

# ACRL Chapters

## FALL MEETINGS

- The **FLORIDA CHAPTER** has scheduled its fall meeting for November 2 in Orlando. Tentatively, the program theme is "AACR 2 and Closing the Card Catalog."

- The **KANSAS CHAPTER** will meet October 4-5 at the Holidome in Hutchinson. Robert De Candido will conduct a workshop on "Binding and Preservation of Library Materials" on the morning of October 4. A program on AACR 2 will be held on the morning of October 5.

- The **MISSOURI CHAPTER** will hold a breakfast, a business meeting, and a presentation of papers on September 26-28 in Springfield in conjunction with the annual conference of the Missouri Library Association.

- The **NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER's** fall meeting will take place on October 18 at Charlotte in conjunction with the North Carolina Library Association biennial conference. The principal speakers will be political scientist James David Barber of Duke University and Julie A. C. Virgo, executive secretary of ACRL.

- The **OREGON CHAPTER's** fall meeting will feature a presentation on the philosophy of on-line reference services by Agnes Grady of Oregon State University at a time and place to be announced.

- The **TEXAS CHAPTER** will cosponsor with the Texas Regional Group of Catalogers and Classifiers a workshop on AACR 2 at the University of Houston on October 11-13.

- The **VIRGINIA CHAPTER** will meet with the Virginia Library Association at the Homestead in November. The featured speaker, David Kaser of the University of Indiana, will give a talk on "The Two Faces of Librarians in the Twentieth Century."

- The **WESTERN NEW YORK/ONTARIO CHAPTER's** fall meeting will be held on October 12-13 at the

University of Toronto. The program will feature presentations on AACR 2 and the University of Toronto Microcatalogue. Richard Johnson, editor of *College & Research Libraries*, will speak on writing and publishing by and for librarians. W. Carl Jackson, dean of libraries, Indiana University, will give a talk and slide show on solo sailing the Atlantic.

- The **WISCONSIN CHAPTER** will hold its fall conference on September 27-28 at the Quality Inn in Madison. The theme of the meeting will be "Evaluation of Library Services." The speakers will be Thomas Galvin of the University of Pittsburgh, Michael Gorman of AACR 2, Arthur Tannenbaum of New York University, Carolyn Snyder of Indiana University, Jeff Gardiner of the ARL Office, and others. Contact: Linda Olson or John J. Jax, Pierce Library, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI 54751; (715) 232-2128.

## RECENT MEETINGS

- The **EASTERN NEW YORK ACRL CHAPTER** held an all-day conference on May 18 at Siena College, Loudonville, New York. Talks by Dennis Dickinson of the University of Kentucky on collection development and by Roger Parent of Princeton and C. James Schmidt of SUNY-Albany on staff development during the morning session were followed by discussions during the afternoon of the topics covered by the speakers. The chapter has a membership of 170, publishes a biennial newsletter, and meets twice a year.

- The **ILLINOIS CHAPTER** drew sixty-five participants to its spring meeting on April 26 at Western Illinois University in Macomb. James Furman, executive director, Illinois Board of Education; Robert Cronson, Illinois state auditor; Dan Martin, president, Associated Colleges of the Midwest; and Roger Miller, president, Millikin University, each gave a talk on budget implications for library service.

- The **KANSAS ACRL CHAPTER** met on April 19 at the Kansas Library Association annual meeting and heard Ronald E. Barnes speak on "Warming up the Library" (breaking down the psychological barriers that library users encounter).

- The **MISSOURI CHAPTER's** spring conference took place on April 5 in Columbia. Ellen Detlefsen of the University of Pittsburgh gave the keynote address, "The Non-User and User Frustration." Joyce Edinger and Leslie Whitaker of the University of Missouri-St. Louis spoke on "Marketing Library Services" and "Psychological Aspects Encouraging Library Use."

- The **NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER** attracted eighty

## ACRL Mail Ballot

A ballot on amendments to the ACRL Constitution and Bylaws was mailed to all ACRL personal members on August 15, 1979. The deadline for the receipt of ballots at the ACRL office is November 7, 1979. ACRL personal members who have not received their ballots by September 24 may telephone the ACRL Office, (312) 944-6780, ext. 287, to request a replacement ballot.

participants to its spring program meeting on "Economic Reality: Strategies for the Academic Library" on May 3 at the University of Maine, Orono. The New England Chapter has 768 personal members and 86 institutional members.

• The OREGON CHAPTER has established the pattern of meeting in the winter, spring, and fall of each year. At the February meeting, held on the campus of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Stephen Beckham, a historian at Lewis and Clark College and an authority on Northwest Indians, discussed the ways in which libraries have been helpful to him in his research. The April meeting at Oregon State University in Corvallis featured a presentation on Earlham College's course-related library user instruction program by Tom Kirk, science librarian, and Jerome Woolpy, professor of biology at Earlham.

• The WESTERN NEW YORK/ONTARIO CHAPTER sponsored a workshop on April 7 in Rochester jointly with the Upstate New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The topic was "Analysis of Library Collections: How to Evaluate What You Own and How Much It Is Used." ■■



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The White House Conference on Library and Information Services is now only two months away. Much has been written about the resolutions adopted by the state conferences. Now people are beginning to speculate on the possible impact of resolutions that will come out of the national conference.

The Washington office is greatly interested in what happens at the White House Conference. The office is constantly seeking new material that will help tell the library story to those in government who make laws and regulations. Resolutions of library organizations and meetings lend weight to the message we convey on behalf of librarians and libraries.

Resolutions from the White House Conference will be special, however, and the 96th Congress will indeed require something special if libraries are to come out ahead. The purse strings of Congress remain very tight. As a result, more than the usual justifications will be necessary just to keep in place successful federal programs, let alone start new ones.

Every once in a while federal programs in any area need a shakedown. No matter how impor-

## POOLE NAMED CHOICE EDITOR

Jay Martin Poole has been appointed the new editor of *Choice*, a monthly book selection journal published by ACRL in Middletown, Connecticut. At *Choice* Poole will have responsibility for a publication with a circulation of about 6,000, a budget of \$700,000, and a staff of twenty-two.

Since 1974 Poole has been head librarian of the Undergraduate Library, University of Texas at Austin. He was head of the Reference Department at the State University of New York at Buffalo Library during 1973-1974, and special programs librarian and reference librarian at the University of Washington (Seattle) Libraries from 1970 to 1973.

He earned his B.A. degree from the University of Tulsa and his M.L.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Active in ACRL, he was the 1978-1979 chair of the ACRL Undergraduate Librarians Discussion Group.

## Inside Washington

tant the goals of minority librarian recruitment, service to the disadvantaged, and cooperation and sharing, the programs designed to meet these needs must occasionally be reviewed and repackaged. To be sure, the U.S. Office of Education conducts its own evaluations, but an evaluation by librarians and library users themselves could have an even greater impact.

The results of the White House Conference will have special significance for several reasons. First, the time is right for a fresh look at the direction the library field is taking. Second, the conference will focus national attention on library issues. Third, the predominance of citizen participants (two-thirds of the total) should not only improve discussion but also enhance the overall credibility of the process. And finally, multiple targeting on local, state, and national issues and the wide scope of the topics to be considered will give added importance to the resolutions that come out of the conference.

All of this is not to say that the current slate of library problems will be wiped clean, or that long-debated issues will finally be resolved. On the other hand, it will be refreshing to look at a brand new distillation of what is changing (and not changing) in the field. In the Washington office, we are confident that the overall results of the conference will help to highlight our national assets, to reconfirm continuing needs, and to focus our efforts in new areas. ■■