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ROCHESTER CONVENTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The 1977/78 Cataloging and Classification Committee will meet in the Americana Hotel Grenadier Room on Sunday, June 25th from 4-6 p.m.

The 1978/79 Committee will hold their organizational meeting on Wednesday June 28th in the Americana Hotel's Corinthian Room from 4-6 p.m.

The Technical Services Special Interest program, "Planning for Change," is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Americana Windsor Room. The panel discussion will be moderated by Gayle S. Edelman of De Paul University Law Library. The speakers and their topics are:

Dennis Hyatt, University of Oregon--"Alternative to the card catalog."

Betty W. Taylor, University of Florida--"Automating serials."

Phyllis C. Marion, University of Minnesota--"Effects of New Developments in the library world."

The Technical Services Special Interest Section breakfast business meeting will be held June 26, 1978 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Holiday Inn Exchange Room.

AALL OCLC SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION NEWS

The OCLC/SIS Section will present a two-part program at the Rochester convention, on Sunday, June 25 in Holiday Inn Downtown Room.

From 10 a.m. - Noon, a panel discussion will be held on the effects of OCLC on workflow in law libraries.

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Elizabeth Matthews, Assistant Professor and Catalog Librarian, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library will begin the panel with a discussion of her research findings on the computerized processing of legal materials in law schools.

Gayle Edelman, Associate Law Librarian, De Paul University Law Library will represent a small library, Cherylyn Briggs, Head of Technical Services, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Library, a new library and Diane I. Hillman, Assistant Catalog Librarian, Cornell Law Library, a large library.

From 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Christian Boissonnas, Head, Acquisitions Department, Cornell University Libraries will talk about the effects of OCLC and quality control in the Cornell Law Library.

One hour will be set aside in the morning session for questions from the floor. Librarians currently on-line with OCLC will have an opportunity to share experiences and trade questions with those librarians who anticipate going on-line in the future. Librarians not on-line with OCLC will have an opportunity to evaluate the experiences of law librarians currently on-line with OCLC, to compare OCLC with another automated system they may be on, or to discuss those basic workflow problems all technical service librarians share.

The OCLC Special Interest Section business meeting will be held on Monday June 26, 1978 from 7:30-9 a.m. in Holiday Inn's Genesee Room.

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN!

If you haven't sent your SIS dues to AALL headquarters yet, please do so before the convention: Send \$5.00 for each SIS you would like to join (specify Technical Services or OCLC, etc.) to:

Antonnette Russo
Administrative Secretary
American Association of Law Libraries
53 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Ill. 60604

CLASSIFICATION QUESTION
by Cecilia Kwan

Question: What is the difference between K3242 and JX4231.M5?

Answer: K3242 is for collections of or parallel legislations of individual countries dealing with minorities.
JX4231.M5 is for legislation relating to minorities that poses an international problem, or international agreements relating to minorities.

SHARED RECLASSIFICATION
COSTS FOR FOREIGN LAW

The announcement by LC that the schedules for Germany and France are soon(er or later) to be published, stirred alot of interest among librarians especially in the Cornell Law Library. Robert Oakley, Assistant Law Librarian, would like to find out how many law libraries will be reclassifying their foreign law collections into LC

and if these libraries would be interested in a shared-cost reclassification project. Would you be interested in subscribing to a reclassified unit card for all the foreign law titles that Cornell reclassifies? The cost would be shared among all the libraries subscribing, eg. Let's say the unit cost per title is one dollar and ten libraries are subscribing, thus each library would be billed 10 cents per unit card received. The money would be used to hire reclassification staff in order to proceed as quickly as possible with the project. If you are interested and/or would like additional information please write to:

Robert Oakley
Assistant Law Librarian
Cornell Law Library
Myron Taylor Hall
Ithaca, New York 14850

Dashed On by Ellen Sandmeyer and Jill Brophy

The excitement over the imminent (we think) publication of AACR2 and the not-so-distant closing of the LC catalog is beginning to turn our attention away from the usual automation and networking news. All of these subjects are sure to come up at convention, so you may want to check out some of the following publications and meetings so you'll be able to join in what are sure to be lively discussions. We've also summarized some news of interest to everyone so you wouldn't have to look it all up yourselves!

The Alaska State Library and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks have become the first out-of-state libraries to join the 16 Washington libraries who belong to the Washington Library Network. WLN replaced its IBM 360 computer with an Amdahl 470 V16 that can respond to most bibliographic inquiries in four seconds. In addition to its on-line cataloging module, the system offers an on-line authority control, on-line acquisitions and fund accounting and the production of COM catalogs, book catalogs and catalog cards. In the planning stages are automated serials check-in and a shelf-list component.

The Research Libraries Group (Yale, Harvard, Columbia and New York Public) has decided to adopt BALLOTS. The vote was 3 to 1 with Harvard (who may withdraw from RLG) the only library voting against the proposal. The RLG contract may have assured BALLOTS financial survival since Stanford had promised funding only until the end of the year and is considering letting BALLOTS become an independent, self-supporting agency. However, BALLOTS must develop itself to required levels by December 31, the target date set for all RLG libraries to start using BALLOTS.

Library of Congress has decided not to replace LC subject headings with PRECIS (Preserved Content Indexing System), a new indexing system which is being used widely in other countries. Advantages of PRECIS are that it can be used for international communications and could provide better access to the subject content of materials by emphasizing the finding of information rather than classifying it. LC has decided not to accept PRECIS for the following reasons: 1) There are problems with English usage; 2) Although PRECIS has more access points, use by LC's automated system of title entries would provide most of the additional terms derivable from PRECIS indexing; 3) If PRECIS indexing terms were printed on catalog cards it would confuse users; 4) Libraries planning to use cards produced by PRECIS would have to close their catalogs because interfacing the two systems would be impractical; and, 5) LC sees no real demand in the US for a change to PRECIS.

As probably everybody knows, LC plans to close its catalog on January 2, 1980.

The reasons given by Lucia Rather at an ALA Midwinter meeting follow. The catalog cards are deteriorating. It costs \$1 million per year to keep up with the filing. Expansion space has run out while the catalog grows faster every day. Closing will allow an end to "superimposition."

LC plans to adopt both AACR2 and Dewey 19 when it starts its new catalog in 1980. And while LC's new automated system probably will not be completely ready by 1980, a great deal of the automated system is operative now and work on the new catalog will commence regardless.

OCLC has abolished the 20% surcharge for for-profit libraries. For-profit institutions will now pay the same prices as not-for-profit institutions, so we'll probably see an increase in special libraries in the system.

Cornell has done a study of the costs of cataloging by counting the number of changes necessary to make OCLC member and LC cataloging records meet Cornell standards. LC records required an average of 1.13 modifications per record and OCLC member records 2.97. The costs for correcting the cataloging were 82¢ and 97¢ respectively.

OCLC v. AACR2? Director Fred Kilgour was quoted in the April 3 Chronicle of Higher Education - "Although AACR2 has been withheld from OCLC, there have been enough statements on the document in the press and in oral presentations to suggest the adoption of AACR2 may increase in benefits to library patrons. If such should turn out to be the case, OCLC would have to oppose adoption ..."

In response, the Illinois OCLC User's Group approved a motion from the Monographic Standards Task Force that the group endorse the adoption of AACR2 by OCLC as soon as it is adopted by the Library of Congress, at which time it will become the standard for the nation.

MEETINGS

- Workshop on COM Catalogs. June 24, ALA Conference, Chicago. Contact: ALA Reference and Adult Services Division, Catalog Use Committee, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.
- "Library Automation - State of the art III." June 22 and 23, ALA Annual Conference, Chicago. Contact: ISAD Office, ALA Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.
- PRECIS Training Course. June 19-30, University of Maryland, College Park. \$200. Contact: Hans H. Wellisch, Director, PRECIS Training Course, College of Library and Information Service, University of Maryland, College Park 20740. (301) 454-5441.
- Cataloging Audio-Visual Materials Workshop. June 12 and 13, University Towers Hotel, Seattle. Sponsored by the University of Washington. Emphasizes changes in the 2d ed. of AACR. Short courses. Registration: University of Washington, DW-50, Seattle, Washington 98195.
- Special Libraries Association Annual Conference. Radisson Muehleback Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Special Libraries Association 235 Park Avenue South, New York City 10003. (212) 777-8136.

Publications

- "Automated Cataloging: More or Less Staff Needed?" Library Journal Feb. 15, 1978, pp. 415-416.
Summarizes speeches made by Peter Spyers-Duran of California State University-Long Beach and Sanford Berman of the Hennepin County Library at last fall's ACM Conference on Management Issues in Automated Cataloging.

International Standard Bibliographic Description for Non-Book Materials. \$13.50.
Document on ISBD(NBM). Order from: Canadian Library Association, 151 Spark
Street, Ottawa K1P 5E3 Ontario CANADA.

Kathman, Michael D. and Jane M. Kathman, "Management Problems of student workers in
Academic Libraries," College & Research Libraries 39(2) March 1978, p. 118-122.
Includes suggestions for hiring, training and supervision of student workers.

Levine, Jamie J. and Timothy Logan. Online Resources Sharing: A Comparison of
Ballots and OCLC. San Jose, CLASS, 1978?. p. 121. \$5.00.
This publication compares OCLC and BALLOTS, topic by topic, with comments on
OCLC and BALLOTS on facing pages. The contents of the guide have been reviewed
by both OCLC and BALLOTS for accuracy and completeness. Periodic updates may
be published by CLASS. Order from: California Library Authority for Systems
and Services (CLASS), 1415 Koll Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95112.

Marshall, Joan K. On Equal Terms: A Thesaurus for Nonsexist Indexing and Cataloging.
Hardcover: \$14.95; paperback \$9.50. This Thesaurus was developed under a grant
from the Council on Library Resources. It is based on principles developed by
the Committee on Sexism in Subject Headings on the ALA Social Responsibilities
Round Table Task Force on Women, and contains expanded subdivisions under
headings such as divorce, education, homosexuality, employment, and marriage.
Order from: ABC-Clio, Riviera Campus, 2040 A.P.S., Box 4397, Santa Barbara,
CA 93103.

"1984 And All That: A Symposium" HCL Cataloging Bulletin 34, pp. 19-25. Responses
of Joan K. Marshall of Brooklyn College Library, Jim Dwyer of University of
Oregon Library, Marvin Scilken of Orange (NJ) Public Library and Steve Wolf of
Queens Borough Public Library to the request "to assess/explore the probable
impact of AACR2, DDC19, & LC's catalog-closing on small/medium & school/public
libraries." Since many law libraries fall into the small/medium category,
there's a lot of food for thought here.

Weber, Hans. A Manual for Serials Workshops. Chicago, ALA. \$3.00. 50 steps to
a successful workshop plus many other broad and specific guidelines for organ-
izing a serials workshop. Order prepaid from: Resources and Technical Ser-
vices Division, ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

The following documents may be ordered from the ERIC Document Reproduction Service,
P. O. Box 190, Arlington, VA 22210. Orders should include the ED number, specify
the format desired (microfiche or hardcopy), and include payment for the document
and postage.

Markuson, Barbara Evans. Analysis of Requirements of On-Line Network Cataloging
Services for Small, Academic, Public, School and Other Libraries: A Demonstra-
tion Project Using the OCLC System. Final Report. Washington, D.C., Office
of Education, 1977. 60 p. ED 140 861. microfiche: \$0.83; hardcopy: \$3.50.
This report on a project using OCLC to provide cataloging services to small
libraries describes alternatives which include: centralized cataloging,
centralized book processing, sharing OCLC terminals and use of dial-up
terminals. The project found OCLC useful for all types of small libraries
and recommends that network planners give more attention to how small libraries
can economically use library networks.

Bourne, Charles P. Summary Cost Data from 300 Reports of Library Technical Processing Activities. Berkeley, University of California Institute of Library Research, 1977. 76 p. ED140 871. microfiche: \$0.83; hardcopy: \$4.67. This summary presents in 63 graphs, data from a review of 300 publications dealing with library cost studies, and probably includes most of the published data on the costs of technical processing through the early 1970's. The data indicates an upward trend in all unit costs.

Schwarz, Philip J. COM: Decisions and Applications in a Small University Library. Menomonie, Wisc., Wisconsin University-Stout, 1976. 25 p. ED 135 391 microfiche: \$0.83; hardcopy: \$1.67. University of Wisconsin-Stout uses COM to produce reports from its machine-readable data bases. This report discusses the advantages and disadvantages to be considered before going to COM and the decisions that must be made regarding 1) type of microform (i.e., roll or fiche); 2) type of indexing technique; 3) positive or negative film; 4) reduction ratio; and 6) selection of a COM service bureau.

Editorially yours

I want to thank those of you who answered the RLG Law Library Committee's questionnaire on the current trends in law subject practice. Madeleine Fenster, one of my library school student assistants, helped me to compile the following abbreviated results:

Of the 67 libraries responding to the questionnaire, 46 currently use LCSH without variance. (Five noted that this was a recent policy decision.) Of those who do use LCSH unaltered, 34 find no problems of patron or staff access. The twelve libraries which did express problems with access due to LCSH seemed to agree that the subject headings beginning with Law are the most misleading for use in a law library. 36 of the 67 libraries are currently using an automated data base providing LC cataloging copy.

Only 10 of our 67 libraries are planning to close their catalogs when LC closes, 49 are sure that they will not close when LC closes, and 8 are still undecided.

Five of the 23 libraries which do not use LCSH are planning to convert to LCSH without variance when LC closes its catalog. Four additional libraries are considering this option.

I plan to do an in-depth analysis of the questionnaire, but these preliminary results seem to indicate that the problems of keeping existing catalogs open with the advent of AACRII will be of particular interest to law libraries, and that there seems to be a slow but steady trend among law libraries to converting to LCSH without variance for whatever reasons. These preliminary conclusions presume that the 67 libraries are a representative sample. They do cover a good cross-section by type and size, but this bears further examination.

I am looking forward to seeing and meeting many of you in Rochester. Come prepared with suggestions about your newsletter.