

Register now for ACRL in Pittsburgh . . .

If you are an ACRL member you already should have received your preliminary program with registration materials for ACRL's 7th National Conference in Pittsburgh, March 29–April 1, 1995. Over 200 programs, panels, poster sessions, and roundtable discussions as well as exhibits by over 230 vendors will be presented to enhance your knowledge of the profession and on-the-job skills. Cultural and library tours and receptions are planned for your enjoyment. Plenty of opportunities will be provided to meet new friends and network with librarians from around the country. To register by phone or to request a registration packet call Cynthia Taylor at (800) 545-2433 ext. 2521. *Note:* registration discounts are given to ACRL members. Join ACRL now and save money!

. . . and win a free trip anywhere in the U.S.

Book your airline ticket to Pittsburgh through Travel Technology Group (TTG) before the ALA Midwinter Meeting in February and be entered in a drawing to win a free airline ticket to anywhere in the continental United States. TTG, ACRL's official travel management company, is offering discounts on airfare to Pittsburgh on American Airlines (15% off coach; 5% off lowest applicable fare) and US Air (10% off coach; 5% off lowest applicable fare). To make your airline reservations, call TTG at (800) 355-8091, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (CST).

TTG can also book rail reservations on Amtrack for 10% off their lowest fare; call (800) USA-RAIL and mention code:#x016F930.

Silent auction needs your help!

For the first time ACRL is holding a silent auction at its 7th National Conference. Items to be auctioned include vacations, dinners, tickets to sporting events, software, training opportunities, keynote speakers, crafts, and system access.



ACRL needs your bids and donations. To make our first auction a success we would like to hear from you. Donate items such as tickets to your school's sporting events, crafts native to your region, or a service you are skilled in. To donate items to the auction contact Cheryl Bernero at (800) 545-2433 ext. 2510. Donations should be valued at a minimum of \$50.

Proceeds from the auction will establish an endowment to fund a leadership development program for junior-level librarians.

Wright Brothers Collection cataloged on OCLC

Wright State University's (Dayton, Ohio) collection of Wright Brothers material has been cataloged and made available through OhioLINK (the statewide Ohio Library and Information Network) and OCLC. The entire collection is listed as one record in a standard AMC (Archives and Manuscript Catalog) format. The Wright State University collection supplements the main body of the Wright Brothers' papers located in the Library of Congress. It consists of family letters and papers, financial records, school mementoes, genealogical material, church papers and diaries of the Wrights' father, notebooks, citations, awards, and the Wrights' technical library covering many aspects of early aeronautics. The collection also



The Wright Brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk.

Courtesy Wright State Univ.

C&RL editor sought

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of editor of *College & Research Libraries*, the bimonthly, scholarly research journal of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The editor is appointed for a three-year term which may be renewed for an additional three years. Applicants must be members of ALA and ACRL. Qualifications include professional experience in academic libraries, a record of scholarly publication, editing experience, an understanding of the scholarly communication process, and a broad knowledge of the issues confronting academic libraries.

Some funding for editorial assistance is available, and there is a small honorarium for the editor.

Appointment will be made by the ACRL Board of Directors at the 1995 Annual Conference, upon the recommendation of the search committee and of the ACRL Publications Committee. The incoming editor will assume full responsibility for *C&RL* in July 1996, after a year of working with the outgoing editor.

Nominations, or resumes and letters of application including the names of three references, should be sent to: *C&RL* Search Committee, c/o Hugh Thompson, Program Officer, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 15, 1994. Finalists will be interviewed at the Midwinter Meeting in February 1995. ■

includes nearly 4,000 photographs, many of which are original prints taken by the Wrights to document their early flying experiments.

Catholic University gets new law library

The law library at Catholic University of America benefited from the Columbus School of Law's new building. The Judge Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library is a 55,000-square-foot, three-story

library housed within the law school's new 170,000-square-foot building. It can hold 220,000 volumes increasing the former library's space by 75%; it can seat 500 patrons at carrels, tables, lounge areas, two computer labs, and six group-study rooms. The main reading room features cherry bookcases, wainscot, tables, chairs, and 228 study carrels individually handcrafted by Thomas Moser Cabinetmakers of Auburn, Maine.

Washington architects Florance, Eichbaum, Esocoff and King designed the building to fit the university's mix of old and new styles. Landscape architect Michael Vergason of Virginia designed the quadrangle that visually links the law school and the rest of the campus.

Gopher to Southern Mountaineers Filmography

Appalachian State University's (ASU) W. L. Eury Appalachian Collection has made available on its gopher the Southern Mountaineers Filmography, an annotated listing of every fictional and nonfiction movie that portrays southern mountaineers (from either Appalachia or the Ozarks) in chronological order from 1904 to the present. A title index is available in a separate file. Both the filmography and the index are WAIS searchable. The filmography was compiled by ASU professor and *Appalachian Journal* editor Jerry Wayne Williamson. To access the filmography, choose the University Li-



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The main staircase at Catholic University's new Judge Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library.

brary option form the first screen of the ASU gopher (appstate.edu), followed by the Appalachian Collection option on the secret screen. Questions may be addressed to the W. L. Eury Appalachian Collection Library, Fred J. Hay at hayfj@appstate.edu.

ACRL units start new listservs

ACRL's Community and Junior College Libraries (CJCLS), Science and Technology (STS), and Asian, African, & Middle Eastern (AAMES) sections have each started new electronic communications.

CJC-L will serve as a communication channel for CJCLS and for all community college library personnel. Eva Lautemann and Douglas Jones (DeKalb College) are responsible for developing the listserv. To subscribe send the message "subscribe CJC-L your name" to: listserv@dekalb.dc.peachnet.edu. To post a message to the listserv send e-mail to cjcl@dekalb.dc.peachnet.edu. Direct questions to Lautemann at elautema@dekalb.dc.peachnet.edu.

STS-L, a moderated list open to all, provides a forum for the discussion of issues primarily of interest to all science and technology librarians, a quick communication link between STS section leadership and the members, and serves as a distribution point for STS publications. As of press time over 800 persons have subscribed.

To subscribe to STS-L, send e-mail to listserv@utkvm1.utk.edu with the message: "Subscribe STS-L Your Name". Contact the list moderators if you have questions: Marty Courtois, University of Tennessee, (615) 974-6797, e-mail: courtois@a1.utcc.utk.edu, or Terry Wittig, Carnegie Mellon University, (412) 268-7212, e-mail: TW1L@andrew.cmu.edu.

ACRL-AAMES is an electronic mailer to promote better communication between the members and the Executive Committee, and to distribute news and other messages. To subscribe send the message "subscribe ACRL-AAMES first name last name" to listproc@mcfeeley.cc.utexas.edu. ■

Constitutions of the world

Kingwood College is one of four campuses of the North Harris Montgomery Community College. Approximately 3,000 students are enrolled in credit classes at this campus and most of them will, at one time or another, take the required course GOVT 2301. For their research paper in this course, students may compare the Constitution of the United States with that of another country.

Our library has sources containing abstracts of foreign constitutions, but we were unable to provide original, complete constitutions. No satisfactory published sources could be identified. We referred students to the appropriate embassies, but received little feedback and wondered if that was working. When the professor gave the same assignment the next term and assured us that it would continue indefinitely, we decided to contact the embassies ourselves and build up a constitution collection. Letters were sent to embassies, United Nations representatives, and State Department Desk Officers for 174 countries asking for a copy of their constitution, in English, if possible; 74 countries responded.

Not a bad response rate, but what happened to the others? Were some of the letters

lost? Was July a bad time to write? A follow-up mailing in the fall yielded an additional 16 replies. Of the 90 responding countries, 65 sent copies of their constitutions in English, seven sent the constitution in their native language, and two asked for a fee. The remainder sent other information. Although this was originally viewed as a "free" source of information, the costs were not insignificant. Letterhead, envelopes, postage, photocopies of each constitution (in case the original disappeared), and storage files cost \$209.

Much of the value of this project has been the search itself. The staff has learned far more about constitutions than if one set of books had been purchased and placed on the shelf. Few other countries have constitutions as brief as ours; many include all the laws of the country. Because such constitutions are frequently revised, the librarians will routinely contact countries for updates. This unique collection has been heavily used by government students and is also available through our union catalog to patrons at public libraries and other campuses of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District.—*Susan W. Goodwin, Kingwood College* ■