

Cal State Fullerton completes addition

California State University, Fullerton, opened its new addition—University Library-North—this fall. Connected to the existing University Library-South, the 188,000-square-foot building almost doubles the university's total library square footage. A striking four-story, multicolored curved wall of glass comprising the entire north side of the new building offers a sweeping view of the distant San Gabriel Mountains and allows in natural lighting. Connecting both buildings is a dramatic three-story glass and blue-steel atrium with east and west entries that allow access to both facilities.

Seating space increased from 650 to more than 3,000 reader stations and the new ones are equipped with upgraded electrical and cabling systems that enable students to access power, voice, and databases from almost any location in the new library. Future plans include laptop docking capabilities. The new facility will add 275–375 computer workstations during the next two years providing increased access to electronic catalogs, inhouse electronic information, the Internet (which can be used to explore remote databases), and government documents.

"The enlarged and enhanced library will function as an information hub . . . and facilitate rapid retrieval and creative use of the world's store of recorded information," explained Richard C. Pollard, university librarian.

Lehigh Univ. Libraries, Computing, and Telecommunications merge

Library, computing, and telecommunications services at Lehigh University have merged into a new organization known as Information Resources, under the direction of vice-provost Arnold Hirshon. The new unit features client-centered organizational structure with cross-functional teams to support each of the university's four colleges, several major administrative areas, and the general student population. Each team incorporates one or more consultants in information retrieval, desktop computing, instructional design, and



enterprisewide information. Team leaders are drawn from all the service units and work with their teams to foster a holistic, integrative approach to meeting campus information needs. In addition to Client Services, Information Resources comprises Administrative, Planning, and Advancement Services; Information Management Services; and Technology Management Services. Collection management and ad-

vanced technology are areas given special emphasis at the top level of the new organization. Technical support for distance education and a media center focused on international education, both previously outside the merged units, were added to Information Resources. The new unit has a staff of 140 FTE, a library print collection of more than one million volumes, and two major facilities, the Linderman Library and



Cal State, Fullerton's new library addition offers seating for an additional 2,300 readers and nearly double the square footage.

the E. W. Fairchild-Martindale Library and Computing Center.

Univ. of Wyoming Libraries benefit from class gift

The graduating class of 1946 raised \$20,000 as a 50th year class reunion gift for the University of Wyoming Libraries (UW). Francois (Margaret) Dickman, a 1946 alumna, orchestrated the fund drive, with its success announced at a Homecoming reunion luncheon on October 11, and again at the football game the next day. The gift will purchase "best books" not already in the libraries' collections. The University Libraries sponsor the 50th year reunion luncheon each year at Homecoming.

"This has become a special tradition at UW," said Keith Cottam, director of libraries. "Alums

from the class of '47 have already stated their intent to double that amount next year, and you can bet we are encouraging the spirit of competition."

Wyoming Consortium receives award

The Wyoming Academic Libraries Consortium (WALC) received the Wyoming Library Association's 1996 Georgia Shovlain Award for the state's best library project. WALC's Wyoming Academic Libraries Resource Project upgraded telecommunications lines and implemented an Ariel network linking Wyoming's academic libraries and the state library. The network is now expanding to include public libraries.

"The project is helping to overcome some of the geographical and technological remoteness and information isolation in Wyoming,"

38th RBMS preconference examines history of the book

ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) will hold its 38th annual preconference at the Claremont Colleges in southern California, June 24-27, 1997. Entitled "Rereading the Past: New Methodologies and Approaches to the History of the Book," the preconference will look at how research in the history of the book has developed since RBMS first looked at the subject in 1980. No longer the sole purview of the bibliographer and the scholar-librarian, the field has expanded in ways that many rare book librarians may not yet realize. Scholars from many disciplines have entered the field and have given new meaning and purpose to the subject of the history of the book, changing the way we will view the "Book Age."

How does this new scholarship affect rare book and manuscript librarians and curators? And how will it influence collection development, programming, cataloging, teaching, and scholarly research? The RBMS 1997 preconference program will look at the new history of the book, hear some of its most innovative scholars, examine ways in which librarians can take advantage of this burgeoning field for their own use and development, and discuss ways of servicing this interest.

Scheduled speakers will include Robert Gross (College of William and Mary), Jeffrey

Groves (Harvey Mudd College), Rosalind Remer (Moravian College), Steve Ferguson (Princeton University), and Ellen Dunlap (American Antiquarian Society). In addition, there will be a series of short paper presentations on research in the history of the book primarily by members of RBMS. The preconference will also include a variety of seminars organized by the Seminars Committee of RBMS. Workshops on cataloging and preservation are planned. One day will be spent at the Huntington Library, which will include tours of the grounds and galleries.

Registration is \$175 for RBMS members, \$210 for nonmembers. Late registration, after May 15, will be \$225 for members and \$265 for nonmembers. Additional fees will be charged for workshops. Housing and some meals are not included in the registration fee. Housing will be available in residence halls on the Claremont Colleges campuses as well as local motels and hotels. Claremont is located east of Los Angeles, and is a 20-minute drive from the Ontario, California, airport.

Registration material will be available after March 1, 1997. For more information please contact ACRL, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; (800) 545-2433, ext. 2511 or see the RBMS Web site at URL: <http://www.princeton.edu/~ferguson/rbms.html>.

"Copyright in the Digital Age": ACRL/ARL Nashville preconference

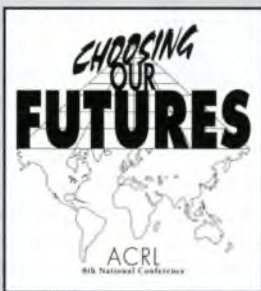
ACRL has added "Copyright in the Digital Age: A Leadership Workshop for Librarians" to the preconferences being offered at the ACRL 8th National Conference in Nashville (see *C&RL News*, November 1996).

Sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the revised, two-day workshop, led by copyright and licensing experts, will provide a foundation for understanding the U.S. copyright law, related guidelines, and key legal decisions. It will focus on the impact of national and international legislative proposals on library services and activities in the digital environment and will highlight the potential impact of licensing agreements on fair use and library exemptions.

The preconference workshop is scheduled for April 10, 1997 (1:00–8:00 p.m.) and April 11, 1997 (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.). The workshop is limited to librarians interested in increasing

their knowledge of copyright in an educational setting. Attendance is limited to 75 participants. The registration fee includes resource materials, meals, and breaks. Registration fees are: \$350 for librarians from ARL institutions, ACRL members, and ALA members; \$425 for nonmember librarians. To register send a check payable to ARL to Mary Jackson, ARL, 21 Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 296-2296; fax: (202) 872-0884; e-mail: mary@cni.org.

For additional information, including confirmed speakers and registration information, visit ARL's homepage at <http://arl.cni.org/index.html>. Registration information for this preconference, all other ACRL preconferences, and the 8th National Conference in Nashville may be found at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html> or contact Darlena Davis at (800) 545-2433 ext. 2519; e-mail: ddavis@ala.org.



said Keith Cottam, UW libraries director and project director. A \$134,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education provided significant support for the project.

Members of the Consortium are: University of Wyoming, Casper College, Central Wyoming College, Eastern Wyoming College, Laramie County Community College, Northern Wyoming Community College District/Sheridan College and the Gillette Campus, Western Wyoming Community College, and the Wyoming State Library.

Save money with ACRL early bird registration—January 8 deadline

Save nearly 30% over onsite registration rates by registering now for the ACRL 8th National Conference in Nashville, April 11–14, 1997. The conference offers more than 175 sessions on the general theme, "Choosing Our Futures," and promises to give participants an action plan to take home and implement to achieve the preferred future for their libraries.

Cornel West, one of America's most celebrated academics and a professor of philoso-

phy of religion and Afro-American studies at Harvard University, will give the keynote address. Alan Guskin, chancellor at Antioch University, and Eli Noam, professor at Columbia University and an expert on telecommunications, will examine the future of higher education. Roundtable discussions and poster sessions will provide opportunities for sharing information, networking, solving common problems, and exploring innovative solutions. More than 250 exhibitors will share the latest in products and services.

Registration materials have been mailed and are available on ACRL's homepage at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>. Early bird registration fees are \$225 for ACRL members; \$275 for ALA members, and \$350 for nonmembers. To request materials contact Darlena Davis at ddavis@ala.org or (800) 545-2433 ext. 2519.

Linda Hall Library celebrates 50th anniversary with visit from Sally Ride

The Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri, hosted a talk by Sally K. Ride, former NASA

astronaut, as part of its 50th anniversary celebration. Ride talked about the U.S. space program and shared a "home movie" of her experience in space with other astronauts aboard the shuttle Challenger, explaining that "astronauts are like tourists . . . the first place we go when we get back is the photo lab."



Sally Ride

The Linda Hall Library is a privately funded public library of science, engineering, and technology in the U.S. that began in 1946 in the home of Herbert and Linda Hall. It now has a collection of more than one million volumes. Other anniversary events at the library included a black tie dinner, the issuance of commemorative postcards and notecards depicting the library and its collections, and special exhibitions. For more information about the library visit its homepage at <http://www.lhl.lib.mo.us>.

Attend New Learning Communities Discussion Group at Midwinter

ACRL President William Miller will engage academic librarians in a discussion about the "new learning communities" developing on their campuses. The discussion will focus on the nature of the learning communities and explore librarians' roles and involvement and how these should evolve as we approach the 21st century. To facilitate the discussion, representatives from higher education organizations and universities with learning communities programs on campuses have been invited to participate. Discussion leaders for the session are: Steve Gilbert (AAHE/TLTRT), Carolyn Jarmon (EDUCOM/NLII), Susan Perry (CNI), and Todd Kelley (Johns Hopkins University). The discussion session is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 17, 1997, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

RBMS launches new listserv

ACRL's Rare Books & Manuscripts Section (RBMS) has launched its own listserv to facilitate communication among section members and others interested in the section's work. The RBMS list is unmoderated and membership in it is open to anyone who wishes to join. One need not be a member of RBMS, ACRL, or ALA to belong or to send messages to the list.

Because it is a list devoted to RBMS, it accepts postings relating to that topic only. Topics appropriate for posting include: official RBMS, ACRL, or ALA announcements; agendas or meeting minutes for RBMS, ACRL, or ALA meetings; discussion of items directly related to the business, operations, policies, or philosophy of RBMS, or ACRL and ALA as they affect RBMS; opinions about the operations, philosophy, and policies of RBMS; and announcements about items or documents being mounted on the RBMS homepage.

To join the list, send the message SUBSCRIBE RBMS YOUR NAME to: listproc@library.berkeley.edu. Be sure to leave the subject line blank.

Operation of the RBMS list is made possible by the generosity of the University of California at Berkeley Library Systems Office and Digital Library Office, which maintain the host machine. The list liaison is Everett C. Wilkie Jr. of the Connecticut Historical Society. List policies are set by the RBMS Publications Committee, which is charged by the RBMS Executive Committee with oversight of the list.

International ILL agreement signed

New Mexico State University (NMSU) and the Universidad Autonoma de la Ciudad Juarez have entered into reciprocal borrowing and interlibrary loan agreements that allow faculty, staff, and students of the two universities to borrow publications from either library. Believed to be the first of its kind between American and Mexican academic libraries, the agreement allows individuals to borrow publications directly or to request them via ILL without having to cross the border.

"The collection of rare books, documents, and maps of northern Mexico will be an added resource to NMSU as it extends its effort into Mexico," said Charles Townley, dean of NMSU's library.

The new agreement strengthens an important link with the Trans-Border Information Technology Collaborative (TBITC), which provides electronic information for the El Paso, Las Cruces, and Juarez communities. Once electronic catalogs of the two libraries are available on the TBITC Web page, faculty, staff, and students at NMSU, the Universidad Autonoma, the University of Texas at El Paso, the Dona Ana Branch Community College, and El Paso Community College will be able to identify resources in all regional academic libraries.

WRLC Web now includes local image collections

The Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) recently unveiled a new look for its shared electronic library system, ALADIN (Access to Library and Database Information Network). ALADIN provides access to the libraries' shared online catalog, plus locally mounted article citation databases and full article images. The Web interface now allows the system to display locally created image collections. Three image databases developed by George Mason University are currently available: selected images from the Virginia Civil War Archive, Planned Community Archives, and the American National Theater Academy archive. American and George Washington Universities have developed prototype electronic reserve collections containing images of lecture notes, sample exams, and articles which may be viewed and printed by students of those universities.

The libraries' shared catalog and local image collections are available to all Web searchers at <http://www.aladin.wrlc.org>, but access to locally mounted citation databases and full article images is restricted to students and faculty of WRLC universities to comply with licensing requirements.

Members of the WRLC are: American University, Catholic University of America, Gallaudet University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Marymount University, and the University of the District of Columbia. The ALADIN Web uses OCLC's SiteSearch (WebZ) and Ameritech Library Services' PaLink Z39.50 server software to provide a single interface to five major software systems operated by WRLC: Ameritech's LMS, MDAS, and InfoShare software, supporting the libraries' online catalog and the locally mounted article citation databases; UMI's PowerPages system which provides the full articles images; and OCLC's SiteSearch Image Support Package which maintains the locally created image databases.

OCLC PromptCat to offer shelf-ready materials

OCLC, Academic Book Center, and Yankee Book Peddler are working with selected libraries to fine-tune a process that will provide shelf-ready materials to libraries. Through the OCLC PromptCat service, which provides automated copy cataloging for materials on order with vendors, the shelf-ready option (available May

1997) will provide electronic files of labels for the physical processing of books.

The system will work like this: the vendor sends OCLC a list of materials being sent to the library; then OCLC locates the matching records and extracts an LC classification call number from the bibliographic record. To ensure that the call number in the record matches the call number on the item, electronic label files will be generated for the vendor at the same time the OCLC-MARC records are created for the user. Within a turnaround time of a few hours, the vendor will pick up the file of labels for physically processing the materials.

Brown Univ. selects EBSCOhost

Brown University has selected the World Wide Web interface *EBSCOhost* to access the *Academic Search FullTEXT 1,000* and *MasterFILE FullTEXT 1,000* databases. *Academic Search FullTEXT 1,000* includes full text for more than 1,000 journals and abstracts, indexing for more than 3,100 scholarly journals, and coverage of the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Rayna Bowlby, library system's/planning analyst at Brown, commented, "*Academic Search FullTEXT 1,000* is the product that the Brown University Library has been waiting for. The combination of academically oriented full-text journal articles with access via the now ubiquitous Web browser brings more of the information that faculty and staff need right to their desktops . . . quickly, easily, seamlessly."

The *MasterFILE FullTEXT 1,000* database includes information on a broad range of general topics with full text for 1,000 journals and abstracts and indexing for more than 3,100 journals. ■

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