings to WISCAT and creating Interlibrary Loan requests)
- QuILL (the program which manages Interlibrary Loan request traffic for public library systems and other libraries)
- WULS supplement to WISCAT (Wisconsin Union List of Serials)

The CD-ROM version of WISCAT will be produced for another year, although libraries are moving rapidly to the World Wide Web (www) version of



the catalog. WisCon, which works with the CD-ROM WISCAT, will disappear when that version of the catalog is discontinued.

The www version of WISCAT, which has been available for more than a year, became free to libraries and users in January 1998. It is a “read only” catalog that can be accessed on the www at <http://wiscat.brodart.com>. Library staff will interact with the database by using

the Interim Client software which will allow them to create QuILL requests and add their holdings to WISCAT.

The QuILL program has some new features and improvements for 1998 which will help libraries process interlibrary loan requests more smoothly.

The newest product to be added to the WISCAT suite is the Wisconsin Union List of Serials (WULS) which will come as a separate supplement disc to WISCAT on CD-ROM and as a separate database choice in the www version of WISCAT. This will allow libraries to search by computer for periodical and serial holdings in those Wisconsin libraries that have traditionally had their holdings in the microfiche version of WULS, produced by Wisconsin Interlibrary Services (WILS). This new supplement will be added to the database this summer.

The WISCAT family of products has facilitated resource sharing among libraries and citizens in Wisconsin for more than 15 years. The 1998 WISCAT will continue to improve on this tradition. ■■

Teachers and others sought for partnerships

Department of ED announces one-stop website

The Department of Education announced a new one-stop website of federal resources for teaching and learning.

The new site, called FREE—Federal Resources for Educational Excellence—links more than 45 federal agencies. The tool is expected to provide a way for federal agencies and teachers to begin forming partnerships to develop additional high-quality, standards-based resources for teaching and learning. The FREE website is at <http://www.ed.gov/free>.

As part of FREE, the department is hoping to award support for up to seven partnerships of federal agencies and teachers, as well as other organizations. ■■

WLA Fall Conference

'Celebrating Our Past, Creating Our Future'

WLA conference scheduled Oct. 27 in Lake Geneva

"Celebrating Our Past, Creating Our Future," is the theme of the 1998 WLA Annual Conference being held Oct. 27-30, 1998, at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva.

Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) members involved in planning are developing programs and events for the annual conference. Future issues of Channel will have more information on scheduled activities.

The keynote speaker for the conference is Russell Banks, a prolific writer of fiction. Some of Banks' works include: "Searching for Survivors," "Family Life," "Hamilton Stark; The New World," "The Book of Jamaica," "Trailer Park," "The Relation of My Imprisonment," "Continental Drift," "Success Stories," "Affliction," "The Sweet Hereafter," and "Rule of the Bone."

Banks has won numerous awards and prizes for his work, among them a Guggenheim Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship, Ingram Merrill Award, The St. Lawrence Award for Short Fiction, O. Henry and Best American Short Story Award, The Jon Dos Passos Award, and the Literature Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. *Continental Drift* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 and *Affliction* was short listed for both the PEN/Faulkner Fiction Prize and the Irish International Prize.

The President's Luncheon on Oct. 30, will feature Karen G. Schneider, noted author on the Internet and regular contributor to *American Libraries* with her "Internet Librarian" column. Schneider's most recent book, "A Practical Guide to Internet Filters," was published by Neal-Schuman in 1997. This guide is a source for information on filters and what they

are, how they work, what their pros and cons are, and how they affect information services.

All events—registration, programs, general sessions, business meetings and exhibits—will be held at the Grand Geneva. The hotel has reserved all their rooms for the conference, and a block of rooms also has been reserved at the Harbor Shores Resort Hotel in downtown Lake Geneva.

All reservations should be made directly with the hotels.

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa
7036 Grand Way at Highway 50
East Lake Geneva, WI 53147
(414) 248-8811 or (800) 558-3417

Harbor Shores Resort Hotel
300 Wrigley Drive
Lake Geneva, WI 53147
(414) 248-9181 or (800) 900-9181

When making reservations, indicate that you would like to reserve a room within the Wisconsin Library Association room block. ■

Publications

Publications offer multicultural themes, topics

Two publications created by the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and available through the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Publication Sales, are outstanding resources for books with multicultural themes and topics.

The newest of the books is *Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults, Volume 2* (references works published from 1991 through 1996). This book is an annotated selection of picture books, fiction, biography, history, folklore, poetry, and more. It lists 500 titles for young people from preschool through senior high. Discover great books published in the United States and Canada by or about Africans, Afro-Caribbeans, African Americans, American Indians, Asians, Pacific Asians, Asian Americans, and Latinos.

Also available is *Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults, Volume 1* (references works published from 1980 through 1990), which encompasses picture books and literature for children from pre-kindergarten through ninth grade.

Both volumes were compiled by Ginny Moore Kruse, Kathleen Horning, and Megan Schliesman at the CCBC.

The publications are \$18 each. Wisconsin residents should subtract one-third and add 5.5 percent sales tax plus \$5 shipping. Both books can be purchased for \$21 (plus \$5 shipping and sales tax). The one-third discount for Wisconsin residents does not apply to this special offer.

To order, contact DPI Publications sales at (800) 243-8782. You may request a Publication Sales catalog by sending e-mail to pubsales@mail.state.wi.us, or you can view the catalog at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/eis/pshome.html>. ■

Dates and Data

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

June

- 16-17** **DPI's Fifth Annual Family-School-Community Partnership Conference.** Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells. Contact: Jane Grinde, Ruth Anne Landsverk, or Peg Solberg, DPI, (608) 267-9278.
- 20** **"Lost Among the Listservs? Using the Internet for Reader's Advisory."** 1998 Continuing Education Schedule. Appleton Public Library, 225 N. Oneida St., Appleton. Presenter: Roberta S. Johnson, reader services librarian, Morton Grove Public Library, Morton Grove, IL. Contact: Greta Thompson at (920) 832-6190 or greta@owls.lib.wi.us (Credit: .25 CEP) Register by: May 15, 1998.
- 25-7/2** **ALA Annual Conference,** Washington, D.C. Contact ALA (800) 545-2433.

July

- 10** **Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND) Meeting.** Sheraton Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Dr., Madison, WI. Contact Karen Nowakowski (608) 267-9219 or nowakkj@mail.state.wi.us.

August

- 26** **Women's Equality Day.** Established by Congress in 1974. On this date in 1920, the 19th Amendment, which prohibits sex discrimination with regard to voting, was certified as part of the U.S. Constitution. Contact: National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492, (708) 838-6000.

September

- 16-17** **State Superintendent's Fall Conference for District Administrators.** UW-Madison Memorial Union, Madison. Contact Tricia Yates, DPI, (608) 266-1771.
- 23** **Wisconsin Day.** Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Commemorates the assets that make Wisconsin a desirable place to live and work. Falls on the Wednesday of the third full week of September which by gubernatorial proclamation is Wonderful Wisconsin Week.
- 28** **Frances Willard Day.** Wisconsin public school observance day required by statute. Commemorates the Janesville teacher and lecturer who was influential in the early women's movement and was president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union from 1879 until her death in 1898.
- 30** **"Wastebasket or File Cabinet? - What Do I Keep and For How**

- Long?"** 1998 Continuing Education Schedule. La Crosse Public Library, 800 Main St., La Crosse. Presenter: Anita Taylor Doering, archivist, La Crosse Public Library. Contact: Greta Thompson at (920) 832-6190 or greta@owls.lib.wi.us (Credit: .25 CEP). Register by Sept. 25, 1998.
- 30** **"You Mean I Can't Tell 'Em to Buzz Off?"** 1998 Continuing Education Schedule. James J. Siebers Memorial Library, 515 W. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly. Presenter: Joan Stewart, Media Relations Consulting Inc. Contact: Greta Thompson at (920) 832-6190 or greta@owls.lib.wi.us (Credit: .25 CEP). Register by Sept. 25, 1998.

October

- 1-31** **Month of the Young Adolescent.** Sponsored by 30 education, health and youth-oriented organizations to draw public attention to the uniqueness of 10- to 15-year-olds. Contact: National Middle School Assoc., 2600 Corporate Exchange Dr., Suite. 370, Columbus, OH 43231, (800) 528-NMSA.
- 6-8** **DOA, DPI, UW-Extension, Educational Communications Board, Wisconsin Technical College System.** The Governor's Wisconsin Educational Technology Conference. Regency Suites, Green Bay. Contact: Richard Sorensen, DPI, (608) 266-1924, or visit the 1998 WETC website.
- 27-30** **Wisconsin Library Association (WLA).** Annual Conference. Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva. Contact: WLA, 5250 East Terrace Drive, Suite A1, Madison, 53704-8340; (608) 245-3640. ■■

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