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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thanks to all of those who helped make the ALA Conference a success. Many of you helped move equipment, take tickets, participate in workshops as note takers and discussion leaders, and many more who remained here and kept things running. It could not have been done without your assistance.

Donald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE SHARING - A BEGINNING

The MLA Conference is just a beginning. Resource sharing will be the focus of two primary committees: Collection Development Committee of the St. Louis Regional Library Network and the Collection Development Committee of the Learning Resource Council. Since I fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your perspective, chair these committees, it will be my job to get things rolling. It will be a difficult assignment since I will be working with very powerful interests who need to cooperate but are not adept at cooperating. Many of you will eventually be involved if we are able to move forward, and I believe we will in spite of many obstacles. None of us will be able to meet the demands of our patrons without more sharing and coordinated collection development.

Donald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

SERIALS COOPERATION TASK FORCE

The Serials Cooperation Task Force met Friday, September 19, to discuss how the four campuses might communicate and coordinate intents to cancel or inaugurate

serials subscriptions.

Because so little time exists between the consideration of a title and its cancellation or order placement in each library, the Task Force is proposing a system for each campus to inform the others of its decisions, rather than its intentions.

UMC can continue to list its cancellations in its weekly News Notes. Through their BATAS system, they receive on fiche a weekly Serials Open Order Report, listing their current subscriptions, including those placed in the previous week. These two UMC documents can be duplicated and mailed weekly to the other three campuses.

UMKC, UMR, and UMSL cancellations and new subscriptions are not as numerous as those of UMC. The Task Force believes that quarterly typed lists from each of these three institutions to the other campuses would be adequate communication. If the three month spacing proves to be too long a period, this could be changed to a bimonthly or monthly schedule.

If this communication system is approved by the directors, the Serials Cooperation Task Force would be willing to implement the system and identify individuals in each library who would be sending and receiving the reports. The Task Force could also monitor and evaluate the success of the procedure at a later date.

The Task Force members found the September 19 meeting to be a valuable forum for discussing and sharing information on related serials management and concerns. Although the Task Force has fulfilled its stated charge of

proposing a method of communicating serials cancellations and new subscriptions, the members would look forward to continuing as a group if the directors felt further serials cooperation possibilities should be investigated.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

SERIALS AUTOMATION MEETING ATTENDED

On September 4-5 I attended an ALA/LITA institute entitled "Serials Automation: Acquisition and Inventory Control." My attendance afforded the opportunity to learn some things about serials automation from the speakers' presentations and from the exhibits. The topics included: "Check-In Function," "Subscription and Financial Functions," "Inventory and Holding Features," "Patron Access" and the "Role of Serials Control in Future Library Organization." Although some discussions leaned towards the technical aspects of advanced programming, there was always practical value from each presentation. Of particular interest were the demonstrations of several on-line systems among the exhibits. All we need at JL is money. Copies of my full report are with the Travel Committee and in Collection Development Division which also has on file the brochures I brought back.

Bill Wibbing, Serials

REPORT ON LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 1980

The Library Directors met in Columbia on Oct. 13, 1980. One item of long interest was the lack of enthusiasm for closer cooperation on serial cutting, retention, and purchase. It looks as though we will have to wait for WLN to be implemented or things grow worse for serial budgets until we can achieve cooperation. I will now turn my attention to collection development in the St. Louis area. The first meeting the St. Louis Regional Library Network Collection Development Committee will be on October 27, at the St. Louis Public Library.

The other item on the agenda of importance was that

there will be up to \$300,000 available in January for possible use by the four campuses in retrospective conversion. I will be drawing up a proposal, in cooperation with Bibliographic Services, to hire 1 or 2 people to work on retrospective conversion. Rolla's hit rate on their retrospective conversion has been 98% through the P's.

Ronald D. Krash, Director of Libraries

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT MEETS WITH FACULTY COORDINATORS

Cookies and lemonade were served in the Collection Development Division on September 24 at 2:30 pm to 14 departmental library coordinators and the Division staff. At the Division's invitation the coordinators met to hear about library acquisitions policies and procedures for the 1980/81 fiscal year. The most important change in policy this year is that requests for 1979/80 English language monographs priced under \$75.00 will be met through the "guarantee on approval" provision of the new Baker and Taylor approval plan, which complements the existing B.H. Blackwell's and Blackwell North America plans. For requests for the purchase of older materials, traditionally paid for by library money assigned into guideline funds to be spent in each departmental subject area, Acquisitions asked that the coordinators assign a no. 1, 2 or 3 priority to each request. The Library will attempt to purchase most no. 1 priority items, and will use the no. 2 or 3 priority titles as the basis for estimates as to how much needs to be spent in each subject area to develop the necessary retrospective collection. The rationale behind this somewhat radical-sounding new approach to departmental guideline funds is that the funds as they existed were not useful in helping to determine how much the library spent in subject areas.

If the new approach leads to a flood of priority one requests that the Division cannot possibly handle, the Head of Collection Development told the coordinators, the guideline fund amounts could be assigned again. The new approach should be effective in determining more completely what materials faculty consider important to the library. Also, because of the limited funds available to the library for retrospective purchasing (this year about \$27,000), the guideline amounts for each department

would not have been enough for any significant purchasing. Previously, small guideline amounts had sometimes led coordinators to do budgeting for requests received from colleagues and to make decisions on what requests were sent to the Library. Needless to say, Collection Development would prefer to see all faculty requests for books as a help in evaluating gaps in the collection. Foreign language materials pose a separate collection development and acquisitions problem that cannot be handled using the new approach. Because foreign language material does not in general come through the Library's established approval programs, it must be identified outside the Library and specifically requested in most cases. For these reasons the guideline amount will still be applied for foreign language materials.

Handouts the coordinators received described the role the Library would like them to play in helping us, guidelines for prioritizing requests, and an overview of the library budget. In addition they received tables of serial expenditures by LC class, BNA approval expenditures by LC class, and library circulation compared to total volumes, again broken down by LC class. At the beginning of the meeting the Acquisitions Librarian spoke to the group after the Director and the Head of Collection Development welcomed them. I described general Division procedures, talked about the new approach to guideline funds and explained some of the information in the handouts. Then the Head of Collection Development spoke. He gave details on the new approach, talked about the collection development budget, and reiterated policies on the drop one, add one serials freeze and standing orders freeze. Any staff member interested in a copy of the handout may get it from Collection Development.

Ann Campion Riley, Acquisitions

ARTICLES ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

Recently I have had two major articles accepted for publication. One is titled "Bibliographic Access to Curriculum Guides" and it will be published in the 1980 Fall issue of Behavioral and Social Sciences Librarian. The article describes and evaluates the

Fearon-Pitman Curriculum Development Library of 905 curriculum guides on microfiche which UMSL owns.

The other article is "An Overview of Government Regulation of Business," a lengthy article which I gave as a paper at the Southwest Division of the Academy of Management in March 1979. Soon the article will be published by Arno Press. The editor is now deciding whether it will be published as a separate monograph or as part of a book of readings on economics. In either case I will receive a contract and payment.

Sally Beck, Education Library

ALA APPOINTMENT

Virginia Workman has recently accepted a one year appointment to the Nominating Committee of the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section. This committee will seek nominations and propose a slate of officers to be elected at the 1981 Annual Conference. She is also a member of the Curriculum Materials Committee and the Executive Board of the EBSS Section.

Education Library

UMSL STAFF ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank all of the Thomas Jefferson Library Staff who participated in filling out the UMSL Staff Association questionnaire. The campus wide response was terrific (over 40%). The answers are being tabulated and the results will be presented to the campus wide meeting.

Nell Meixner, Bindery (Unit Representative)

DISPLAY CASES

There are new display cases in the Library. Anyone can make a display of their own artwork, poetry, etc. Anyone interested should contact Dave Williams between 8-12 noon Monday through Friday.

Dave Williams, Office

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Rosie Lunt: Once famous Spanish Flamenco Dancer, who started the world at the 1904 World Exposition with her famous reverse pivot triple kick now lives a quiet existence as a Chiropractor in Pilgrim City, Indiana.

Wallace Millard: Mr. Millard who invented the artificial grape, used extensively to decorate American homes in the 1930's, now lives in New Mills, Wisc. where he is a used car salesman. Mr. Millard says, "I've turned from grapes to grapes."

General William Whirley, famous for developing the powdered egg for use in Army kitchens, is now commandant at the Prussian Valley Military Academy for children 6-11 years of age. The Commander sees that his "boys" still get their daily ration of powdered eggs. He says, "its the stuff men are made of."

Doug Denny, who went over Niagara Falls in a bathtub in 1923 and lived to tell the tale, now spends most of his time in his workshop in Moulton Hills, N.J., where he is working on environmental problems. Presently he is working on ways of recycling used tea bags. Doug's workshop is filled with over 1,000,000 used tea bags. In his own words, "its a mess." "Some people say I'm wet, a guess its an occupational hazard." *ad*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Library Staff would like to congratulate Tunde Deinbo for making the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Each year outstanding students are recognized for their achievements as students by a national organization which publishes the annual, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students who have excelled in academic, extra-curricular, scholastic, and community service activities are selected.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

General Editor: Joan Awls

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Bibliographic Services Division would like to welcome its new Head of Bibliographic Services, Frank Sadowski. Frank will be starting December 1, 1980. He comes to us from Pennsylvania State University Libraries as their Head of Serial Cataloging Section and Senior Serial Cataloger.

The Education Library would like to welcome Sharon Mohme to their staff as a part-time Library Clerk I. Sharon previously worked as a student assistant in the Education Library.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Nell Meixner	October 5
Betty Ann Johns	October 8
Amy Arnott	October 10
Stephen Adkisson	October 26
Sarah Harris	October 11
Michael Johnson	October 17
Theresa Meyer	October 27
June Williams	October 30
Celeste Boll	October 1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

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