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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you! Columnists Diane Hillmann, Stuart Spore, Mary Burgos, and Phoebe Ruiz-Valera and Board Members B.J. Segel, Sandra Beehler, and Pat Denham leave us with this issue. They have done an outstanding job with their contributions and support over the past several years. The Editors and OBS-SIS and TS-SIS members thank them.

In this issue: Turn to the back section of this issue to get a picture of the happenings in Pittsburgh. OBS and TS business meetings reports are included. Of special interest is the report on the TSLL Editorial Board meeting.

Editors: You are invited to become a contributor to TSLL. Many columns have co-editors, making it easier and more convenient for writers to submit timely articles and meet deadlines. If you've been a faithful reader over the years of columns such as MARC Remarks and Serials Issues, why not try your hand at writing a column or two. This newsletter is a good place to share your expertise with your colleagues.

Now is the time -- volunteer!

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ONLINE BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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Hot! That is the word that first comes to mind when I think about AALL this year in Pittsburgh. In spite of the heat and humidity, we had ample opportunities in the air conditioned comfort of the David Lawrence Convention Center to go to educational programs, check out new products in the Exhibit Hall, attend meetings of various committees and roundtables, and generally network with each other. It's always an exciting time and this year was no exception.

Many thanks go to Mary Chapman for her hard work as Chair last year. Thanks also to out-going Secretary/Treasurer Mary Lou Corbett, Board member Diana Osbaldiston, and Phyllis Post, Past Chair. We are delighted to welcome our new officers: Sally Warnbold (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect), Cynthia May (Secretary/Treasurer), and Vianne Tang Sha (Member-at Large).

As most of you know by now, the Vice-Chair conducts a membership survey each year to collect information. We use survey information in lots of ways: to appoint committees, to identify volunteers to work on projects and run for elected positions, to assess the value of program topics and to solicit new ideas, and generally to get feedback from members. This year we also asked some "identification" questions to help me know a bit more about you as a group. I thought you'd like to know what I found out. Of course, these results reflect only those responses I received, but they are interesting.

The first thing that struck me is that OBS members have been in the profession for a long time: almost 65 per cent of the responses were from people with ten or more years of experience. The second thing I noticed is that we are overwhelmingly (75 per cent) employed by academic law libraries. And third, I noticed that most of us are middle managers, with titles such as "Head of Technical Services" or "Systems Librarian" or "Head of Cataloging." Although we do have some library directors in our midst, they are greatly outnumbered.

So what do I do with this information now that I have it? Good question. Hopefully we'll be able to use it as we prepare the
OBS response to the AALL Strategic Plan, which squarely charges the SISs to create more opportunities for newer members on committees, working groups, and governance processes. That sounds good and makes sense; now we have to figure out how to make it work. If you have any ideas or would like to be on a working group to help OBS respond to this challenge, please contact me by E-Mail: amyers@bu.edu or at: 804-353-4790.

One change that we've already made is to establish an Education Committee, chaired this year by Sally Wambold. The process of proposing programs used to be a mad scramble in the three weeks immediately after a conference. Now, however, we are setting a process in place that will involve more OBS members than in the past and allow us more lead time to develop and flesh out ideas before bringing them to the Committee during the annual meeting. As I write this, we are still scrambling as usual, but by the time you read this column, the AALL Education Committee will already be reviewing the proposals for 1996. However, Sally and her Committee will still be working throughout the year on developing ideas for 1997. If you have ideas or would like to work with someone else on a program topic, get in touch with Sally at: wambold@uofrlaw.uirch.edu or 804-289-8226. No previous experience is required!

I'm looking forward to serving as OBS Chair this year and to working with all of you. Let me know if you have any comments, questions, concerns, or ideas. Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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I trust that everyone has completed going through the backlog of mail that invariably awaited us when we returned from Pittsburgh. The Annual Meeting was very busy for the SIS, with two excellent cataloging programs, "Integrating Access to Online and Traditional Resources" and "Cataloging Problems: Now and Forever." The SIS also sponsored two highly successful acquisitions workshops. I am anticipating an equally productive 1995/96.

I would like to express thanks for the entire membership of TS-SIS to Katherine Tooley for all of her hard work as SIS Chair last year. The officers for this coming year are:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: James Mumm
Secretary/Treasurer: Virginia Bryant
Members-at-Large: Judy Lauer and Susan Goldner
Past-Chair: Katherine Tooley

The committee Chairs for the coming year are:

Acquisitions: Brian Quigley
Awards: Richard Amelung
Cataloging & Classification: Carol Shapiro
Education: Joan Howland
Exchange of Duplicates: Felice Lowell
Preservation: Curt Conklin
Serials: Paula Tejeda

The 1994/95 Awards Committee, chaired by Richard Amelung, awarded the Renee D. Chapman Award to Larry Dershem of the Los Angeles County Law Library. The award was presented at the July 16th Business Meeting of TS-SIS. Two special
service awards were presented to Diane Hillman of Cornell University and Stuart Spore of New York University who are both leaving law libraries for new positions. Diane has taken a position at the Cornell University Library, while Stuart is moving to the N.Y.U. Medical Library.

There is a new Internet discussion group, Law-Tech, specifically for technical services librarians in law libraries. This group is jointly sponsored by the Technical Services SIS and the Technical Services Group of the Private Law Libraries SIS. To subscribe send an E-Mail message to listserv@netcom.com. The body of the message should read subscribe law-tech.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to serving as chair of TS-SIS this year. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me at 202-662-9182 or petitm@law.georgetown.edu.

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Collection Development Policies for Electronic Information

If your library has a collection development policy, the question of adding selection criteria for electronic information materials is sure to arise, if it has not already. Electronic information materials include CD-ROMs, software, videos, books accompanied by other media, electronic access to remote databases, and Internet information servers. In this column I list some journal articles which address collection development policies for other than traditional materials.

- Harker, "Collection Development for Electronic Materials", 7 Against the Grain 21 (April 1995). This article may be a good one to begin with if you have not written a policy for non-print formats. This is not a "how we did it good in our library" article, as the author is an account services director for EBSCO. The author discusses organizational considerations, logistical implications, format, and delivery method. She summarizes many of the questions and decisions you will need to consider when developing the electronic collection.

- Demas, Sam. "Mainstreaming Electronic Formats". 13 Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory 227 (1989). This article was presented at the ALA Preconference "Collection Development in the Electronic Age" held July 8, 1988. Mr. Demas believes that the collection development policy should include all media, not just print. At that time, the author felt that some librarians were surprisingly "tentative, unfocused, and even reluctant" to include them. Even though the information in this article is seven years old, the "five key arenas" in which collection development librarians "will be working to integrate electronic information" into our policies is still relevant. The five are: Economics (Money); the Collection Policy; Selection Criteria; Hardware and Software; and Skills Needed to Select and Manage Electronic Information.

- LaGuardia and Bentley, "Electronic Databases: Will Old Collection Development Policies Still Work?", 16 Online 60 (July 1992). The answer to the question is "no," and the authors go on to list some of the ways collecting these types of material is different from collecting print material: Is there a roll-off of years covered by the datafile; Will the search interface be the same as the OPAC; Is this a purchase or lease; How much space does the system need; What are the networking requirements; Is expert trouble-shooting available; Does this product offer advantages over other formats. The authors conclude that there is "the need for applying consistent standards to the
acquisition of any product" regardless of format.

Miller, "Reality in the Age of the Virtual: Experiences on the Threshold of the Electronic Library", 7 Against the Grain 1 (April 1995). The author relates the experiences of the University at Albany, State University of New York library staff in collecting CD-ROMs. She says, "It is not enough to determine that a given non-print title is suitable for the collection as well as the budget. Other factors, including hardware requirements, searching protocols, relationship to printed materials, interfaces with OPACs, and license agreements must be dealt with before a title can be added to the library." Ms. Miller describes the various committees, task forces and working groups that Albany formed over the years to determine what electronic products it would purchase. I think one of the main points of this article is that change is constant, and libraries must be prepared for that change.

Ferguson, "Interesting Problems Encountered On My Way to Writing an Electronic Information Collection Development Statement", 7 Against The Grain 16 (April 1995) This article is adapted from the author's presentation at the 1994 Charleston Conference. He focuses on the problems and solutions his institution (Columbia University) encountered when it formed its electronic information statement. Those problems were: 1. "Which electronic access medium will best meet the needs of our library user community;" 2. "What criteria should be employed when selecting a specific title within an access medium;" 3. "Who pays for new electronic titles;" and, 4. "Can the Conspectus be used to describe electronic text and data collections." Concerning the third problem (money), Columbia has had several grants and special one year appropriations; when these ran out, funds had to be taken from the library's budget to keep up subscriptions. In regard to the fourth problem, Columbia adapted the conspectus definitions for collecting level to electronic information.


Britten, "Building and Organizing Internet Collections", 19 Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory 243 (Summer 1995) Near the end of this article, which was presented at the 1994 Charleston Conference, the author states, "As a systems librarian who has been among the first to develop first a gopher server, and then a web server at an academic library, I have found it increasingly difficult to keep up with the pace of change." Mr. Britten discusses the "proliferation of network information" and its current organization via gophers, the WWW, the Yahoo Guide to WWW, and the WWW Virtual Library. He believes there is a place for libraries and librarians in organizing all this information because of "the long-term institutional perspective of libraries, librarians' expertise in information organization, and the library profession's organizational structure [which] would add both collection management expertise and permanence to a virtual library project."

Hazen, "Collection Development Policies in the Information Age", 56 College and Research Libraries 29 (January 1995) This article challenges traditional collection development policies. Mr. Hazen calls them "monuments of defensiveness," "enshrinements of obsolescence," and "codifications of decline." He believes that collection development policies need to be flexible in order to include "all formats of information and resources both local and remote ... as each field's methods and materials evolve."

Even if you don't plan to write a collection development policy for any materials, these
articles point out things to think about when dealing with electronic materials. At the present time, in particular, licensing is a "hot" topic. The Miller article discusses this at some length.

Against the Grain is on the World Wide Web at:
http://www.spidergraphics.com/atg/atgld.html

AcqWeb is on the World Wide Web at:
http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/law/acqs/acqs.html

CLASSIFICATION

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At the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago two exciting prototype CD-ROM classification tools were demonstrated. Both of these products have powerful search engines allowing for Boolean, proximity, phrase, and class/subclass searches with limit capabilities and hyperlinks to tables and cross references. Both have a hierarchical display similar to the printed schedules.

"Super LCCs" from Gale Research is derived from the full text of all the LC printed schedules including the quarterly LC Additions and Changes. It will calculate some divide-likes, but the tables are not expanded. Catalogers can enter local annotations, bookmarks, notes, and hyperlinks. The Gale product does not link to LCSH at present, but Gale is considering this option. "Super LCCs" will be Beta tested in July and is scheduled for release in Oct. 1995, with a second release in Jan. 1996.

"Classification Plus" from the Library of Congress contains machine-readable data in the USMARC Classification format. The data are reviewed by CPSO and used to produce LC's print schedules. "Classification Plus" uses the same software as the Cataloger's Desktop and can share its search engine. The H,R,E,F,J,T and Z schedules, with Additions and Changes, are currently mounted. The remainder of the schedules will be loaded as they become available, with a projected completion date of mid-1997. LC is working on table expansion through program-calculator links, developing help screens, and considering adding a local note option. "Classification Plus" contains the complete LCSH and provides links where the class number exists in LCSH. CPSO is editing and correcting terminology differences between the class schedules and subject headings to provide greater synchronization between the two products. Catalogers are encouraged to propose updates and additions of class numbers to LCSH. "Classification Plus" is scheduled to be released in Jan. 1996.

INTERNET

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[Correction: The June 1995 Internet column contained mistakes in two of the addresses.
listserv@ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu should have read listserv@ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu
listserv@psuvms.psu.edu should have read listserv@psuvms.psu.edu]

The Editors apologize for any inconvenience.

Using USENET
(without having Usenet use you)

If E-Mail is like getting a delivery from the electronic postman every day, then Usenet can be likened to a stop at a giant bulletin board where, since your last visit, people have been tacking up messages on every subject imaginable. Usenet postings don't clutter up your mailbox, they aren't meant
to be private communications between you and another person, and the sheer quantity of information can be daunting. But, they are a very good way of getting a lot of information out to a lot of people efficiently, and a great way of getting feedback on any number of subjects and questions.

Not all Internet services and connections provide access to Usenet groups. Usenet is, for the most part, considered ephemeral information compared to E-Mail. But is it? To some extent, yes. There were at my site, by last count, over 5400 discussion groups, or "newsgroups" as they're called, and new ones pop up every day. For example, within a week of the first O.J. Simpson incident, four groups were established. If you want to know what people are thinking about the latest news and trends, this is where to look.

There is a hierarchy to newsgroups. In the beginning, there was no need to categorize the groups, but as the numbers grew, there came to be logical divisions in the structure of Usenet. The first basic seven groups were: comp (computer topics); misc (topics that fit nowhere else in the hierarchy); news (topics concerning Usenet itself and related programs; rec (recreational topics); sci (scientific subjects); soc (social discussions); and talk (social and cultural issues, usually controversial in nature). Now there are many more basic subdivisions, indicating location (e.g., ba for San Francisco Bay area interests), subscription services (e.g., clari for Clarinet groups), and so on. There is also the infamous alt domain, which is the true frontier of Usenet. Here there are few rules and this is where the most outrageous, interesting current groups can be found. Unlike the standard domains, which have strict guidelines about creating discussion groups, alt has no rules, so new topics appear hourly.

Of particular interest to TSLL readers may be the fact that some of the mail groups are "gatewayed" to Usenet; that is, they may be read using the Usenet newsreader programs. This serves to unclutter your mailbox and give you some of the nicer features of newsreaders to apply to your daily professional reading. At this time, the following lists that were mentioned in my column on E-Mail (TSLL March 1995) are available on Usenet:

- AUTOCAT bit.listserv.autocat
- GOVDOC-L bit.listserv.govdoc-L
- INNOPAC bit.listserv.innopac
- NOTIS-L bit.listserv.notis-L
- PACS-L bit.listserv.pacs-L

Again, check with your institution or provider to determine what groups are available on your feed. If you don't find the group you want, contact your Systems Administrator and often it can be added.

If your institution or provider does offer access to Usenet, you must learn to use a program called a "news reader" to actually read the messages. Various programs provide various features, and some are more complicated than others. The basic program is rn; more powerful readers are nn, tin, and trn, and you can also read Usenet on Netscape. There isn't enough space here to give instructions for each one, but to really benefit from the newsgroups, you should learn to 1) subscribe and unsubscribe; 2) read, save, and delete messages; 3) search at all levels of the groups, including finding groups themselves and finding posts within the groups; 4) post and reply to messages; 5) find and use the archives set up for the group. The most helpful readers (trn and tin) "thread" messages, or cluster posts with the same subject lines. Thus, you can follow the "thread" of an original message and the replies.

When I first used Usenet (on a UNIX machine), I knew no more than how to start the program -- for the rn reader, type rn at your prompt; for tin, type tin. From there, I typed h for help and just read and followed the command instructions.
Be warned that when you first get onto Usenet on most systems, you will not have to search for groups to join. Rather, you are subscribed to them all automatically and must unsubscribe to those you don’t want. It’s tedious, but it’s necessary, and the best way is to do a few each time you sign on. There are ways of editing the file controlling subscriptions, but if you’re a beginner, it’s easier just to slog through the list.

If you can get this far (and again, it’s like the chicken or the egg -- how can you get on if you don’t know how when all the best instructions and information is on the service you don’t know how to use yet?), there are several “must subscribe” groups. By joining just a few groups, you can get all the important documents that will tell you about Usenet, as well as have a place to ask questions. Plus, you can learn about all that Usenet offers in the way of discussion forums. These magical groups are news.announce.newusers (many basic documents are posted here at least monthly), news.newusers.questions (the place you can ask these “stupid” beginner things), news.lists (all you wanted to know about Usenet, Internet, and then some), and news.answers (the place to find “frequently-asked question,” or “FAQ” lists from most of the discussion groups).

There are other sources, both online and offline, for some of this information. Many books on the Internet have chapters on Usenet and basic instructions on using newsreader programs and many will list a sampling of groups. If you’re on the WWW, there is usually access to Usenet. On Netscape, with which I’m most familiar, you just click on “Usenet Groups” and you’re there. Get into the “Computer,” the “Internet” section of the Yahoo directory, and you’ll find many of the useful documents on Usenet. I would also call your attention to the November/December 1994 issue of Internet World which featured articles about Usenet.

To be repetitive, the best advice I can give you about getting started with Usenet is to find someone who has been there before you and can give you some direct help. An Internet (or in this case, Usenet) buddy is the best learning tool of all. An real Net junkie just loves to share and get someone else hooked!

Next time -- The World Wide Web! See you in Cyberspace!

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MARC REMARKS

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Metadata? What’s That?

I’ll bet that like most of us, you’ve been hearing the trendy term “metadata” bandied around pretty frequently at library meetings and on listserves, and perhaps you’ve been a bit uncertain about what the term actually means. Well, if you’re a cataloger, you can rest assured that in one sense you already know what it means: Metadata is “data about data,” or, in the context with which we’re already familiar, “bibliographic data.” The big difference is that “bibliographic data” implies, to some extent, traditional print resources (or analogs), and metadata speaks in terms of “document-like objects” or “DLOs” -- resources oftentimes without a physical manifestation that a cataloger can touch, examine closely, or (sometimes) measure.

The task of defining what metadata is in the current Internet environment heated up in a formal way this past March, when OCLC and NCSA (the National Center for Supercomputing Applications) joined forces to sponsor an invitational Metadata Workshop in Dublin, Ohio. I was fortunate enough to be among the dozen or so librarians invited to the workshop, which included as well some important players in
the areas of computing, publishing, and related fields. As Stu Weibel, workshop organizer, described the group, we consisted of "the geeks, the freaks, and the people in sensible shoes."

As a card carrying member of the sensible shoe group (clearly something of a misnomer since the geeks and freaks generally favored sneakers of one kind or another!), I spent three very stimulating days discussing access issues with lots of non-librarians who considered USMARC a "legacy system," perhaps an advanced idea 30 years ago, but a bit past it for the Internet. We spent part of each day hearing different representatives of the "stakeholder communities" present information about the state-of-the-art from their point of view and the remainder of the days in smaller groups trying out concepts on one another and on sample data. The workshop organizers had taken pains to mix and match the small groups to maximize diversity of viewpoint, so the discussion was often heated and even occasionally LOUD! Luckily, the selection process had apparently favored candidates who enjoyed debate and the possibility of friendly disagreement, so a good time was had by (almost) all.

As we got past the more contextual debates and into more concrete areas, it was clear that the librarian group, with their collective years of experience dealing with access issues and large databases, was at a distinct advantage. It is therefore no surprise that the metadata elements, as described, bear a striking resemblance to the traditional bibliographic data elements we all know and love. Interestingly, the librarians were probably far more willing to jettison traditional terminology such as "author" for less bibliographically-based terms; but they were retained in the hopes that the information providers would be more likely to understand their meaning.

One important aspect of the Dublin Core Metadata Elements is the idea that they will provide a means for the originators of resources to furnish basic data that can be used by either libraries (as a kind of electronic CIP) or other more native Internet discovery tools. If a cataloger augments or updates the information in the process of creating a USMARC record, that information should be able to be added to the resource itself, thus enhancing the "visibility" and accessibility of the resource. Though not exactly all that’s needed for a "self-cataloging document," it’s an important start.

The basic elements are:

Subject: The topic addressed by the work
Title: The name of the object
Author: The person(s) primarily responsible for the intellectual content of the object
Publisher: The agent or agency responsible for making the object available
OtherAgent: The person(s), such as editors or transcribers, who have made other significant intellectual contributions to the work
Date: The date of the publication
ObjectType: The genre of the object, such as novel, poem, or dictionary
Form: The data representation of the object, such as Postscript file or Windows executable file
Identifier: String or number used to uniquely identify the object
Relation: Relationship to other objects
Source: Objects, either print or electronic, from which this object is derived, if applicable
Language: Language of the intellectual content
Coverage: The spatial locations and temporal durations characteristic of the object.

A sample of how it could be used (from the final report of the Metadata Workshop):

Title: On the Pulse of the Morning
Author: Maya Angelou
Publisher: University of Virginia Library Electronic Text Center
OtherAgent: Transcribed by the University of Virginia Electronic Text Center
Date: 1993
Object: Poem
Form: 1 ASCII file
Source: Newspaper stories and oral performance of text at the presidential inauguration of Bill Clinton
Language: English

Some steps were taken this summer at the MARBI meetings at ALA's summer meeting in Chicago to make the metadata elements
easily translatable into USMARC. Chief among the changes was the proposed addition of a "generic name" field, which would allow all names (whether explicitly personal or corporate) to go into an appropriate field. Though catalogers' first reaction to this is generally horror, its purpose is not for use in individually cataloged items, but rather for situations where bulk loaded data that is "name" but not explicitly "personal name" or "corporate name" has a place to go, be indexed, but not necessarily co-habit with those names that we have already categorized.

I would urge all of you with any interest to take a look at the Metadata Workshop report at http://www.oclc.org:5046/conferences/meadata/dublin-core-report.html

The report gives a good sense of what happened at the Workshop, and how the Dublin Core Metadata Elements are even now being used in various applications. You'll be hearing more about metadata as time goes on, MARC my words!

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PRESERVATION

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A Day in the Life of a Preservation Librarian

Of course, there is no such thing as a "typical" day, but these are a few of the things that I typically deal with as a preservation librarian.

I find a book in my mailbox when I arrive in the morning. It was put there by a student worker on the circulation desk who has been trained to give books with physical problems to me. Several of the pages have fallen out of this book with "perfect" binding. Checking the online catalog, I find that the library doesn't own any other copies of the title. (If we did have several copies and if the book was at least a few years old, I would consult with our reference staff to determine if this copy could be withdrawn). I decide to send the book to the commercial bindery to be bound (the paper is not brittle); I prepare a bindery book slip. I found about a dozen paperbacks with torn covers or pages coming out during our biannual shelf reading in June. Those also were sent to the bindery.

Another book, given to me the previous day, is not as easily handled. Published in 1935, its pages are extremely brittle, breaking off at the slightest touch. The corners of about 20 pages have broken off and another six pages have broken off in the gutter margin. Since this book is a volume of our state reports, it cannot be withdrawn and it cannot be rebound because of the condition of the paper. The book cannot be replaced with a reprint since the title has not been reprinted.

Checking the online catalog, I find that we own a second copy of the set in our storage area. Although the paper in copy two is as brittle as in copy one, none of the pages have broken. Therefore, I switch the two copies and put the original one in storage as a backup copy.

In order to reattach a spine label, (which had been supplied by the publisher to cover the information originally printed on the spine), I make up a wheat starch mixture and apply it to the label. After carefully placing it on the spine, I put a piece of waxed paper over the label and put it on a shelf, spine down with a weight, to dry overnight.

I supervise a student worker in sewing pamphlets into pamphlet binders. We receive several pamphlets each week. I have them checked out to the repair lab so patrons know where they are if they need to access them while they are in process. Since most of the pamphlets consist of only a few pages, they need to be encased in the binders in order for them to last any time at all.
One of our summer projects is to dust a section of the collection. This year we are dusting all of the volumes in the second series of the National Reporter System. I spend about an hour every day dusting the volumes. Since they have never been dusted, most of them are very dirty. We use OneWipe dust cloths, which are pre-treated with a substance which picks up the dust. I remove all of the volumes from each shelf and wipe it with a separate cloth before I dust the volumes individually and place them back on the shelf. As I dust, I remove all Post-It notes, pieces of paper, and paper clips from the books and I turn back all pages which have been folded down.

I spend some time reading current literature. The Summer 1995 (vol. 3, no. 3) newsletter from Archival Products has an article entitled "The Problem of Conservation in Small Libraries and a Practical Solution" by Pamela Pirio. She states that "the best solution to the problem of book conservation in small libraries is: 1) to gain an understanding of the differences between the concepts of conservation, preservation, and restoration; 2) develop an awareness of how the handling of books affects them; 3) learn five or six basic book conservation applications to turn around the problem; and 4) build book conservation measures into small library operations."

From my ALCTS Newsletter, I learn of a program entitled "Why Me? Integrating Preservation into Your Library's Operations," presented at the ALA meeting in June. The program was designed to teach techniques for integrating preservation awareness and activities librarywide.

I saw on the Conservation DistList on 19 July that Information Conservation, Inc. (ICI) has acquired the Brittle Book Replacement Service from Archival Products, a division of Library Binding Service. ICI's goal is to expand the BBRS over the next twelve months from its current black and white and color photocopying techniques to scanning, digitizing, and storing information that can be printed and bound on demand. While complying fully with copyright laws, ICI plans to build a computerized, full-text library of titles, ranging from out-of-copyright literary works to sets of law and history books that can be printed and bound as needed without re-photocopying or storing paper copies. The Brittle Book Binding Service will be part of ICI's Conservation Division, located in Brown Summit, NC. (For more information, contact Harry Campbell, ICI's Chief Conservator: 910-375-1202 or 70304.3023@compuserve.com)

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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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OBS/TS-SIS Research Roundtable Meeting
July 18, 1995

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Fifteen people attended the Research Roundtable sponsored jointly by the OBS and TS-SISs on July 18th in Pittsburgh. A wide variety of people were represented, ranging from published authors wanting to give advice and encouragement and some who were feeling the pressure of tenure requirements to others who were simply interested in research and publishing in the area of technical services.

With guidance from Brian Striman and Ellen McGrath (Co-coordinators), the group reviewed guidelines for a proposed joint OBS/TS-SIS research grant in an attempt to create the form necessary for the grant application process. The current AALL grant request form was used as a starting point. A working draft was devised;
however, during the process it became apparent that more work would need to be done. A separate committee was proposed to refine the document, coordinate the grant applications, and oversee the administration of the grants. Several people expressed interest in serving on such a committee. Brian and Ellen agreed to follow this up with the OBS and TS-SIS Boards.

Since much of the time was spent fine tuning the research grant proposal, there was little time left for informal dialogue among the attendees. However, some interest was expressed in setting up a listserv to allow people to present research topics and to provide feedback on various research issues.

I felt the Research Roundtable was a positive effort on the part of the OBS/TS-SISs to promote research and publication in technical services. It was nice to finally meet Ellen and Brian in person. I have enjoyed the TSLL Research and Publications column that they have each edited for the last couple of years. The encouragement and enthusiasm I had received from the columns was just as apparent in person. They demonstrated a wide array of publishing opportunities for technical services librarians and volunteered to provide feedback and advice. The fact that I am writing this report is a tribute to their motivational abilities.

I felt people were eager to talk about their research ideas and gather information from the "published" people. Unfortunately, because of the necessity of focusing on the nuts and bolts of the research grant, there was not enough time for this type of dialogue. Hopefully, the proposed listserv will meet this need. Also, given the number of people attending this meeting, I hope that another Research Roundtable will be set up for next year's annual conference.

Finally, I would like to say a special thanks to Ellen and Brian for their efforts and encouragement in promoting research in the technical services profession through this column, by organizing this year's Research Roundtable, and providing the leadership in the OBS/TS-SIS research grant proposal.

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Research and Publication Opportunities

Ellen McGrath

I just wanted to comment briefly on the Little, Brown grant of $50,000 ($25,000 a year for two years) which was awarded for grants to AALL members conducting research projects in the future of legal information. This is great news! It should boost the AALL Research Agenda and the amount of research taking place in the field of law librarianship. As Lynn mentioned above, the OBS and TS-SISs are investigating a method for distributing a grant for technical services law library research. It will obviously be on a smaller scale, but the commitment to research on the part of the SISs is the important point. The next few years should prove to be quite exciting from a research point of view. Stay tuned to this column for updates!

Here are some recent publishing opportunities that came to my attention, mainly via the various listservs to which I subscribe:

- In response to the notice of the Research Roundtable meeting being posted to LAW-LIB, Nathan Rosen (Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn) E-Mailed to ask me to remind everyone of the existence of two different series of AALL-sponsored publications (by Rothman and Hein) which are administered by the AALL Publications Review Committee. Nathan said that the Committee is "always looking for new and appropriate publications which the AALL could sponsor."

- Grace Mills (Boalt Hall, Berkeley) issued a call for reports by first or second time
attendees of AALL annual in Pittsburgh on the LAW-LIB list. These reports will be published in the Academic Law Libraries SIS Newsletter.

Mark Estes (Holme Roberts & Owen) posted a call for papers to LAW-LIB seeking authors for Trends in Law Library Management & Technology "to write about their experiences implementing performance based or output measures for their law library." Mark provided some examples, a number of which involved technical services functions.

The Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians issued a call for papers for its spring meeting in Toledo, Ohio in 1996. Possible topics were listed and the deadline for submissions is September 30, 1995.

The Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), and the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) are seeking proposals for programs and showcase sessions for the LITA/LAMA national conference scheduled for October 13-16, 1996 in Pittsburgh. The deadline for proposals is October 15, 1995.

Oxford University Press is looking for authors to write 1000-word scholarly articles on some 4,000 subjects that remain to be commissioned for the American National Biography. A detailed description of the project, the names of the subjects who need biographies, and general format of biographical sketches can be obtained by sending the following command to listserv@uicvm.uic.edu: Get AmerBiog Package.

Haworth Press has created a new book program entitled "Innovations in Content, Forms & Functions" which will focus specifically on the latest trends, needs and uses, problems, solutions, and approaches to cataloging and classification. Ruth C. Carter (Editor, CCO) is Senior Editor of this new series.

The International Society for Knowledge Organization has issued a call for papers for its fourth international conference to be held in Washington, D.C. in July 1996. The deadline for submission of abstracts is September 30, 1995.

Telecommunications Electronic Reviews issued another call for qualified reviewers for all types of resources related to telecommunications.

Contact me if you want more information about any of these excellent publishing opportunities.

Please call, write, or E-Mmail your comments, suggestions, etc. about this column to me. I would love to hear from you! Ellen McGrath, SUNY Buffalo Law Library, O'Brian Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260-1110. Phone: 716-645-2254; Fax: 716-645-3860; Internet: EMCGRATH@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU

SERIALS

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The following serials title changes were recently identified by the Cornell Law Library acquisitions staff:

BankAmerica journal of applied corporate finance
Changed to: Bank of America journal of applied corporate finance. Vol. 7, no. 3 (fall 1994)-

Copyright (Geneva, Switzerland)
Merged with: Industrial property; to form: Industrial property and copyright 1st year, no. 1 (Jan. 1995)-
Technical Services Law Librarian, Volume 21, No. 1

ILSA journal of international law

Quarterly review (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

UCLA Asian American Pacific Islands law journal

University of Puget Sound law review
Changed to: Seattle University law review. Vol. 18, no. 1 (fall 1994)

The following serials cessations were identified by the Cornell Law Library Acquisitions staff:

Animal law report
Ceased with: vol. 6, issue 1 (date unknown)

Federal judiciary almanac
Ceased with: 1987

Library of Congress. Exchange and Gift Division. Monthly checklist of state publications
Ceased with: vol. 85, no. 12 (Dec. 1994)

Rights (Geneva, Switzerland)
Ceased: date unknown, ca. 1993

United States. General Accounting Office. Index-digest of the published decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States
Ceased with: vol. 71 (Sept. 1992)

OBS RLIN COMMITTEE
Phoebe Ruiz-Valencia
Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Time is relative, I have always been told. So, it seems that it was only yesterday since that hectic convention in Pittsburgh. Twenty-five RLIN users attended the RLIN Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 18, at the unbelievable hour of 7:30 a.m. We heard Win-Shin Chiang speak about RLG’s digital initiatives and plans for the future. RLG is a pioneer in the Studies in Scarlet, a digital collection project of subjects focusing on law as a social science. The Task Force, chaired by Joan Howland, recommended a digital collection of primary and secondary sources focusing on marriage and sexuality in the 19th Century. It will include British and U.S. materials from trial records, court records, statutes, diaries, fiction, news accounts, and other material. It intends to include published and unpublished works in a variety of formats.

RLIN for Windows has been enthusiastically adopted by users. Discussion indicated that we would need to train staff specifically in using Windows and also make sure that the hardware has large enough screens to enlarge the material. The printing process was discussed as not being adequate, but on the whole users were satisfied. The most important development is the ability to use the Internet and FTP solutions. Margaret Leary updated us on the RLIN Database Advisory Group Report on dataloads for libraries. Ways are being studied to reduce the backlog for loading the information, whether from a tape or an FTP server. A dataloads request form would be filled out by each library which would then serve as a profile for their dataload.

The format integration and local systems discussion indicated the need for attention to mapping: make sure that your local system vendor "translates" the RLIN fields
correctly into your library's profile or you could find some unwanted surprises on your OPAC. Stuart Spore distributed some examples on using the 524 field (Preferred Citation of Described Materials Noted) for legal citation data. The discussion on the Call Number in the 050 field was inconclusive. It was felt that it was helpful to have a classification number, but there should be no requirement to complete it since it could interfere with some local systems options. The final results have not been completed yet and no RLG policy has been determined as of this writing. In time we will learn the final results.

Heather Hawkins, Cataloging Librarian, from the University of San Francisco was elected Chair for the next two year period. Congratulations Heather! Please contact her with your ideas, comments or suggestions at 415-666-2248; FAX: 415-666-2345; E-Mail: hawkinsh@usfca.edu

Under new business, Melody Lembke informed us that LA County Law Library is adding order information directly from the publishers' catalogs to the RLIN database. These records are not complete but do give some subject headings. This should be helpful to acquisitions librarians. They are coded so that libraries will know that they are not standard cataloging. Also, Win-Shin announced that there will be no price increase for RLIN per-search or subscription for the 1995/96 fiscal year.

Finally, it is time to bid you farewell and ride into the sunset. This is my last column as Chair of the RLIN Committee. I have enjoyed working with Win-Shin and with all of you. Thank you for your support and comments. We will remain connected in that RLG virtual library where distance and time mean nothing. Remember, like old gunfighters, old librarians never die.

REPORT OF THE AALL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALA ALCTS/CCS SUBJECT ANALYSIS COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING CHICAGO, JUNE 1995

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The ALA ALCTS/CCS Subject Analysis Committee (SAC) met twice during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. There were a number of issues that emerged at the Midwinter Meeting that were readdressed in Chicago.

Dee Michel (University of Wisconsin) had drafted a letter to major OPAC vendors, urging them to allow for the display of broader subject term links in their online catalogs. Such a capability might direct an OPAC user from a specific heading, such as "Gold," to a more general heading, such as "Metals" by means of a "see also" reference. After some discussion and revisions to the draft, the Committee moved to submit the letter to the Cataloging and Classification Section’s executive committee for approval.

SAC moved to appoint a subcommittee to address issues surrounding the use of form subdivisions and form headings, particularly regarding retrieval and display in OPACs. The possibility of forming a joint subcommittee with the ALCTS Catalog Form and Function Committee was discussed.

Pursuant to a discussion begun at Midwinter, Alva Stone (Florida State University) drafted a letter to the Library of Congress (LC) urging the establishment of an editorial policy committee for LC classification, similar in function to the one that exists for Dewey classification. The idea behind such a committee would be to allow libraries outside LC to have input into the content and structure of the LC classification schedules. The Cataloging
and Classification Section's executive committee approved the letter; it will be sent to Beacher Wiggins at LC.

After the June 1994 Annual Meeting in Miami, SAC recommended that field 755 (Added entry -- Physical Characteristics) be merged with field 655 (Index Term -- Genre/Form) in the USMARC bibliographic format. The definition of field 655 would be modified to accommodate terms related to physical characteristics. This recommendation was discussed by MARBI at Midwinter in Philadelphia, and surfaced at the Annual Meeting as Proposal No. 95-10. The proposal was approved by MARBI in Chicago.

At Midwinter, SAC voted to support a proposal to provide authority control for genre/form terms used in field 655 (Index Term -- Genre/Form). Proposal No. 95-11 "suggests the creation of separate authority records for those terms that function both as topical and genre/form, one coded as 150 and the other as 155." MARBI approved the proposal in Chicago.

The SAC Subcommittee on the Order of Subdivisions in LCSH Subject Strings submitted its report and recommendations to SAC. The Subcommittee had spent much time and effort investigating the feasibility of implementing Airlie House recommendation no. 1, which specifies that subdivisions should always appear in a prescribed order: topical, geographic, chronological, form. The Subcommittee found that "in a potentially significant number of cases, such an implementation would result in the formation of subject heading strings whose structure ran counter to one of the stated purposes of Airlie House: to improve subject access for online public access catalog (OPAC) users." The Subcommittee's report also included a number of specific recommendations regarding the subject headings "Art," "Literature," and "Music," and the subdivision "--History." SAC moved to send a letter to LC recommending that the Airlie House recommendation for a prescribed order of subdivisions in subject headings not be implemented.

Bob Wolven (Columbia University), chair of the Cooperative Cataloging Council's Subject Authority File Task Group, has referred to SAC two recommendations from the Task Group's report for further discussion and study. The two recommendations are: "Investigate ways of recording the history of heading changes in authority records" and "Identify changes to authority records for main headings and subdivisions needed to accommodate coding that will allow automatic validation of heading-subdivision combinations." SAC moved to establish a subcommittee to study these recommendations and to investigate how they might be implemented.

Lynn El-Hoshy of the Library of Congress updated the Committee on various developments at LC. LC's World Wide Web-based THOMAS service now includes access to the Congressional Record for the 103rd and 104th Congresses. "Hot Legislation" -- "major bills receiving floor action in the 104th Congress as selected by legislative analysts in the Congressional Research Service" -- is another new category on the THOMAS page.

Twenty-nine of the LC classification schedules have been converted to the USMARC classification format. The remaining nine schedules are in process and are expected to be completed later this year. A new CD-ROM product called "Classification Plus" is under development at LC. This new product, which uses the same searching software as LC's Cataloger's Desktop, will combine the LC classification schedules and LCSH, with hypertext links within and between files.

The 18th edition of the printed LCSH should be available this summer. It includes 9400 new subject headings. LC encourages libraries to submit subject headings and classification numbers to the
LC through its Subject Authority Cooperative Program (SACO).

In February of this year, LC issued memo H 1715 in the Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings, outlining LC's new policy of assigning the uniform title of a specific legislative enactment as a subject heading to works about that enactment. This is a departure from LC's earlier policy, which limited such subject added entries to legislative histories or textual criticisms of an enactment. Also of interest to law librarians is the newly-established subject subdivision "Legislative history," to be used "under names of individual laws and under individual legal topics, e.g. Labor laws and legislation--Legislative history."

Some time ago (at least as far back as Sept. 1993) LC's Cataloging Policy and Support Office was asked to reconsider its policy on the treatment of family names in cataloging. Archival catalogers in particular questioned the policy of creating a subject authority record for the form of a family name that is deemed the most common, with see references made from variant spellings of the name. The alternative proposed by the archival community would be to establish all family names in the name authority file, in accordance with AACR2. Citing a lack of widespread support for such a change in the library community at large, LC has decided to maintain its current policy.

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REPORT OF THE AALL REPRESENTATIVE TO MARBI

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MARBI approved law library sponsored extensions to 524 fields to accommodate more explicit coding of citation data in the bibliographic record. The 524 (Preferred Citation of Described Materials Note) will made repeatable and two new subfields, $2 (Source of Citation) and $3 (Materials Specified) will be added to the field. The law library community will need to work with the Library of Congress to create appropriate $2 codes for legal literature. A handout describing the 524 field changes and coding possibilities was circulated at the Pittsburgh Annual Meeting.

The discussion of a new linking methodology for coding bibliographic records for reproductions (TSLL June 1995, pp. 21-23) continued in Chicago and will continue next winter in San Antonio. Many participants expressed concern about what they believed would be a radical change to MARC norms if the proposal went forward in its most complete form. LC reiterated its commitment to the practice of creating separate records for reproduction and original. LC indicated that even upon approval of the new proposal, it would continue to create records for reproductions with the familiar 533 fields, i.e., it would not code information now found in 533 into separate fields with $8 links.

MARBI continued to discuss the possibility of adding a new field 774 (Comment Item Entry) in the bibliographic format. This field would provide an alternative to the 505 field (or creating separate, analytic records) for coding constituent parts of a work. The 774 would be easier to link to 856 and other fields than entries in a 505 field.

MARBI approved standards for mapping patent information from WIPO's Internationally-agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID) to the MARC bibliographic format and discussed mapping from the new Dublin Core Metadata elements to MARC. The Dublin Metadata elements, a proposed set of data elements for describing electronic document-like objects, are expected to be used to index the Internet. Although much work is still to be done, the Dublin Metadata may eventually be used in resolution servers to link from future Uniform Resource Names (URN) to Uniform Resource Locations (URL). The
Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) is responsible for the development of the URN/URL system.

URLs also arose in relation to a paper that discussed adding a subfield for URLs to 76x-78x linking fields in the bibliographic format. There was a consensus that URLs should be confined to the 856 and not extend to other bibliographic fields. Arguments against adding the URL to 76x-78x included concerns about the complications it would pose for software developers and suspicions that it might be used to avoid cataloging the linked entries in their own bibliographic records. The possibility of adding URNs to 76x-78x fields when they come into use was left for future discussion.

MARBI did approve a proposal to add an 856 field to the classification format to provide the capability of linking a graphic file to a record for a classification number. LC expects to use this field to link graphic maps to parts of the LC G schedule (geography).

A proposal to modify the bibliographic format to allow for coding of digital maps so that such maps would not have to be coded as computer files engendered a wide ranging discussion of issues relating to format choice. A discussion paper concerning these issues will be presented at Midwinter in San Antonio. MARBI did approve renaming Leader/06 value e from Printed map to Cartographic map.

MARBI discussed two papers relating to treatment of author fields in bibliographic records. One paper addressed the creation of a new generic author field (720) for cases when the source data does not make a distinction between personal and corporate authors. At present, such data must be coded either 700 or 710, with obvious potential for errors. The other paper discussed a simplification to 1st indicator values in x00 fields, suggesting that 2" (multiple surnames) be made obsolete. Both papers are expected to return as proposals at Midwinter.

Following up on the approval of the new $v$ for form/genre headings in subject fields at Midwinter in Philadelphia, MARBI went on to extend form/genre treatment to other formats, approving a proposal to add new form/genre term fields (155, 455, 555, 755) to the authority format. When a term is used in both form/genre and topical senses, two authority records will be keyed, the topical version coded 150 and the form/genre version 155. MARBI also dealt with various housekeeping changes to formats related to form/genre term coding, changing $V$ to $u$ in the authorities format and making bibliographic field 755 (Added Entry -- Physical Characteristics) obsolete.

LC announced that it was holding high level talks with the National Library of Canada and the British Library concerning aligning USMARC, CANMARC and UKMARC. Apparently the Deutsches Bibliothek is also interested in participating in these discussions. Aligning the formats would have potential long term benefits in terms of sharing records and system design. At present USMARC is used in Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Poland, Turkey, and a number of other countries.

LC also told MARBI that work was continuing on SGML DTD for MARC mapping and that part two of Format Integration was on track for end of the year implementation. The final edition of Format Integration and its effect on USMARC bibliographic format is now being distributed.

MARBI’s Character Set Subcommittee announced that its MARC to UNICODE mapping document will be ready in mid-July, when its well be posted on USMARC-L. The mapping is expected to emerge as a proposal at Midwinter in San Antonio.

This will be the last report I prepare as AALL representative to MARBI. It is with some regret that I leave this position and law
libraries. My regret is tempered by the fact that AALL has named a very able successor to the position, Phyllis Post, Head of Technical Services at Capital University Law Library in Columbus, OH. Please address your future MARBI concerns to Phyllis. I would like to thank all the law librarians who have made my tenure productive and enlightening (for me, at least!).

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ALA/ALCTS/CCCS/CCDA
(COMMITTEE ON CATALOGING: DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS)
AALL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT 1995

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I attended both the Midwinter and the Annual ALA meetings in 1995. CC:DA held two four hour meetings at each of the conferences.

At the Midwinter meeting the Committee considered the final report of the AALL Task Group on Cross References for Legal Headings. This group has been working for several years on a proposal for an alternative rule to sections of AACR2 rules 21.33 and 21.35. The alternative rules would provide for cross references instead of added entries for certain types of legal headings, bringing the rules in line with LC's practice as set forth in LCRI. The proposal was accepted by CC:DA and forwarded to the Joint Steering Committee for consideration at their Spring meeting. At the Annual meeting representatives of the British and Australian Library Associations requested clarification of some of the examples included in our text, and we will be preparing this for the Midwinter '96 meeting.

Other business of the CC:DA this year included reports from several task groups, which had been invited by NISO to review drafts of new editions of some of their standards, including Z39.74 (Guide to Microform Sets) and Z39.32 (Information on Microfiche Headers). (I participated in the latter task group). Reports were also heard from the Task Force on a Forum on Natural History Cataloging Issues, the ISBD Computer Files Review Group, and the Library of Congress Representative. Of particular interest were the JSC report on a Conference of Cataloging Experts, planned for 1996 or early 1997, with fifty invited experts charged with reviewing the underlying principles of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules and their relevance for today and for the future and a CC:DA discussion regarding questions and problems of dissemination of its working and final documents to the larger cataloging community.

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The meeting was called to order by Mary Chapman, Chair at 4 p.m. Mary began by thanking her officers: Anne Myers, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; Mary Louise Corbett, Secretary/Treasurer; and Phyllis Post, Past Chair. She also thanked Diana Osboldston for taking charge of the sign-up sheet for the OBS-SIS table in the exhibit area; Kathy Faust for helping to plan the joint OBS/TS/RIS reception held the previous evening; and Susan Goldner for chairing the Nominating Committee.

Mary Louise Corbett gave the Secretary/Treasurer’s report. Ballots were sent to 365 members of the section and 144 (31 per cent) responded. The new officers for 1995/96 are Sally Wambold, Vice-Chair/Chair-elect; Cindy May, Secretary/Treasurer; and Vianne Tang Sha, Member-at-Large. The balance in the treasury as of April 30, 1995 was $6,789.03. Dues received totalled $2,244 and income from royalties was $22.05. Expenses following the 1994 Annual Conference through April 30, 1995 were $3,617.80.

Mary Chapman announced that the Reference Roundtable, which had been scheduled for July 19, 7:30-8:30 a.m., was cancelled.

The OBS-SIS Committee reports, OBS-SIS Representative and TSSL reports were then given and appear in this of TSSL.

Mary Chapman then turned over the meeting to incoming Chair Anne Myers. Anne announced that the OBS-SIS Education Committee sponsored or co-sponsored the following programs at the 1995 conference: LAN Technology: an Introductory Workshop; Basic Acquisitions Workshop; Net Gain: Learning to Bank on the Internet; Integrating Access to Online and Traditional Resources; Easing into the Next Generation Library System; Hitting a Moving Target: Flexible Long Range Computer Planning; Outsourcing: Boon or Bane for Law Libraries?; Advanced Acquisitions Workshop.

Next year every SIS is guaranteed two program slots plus a ninety minute slot to be used at the discretion of the SIS. If this arrangement proves successful, it may be institutionalized for future conferences.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Sally Wambold announced an organizational meeting for a specially appointed bylaws Committee on Wednesday, July 19, 12:00-1:00 p.m. The bylaws need revision to add the Education Committee to the official list of OBS-SIS standing committees.

Anne Myers reminded members that OBS-SIS has four copies of FrameMaker software that may be requested on loan for research purposes.

Anne Myers reported that the Education Committee is exploring ways to connect with chapters. One avenue that has been suggested is for the SIS to provide a list of OBS-related programs topics for chapters to consider.

Anne Myers closed the meeting with a tribute to Diane Hillman and Stuart Spore, both long time and active members of the OBS-SIS who are leaving law librarianship. Past Chair Mary Chapman assisted the Chair with the tribute to the service of these two outstanding librarians.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy May, Secretary/Treasurer
TECHNICAL SERVICES SIS
General Business Meeting
July 16, 1995

TS-SIS Chair Katherine Tooley called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.
Virginia Bryant presented the Secretary/Treasurer's report. There were 550 members of TS-SIS as of July 3, 1995, according to AALL Headquarters. The results of the 1994/1995 election were:
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: James Mumm; Member-at-Large: Susan Goldner.

TS-SIS had only minor problems with its financial records from Headquarters this year, which Headquarters has been prompt to correct. Expenses forwarded to Headquarters continue to be paid promptly. The present fund balance as of June 30, 1995 was $14,319.02.

The following Standing Committee reports were received:

QSLL activities were reported by Editor Mary Dzurinko. (See Report on page ).

The Awards Committee report was presented by Richard Amelung. Larry Dershem was the recipient this year of the Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for excellence in technical services. Richard noted Larry's numerous publications in technical services.

Katherine Tooley presented two Special awards to Diane Hillmann and Stuart Spore in recognition of their exemplary service to TS-SIS. Both of them will be missed from AALL and TS-SIS as they pursue employment in libraries outside of law.

Jim Mumm, Chair of the Acquisitions Committee, reported on the planning and development of this year's two acquisitions workshops. Jim was pleased with how well the Basic session went, and noted that the Advanced session will be well attended by between 42-50 people. Next year, there will be another Acquisitions workshop at Indianapolis, which is being coordinated by Cynthia Aninao and Jack Montgomery. The incoming chair of the Acquisitions Committee will be Brian Quigley.

The Exchange of Duplicates report was given by Betty Roeske, Chair of the Committee. She noted that the project had 138 subscribers this year, and produced seven lists. Libraries were again able to request material by Fax, but not as many libraries used this method. The average cost per list was approximately $434.00. At it's meeting the Committee will discuss using listservs for its list. A new Chair for the committee will be named later.

Marie Whited, Chair of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, reported the Committee is sponsoring two programs at this year's conference. The work of Committee members on two projects was accepted by LC with their decision to continue series control, and to adopt the use of the Name of the Act as a subject heading for works about acts. LC also accepted the request to recatalog Shepard's titles as serials. New projects will be the collection of cataloging policies and classification notes. Carol Shapiro will be the new Chair of the Committee.

The Preservation Committee's report was given by Chair Curt Conklin. He noted the Committee had just spent a delightful time with Maxine Sitts, the delegate from the Committee on Preservation and Access that TS-SIS sponsored to this year's National Conference, discussing the programs and activities of her Committee. The Preservation Committee plans to work this year with the association wide preservation committee to plan programs and projects.

Paula Tejeda, Chair of the Serials Committee, reported that its Subcommittee on Statistics worked on the revision of the definition of a serial that hopefully will be included with the next ABA questionnaire. The subcommittee plans to mail a survey this fall to collect data on how technical services librarians count and report serials for the ABA questionnaire. Reports from other subcommittees will be given at the Serials Committee meeting Tuesday.

The following reports from the AALL official representatives were received:

Jim Martin, AALL Representative to the Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS) of ALA's ALCTS, reported on activities at ALA's Chicago meeting. The PARS Board discussed the support they are to
provide the task force charged with bringing together officials from FEMA and cultural heritage managers to discuss how the government can provide assistance in disasters. Jim noted that PARS is interested in having a representative from ALA be a liaison with AALL, and anyone interested should contact him. Jim reported on a PARS discussion group which concerned the microfilming of original source documents overseas in five geographic regions, which is coordinated by CRL.

Jean Pajerek, representative to ALA's ALCTS/CCS Subject Analysis Committee (SAC), reported on the Committee's activities in several areas. (See Report on page 16).

Stuart Spore, representative to MARBI, reported on the ongoing MARBI activities. (See Report on page 18). He announced that the new MARBI representative will be Phyllis Post.

Anne Sitkin, representative to CC:DA, reported on various task force reports before the Committee. (See Report on page 20).

Representative Nona Watt reported on SISAC's continuing efforts to publicize the benefits of serials standards. One new effort was their establishment of a web site to distribute information about SISAC. Faxon's web site also includes useful information about serials and the information industry. Nona mentioned several programs that SISAC offered at ALA. One program dealt with the problems created by an OPAC's predictive check-in and its issuing of claims, and the need for communication with the publisher who is already aware that the issues may not have been published. Another program dealt with the management implications of implementing the SISAC barcodes. Rothman is close to implementing SISAC, while Gaunt, Hein, and West have made preliminary implementation steps.

Katherine Tooley mentioned under Old Business that the Executive Board had again discussed the request by the Public Relations Committee for cataloging examples for library school students. Alternative methods to cataloging examples are being recommended.

The following items were discussed under New Business:

In a future issue of TSL, Mike Petit will be offering a bylaws amendment to clear up some ambiguous language.

Several people mentioned in the TS-SIS survey this year the idea to develop a technical services listserv. PLL/TS has already done some work in this area. Mike reported that he has spoken with Carol Dawe about TS-SIS cosponsoring the listserv with PLL and he will report more information on this issue in a future TSLL column.

Richard Amelung announced that if anyone was interested in participating in the name authority cooperative to contact him for further information.

Katherine thanked members of the SIS and the Executive Board for the help given to her this year, and to the members for coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Bryant
Secretary/Treasurer

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TECHNICAL SERVICES SIS
Standing Committee on Cataloging and Classification
Annual Business Meeting
July 18, 1995

Outgoing Chair: Marie Whited. Incoming Chair: Carol Shapiro
Meeting called to order at 5 pm.
Announcements: Cataloging Issues Roundtable to be held Wednesday, July 19, 1995 at 7 a.m.
Preconference Institute on Cataloging for 1996. Co-Chairs are Janis Johnston and Marie Whited
Will be held at Notre Dame. Basic track only; no advanced track.
Reports: Reports of Chair and of AALL Representative to the Library of Congress Special Committee on Foreign Class K Schedule (Phyllis Marion) in packet with Agenda; no further discussion. Reports of AALL Representative to CC:DA (Anne Sitkin), AALL Representative to SAC (Jean Pajerek), and AALL Representative to MARBI (Stuart Spore) to be given in full elsewhere in TSSL.

Classification Developments (Jolanda Goldberg): 1) Near end of KZ/JZ project. By end of 1995 KZ may be out in draft form. JZ more of a problem due to historical materials in D-E-F; an outside discussion group has been formed to investigate moving history material to J. JZ/KZ designed as parallel tables, with numbers to be used under either heading. Jolande is working with a group of international librarians on classification for UN documents; hope is to use UN document numbers as part of call number JZ, JX and KZ will be separately published with some internal linkage. A conspectus to the old JX will also be published to help with reclassing. 2) 1st batch of new MARC-tagged schedules to be published soon. KF will be in the second batch, due out in mid-96. 3) K revision is done. Most tables now integrated in schedules; many "general" numbers now broken down. Space law has all migrated to KZ; LC is considering doing the same with maritime law. 4) Collection level cataloging. Single record for assembled materials, mostly for music, rare and MSS materials. Intended as an rearrangement reduction tool.

Working Group on Cataloging Policy Documentation (Ellen McGrath): Original intention was to set up document clearinghouse, with archive to be kept by E. McGrath; perhaps set up WWW site?
Questions: Start with survey, ask for samples, set up on WWW? Survey whom? TS-SIS? All law libraries?
Discussion: D. Hillman suggested it would be more useful to find out how people are thinking about/using/writing documentation (using new technologies) rather than collecting documents. M. Lembke stated having some general samples as starting place for new librarians was original idea, and noted some library home pages are including in-house manuals of this sort. Revised charge for Working Group: to create a list of addresses, resources, possible mentors concerning cataloging policy documentation. Procedure: Add additional survey page to TS survey. Perhaps also send to PLL-TS group: E. McGrath will contact C. Dawe, chair of that group.

Study Group on Classification Notes for KF (Brian Striman): Trying to collect "veteran" cataloger notes for new catalogers to use; also for consistency and to get into hardcopy before catalogers turn to online/CD classification products, where these notes will be lost. Plan is to publish a companion to Piper & Kwan KF manual. Question: Is Piper & Kwan still in print? Committee will check and try to persuade Rothman to reprint, if necessary. So far: query posted on Autocat; got 14 members for committee. Will do further postings on Autocat, and place notice in TSLL. Will try to get Rothman to sponsor.

New business: Carol Shapiro took over as Chair. 1) Vote of thanks to Marie Whited for her work as Past Chair. 2) Program proposals for Indianapolis: From TS survey: a) JZ/KZ; b) Format integration (for advanced catalogers); c) Cataloging of internet resources; d) Rare book workshop. From the floor: a) Workshop on LCCS in general for 1997 (R. Lawrence); b) Advanced institute on cataloging foreign materials for 1997 or 1998 (H. Breeze); c) Regional institutes on KF (M. Whited). J. Goldberg suggested instead institutes on common law vs. civil law schedules rather than by country.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES/SIS
Committee on the Exchange of Duplicates
Annual Business Meeting
July 18, 1995

The Duplicate Exchange Committee was called to order by Chairperson Betty Roeske on July 18, 1995 at 5:00 P.M. Committee members present were: Bonnie Geldmacher, Judy Lauer, Claire Lee, Felice Lowell, Peggy Mahan, Dianne Oster and Betty Roeske.
The Chair opened the meeting with a "Thank You" to everyone for their hard work this year. There were two special "Thank Yous" as well to departing members. Denyse Seaman will no longer be on the Committee because she is no longer working in the Law Library. Her years of work were appreciated. An extra special "Thank You" was given to Tim Watts. He has accepted a position in Kansas and will no longer be on the Committee. His willingness to assist the Chair has always been appreciated. He will be greatly missed.

The annual report was read and discussed. Bonnie Geldmacher will submit her costs for producing the U-Z list. It was agreed to change list J-M to J-L and make N-Q to M-Q list. Assignments were made for the various lists.

Evaluation was made of the use of Fax numbers. Either libraries really like it or do not. Not as many libraries included their Fax number on their address cards this year. This year the Chair did not send a list from the invoices to the typist. We wanted to see how many would follow the instruction sheets. Evidently, very few did.

There was a lengthy discussion about the future of the Duplicate Exchange lists in paper copy. There are beginning to be various listservs on the Internet that people are using. The ones known at this time are:

- BACKSERV: Subscribe at listserv@sun.readmore.com: subscribe backserv your name. Readmore, Inc. sponsors this informal, unmoderated list on which to advertise/request serial issues and books. (Note: It has recently been split into a list for Medical material called BACMKED.)

- DEU-L: Subscribe at listserv@shsu.edu. ALA ALCTS DEU committee has indexed all submitted lists, so you only have to do one search.

- NEEDSANDOFFERS-L: Subscribe at listproc@law.wuacc.edu: subscribe needsandoffer-l your name. Washburn University is offering to carry lists of legal titles needed or offered by libraries, as well as just general descriptions of what are needed and what are being made available to other libraries by those who may be reconfiguring their respective collections.

- SERIALQUEST: Request subscription information from E-Mail Glenn Jaeger at jaeger@faxon.com. Faxon does charge for this service. Medical titles available for trade are submitted and then when you input a request, the system searches the available titles and then E-Mails you or faxes you any matches to your request.

- VASERIAL: Subscribe at listserv@leo.vsla.edu: subscribe vserial your name. VASERIAL is intended to facilitate communication among VASL participants, regional groups and agents and Library of Virginia union list staff.

The Committee feels that the lists are used by small libraries that do not have consistent Internet access at this time. We recommended to maintain the paper copies.

Judy Lauer and Peggy Mahan voiced concerns about postage costs to their organizations. Many times they are supplying more than they are receiving. Individual organizations will need to decide if they will begin to request reimbursement for postage.

The new chair, Felice Lowell, was introduced. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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COMMITEE ON THE EXCHANGE OF DUPLICATES
Annual Report 1995

The number of subscribers to the Exchange of Duplicates for 1994-95 totaled 138. Although this included several new members to the Exchange as well as the fifteen Committee Members, it was a reduction from last year (147).

Seven Lists (#228-234) were compiled and mailed this year. The "Special List" was Miscellaneous. The Authority List for titles was again used to help contain the length of the lists. Suggestions for additions to the master list have been collected during 1994-95 and forwarded to Tim Watts for an addendum to be used during the upcoming year.

At its annual meeting the Committee will be discussing the possibility of developing a listserv for the lists. For the second time, Libraries were allowed the use of the Fax for requesting material. Not as many libraries indicated their Fax numbers this year on their order cards. They did include them on the invoice.
Excluding the photocopy charges and mailing costs of invitations, the average cost per List this year was approximately $434.00.

A detailed copy of the Committee's income and expenditures for 1994-95 is attached.

The Committee Chair would like to thank all of the Committee Members for their assistance during this year: Susan Appleby, Barbara Brown, Janice Collins, Bonnie Geldmacher, LaJean Humphries, Ann Jarrell, Carol Klink, Judy Lauer, Claire Lee, Peggy Mahan, Denyse Seaman, Richard Vaughan and Tim Watts.

The Chair for next year is not known at this time.

Special thanks go to Judy Lauer and Tim Watts for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Roeske

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OBS LOCAL SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

Anne Myers

Boston University Law Library

The Online Bibliographic Services SIS Local Systems Committee held an informal meeting at the AALL Convention in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, July 19, 1995 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. A total of 12 people attended. Both of the Committee Chairs, Suzanne Devlin and Caitlin Robinson, were unable to be in Pittsburgh and the meeting was convened by Anne Myers, OBS Chair.

Local Library Systems Directory: Carol Nicholson reported on the progress of the 2nd edition of the Law Library Local Systems Directory. Approximately 250 responses to this year's survey have been received and data entry was performed by seven volunteers working under the two copy editors. Linda Davis will review the 1st edition to identify libraries that were included the first time but that didn't respond this year. Those entries will be cleaned up to delete sections on remote databases and CD-ROMs, which were not included on this year's survey because they are so changeable. Entries will have IP addresses added for OPACS available on the Internet. The final edition should have approximately 500 entries and will be published in loose-leaf format. Carol hopes to have clean copy to Rothman for publication in early 1996. The big outstanding question remains indexing, but the editor Carol is working with at Rothman believes they can handle it. With the first edition, OBS had to repay AALL monies loaned as "seed money" to start the project, with payments coming from our share of the royalties. No such repayment will be necessary this time. Anne Myers will be in touch with Roger Parent to clarify and document the arrangements.

Election of a New Committee Chair: The next item of business was to elect a new Committee Chair. No one present was eager to volunteer, but we had the name of one person who had indicated her willingness to serve in her response to the OBS Membership Survey. Georgia Briscoe was elected by acclamation in absentia to a two year term as Chair; she was notified of her election after the convention and has agreed to serve.

Educational Program Suggestions: The Committee members were reminded of the OBS Education Committee meeting to be held later that day and urged to attend. Ideas that were discussed included follow-up programs to this year's program on "Integrating Traditional and Online Resources." Both the collection development aspect as well as "Cataloging and the Internet" were proposed. Other topics considered were Vendor Users Groups, MARC Holdings Format, and Client/Server within a bigger framework than just Z39.50.

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Volume 20 of Technical Services Law Librarian had four issues containing 95 pages, an average of 24 pages per issue. Indexes for volumes 19 and 20 will be compiled by Jean Pajerek and are scheduled for publication late in 1995. Patricia Denham was Editor for Vol. 20, No. 1 and Mary Dzurinko assumed Editorship with Vol 20, No. 2.

With Vol. 20, No. 2, Pam Perry of Boston University Law School began writing the Internet column. Diane Hillman resigned as contributing editor of the MARC Remarks column and Mary Burgos will not continue as contributing editor of the Serials Issues Column. New editors for these columns will be appointed shortly. Continuing their 1994-1996 terms as contributing editors are: Mary Chapman and Elaine Sciolino (Automation); Regina Wallen and Marie Whited (Classification); Rhonda Lawrence and Melody Lembke (Description and Entry); Pat Denham (Preservation); and Jean Pajerek (Serials). Beginning new terms (1996-1998) as editors are Jean Eisenhauer (Acquisitions); Ellen McGrath (Research and Publications); Alva Stone (Subject Headings); and Carol Dawe (Technical Services in Smaller Libraries).


The TSLL financial report for Vol. 20, submitted by Lorraine Lorne, will be published in the September issue.

Vol 20 was produced in WordPerfect newspaper format, resulting in changes in headlines and physical size of the columns. A feature article by Jackie Shiel on URLs was published in the December 1994 issue and in the June 1995 issue and OBS/TS Pittsburgh program page was included.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary K. Dzurinko, Editor

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TECHNICAL SERVICES LAW LIBRARIAN EDITORIAL BOARD
Annual Meeting
July 18, 1995

The TSLL Editorial Board met on Tuesday, July 18, 1995 at 7 a.m. Mary Dzurinko, Editor, chaired the meeting. Present were: Anna Belle Leiserson, Sandy Beehler, Regina Wallen, Anne Myers, Pat Denham, Jean Pajerek, Shirrl Barker, Mary Lu Linnane, Marie Whited, Janet McKinney, Lorraine Lorne, and Michael Petit.

The Editor thanked Board members, B.J. Segel, Janet McKinney, and Pat Denham whose terms were ending. She announced the following had accepted two year re-appointments as contributing editors: Jean Eisenhauer (Acquisitions), Ellen McGrath (Research and Publications), Alva Stone (Subject Headings), and Carol Dawe (Technical Services in Smaller Libraries). Diane Hillman (MARC Remarks) and Mary Burgos (Serials Issues) will not continue as contributors. Several OBS/TS members have expressed interest in becoming contributors to these columns. Discussion centered on the possibility of guest editors for the MARC Remarks column and co-editors for columns, in general. The Editor will contact the Board with the names of new contributors.

In response to subscriber complaints of late arrival of the newsletter, the Board reviewed the question of bulk versus first class mailing rates. Lorraine Lorne reported on the production costs for the newsletter and explained the cost differential between the rates, bulk 12 cents and first class 55 to 78 cents. It was decided to continue using bulk rate, to put a cover sheet on each issue, and to staple issues in the upper left corner.
Subsequent discussion centered on the length of articles and number of pages in each issue, the time restraints of contributors, editing procedures, and the need to encourage wider participation of OBS/TS members. It was decided to require that contributors submit at least two columns per volume, although they may submit a column for each issue of a volume. Prior to each issue deadline, the Editor will send a reminder to each contributor noting the deadline and inquiring as to whether a column will be submitted, and length and subject of the article.

Lorraine Lorne presented the Business Manger's Report. She reported on the costs incurred for volume 20. She indicated that she did not have a clear picture of the current newsletter's balance from the AALL financial reports and could not report an exact balance at this time. The Editors have discussed the problem with AALL. Anne Myers and Michael Petit indicated that they would check with AALL concerning the balance and will consult with the editors concerning the 1995/1996 TSLL budget. A final report will be published in the next issue.

The Board agreed that the indexes for volumes 19 and 20, in preparation by Jean Pajerek will be issued and mailed separately from the regular issues of TSLL.

The group discussed issuing TSLL in a desktop publishing format, including photos. Anne Myers will have FrameMaker software sent to the Editor to use as a possible format.

Subscription rates were discussed and it was decided that rates for volume 22, 1996 should be changed to $20.00/domestic and $25.00/foreign. Anne and Michael will bring the rates changes before the OBS and TS SISs and also check with headquarters to determine procedures for changing the rates. It was also agreed that future issues could include advertisements. The Editors suggested that an Advertising Manager might handle this.

The Board agreed that a TSLL should be available on the web. The Editor will investigate this and report back to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary K. Dzurinko

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TECHNICAL SERVICES LAW LIBRARIAN
Business Manager Report
1994-1995

Volume 20 had approximately 800 subscribers. These include OBS and TS members and 77 paid subscribers. Costs for each issue, including printing and postage were:

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The balance sheet for the newsletter, received from AALL headquarters, is not clear and the current TSLL balance is difficult to determine. It will be necessary to work with headquarters and the Chairs of OBS and TS SISs to determine the balance and set a budget for volume 21. A complete financial report will appear in the next issue of TSLL.

In response to questions concerning the current postal rates incurred by the newsletter, TSLL is sent out at bulk mail rate - 800 pieces @ 12 cents/issue. If the postal rate was changed to first class, postage for 800
pieces would rise to approximately 78 cents/issue. Sending out each issue in an envelope would add about 8 cents to the cost of each issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Lorne

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AALL TS/SIS TABLE VOLUNTEERS

MANY thanks to the volunteers who helped set-up and staff the TS/SIS table. Special thanks go to: the coordinator of the table project, Judy Lauer [and her catalog drawers!!] and her willingness to "lug" stuff around!; Betty Roeseke, Nancy Westcott and Brian Striman for all their time and assistance; and especially to Mike Petit for his advice, time and humorous support.

Those of us who staffed the table did a great deal of PR work for TS/SIS, explaining to the curious what all the groups within TS/SIS did, etc. Besides being a good place to rest your weary feet and catch sight of friends, the decorations and staffing encouraged people to come over, look at our section brochure, and learn about the "backroom" workings of law libraries.

Next year in Indianapolis, consider volunteering to staff the table for a couple of hours; you will find it a very rewarding experience.

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AALL TS/SIS TABLE WINNERS!

Leonette Williams, USC Law Center; Sally Hill Wambold, Univ. of Richmond School of Law; Lan Dang, Loeb and Loeb Library, Los Angeles, CA; and Rita Dermody, Texas Wesleyan Univ. were the winners in the TS/SIS Table visit contest and drawing.

Leonette and Sally were the first two visitors to the TS/SIS Table at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. They were early birds on Friday, arriving just as the table was completed. Leonette received a "sunflower" cup and saucer, and Sally received a matching miniature watering can for being the first visitors. Lan and Rita's names were drawn Tuesday afternoon from the basket of business cards; they each received a bag with either a hot pink or purple ruler and assorted Pittsburgh products.

The first 27 (or so) visitors to the table had their pictures taken, and will be featured NEXT year at the TS/SIS table in a photo album.

A good time was had by all who visited the TS/SIS table. Plan on coming to see us next year in Indianapolis!!

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GOOD-BYE DEAR FRIENDS!

"Did you hear about _____ leaving law libraries??" "Can you believe it??" were comments heard repeatedly at the TS/SIS table during the AALL Convention. For those of you who weren't at AALL, the following active members of TS/SIS are going on/have gone on to differing areas of librarianship:

Jim Gates Diane Hillmann Denyse Seaman Stuart Spore Tim Watts

They will all be missed and we wish them only the best. Diane and Stuart were honored with plaques at the TS/SIS business meeting for their years of dedicated service to AALL and TS/SIS. It is hoped that they will
mount the plaques on the walls in their new offices and remember us fondly. Of course, none of them will truly be gone from law librarianship; not as long as we can ask them back as speakers!!

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RENEE D. CHAPMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Larry D. Dershem, Computer Research Specialist/Reference Librarian, Legal Research Center, University of San Diego School of Law, was the recipient of the 1995 Renee D. Chapman Memorial Award for Outstanding Contributions in Technical Services Law Librarianship. The award was presented at the TS/SIS Business Meeting on Sunday, July 16, 1995, by Awards Committee chair Richard Amelung, St. Louis University Law Library.

The Chapman award is presented to an individual in recognition of extended and sustained distinguished service to technical services law librarianship and to AALL. Mr. Dershem certainly qualifies on all counts. Larry’s innovation in publishing LC Classification schedules in a loose-leaf format appears to be such a logical occurrence that it is now accepted as common place. But that format and his value-added descriptions were revolutionary and have positively impacted technical services departments ever since. His publications, especially the Library of Congress Classification Class K Subclass..., have been, and continue to be, of immeasurable service to Law Catalogers everywhere. In addition, his schedules for the law-related classifications H, Z and J, are of equal benefit to all areas of librarianship.

Mr. Dershem has an A.B. degree in History from UCLA, a M.L.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law. Larry most recently published California Legal Research Handbook, Rothman, c1995; was editor of the San Diego Law Review while in Law School, and is a member of AALL, SCALLL, State Bar of California, San Diego County Bar Association and the San Diego Association of Law Libraries.

It was indeed an honor to present this award to someone so qualified and dedicated to Law Librarianship as Mr. Larry Dershem.

Stuart Spore, Diane Hillmann, Larry Dershem
(photo courtesy of Pittsburgh Point)