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COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Charles Churchwell of Washington University has informed me that he prefers to wait upon developments with a state bibliographic data base before calling a meeting of area librarians to discuss cooperative collection development and resource sharing. He has, however, enthusiastically agreed to call a series of meetings between library directors from Western Illinois and the Greater St. Louis area to discuss their operations and problems. He feels this would be an excellent way for all of us to get to know each other. This could serve as an excellent beginning to what I hope will eventually be a very close working relationship.

Another meeting of importance will be coming up in April. John Abbott of SIU-Edwardsville will host a meeting of the collection development officers of SIU and UMSL to discuss common problems and investigate areas of cooperation. The new by-laws, if approved, will allow SIU membership in the St. Louis Regional Library Network and pave the way for Illinois/Missouri communication and cooperation.

The MLA plans for the annual conference are going well. The program will center on collection development and resource sharing. Some of the main participants will be:

Keynote Speaker

Duane Webster

Director

Office of Management Studies
Association of Research Libraries
Washington, D.C.

Workshop: Academic Libraries

Henry Bates

Director

Milwaukee Public Library
Milwaukee, WI.

Workshop: Special Libraries

Barbara Robinson

Metropolitan Washington Library Council
Washington, D.C.

Workshop: School Libraries

Patricia Mautino

Director of Curriculum Resource Center
Mexico, New York

Speaker/Concluding Session

Mary Cronin

Coordinator

Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI.

This will be a great opportunity for all of our staff to hear some of the most distinguished experts on collection development and resource sharing in the country.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

MEETINGS OF NOTE

Ron Krash and James Cory met with the Academic Council on March 19th. Ron and James presented the investigation of WLN in the context of carrying out the recommendations made in the document entitled: The University Libraries Now: A Report of Recommendations for Library Development and a Summary of Current Status. April 1977. Many of the council members were impressed by WLN as a retrieval tool. They also commented that the delivery of materials was as significant as identifying the materials. Jim and Ron agreed that much dialogue and agreement would have to take place among the library directors if the system were to function at maximum efficiency. Jim

spoke of eventually having the system automatically loan items to the individual rather than going through the present ILL paperwork system. Council members were also concerned with the priority that such a system would have in the computer center in Columbia. Jim acknowledged the same concern and said he would pursue some specific assurances should we move to adopt WLN or a similar system. Both Jim and Ron stressed the ultimate importance of such a system for sharing limited resources in times of fiscal stringency. All council members were in agreement on the importance of developing such a system for the University.

LIBRARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Linda Borger was the first library staff member to participate in the library internship program. She did her internship in the General Services Division of the Thomas Jefferson Library where she worked extensively with Frances Piesbergen. The Education Library has been coordinating its policies with Thomas Jefferson Library and Linda was interested in studying the Thomas Jefferson circulation and overdues procedures in depth. Linda also consulted with Amy Arnott about shelving procedures, although most of the procedures were already identical or similar in the two libraries. Linda reported finding her internship very helpful and strongly recommends the program.

Leta Webster has applied for an internship in Serials under the direction of Bill Wibbing. She plans to learn more about how the Thomas Jefferson Library handles serials check-ins and claiming procedures. Missing journal issues are a growing concern of both the Education Library and Thomas Jefferson Library. Leta hopes to do her internship in the near future.

Another example of cooperation between the two campus libraries is the policy Mushira Haddad proposed for a courier system which would allow all patrons to borrow and/or return circulating materials to the campus library most convenient for them. This policy is intended to improve access to materials. The proposed policy has been discussed at length by Mushira. Frances and the Education Library staff are now being advised to spell out details. When each library has completed a new draft, the policy itself will be written and submitted to the Administrative Committee for approval.

Sally Beck, Education

ALA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Virginia Workman has a new ALA committee assignment. She just received word that she has been appointed as a member-at-large to the Education and Behavioral and Sciences Section of ACRL. Her term is for the 1980-81 year. During the current year she is also serving as a member of the Curriculum Materials Committee.

Sally Beck, Education Library

UNBOUND JOURNALS

Unbound journals shelved in the Current Periodicals and Microtexts Department can no longer be taken out of the Department. They can only be used or read in the Department.

EXCEPTIONS

- 1) When being checked out by Staff, Graduate Students or Faculty members.
- 2) Library Staff wants to use them for copying or reference purposes, but is requested to return them to CP/M or Circulation Desk.
- 3) If the copy machine is broken, the patron upon request, can be allowed to take the journal out of the Department.

Lolita Quires, Current Periodicals and Microtext

MISSOURI CORPORATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A first meeting of the Missouri Corporation Study Committee was held in Columbia on February 27, 1980. In addition to confirming its purpose, the committee took several actions which will lead to creating a plan for a not-for-profit corporation. Due to the complex organizational, legal, technical, fiscal, and governance factors involved, a paid consultant may be employed. It is hoped that plan will be ready by the fall of 1980 for presentation to the librarians of Missouri. The committee will keep abreast of the various developments now taking place in Missouri, Statewide Library Data Base Survey and the Washington

Library Network demonstrations, and will welcome any suggestions from librarians of the state or elsewhere.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

THIRD OCCASIONAL LECTURE ANNOUNCED - STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Staff Development Committee, in cooperation with the English Department and the Center for International Studies, is announcing the Library's Third Occasional Lecture. Ms. Robin Myers, Fellow of the Society for Antiquaries, from London, England, will be our speaker. She is on a State-side tour and we are excited that we will have the opportunity to have her on campus as a special lecturer. Ms. Myers is the author of *The British Book Trade: A Bibliographic Guide* (1973), *A Dictionary of Literature in the English Language from Chaucer to 1940* (2 v., 1970), and *A Dictionary of Literature in the English Language from 1940 to 1970* (1978).

Robin Myers will be speaking on the Topic "From Closed Shop to Copyright Protection: A survey of the Stationers Company Records, 1557-1911" at 2:00 p.m. on April 14 in Room 126 J.C. Penney. All Library Staff are welcome and encouraged to attend, and invite others who might be interested in this subject.

In addition to the formal lecture, Ms. Myers has agreed to meet with Library staff members on a less formal basis from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the Library Lounge. At that time she will share some of her library-related experiences and will answer questions the staff might have. The Staff Development Committee invites you to mark these two times on your calendar. If you have any questions contact any member of the Committee.

Leanne Miller, Chairperson
Staff Development Committee

NEW RECORD REVIEWS

Icelander Herd Chant. Valcon Record, SPC 1231.

Rare field recordings of herdsman practicing the age old tradition of herd chants. If listened to on a warm summer evening it will bring a chill to your spine. On two cuts the reindeer themselves are heard in what

seems like a planned round. An excellent gift for the person who "has everything."

Little Known Music Groups in American Society.

Relief Records, RR 621. This delightful album introduces the amateur musicalologist to the obscure history of American Music. Take the just cut on side one, the Cods singing "Bad Biscuits," a little know forecastle song from Damarascotla, Maine, is primitive yet delightful. A southern N.C. stringband, the Woodchucks, plays a hitherto unknown version of "walnut cracking time." The most original composition on the entire album is the "Ballad of Billy Bovine," the accompaniment is entirely provided by slapping assorted cowhides with hickory limbs. This album brakes down the notion that only the accomplished musician can "make music."

Rock Sounds. Nature Records. R. 341. 7.99. This album is an attempt to prove that even rocks make music. The slow movement of even metamorphic rocks are hypothesized to "sing." This album was laboriously recorded over the last 30 years in a secluded spot deep in the "green rock" area of the Shannandoah Valley. The silence on the record is occasionally broken by the shrill chattering of a chipmonk or bluejay. Yet there are the unmistakable faint grating sounds of rock movement. For those with vivid imaginations these may remind you of a song from your childhood. Not recommended for people living in areas prone to earthquake tremors.

FROM THE UNDERWORLD

The dust has settled and been whisked away, the carpenters and electricians and painters have moved on to other pursuits, and a semblance of order has returned to level two. What once was more warehouse than library has become the home of decorum and light. The renovation just completed has provided new office work space for one department and made more habitable work areas for three other departments. Additional shelving space which will be used as a staging arena for processing approval and gift books has been provided.

Juanita Catching has transferred from the serials department and she will be working under the supervision of Ann Campion Riley, TJL's newest librarian (who at last

has a desk of her own).

Nell Meixner in the bindery has been singing "Its so nice to have a man around the house" since our new student assistant, George Ulises began working. And Bill Wibbing has been singing the blues lately, as he recently discovered that due to a SNAFU in other departments of the University system, invoices from January were not paid until March. Our creditors are sending cancellation notices and demands for non-payment at such a rate that Bill (and his cohorts in crime) pray that the jails are clean in England.

BIRTHDAYS

I was notified that the following people have birthdays in the month of March:

John Leber	March 1
Linda Borger	March 3
Barbara Fox	March 3
Don Thi Vo	March 8
Valerie Brown	March 12
Jennelle Huff	March 16
Frances Piesbergen	March 16
Virginia Workman	March 18
Betty Wilbanks	March 22

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Carolyn Huston has accepted the vacant Clerk-Typist position in ILL. Ms. Huston has been with the Library since September 1977 as a student assistant.

The Interlibrary Loan Department would like to welcome its new student assistant, Sam Patane. Sam is a second semester freshman majoring in business. We are glad to have him with us. Brenda & Carolyn

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The UMSL Faculty Women's Book Fair will be held April 15, 16, & 17 in the Blue Metal Building from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm. Remember all proceeds go to the Library. For more information, see Chris.