



News from the Field

Describe your library's innovative activities for *C&RL News* readers

C&RL News would like to feature in the "News from the Field" section creative activities, practical tips, programs, and management solutions implemented in your academic library. Brief descriptions of 150-300 words are sought. Share your new ideas for old problems and creative responses to new challenges with *C&RL News*. Descriptions of all types of ideas, activities, and programs are welcome; especially sought are descriptions of community outreach programs, adaptations of library automation, managing libraries with fewer resources, successful approaches to bibliographic instruction and information literacy, recruitment and retention activities, and cultural diversity activities. Send your descriptions (photos are welcome, too) to: News from the Field, *C&RL News*, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; fax: 312-280-7663; bitnet: u38398@uicvm.bitnet.

Electronic town meeting scheduled for December 10

A two-hour teleconference to provide an in-depth look at the White House Conference for Library and Information Services (WHCLIS), co-sponsored by ALA and WHCLIS and produced by the College of DuPage, will be held on December 10, 1991, shortly after President Bush receives the official report from WHCLIS. The teleconference will summarize WHCLIS activities (including video clips of presentations from WHCLIS) and present the WHCLIS report and its implications for public policy on libraries. Through telephone and fax technology, viewers may participate in this national forum on library and information service issues. There is a charge of \$175 to receive the broadcast (\$150 if you register by November 15). Contact: College of DuPage, 22nd Street and Lambert Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599; phone (708) 858-6090; fax (708) 858-0499.

Celebrate the Bill of Rights Bicentennial

A Bill of Rights *Resource Kit* containing four 11" x 28" posters illustrating freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and a 60-page resource book containing the text of the Bill of Rights, lists of

activities and resources, bibliographies, promotional pieces, and more is available from ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. Use this kit to remind your library users about freedom of speech, freedom of religion, civil rights, and the rights of the accused. The \$25.00 (prepaid) kit may be ordered from: Bill of Rights Bicentennial, ALA, Office for Intellectual Freedom, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Information literacy experts sought

The ACRL Information Literacy Advisory Board seeks individuals to include on their list of advisers. To be considered for inclusion individuals must have experience using the concept of information literacy in an academic program; experience teaching users critical evaluation of information sources; writing and speaking experiences on information literacy; and excellent speaking, writing, and teaching skills. Applications must be received by January 15, 1992. To obtain an application and the full criteria for inclusion contact: Hannelore B. Rader, Director, University Library, Cleveland State University, 1860 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, OH 44113.

Exhibits & displays focus of new discussion group

Plans for a clearinghouse of traveling exhibits, sharing of ideas and techniques, censorship issues, and workshops are being developed by ACRL's new Exhibits and Displays Discussion Group. The group was formed at the ALA Annual Conference in June 1991 after a favorable response to an e-mail call to assess interest. The group will meet at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio on Saturday, January 25, 1992, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. For further information or to be placed on the mailing list contact: Michael M. Miller, Chairperson, NDSU Libraries, Fargo, ND 58105-5599; fax: 701-237-7138; bitnet: nu021140@ndsumv1.

Research fellowships & grants available

The John Carter Brown Library will award approximately 15 research fellowships for the year of June 1, 1992-May 31, 1993. The deadline for

applying is January 15, 1992, and fellowships will be awarded on the basis of the applicant's scholarly qualifications, the merits of the project, and the appropriateness of the inquiry in relation to the holdings of the John Carter Brown Library. The library's collection contains primary materials relating to all aspects of the discovery, exploration, settlement, and development of the New World. The fellowships are of two types: 1) short-term fellowships for periods of two to four months carrying a stipend of \$900 per month and 2) long-term fellowships funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities for a period of six months with a stipend of \$14,100. Application forms are available from the Director, John Carter Brown Library, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912.

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) announce the availability of awards of \$25,000–\$75,000 to universities and other research libraries in the United States for the purpose of making currently uncataloged materials in major library collections accessible to users. Research

materials eligible for inclusion in the program are those materials in the territorial vernacular of the countries of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as currently constituted. Cost-sharing commitments are required and program support is subject to the availability of funds. The deadline is December 1, 1991. Contact: Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158; (212) 661-0280.

Calls for papers

Abstracts for instructive sessions exploring "what is good instruction/teaching now" are sought for the 20th National LOEX Library Instruction Conference to be held in Ypsilanti, Michigan, May 8–9, 1992. The deadline for submission for the hour-long instructive sessions is January 15, 1992. Suggested topics include types of learning, mentoring, design of instructional materials, technology and its impact on instruction, new constituencies for libraries—international students, culturally diverse populations, adults and part-time students, provi-

Library staff trained with HyperCard

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Libraries has used Macintosh computers and HyperCard to develop "basic training" for new employees who fill the variety of nonprofessional jobs in every department. A team of librarians and staff exploited HyperCard's graphic, sound, and animation features to develop seven self-directed training units to stimulate learning on the following topics: orientation, Library of Congress Classification, processing materials, computers in libraries, periodicals, reference services, and resource sharing. The project was funded with a \$62,445 grant from the Higher Education Act (HEA) Title II-D, College Library Technology and Cooperation Grant Program, \$76,543 in cost-sharing from the University of Tennessee, and an equipment grant from Apple Computer. Response by the trainees using the programs has been positive.

The program, designed to be easily modified for use in other libraries (as well as for use in library instruction classes), is currently being adapted and tested at the University of Kentucky Libraries in a joint project with the University of Tennessee (UT). UT faculty Pauline Bayne, Jill Keally, and Joe Rader

have modified the information specific in the programs. Gail Kennedy, assistant director of the University of Kentucky Libraries, heads their computer-based training team. Using the computer laboratory, the two institutions are testing the effectiveness of the program. The project includes pre- and post-testing of control and test groups of library staff.

The HyperCard stacks developed for these training sessions are free and may be redistributed in their original form. To obtain the stacks: 1) use the Internet (address UTKLIB.LIB.UTK.EDU) to download to a local computer; or 2) order 14 diskettes (for \$20) from: Apple Library Template Exchange, Apple Library Users Group, 10381 Bandlely Dr., MS.8-C, Cupertino, CA 95014; (408) 974-2552.

For a brochure describing the project or additional information contact: Pauline S. Bayne, head of the Music Library, at (613) 974-3474 or BAYNE@UTKV3.BITNET; or Joe C. Rader, head of University Archives, at (615) 974-0048 or RADER@UTKVX1.BITNET. Both individuals are at the University Libraries, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996. ■ ■



University of Tennessee staff members Beth Foster (left) and Mary Jones view a unit of the computer-based training program.

sionally accepted students. Submit a one-page abstract with proposed title, media requirements, name, address, and phone number to: Director, LOEX Clearinghouse, Library, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; (313) 487-0168.

The Western New York/Ontario ACRL Board seeks papers for its Spring 1992 meeting. Notice of intent to submit with abstract must be received by December 15, 1991. All topics of interest to academic librarians are sought and prizes will be given for the best paper. Contact: Ellie Munn, Bibliographic Control, Butler Library, State University College at Buffalo, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222; (716) 878-6317; fax (716) 878-3134.

ALA's Reference and Adults Services Division seeks papers for a preconference on reference effectiveness. An award of \$200 will be presented to each of the 12 persons selected to present papers at the June 26, 1992, preconference. Abstracts of one to two pages describing the completed, in-progress, or planned research should be submitted by January 3, 1992, to: Jo Bell Whitlatch, Clark Library, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0028; (408) 924-2748.

Grolier National Library Week competition now open to academic libraries

An expanded Grolier National Library Week Grant of \$2,000 open to all types of libraries will be awarded by the ALA National Library Week Committee for the best proposal for a public awareness program in support of National Library Week. The deadline for applications is December 6, 1991.

"Your Right to Know: Librarians make it happen" is the theme for National Library Week, April 5-11, 1992. This is the first year that the Grolier National Library Week Grant is open to academic libraries. Proposals must carry the National Library Week theme and must be developed cooperatively with another type of library and/or community organization such as local chapters of the National Partners for Libraries and Literacy. Guidelines, applications, and a list of partner organizations are available from the ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; phone: (800) 545-2433, ext. 5041. The winner will be announced at the National Library Workshop at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio.

Acquisitions

- **Amherst College Library** received a collection of 20th-century Russian literary materials from Thomas P. Whitney, a former U.S. embassy official and Associated Press correspondent in Moscow.

Whitney also established an endowment for the college to support a new Amherst Center for Russian Culture to house the materials. Whitney's collection contains more than 10,000 books, manuscripts, journals, periodicals, a music archive, and a large collection of 20th-century Russian emigre poetry. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Vladimir Nabokov, Alexei Remizov, Marina Tsvetaeva, Anna Akhmatova, and Boris Pasternak are among the well-known Russian writers whose manuscripts are contained in the collection.

- **Boston University** has acquired the papers of Scott and Helen Nearing, pioneers in the back-to-the-land movement that developed in New England in the 1930s. A college professor and activist who incurred much criticism for his socialist views early in this century, Scott Nearing (1883-1983) retreated to Vermont in the 1920s with Helen Knothe to begin a new life as an organic farmer. His books include *Living the Good Life: How to Live Safely and Sanely in a Troubled World* and a sequel. "The Nearing Collection will provide historians and sociologists with a vivid portrait of two American originals and their influence on a generation of conservationists," said Howard B. Gotlieb, curator of the Twentieth Century Archives.



Scott Nearing at 99

- **Northern Illinois University** has acquired 94 works of Edward Ardizzone, noted English author and illustrator. Ardizzone's works, primarily for children, include his series of *Little Tim* books. In 1956 his book *Tim All Alone* won the first Kate Greenaway Medal of the Library Association, a British award similar to ALA's Caldecott Medal.

- **The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)** has acquired a collection of works by and about Herman Melville. Donated by UCLA alumni Edwin S. and David W. Shneidman, the collection includes 168 works relating to Melville as well as supportive material and 22 books on whaling. According to David Zeidberg, head of the Department of Special Collections, "This gift is an outstanding complement to our existing collection of 19th-century American fiction...[and] brings the UCLA Library significantly closer to its goal of having a truly comprehensive collection of works by Herman Melville."

- **The University of Arizona** has received Dr. Herbert Hull's personal set of reports on velvet mesquite based on research he conducted for the Weed Investigations Section of the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture. Hull's work was described in *Annual Reports of Velvet Mesquite Investigations 1954-1971* but the distribution of these reports was limited to six copies.

- **The Washington University School of Medicine** in St. Louis received a rare 18th-century work titled *Phytanthoza iconographia sive conspectus...Plantarum, Arborum, Fruticum, Florum, Fructuum, Fungorum...* that includes 1,250 hand-colored plates of fruit, flowers, trees, and shrubs. The four vellum-bound folios, in flawless condition, are valued at more than \$100,000. The folios are a gift of Jean Frederick Rogier (class of 1934) and his wife Verna Dorothea Rogier.

- **Wheaton College**, Illinois, reports discovering 13 handwritten letters from evangelist Dwight L. Moody and a Moody family genealogical chart while processing a box of papers of China missionary Lemuel Nelson Bell.

Grants & gifts

- **Amherst College** Archives has received \$105,000 in grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access and from the U.S. Department of Education Title II-C to support the preservation microfilming of the Dwight W. Morrow papers.

- **Auraria Library**, Denver, Colorado, received \$35,000 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to arrange and describe the records of the National Municipal League (1894-1980). A descriptive guide and collection-level records on OCLC and CARL will create access to this state and local policy collection.

- **The C.V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University** was awarded nearly \$177,000 by the Department of Education to catalog 1,200 Chinese and 600 Japanese rare and little-held titles. The project, funded by the Higher Education Act Title II-C Program, will provide machine-readable records for the titles and allow for the preservation of many of the items through rebinding and encasement. Both the Chinese gazetteer and genealogy collection and the Japanese Edo (1600-1868) and Meiji (1868-1912) periods collections will benefit from the grant.

- **DePaul University**, Chicago, Illinois, has received a library support grant for the fourth consecutive year from the Canadian Consulate General in Chicago and the Government of Canada's Department of External Affairs to purchase materials pertaining to Canada.

- **The University of Illinois's Agriculture Library** has been funded for \$192,205 under the

U.S. Office of Education Title II-2C grant for strengthening library resources. The funds are used to catalog USDA and State Experiment Station series publications for AGRICOLA (National Agriculture Library), OCLC, and AGRIS (the Food and Agriculture Organization's database). This is the sixth year the project has been funded; to date over 112,000 records have been input.

- **The University of California, San Francisco**, received a \$38,674 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives to fund an AIDS History Project. The project will identify source materials from more than 35 AIDS-related agencies and health care providers in the Bay Area, inventory these materials, and prepare plans for their preservation. Treatment records, minutes of meetings, reports, organizational charts, correspondence, interview notes, photographs, personal papers, and diaries will be collected.

- **The University of Waterloo Library** received a three-year \$9,000 grant to acquire materials for its collection of works by and about Robert Southey; a two-year \$6,000 grant to develop the historical American planning collection; and a \$2,422 grant to purchase a collection titled "Women and Work" from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. ■ ■

Editor needed for BIS Newsletter

ACRL's Bibliographic Instruction Section (BIS) is seeking candidates for the editorship of its newsletter. The application deadline is December 15, 1991. Candidates should have experience with bibliographic instruction, experience with newsletters, be a member of BIS, and attend ALA Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings during their term as editor (1992-94). The editor will serve as a member of the BIS Communications Committee, as ex officio member of the BIS Advisory Council and on the ACRL Newsletter Editor's Committee.

Candidates should submit samples of their work as part of the application and must describe the equipment they have available for use. (Desktop publishing experience is a plus and an electronic mail account will expedite communication with BIS members.)

The new editor will be chosen at the 1992 Midwinter meeting and will work with the current editor on the Spring 1992 issue. Applications should be sent to Barbara MacAdam, BIS Communication Committee Chair, Undergraduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1185, by December 15, 1991.