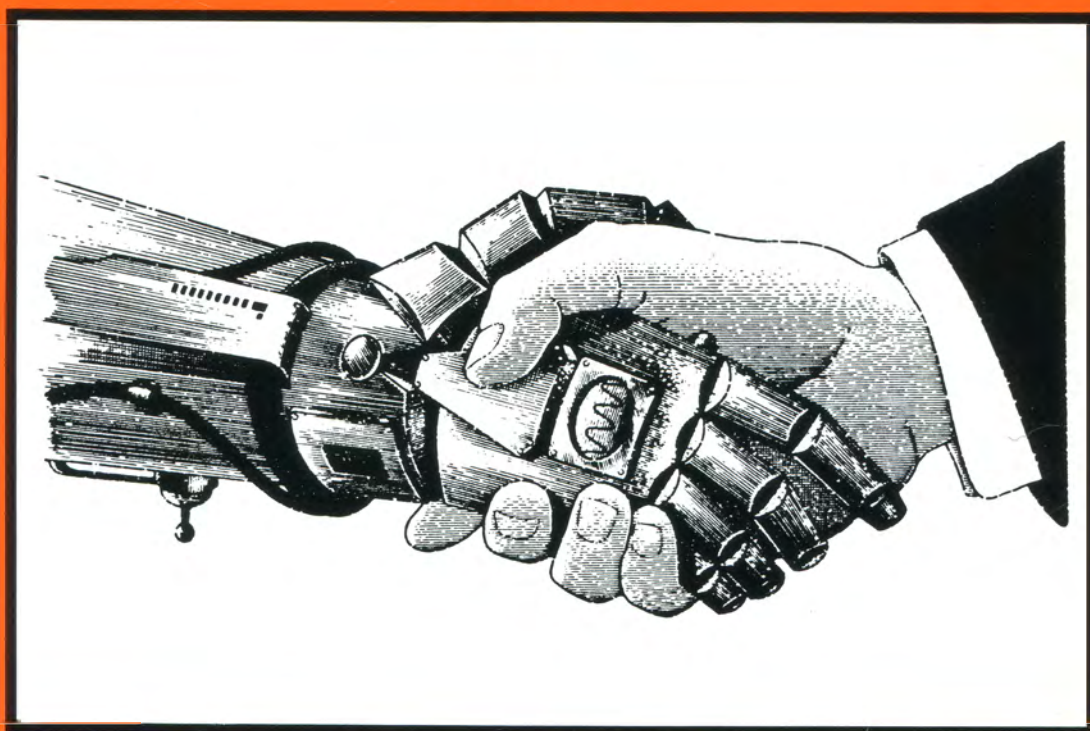


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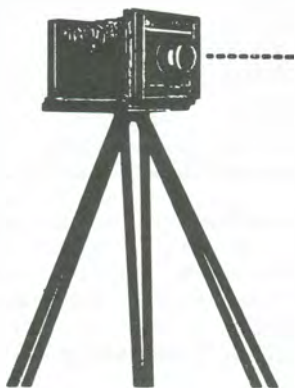
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President's Message

Happy New Year! It's incredible to me to be leading an organization I have been a member and fan of for (I hate to admit it) some twenty years. Along with the rest of the baby boom, I am constantly amazed that we are apparently the adults now. It's a scary thought (particularly, I expect, to the non-baby boomers among you!). But twenty years brings you a lot more than just experience. It's comforting to have accumulated so many friends over those years who can help me out now. And as I travel around the Southeast to different conferences, I look forward to making many new friends.



Jim Ward has left big shoes to fill. His excellent leadership over the past biennium has really given me a model to emulate. I thank him for all his hard work and for handing over an organization that's in great shape. He deserves to enjoy his tenure as Immediate Past President, no doubt the best office there is. I also appreciate the efforts of the other past officers — Linda Perkins, Secretary and Linda Gill, Treasurer and the rest of the Executive Board, some of whom will also continue onto the new Board. We have an excellent group of new officers in Joe Forsee, Vice-President/President-Elect; Ann Hamilton, Secretary; and Bob Cannon, Treasurer, and I am excited about working with them and the rest of the Executive Board.

I want to issue a big WELCOME! on behalf of the entire membership to the Arkansas Library Association, now officially the twelfth state in SELA. Thanks to all of you for your overwhelmingly positive vote to bring them in. I know that all of our new Arkansas members will be warmly welcomed and will enjoy the unique advantages of this particular association. SELA is one of the best library associations around. The people are especially wonderful. In these difficult times, cooperation among us is even more important than ever as we share our resources and ideas on how to cope with more demand for our services and less money with which to provide them.

I've had to remind myself a lot recently of the importance of what I do as I deal with budget troubles and other problems. When things get difficult I look out on the parking lot of our Central Library, which is always full, and remember why we're here. Libraries of all kinds are special institutions to very many people, and I cannot imagine doing anything else. We can all be comforted that we do not have to search for the meaning in what we do or be concerned that we're not making a difference.

Committees are being put together now and will, along with the Executive Board and Section and Round Table officers, provide the leadership for the next two years. Although it is not possible to assign every member to a committee, I do hope that if you have a particular interest you will let me know. We want as many people as possible to be involved. Any organization is only as strong as its members. There is a great deal to be done. The excellent work done by several of the committees that produced major reports or projects — such as Library Development, Headquarters Liaison, Handbook, and Conference Site Selection — needs to be continued. Planning for the 1994 Biennial Conference in Charlotte will start soon, for that time will be here before we know it. Plus we have a new unit — the Preservation Round Table, which has already done a great deal of work. I know that I can count on the support of all of you as we accomplish these many tasks.

Steve Johnson, who had been selected to be the next Editor of the *Southeastern Librarian*, has unfortunately had to withdraw due to his illness, so it's back to the drawing board. I feel confident, however, that we will find another equally qualified person to take on the difficult job of succeeding Elizabeth Curry.

After discovering that Elizabeth and I share a fondness for "Star Trek" in all its various forms, I promised that I would make a suitable mention of it in my column. So, my wish for all of you as we embark on this journey for the next two years, is a heartfelt "Live long and prosper"!

Gail R. Lazenby

Editor's Message

NEW EDITOR AND COMBINED ISSUES

After serving two terms (four years), this is my last issue as *SELn* editor. I regret this issue is so late but it has been hectic compiling the "special" networking issue and finding a new editor. Frankly, I have been amazed each time an issue was completed this year because my editing responsibilities have been a struggle due to my move to Florida and my new job. The past four years as editor have been interesting and challenging. I count those years a success because I learned new things and I made a contribution to SELA. I enjoyed working with Katharine Calhoun, RayLynn Hughes and David Tucker as well as the many *SELn* contributors. Now I look forward to staying involved in SELA but in a different role.

The next two issues of *SELn* (Spring and Summer) will probably be combined. It takes several months of lead time to prepare an issue and we will be delayed due to the change in editor. When Gail appoints the new editor (to replace Steve Johnson) I will assist in the transition. I am confident that you will have a great start to the 1993 volume with a combined edition.



SPECIAL NETWORKING ISSUE

Thanks to OCLC and SOLINET we have a special issue on Networking in the Southeast. OCLC and SOLINET contributed funds so that we could add extra pages to *SELn*. Steve Baughman, SOLINET's OCLC Services Manager also assisted in compiling the information.

One of the goals identified at our editorial meeting with SELA state representatives was: to focus on articles which address services or concerns of libraries in the southeast. This special issue is an attempt to highlight one topic with a southeastern perspective. Articles which include information from more than one state are occasionally submitted but *SELn* needs more of this type of material. I hope the new editor can make more progress in two areas: (1) compiling theme issues from SELA Committees such as the CD Rom issue sponsored by the College and University Section (Summer 1992, Volume 42, Number 2) and (2) publishing articles which address topics from a southeastern perspective. The new editor will need the support of the members, committees, state representatives and potential contributors. An editor can only publish articles which someone submits!

STAR TREK NETWORKING AND A LIBRARIANS' VIEWERS CLUB

Is there something like a Librarians' Star Trek Fan Club out there anywhere? All the hype for the new show, Deep Space Nine, has become the topic of conversation lately and I have discovered a number of librarians who are "active viewers" if not real "fans". I am an "active viewer" but until recently I didn't realize how widespread this was in the library community. Santa Claus brought me a Star Trek communicator pin for Christmas and I am looking for others with whom I can communicate.

At SEFLIN we are currently immersed in strategic planning which is really tough when we consider the rapid development of technology, insatiable needs of users and financial condition of our nation and state. As I try to focus on a vision for the future, I think that Star Trek and the evolution of the television series to the Second Generation and Deep Space Nine contain many parallels relevant to the evolution of library services. Star Trek makes us more aware of the impact of technology as well as the importance of our complex human spirit. Star Trek is about values and needs which transcend technological advances but which benefit from these innovations. I can hardly wait to see what challenges, problems and insights the new wormhole holds for Star Trek. At the same time I try to prepare for the future services and roles of library networks like SEFLIN.

SHOULD WE FORM A SELA STAR TREK VIEWERS CLUB?

Perhaps it could be an informal group with no projects, or reports. We could just compile a list of members and plan an informal dinner or lunch at the conference. Let me know if you are a Trek Viewer and visionary!

Elizabeth A. Curry

SoLINE: Resource Sharing for the Southeast

by Steven A. Baughman

BACKGROUND

During the decade of the 1980s, librarians increasingly grappled with the factors that mitigated against traditional access to information sources. Primarily, these were associated with the costs of acquiring monographic materials, the unbelievable increases in the prices of serials subscriptions, and the continuing difficulties in securing resources for ever-expanding building facilities to house large collections. Resource sharing and particularly interlibrary loan became seen as a way to temporarily acquire the materials identified as necessary by library clients. As the interlibrary lending and borrowing process became automated by such systems as the OCLC Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Subsystem and various CD-ROM based union catalogs, and as ready access to fast and effective telefacsimile equipment was realized, libraries were able to begin to respond in a reasonable time frame to requests for information not held locally.

These developments were not without their drawbacks, however. It was primarily the libraries which had the foresight to move into the machine readable cataloging arena early-on whose holdings became easily known via the new technologies. An imbalance soon developed which has become known as the "net-lender" problem. That is, the libraries with holdings easily accessible via the automated interlibrary lending systems were "sitting ducks" for the dramatic increases in interlibrary loan activity that these online systems made possible. And, while there was growing acknowledgement of the concept of access over ownership in the professional literature, in very few cases did this recognition carry over to an institutional strategy of redeployment of resources from traditional acquisitions to the interlibrary loan office. As the cataloging process in more libraries became automated, a broader spectrum of holdings began to emerge and the potential for levelling of the interlibrary lending load became possible.

A majority of the national library community remained excluded from the online interlibrary loan capability, however. These were predominately the smaller libraries for which regional network membership and online database access remained a fiscal impossibility.

Group Access

This situation changed dramatically in the mid 1980s. Strong state networking initiatives developed. The need

to facilitate interlibrary lending beyond what was possible using microfiche catalogs and sending requests via the U.S. Mail became acute. At this juncture, OCLC introduced its Group Access Capability (GAC). Through this capability, any group of libraries with whatever mix of OCLC participants and non-members could join together, share their online database resource, and transmit requests electronically via the OCLC ILL subsystem. Since the capability utilized simple subset-profiling technology for creating the database, there were no start-up, mastering, or record processing costs; the group's holdings were an integrated subset of the larger OCLC online union catalog. An additional feature was the ability for the non-OCLC libraries, called Selective Users, to tapload holdings from alternative sources of MARC records. While these libraries did not have full cataloging access to the database, their holdings would be reflected for resource sharing among all group libraries and would begin to shift the lending load from the full OCLC members whose holdings made up the beginning group database.

Networks and consortia in the southeast quickly saw the advantages of the Group Access Capability. For many, it built upon their online union list of serials activity because the group database display also included the detailed data for their serials. For others, it allowed a quick and low cost alternative for moving non-networked libraries into electronic resource sharing. State and local networks in North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee moved significant numbers of libraries into the GAC environment.

Regional Database Formation

Late in 1988, a group of SOLINET member libraries and consortia identified a need to build upon this extensive resource sharing activity. While the state databases and consortium projects were working well, a regional tier was recognized to have potential for enhancing these individual group databases and streamlining interlibrary resource sharing efforts.

For a number of years, SOLINET has sponsored the regional Resource Sharing and Networks Support (RS&NS) forum for the directors and coordinators of the state and local networks and consortia in the southeastern region. While participants in this group have taken a variety of approaches to resource sharing, a common need kept emerging in discussions: the need for a broader based resource sharing vehicle.

A committee of the RS&NS participants was appointed

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to explore options and to draft a project recommendation, complete with proposed protocols, to address the need for a southeastern regional-level database and ILL network. After several months of work, the committee issued its report to the RS&NS forum. The recommendation was to integrate the holdings of as many southeastern libraries as possible into a single OCLC-based Group Database and to provide access via OCLC's Group Access Capability and interlibrary communication via OCLC's ILL subsystem. The project was dubbed the SOLINET Information Network, or SoLINE. This approach was favored because of the many southeastern states and consortia that were already utilizing these capabilities for their own resource sharing efforts, and the regional tier could be added for no additional cost. Groups utilizing non-OCLC based database and resource sharing capabilities could also easily tie into SoLINE because the same generic equipment that is now compatible with OCLC's facilities is commonly used for many other resource sharing applications.

In addition to the proposed strategy and capabilities, the committee's report included criteria for participation in SoLINE and posited a set of protocols to be followed by the participants. Broadly based on national ILL standards, the protocols also establish individual borrowing path hierarchies for the several types of libraries. The intent of the protocols is to ensure fairness in participation and to level-out the lending load to the maximum extent possible. In addition, the principle of free interlending of monographic materials among SoLINE participants was specified. Tapeloading of existing MARC records is encouraged; ongoing activity by member libraries having access to the OCLC cataloging and union listing subsystems keep the database current.

Implementation was a shared endeavor between SOLINET staff and the coordinators of the state and local networks and consortia. The entire SOLINET membership was contacted to determine their willingness to participate under the terms of the SoLINE protocols. From the outset, interest in the project was high among the SOLINET membership. Over 91% of the membership is presently participating. The members which opted not to join were principally medical libraries and others which had a need or commitment to charge for interlibrary lending. The principal networking groups at the outset were the North Carolina Information Network (NCIN), the Florida Library Information Network (FLIN), the Georgia OnLine Database (GOLD), and the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC). Subsequently the Virginia Group Access Project, the South Carolina Library Database (SCLD), the Kentucky Library Network (KLN), the TENNSHARE project in Tennessee, the Louisiana LASERNET group, and in Florida, the Central Florida Library Consortium (CFLC) and the Panhandle

Library Access Network (PLAN) have been added to the initial group.

The complete initial group of libraries totalled about 1,400. Profiling went forward over a period of several months. It was a much larger group database than OCLC had ever dealt with and there were some difficulties. All of these were overcome in fairly short order, however, and SoLINE became operational in early 1989.

A total of over 1,600 libraries was included in the last edition of the *SoLINE Participating Institutions* list. Most of the above mentioned groups also participate in OCLC's union list subsystem which allows for detailed holdings information on serials titles to be displayed online. In addition to these groups there are a number of other union list groups whose holdings are also incorporated into SoLINE.

Database and Benefits

The database itself is indeed impressive. As of September, 1991, there were over 8.5 million unique bibliographic records with 68.1 million holdings posted by 919 institutions. In the serials union list there were 729,253 local holdings records posted by 529 institutions.

As activity on SoLINE has increased, the participants have reported a number of benefits. Advantages to virtually all categories of participants have emerged from the SoLINE project. All participants benefit from the merged display of online Union List of Serials information from the participating libraries; previously, separate "ul" commands had to be issued for each separate Union List. Full member libraries are receiving better verified requests and these are online, instead of a separate paper-based workflow. The Selective Users are becoming full sharing partners as their holdings are tapeloaded (over 7 million so far) and known. They now have access to a much broader range of holdings which is enhancing their abilities to serve their users while eliminating the need for most referral center activity of state libraries and consortium headquarters; only items not held by SoLINE participants need to go through this process.

Activity Analysis

For the purposes of this review, four fiscal years' worth of SoLINE system statistics have been compiled: a base year, FY88-89, and the three operational years, 89-90, 90-91 and 91-92. The goal was to determine how much the group database and network are being used and some of the patterns of that use. Clearly, overall usage is up. For the base year the SoLINE libraries had a total of 921,300 interlibrary loan transactions. By FY 91-92 this activity had jumped 69% to 1,560,000. (See *Figure 1*.) A more telling figure, however, is the growth in the rate of requests filled within the SoLINE group. In the base year, 65% of requests by SoLINE libraries were filled by other SoLINE libraries. By 91-92, this rate had

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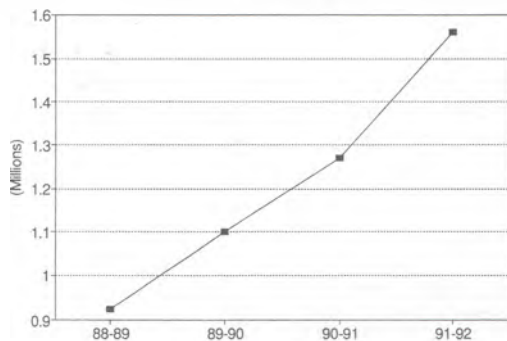


FIGURE 1.

jumped to 73%. This gives a clear indication that regional self-sufficiency is increasing. One can assume that this dynamic is the result of two of SoLINE's main premises: increased online access and the reciprocal free lending component. (See Figure 2.)

Rate of SoLINE Lib. Requests Filled By Other SoLINE Libs.

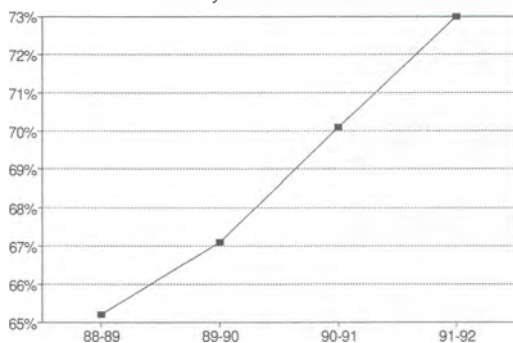


FIGURE 2.

Loans by Selective Users

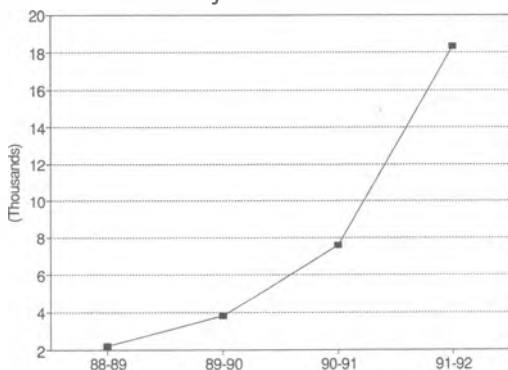


FIGURE 3.

One goal of SoLINE was to bring the Selective Users into the mainstream of regional resource sharing as full partners, not just borrowers. As their holdings have been tapeloaded and serials information entered,

Selective User lending has risen dramatically. For the base year, this activity was 2298 transactions. By 91-92, it had jumped 697% to 18,317. While still a relatively small portion of the overall total, this activity is clearly moving in the right direction. (See Figure 3.)

The data by type of library for 91-92 is presented below. The table shows the level of activity by each type of library as well as the type of library each borrowed from. An example interpretation (first line, second column) is that SoLINE academic research libraries borrowed a total of 59,234 items, with 29,696 being from non-ARL academics. By comparing the row totals with the column totals, one can approximate the "net lender" ratio. It is encouraging to note that for the ARLs this ratio declined with SoLINE implementation: from 2.2 in the base year to 2.0 in 91-92.

Borrows within SoLINE Group by Type of Library

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Borrowing Lib.	Academic Research Library	Academic Library	Public Library	State Library
Acad. Research	23,552	29,696	1,989	959
Academic	64,073	144,233	13,078	4,310
Public	16,674	58,481	77,749	12,282
State	3,465	7,276	9,850	1,178
State/Mun.	146	408	30	41
Comm./Jr	2,105	12,397	3,010	718
Special	8,880	14,551	1,932	791
	118,895	267,042	107,638	20,279

Borrowing Lib.	State/Municipal Library	Community Jr. College Library	Special Library	Total Borrows
Acad. Research	10	665	2,363	59,234
Academic	49	6,898	10,843	243,484
Public	49	9,978	3,850	179,063
State	27	266	673	22,735
State/Mun.	4	50	48	727
Comm./Jr	50	3,147	649	22,076
Special	24	924	5,609	32,711
	213	21,928	24,035	560,030

The Future

What about the future of SoLINE? What areas have emerged during the first years of operation that call for changes or improvements?

Increasingly participants are expressing interest in extending the reciprocal cost-free resource sharing to include photocopies. The original SoLINE committee was unable to reach consensus on this issue because of concerns that SoLINE might not attain an initial mass of participants. It is still unlikely that total consensus among SoLINE participants could be reached on this issue. Suggestions that a subset of participants interested in reciprocally providing photocopies be established have been made from several quarters. Potential vehicles for accomplishing this include maintaining and updating a printed list to relying upon institutional online Name Address Directory (NAD) records to

defining yet another GAC. All have advantages and disadvantages and no clear consensus among participants has yet emerged.

An area of potential enhancement lies in the utilization of CD-ROM technology. While the complete database is too large for practical application of this technology, the union list of serials appears to be ideally suited for this approach. Benefits of CD-ROM would include savings on searching and displaying union list holdings online, and on dial access connect time. It provides powerful searching for both patrons and staff and a link to the online PRISM ILL Service for batch processing requests.

The concept of SoLINE developed by the original

committee was never limited to a bibliographic database. The potential for other information resources appropriate for the regional level was identified early. In the Fall of 1992, SOLINET became a node on the Internet. The SOLINET Board of Directors and the staff, with the help of a membership advisory group, are investigating appropriate resources for the regional library community which can utilize this technology.

As the results of the first years of operation of SoLINE begin to come in, it would appear that many of the stated goals are either being met or progress towards them is being made.

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NETWORKING: A Statewide Project Perspective

by J. Richard Madaus

BACKGROUND

The development of library networking traditionally follows a grassroots path where several institutions agree to undertake a cooperative project and are joined by other institutions over time. Through the combined efforts of a number of library and political leaders, higher education library networking in Florida has taken a somewhat different path: it has been funded from the top down rather than emerging through a bottom-up grassroots approach to networked library activities. The Florida Legislature didn't simply support library cooperation as a concept; it funded an approach which provides for participation in a centralized state-level library automation project by all higher education libraries. State-level, centralized library automation is viewed from a legislative perspective as a cost-saving and resource-sharing keystone in the improvement of the modern education experience.

This major effort to automate Florida's higher education libraries began in 1984, with the funding of the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA), headquartered in Gainesville, to establish a centralized automation approach for the four-year institutions in the state. Following a five-year, \$20 million effort for initial development, FCLA now functions on a single library automation platform which supports all four-year higher education libraries and boasts over 7,000,000 MARC records and 1350+ dedicated terminals. NOTIS software is utilized by FCLA's Library User Information Service (LUIS) to support the functions of the online catalog, circulation, acquisitions, serials, and technical processing. While initial studies in the mid-eighties projected a maximum usage of approximately 12 million transactions (hits of the "enter" key) per year, this mammoth system currently experiences an average of over 13 million transactions a month. LUIS operates on a shared IBM 3090 and, through various networking activity, is literally connected to the world.

Round two in the statewide approach occurred with the development of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) in 1989. This project expanded the higher education centralized approach by its mandate to provide library automation to the 28 state-supported community colleges of Florida. A free-standing community college library automation project was authorized and funded by the legislature, with the proviso that intimate interconnectivity to the FCLA LUIS system be

accomplished. A full RFP selection process ensued with Data Research Associates, Inc. (DRA) chosen as software vendor. The College Center for Library Automation is now operating LINCC (Library Information Network for Community Colleges) on a VAX cluster of three Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) 6430 processors at its headquarters in Tallahassee. CCLA is entering its fourth year, with its LINCC union database nearing the 1,000,000 MARC record level as almost half of the libraries are connected to the system. Complete connectivity for all 28 community colleges and their associated 60+ libraries through 950 dedicated terminals is scheduled for late 1993. Transactions are projected to be on scale with the FCLA LUIS experience as the system matures. A custom interface between the CCLA/LINCC system and the FCLA/LUIS system is in place and operational.

Additional Statewide Initiatives

Clearly, the State of Florida, with its top-down centralized approach, is supporting higher education library automation and cooperative networking as a high priority. This emphasis is not limited to higher education; the public school library media centers began a state-funded project in 1988 to convert public school bibliographic records to MARC format. To date, records from 300 schools in 48 (of 67) school districts have amassed a collection of over 500,000 unique MARC records which represent over 2,500,000 individual items. These records are being combined into a CD-ROM product which will become a statewide resource. While no centralized state level integrated system is currently envisioned for the public schools, provision of state funding for retrospective MARC conversion is a major step to aid local automation efforts, which in the long term will place the public school libraries in the statewide electronic network environment.

The State Library of Florida has strongly supported the development of multi-type library cooperatives through LSCA funding. Growing from the "seed" sown through state library grant funding, regional cooperative library networks are cropping up across the state. The strong and varied programs of the now well-established Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) and the Southeastern Florida Library and Information Network (SEFLIN) are being joined by the maturing Central Florida Library Consortium (CFLC), the Panhandle Library Area Network (PLAN), the developing Southwestern Florida Library Information Network (SWFLIN), and the projected NorthEast Florida Library and

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Information Network (NEFLIN). While initially supported through federal LSCA "seed" funding, these endeavors have proven so successful that the 1992 legislature passed an act that authorizes the use of state funding for long-term assistance to multi-type library cooperative projects.

Connectivity of all of these systems is being enhanced further by the approval of a library connection policy by the Florida Department of Education's Florida Information Resources Network (FIRN). FIRN ties together the computing resources of the nine state universities, 28 community colleges, 67 school districts, and five educational regional data centers. Publically-supported libraries can connect to and through FIRN for library resource sharing and cooperative information sharing activities simply by acquiring the necessary connective hardware and a local dedicated phone line to a FIRN node.

Issues

State-level centralized systems can offer many benefits which might otherwise be unavailable to local library participants. And state-level funding ameliorates the limitations of local funding environments. However, if state revenues/appropriations are reduced, the impact to the entire system can be significant. (Likewise, the statewide political efforts to support and continue state-level funding is an ongoing responsibility that must be attended by all librarians across the state.) There does appear to be less of a "sting" felt by local administrative units if they are asked to support a state level of service rather than to subdivide their own existing strained resources to begin library automation efforts.

The state-level approach also provides for the development of a centralized pool of expertise which will be significantly broader and deeper than that available if each institution owned and operated its own system. The staffs of CCLA and FCLA represent major expertise in automated bibliographic records, systems design and networking, and a full range of the nuts and bolts experience of library automation. Even if the same expertise were available in the state, though scattered among individual institutions, the synergy produced by proximity and concentration would undoubtedly be diminished.

Centralized and cooperative approaches also ease the burden of connecting to the emerging world of information. The networking of Florida's nine universities and 28 community colleges was achieved via a single telephone line between two systems. The capacity to exploit the features and resources of each system through a networked environment has been enhanced by the concentrated expertise of CCLA and FCLA.

The centralized approach does have some potential downside factors, however. During the initial stages of a large centralized system, it takes considerable time to

create infrastructures to install equipment and train and support a broad spectrum of users. From the local institutional perspective, this means long periods of time when it appears that "nothing is happening" when, indeed, major computing, staff development, networking and training efforts are under way. And because individual institutions are away from the "action" of the centralized facility and staff, local level "buy in" and project ownership may wane unless there is a strong interrelationship with project management. Care must be taken not to "oversell" at the local level by oversimplifying the nature of library automation in general.

Library automation creates greater expectations of and demand for services at a geometric rather than incremental rate. Patience and extraordinary communication activity are vital to ensure ongoing mutual benefit from centralized system resources. Further, once a large system is operational, continued efforts in training, equipment replacement and system enhancement require constant resources and attention, both centrally and at the local level. The fiscal benefits of economies of scale must be balanced by the provision of superior service and performance to the end user.

One other factor of note in the area of potential problems deals with the library automation marketplace itself. Library automation software packages grew and developed primarily within a single site/single institution environment. Vendor experience in dealing with large-scale cooperative systems is limited. While large-scale single users of most automated library packages and consortia of smaller libraries in cooperative efforts exist, vendor experience with the large-scale/large-cooperative user is still developing. The same is true for the emerging database licensing marketplace. While database vendors can deal with pricing "x" number of terminals or users, very little experience is available for statewide licensing or simultaneous concurrent user pricing, which is the growing norm in other large-scale computer software markets.

Cooperation and compromise is, of course, a fundamental aspect of the centralized system approach. Librarians are known for cooperative endeavors and activities. However, in a large-scale centralized system, the level of cooperation required may provide challenges and opportunities far beyond those normally encountered.

The Future

As we move rapidly toward the milestone year 2000, we are witnessing quantum growth in computing and networking technologies. Even the simplest tour of Internet offerings provides access to hundreds of libraries and untold numbers of databases and information resources.

Library networking is rapidly moving from a stage of cooperation to a new reality of interdependence as

connectivity and interoperability grow to maturity with the coming implementation of Z39.50 and client/server-based system designs. Expansion of OPAC citation-based systems to include varieties of full text and video images is a matter of time; it is already a defined growth path.

Institutional interdependence and technological interoperability will bring major challenges to the basic challenges such as concepts of librarianship, challenges such as site-bound services and on-site users. This will all occur, in my opinion, as *added* duties for librarians and *in addition* to basic printed resources. It is nearsighted to believe that printed materials will be replaced by electronic resources in the next ten years. While some high-use and reference types of sources will continue to gravitate toward machine readable formats, the printed resources will maintain the major market share for some time to come. This will be a hard lesson for education and policy planners who are already anticipating reduction in library funding because "all the books will be online."

Similarly, there are painful lessons ahead for library funding agencies as the concept of access expands and ownership declines. Computer-based services rely on technologies with limited life spans. The short-term life span of computer terminals, computing resources, and network technology will be a shock to library funding systems that are historically designed to buy and own books and store their access mechanism in oak card catalog cabinets. Further, libraries have developed under copyright laws which allow purchase of copies of a work for inclusion in a collection. Electronic databases are being licensed for use under contract law which charges for use but retains ownership by the publisher.

The opportunities and challenges raised by these issues represent the excitement of librarianship as it evolves toward the service designs of the twenty-first century. Library strategic planning must be visionary; creative approaches to management and budget must replace traditional funding formulas; and librarians must capitalize on their strong base of experience and assert themselves as the true information management professionals they are. The Information Age is truly upon us and the 1990s represent one of the most exciting times in history to be involved in the world of librarianship. As Robin Williams said, quoting from the Odes of Horace in the film *Dead Poets' Society*, "Carpe Diem — Seize the day!"

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GOLD: The Georgia Online Database

by Joe Forsee

There is an oft-repeated story (joke?) about the "big lies." One of the list of three always is "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you." Among many chief officers of state library administrative agencies (often called state librarians), one could have substituted "OCLC" for "government" in the joke and found an appreciative audience. That was just *before* Georgia moved to form GOLD, a group access capability (GAC) with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), in the late 1980s.

How GOLD Started

When an OCLC representative asked to speak at a meeting of Georgia public library directors, he had two and a half strikes against him before he started. For one thing, public library directors had complained about having vendors as presenters at official state directors' meetings, so I screened those presentations carefully. Second, OCLC credibility was at a low ebb. Although most states had built bibliographic data records with state and federal money, they were having their options limited by the company they had trusted to develop library automation efforts. OCLC had copyrighted the database and expected members to endorse agreements not to utilize data in ways OCLC felt were a threat.

We agreed to see the company representative at the Division of Public Library Services (DPLS) and *then* decide whether to invite him to address the library directors. He was invited for no more than one hour *if* he could get SOLINET to vouch for the importance of his presentation *and* send a staff member with him to DPLS.

Why are we telling all this? We're doing it to impress the reader with the difficulty OCLC had in getting Georgia further into the camp. At a time when we were trying to work our way out of the OCLC "clutches," the offer was still totally attractive and believable. We kept looking for problems and OCLC kept working them out.

Due to SOLINET and OCLC, Georgians finally got the library resource sharing system they had dreamed of for years. Georgia was no stranger to resource sharing. Other states had envied the Georgia resource sharing model of the 70s, with a union catalog of larger libraries in the Atlanta-Athens area, WATS lines for simplified statewide coordination of requests at a single location (DPLS), partial reimbursement of interlibrary lending cost for 17 resource center libraries, a union list of serials, and several multi-type library consortia involved

with projects such as centrally-negotiated vendor discounts.

Some of these projects had become too cumbersome or expensive to maintain, however. After DPLS funded the microfilming of the union catalog in the early 1980s, its manual operation at Emory University was suspended.

The union list of serials could not easily be updated, so it fell into disuse. In short, most of the library community knew another solution was necessary. Even though 17 resource center libraries were receiving partial compensation for helping libraries statewide to fill requests, just five of them were handling over 90 percent of the interlibrary lending requests.

The public library directors got a chance to hear the OCLC proposal after the DPLS visit. We asked them to listen to the idea and tell us whether we should pursue the formation of a resource sharing database. We said that we had looked for problems, and felt they were resolved, but we wanted library directors to have direct input and view the proposal from the local library's perspective.

Following public library system endorsement, we met with academic library representatives through the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL). Again, the perspective of local library directors was sought and received. RACL gave a clear endorsement.

Next, a meeting of all the old network members (GLIN, the Georgia Library Information Network) was called to seek input of others who had not already had the chance to hear the proposal and offer comments as well as a second chance for comment from those who had attended earlier meetings. Again, almost unanimous approval was voiced.

While DPLS was initiating the monograph database, the North Georgia Associated Libraries, Central Georgia Associated Libraries, and South Georgia Associated Libraries asked that we utilize the same OCLC-GAC to create a union list of serials. Since DPLS has a tiny staff, we only agreed to coordinate activity — not to produce a union list.

Two big problems loomed ahead. First, Georgia libraries had almost no OCLC serials records, compared to the roughly 6 million monograph records that could be captured through OCLC's profiling procedures. Second, no OCLC library had enough staff to input every other libraries' serial holdings, and OCLC previously had not allowed non-OCLC members (selective users) to key-in the data.

OCLC agreed to a demonstration, SOLINET helped

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with training, and the serials project was launched. Later, an OCLC representative reported at a SOLINET Resource Sharing and Networks Support meeting that the input error rate was no worse for selective users than for members.

All of the above should give a pretty good idea about how GOLD began. It was a further development of earlier network efforts. It seems logical to discuss how the network is governed, what the new issues and problems are, and where the network is headed.

Issues

A chief old issue was spreading the lending burden. GLIN members had agreed to lend as well as borrow, but that pledge was largely symbolic. If no library knew what another owned, no sharing resulted. GOLD required that every participant agree to load at least the current year's additions available for loan into the database annually. This means everyone will know all member libraries owning needed titles in just a short time. With a profiled tier-structured borrowing system *sharing* would be guaranteed.

A newer issue is the formation of structured agreements for shared collection development. The process of deciding which titles are of only occasional use and can be borrowed when needed (as opposed to buying every title one might ever need) has barely begun. If libraries can decide to hold certain materials for their users and users of other libraries, while expecting another library to return the favor, we will develop practical approaches to another concept that has only been symbolic in the past — shared collection development. When shared collection development is a reality the same way lending as well as borrowing became a reality, GOLD will have moved to a higher level of sophistication than some have dared hope they might ever see.

In terms of challenges, two of the biggest and most immediate are the need for statewide conversion of bibliographic records into machine readable form before they can be loaded into OCLC, and the ability for all libraries to afford telecommunication costs which are necessarily associated with database expansion and utilization.

Promise fulfilled

When GOLD was credited with allowing a small Georgia high school's history day team to compete with 102 Quad A schools in Washington, D.C., enough heads were turned that a special commission on efficiency in government recommended increasing GOLD funding to pay taping costs. This group was expected to suggest *cuts* on state funding. This is seen as a beginning of state funded record conversion and database expansion. Making the same information available to citizens regardless of their library's location was always a chief purpose of GOLD. Equalization of opportunity is

an oft-quoted, but rarely realized dream of state legislators, administrators, and planners.

How much does it cost to participate in GOLD?

Start up fees for GOLD average around \$160. This includes a one-time charge for a three character OCLC symbol and a yearly dial-access charge. *Passport* software to use the OCLC interlibrary loan subsystem is free. Telecommunications and searching charges are additional. An average interlibrary loan via GOLD costs \$2.50, including telecommunications, searching, creating the workform, and sending the workform electronically over the system.

In addition to the libraries who are members of GOLD, eight "pay" databases are available in the group. These include *ERIC*, the *British Library*, *Chemical Abstracts*, *University Microfilms*, *Universal Serial and Book Exchange*, *National Technical Information Service*, and the *Institute of Science Information Libraries*. GOLD Libraries can set up deposit accounts with these databases to order articles.

Since January of 1990, GOLD members have been able to access EPIC, OCLC's subject searching capability. GOLD members receive a discount on OCLC's hourly access charge. *FirstSearch*, OCLC's subject database designed for patron use, was introduced in 1991. In addition to OCLC's online catalog, all of the Wilson databases (*such as Art Index and Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*), consumer information, *Public Affairs Information Service*, *ERIC*, and many more are available. Professionals and users with little or no online searching experience can easily log on and search for books and periodical articles.

In the winter of 1990, the Southeastern Library Information Network (SoLINE) became accessible. (*For more on SoLINE, see this issue's article by Steven A. Baughman.*)

How are serials holding entered on GOLD?

In the fall of 1988, the associated libraries/university center libraries groups voted to use GOLD for their union listing. Rather than having to re-enter the information each time a fiche or paper copy is desired, the serials can be maintained and updated online.

The union list for the entire GOLD membership, for specified groups, or for individual libraries can be obtained in microfiche or paper format as offline products. A microfiche product is being produced for the entire group on a yearly basis. A CD-ROM version of the union list will be produced in January of 1993.

DPLS offers free training on the use of GOLD to GOLD member libraries. This includes a mandatory one-day course for selective users and ongoing interlibrary lending and serials training workshops.

EDUNET

The Division of Public Library Services is presently

working with Georgia College in Milledgeville to add information to the EduNET system. EduNET is an electronic bulletin board with many additional possible uses. Besides enabling libraries to communicate with each other through the use of E-mail, EduNET allows GOLD members to have access to standard information pertaining to GOLD, notices of meetings, and technical information pertaining to the database, and other library related information.

EduNET is free to its users and is available through Peachnet, the academic community's communication network, as well as via toll-free 800 numbers. EduNET is an education-related database; department of education staff, teachers, and students are welcome to dial into it at no cost. Detailed instructions for using EduNET are available from DPLS.

Governance

While GOLD is coordinated by the DPLS Library Operations Section, the network is governed with input from an elected advisory committee. The advisory committee recommends policies and actions to DPLS relating to GOLD, keeps DPLS informed of problems and

opinions of GOLD members, and evaluates progress toward project goals and objectives.

There are ten representatives: two from special libraries; two from large academic libraries; two from small/medium academic libraries; two from large public libraries; and two from small/medium public libraries. When another type library organization achieves a significant number of members, a position shall be added to represent that constituency.

School media centers are the most obvious group expected to receive a seat in the future. As much as possible, members will be a diverse representation of the geographic areas of the state. A DPLS representative and the chairperson of the GOLD serials committee serve as ex-officio members.

Conclusion

GOLD has been dramatically successful by any measure. As long as members consider GOLD *their* network and collaborate enthusiastically on future developments, all other obstacles (such as funding) can be overcome. Our clients—the citizens of Georgia—will be the real winners.

TITUSVILLE LIBRARY

Stepping together, fulfilling a community's dream

Birmingham Public Library has recently realized one fourth of a dream — the completion of one of four branch libraries on the agenda for the next year and a half. The community of Titusville is proud to have their name sandblasted on the front of this new structure consisting of an expansive glass front supported by gray granite. Thirty-five years ago, the Southside Library was erected on this same site.

Large, friendly dinosaurs highlight the expanded children's area. It will house its own Afro-American collection, consisting of fiction, non-fiction and non-print materials. With twice the space of the former department, young patrons may enjoy using headsets to listen to cassettes or play with the puppets displayed on hanging racks. With its long history as an after-school haven for area students, the library will continue to provide tutoring and other activities for this age group. After-schoolers who use the library are allowed to read, do homework or occasionally help with some library tasks. Strong community support and financial backing enables the library to involve area children in positive learning and pleasure activities.

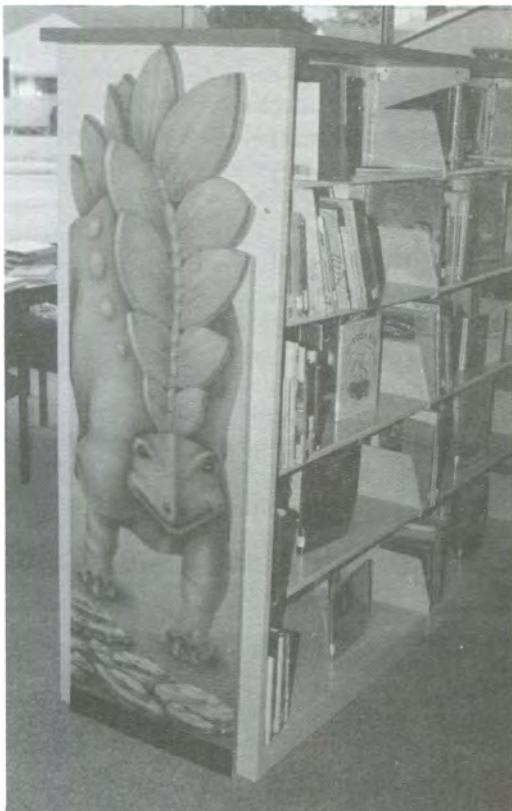


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The North Carolina Information Network

by Diana Young

Purpose

As a part of the State Library mandate "to be an information distribution system and resource center for state government and the people of North Carolina," the North Carolina Information Network (NCIN) provides data in electronic format to state government employees and to the citizens of North Carolina through all types of libraries from Murphy to Manteo. People from all walks of life can access state government jobs, state government purchase and contract data and legislative summary data at their local library — be it public, academic, community college or special. The business of a library is to provide free or low cost information to its clientele. The role of the North Carolina Information Network is to make the information available to as many North Carolina libraries as quickly as possible as the lowest possible cost.

In other words, NCIN is a "link" that enables citizens in Plymouth, NC, the same type of access to information that is available to people in Research Triangle Park. As you read this, librarians accessing NCIN are providing data to local citizens. The long term goal is citizen terminal access in each library. And, at some as yet unfunded and undetermined distant date, we hope citizens with PC's will be able to use the system from their homes — a dream for now, but certainly a requirement of tomorrow's information society.

History

Statewide network development was a recommendation from the 1978 North Carolina Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. As a result of that conference, planning meetings were held and the State Library funded the North Carolina Library Network Feasibility Study. The recommendations from the Networking Study were beyond the resources of the State. The second Governor's Conference, held in 1991, supported the continued development of the network and encouraged all libraries to make the State's more than 12 million titles available in machine form. Funding to load those records has been requested.

Fortunately, North Carolina librarians are cooperative communicators who have worked together for years to build a strong foundation for sharing limited resources. This cooperative spirit fostered the type of informal agreements necessary to make the NCIN possible. Had it been necessary to bind unwilling partners we would not

have the network that we have. The NCIN is currently being examined and replicated by many other states.

According to then State Librarian Jane Williams and current State Librarian Howard McGinn, the NCIN was born with \$500 on Jane's credit card. In fact we began by forming a North Carolina library coalition or group access capability (GAC), which included records that had already been entered into the Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) database located in Dublin, Ohio, and with the use of the Western Union (now AT&T) Easylink electronic mail, bulletin board and Informaster database service.

By January of 1992, approximately 400 North Carolina libraries participated in some aspect of the network. Unlike many other states, no membership fees are charged. Federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), Title I (public library) and III (multi-type library) funds permit the State Library to subsidize member services.

Access To The System

NCIN links disparate computers — mainframes, minis and micros. To access the system, the local library must have an IBM PC (DOS) compatible microcomputer, modem (at least 1200 baud), a committed voice grade telephone line, printer, communications software and word processing package. To make the mountains of information available usable by the public, a library should invest in high quality word processing, spreadsheet, database, and telecommunications software to allow for the exchange of files.

In addition, the State Library supplies specific software, such as *Passport* and *SIMPC*, to local librarians. With *Passport*, libraries can locate and borrow titles included in the international OCLC database. The *SIMPC* software is provided by the State Library to encourage access to current statistical data from the State Data Center. The statistics are located in Raleigh at the State Information Processing Service (SIPS).

One of the most important local contributions to successful use of a computer based network is staff willingness to spend the time necessary to learn how to use the various software. NCIN offers free training in use of application specific software such as *Passport* and *SIMPC*. But, the participant must be willing to invest the time and energy to make the service cost effective.

Building the Infrastructure

Just as the farmer plows and improves the field before the seeds are sown, the State Library — by adding nodes, node pads, modems and an 800 number

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— is preparing the way for libraries to use the X.25 infrastructure that already exists in North Carolina. Two unconnected systems, LincNet and SIPS, are the foundation. Connecting these two “fields” is technically easy, but politically a minefield as they are owned by two different agencies of state government. Thus, libraries use the services of both carriers independently. Our primary carrier is LincNet, with SIPS providing limited access to State Data Center statistics.

LincNet Gateway

North Carolina encourages business and industry to locate in our State, especially in rural areas. If industries are to have access to the information needed by their companies, then local information providers — libraries — will need inexpensive access to worldwide data. To provide this access, the State Library has entered into a partnership with the high speed data carrier LincNet. Provided by the University of North Carolina (UNC) Educational Computing Service (ECS), LincNet uses X.25 telecommunication lines to enable libraries to connect inexpensively to each other, to the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (NCDRC) Prime, Internet, Bitnet, IRSS, Dialog, etc. (The State Library’s home computer is NCDRC Prime. NCDRC has an Internet address and will be the Internet gateway for most small public libraries.)

LincNet was chosen as the primary library carrier because the State Library could build on a system already connected to the UNC academic libraries, community colleges and AHEC libraries. The State Library pays a monthly fee for each site and provides unlimited low cost access in libraries. Also under review is the use of packet radio connected to LincNet pads to serve mobile libraries or bookmobiles. This project will be tested in sparsely populated rural areas in the North Carolina mountains and along the coast.

SIPS Gateway

State government has an X.25 carrier that links government agencies and stores government data on a mainframe computer. The State Information Processing Service (SIPS) stores agency generated data on their computer. Where agencies such as the State Data Center are willing to share, the NCIN links libraries to SIPS to use the data.

OCLC Database

The majority of North Carolina libraries are too small to be able to afford to enter their holdings directly into OCLC. These 200-plus smaller libraries are “selective users” of OCLC. Their use of the system is brokered and subsidized by the NCIN. These libraries can only share holdings that are already entered into the database. To help these small libraries convert their holdings into USMARC, the State Library subsidizes the conversion of public library records with federal (LSCA) Title I funds

through a data entry program located in Graham County. This *Microcon* conversion project enters records directly into the OCLC database and provides a machine readable tape to participating libraries for their inhouse use. (NCIN helps full-OCLC cataloging member libraries tapeload their *retrospective* standardized machine readable [USMARC] records into OCLC. To assist the ongoing efforts of the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges, the State Library uses LSCA Title III funds to support their continuous data entry of new holdings into OCLC.)

When all North Carolina library records are entered into OCLC, the lending pool will be broadened and North Carolina citizens will have the best possible access to resources. A major goal for North Carolina is to enter all library records into OCLC and thereby allow even the smallest library to share their resources with other libraries.

A Look at the Data

NCIN is the link: the broker/provider that enables libraries to access the data. But, just exactly what kind of data is available? Some services, such as those located on the NCDRC Prime computer, are generated by the State Library and other government agencies. Other services are located at different institutions/sites across the state or the world and are brokered or subsidized by the NCIN. The focus of the remainder of this article is on State Library/State Government services offered to North Carolina Libraries.

Electronic Mail

Ultimately, the electronic mail system connects the more than 400 North Carolina libraries. This easy method of sharing information encourages a librarian to electronically provide information to be added to the various bulletin boards and databases. It is a simple way to reduce long distance phone calls, paper and postage costs.

Bulletin Boards

Currently fourteen read/download only bulletin boards are housed on the NCDRC Prime computer. These bulletin boards cover everything from library management information to state government job vacancies. A local library can download any/all the bulletin boards and make them available to patrons. Bulletin boards are regularly updated on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week. We are interested in providing this forum for state government information to any agency that can work with us by providing data in the ASCII machine readable format. We do require the regular submission of data for upload at least once a week. Examples of the bulletin boards are the following:

- **NCADMIN** is a joint service with the NC Office of State Personnel that contains employment opportunities with State Government. The information

provided enables a citizen to go directly to the job source.

- **NCNEWS** a summary of events in the North Carolina General Assembly. It is a joint program with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.
- **NCDATA** a joint program with the State Data Center of North Carolina that provides the most current, authoritative statistical information available in 12 general subject areas: Population & Housing; Vital Statistics & Health; Social & Human Services; Education; Law Enforcement, Courts & Corrections; Environment, Recreation & Resources; Energy & Utilities; State and Local Government Finances & Elections; Employment & Income; Business & Industry; Agriculture; and Transportation. Information is given for each county. This data updates the 1984 edition of the *County Profile Book*.
- **NCBUS** a listing of all State contracts in these areas: Term Contracts; Automotive, Construction Equipment; Highway Maintenance Equipment; Drugs; Hospital/Laboratory Equipment/Supplies; Fuels. Also includes State contracts in these areas: Printing Forms; Publications; Office/Educational Equipment and Supplies; Institutional Furniture/Equipment, Food, Textiles and Chemicals; Contractual Services, Electrical Equipment, Telephones; Data/Word Processing Equipment; Copiers.
- **NCCON** a listing of all North Carolina Office of State Construction Bids.
- **NCDOT** a listing of all North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway contracts.
- **NCCAL** a nationwide listing of library oriented continuing education programs.
- **NCKIDS** provides local children's librarians with a way to share programming ideas, booklists and general information.
- **NCMGMT** provides library management information, including planning documents, policies, procedures, statistical information, articles, surveys, etc.
- **NCLSCA** news and information on LSCA federally funded programs for public and multi-type libraries, focusing on North Carolina's state-administered Titles I, II and III programs. It includes explanations of LSCA priorities, descriptions of LSCA-funded grant opportunities, individual project descriptions and/or final reports, guidelines and regulations from the U.S. Department of Education.
- **NCJOBS** a listing of professional (MLS required) librarian positions open in North Carolina.
- **NCLIBS** a general summary of constantly changing news about NC libraries and/or librarians. It is our electronic publishing arm that provides access to State Library Publications such as *Tar Heel Libraries*,

a bimonthly publication for librarians; *Selected Acquisitions*, a monthly listing of new State Library acquisitions; and *FLASH*, a monthly library administrative organ of the Library Development Section.

Databases

Three North Carolina generated databases reside on the NCDCCR Prime computer. Currently they include the State Government job vacancies, Calendar of Library Events, and the Audio-Visual Catalog of the State Library.

Why have both a bulletin board and a database? Data with large quantities of variables is best shared in a database that is boolean searchable. If I live in Murphy, and my spouse has taken a job in Durham, I need to know if there are any job vacancies available in my field. Using the NCADMIN bulletin board would require paging through more than a hundred unindexed pages. Using the State Government Jobs database, I can simply construct a boolean search for "Secretaries" and "Durham" and locate only those secretarial positions in Durham. If, however, the library can't conduct the search, it is still a viable option to have a hard copy of the NCADMIN bulletin board. The State Government Jobs Vacancies bulletin board and database are the two highest demand services offered to citizens.

On the premise that it is important to make information easily accessible to the people, the State Library plans to add more government and library related databases; they include the Automated Purchase Directory — Business Opportunities with State Government, a Directory of the North Carolina General Assembly and the Directory of North Carolina Boards and Commissions. The four new library related databases are a Directory of the North Carolina Information Network Libraries, Nationwide Academic Library Statistics (IPEDS), Nationwide Public Library Statistics (FSCS) and Statewide Special Library Statistics.

Dynix

The Dynix Catalog installed on NCDCCR Prime includes all the materials in the State Library, except for federal government publications and audiovisual materials. Special collections include genealogical materials, state government publications, and large print books added to the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped since 1989. Holdings in the Legislative Library, the Executive Mansion Library, and the Art Museum Library are also part of the Dynix Catalog.

Mars

Also located on the NCDCCR Prime is the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS), an online finding aid system now in use at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh. Since April 2, 1990, it has been in operation in the Search Room and is the first interactive online automated finding aid system operating in a

state-supported U.S. archives. As of October 31, 1992, MARS contained 138,455 record entries. It is primarily a system for record location and retrieval. There are also administrative and process control capabilities that make it possible to keep track of work that has been completed or needs to be done. While of primary use to historical scholars, it is also a high demand tool for genealogists.

SIPS

The only program currently available is LINC- Log Into North Carolina. LINC is a menu driven statistical information system which provides computer access to current North Carolina data long before the information is available in a printed format. Such information includes new estimates from the Bureau of Economic Analysis; the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report* from the Census Bureau; Building Permit Survey annual summary data; multi-county regional data from Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources; Employment Security Commission data on nonagricultural wage and salary employment; active primary care physicians; college enrollment; industry data; voter registration; prison admissions; and the *Consumer Price Index*.

This complex package requires a skilled searcher. The State Library provides this information to its patrons—state government and other libraries. NCIN expands data accessibility by purchasing the software for libraries, and, with the help of the State Data Center, trains librarians to use the system.

Other Resources

Using the LincNet gateway, a library in Albemarle could dial into the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRSS) Computer located on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus and examine North Carolina and national Opinion Poll data. If a local agency wanted to know what citizens thought about the policies of a given public official, the library could search the IRSS database and have the Opinion Poll data at their fingertips.

IRSS maintains the Louis Harris Data Center, the

exclusive repository for all Louis Harris public opinion data. The Harris data include information on a wide variety of social and political issues, including presidential ratings, foreign affairs, health care, energy conservation, and problems of the aging, as well as attitudes toward government, violence, foreign policy, crime, and the legal justice system. The Harris archive now includes approximately 900 studies, dating from 1963 to the present.

Other public opinion data at IRSS include Gallup polls from the U.S. and other countries, General Social Surveys collected by the National Opinion Research Center, and polls from major broadcasting networks and newspapers. IRSS is a principle repository for *USA Today* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* polls. Gallup and Harris press releases are also available.

All of the Harris studies, *Carolina Poll*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and *USA Today* polls are included in a computerized item index that allows researchers to locate items of interest by searching for words or combinations of words.

In Conclusion

The NCIN is the *link* between widespread sources of data and disparate computers stretching throughout the state and the nation. The major goal is to provide information to the citizens of the state in the least expensive method possible. The greatest *need* of the network is machine readable access to state government data and the willingness of the citizens to fund and use the data provided.

We are part of the Information Age whether we choose to be ostriches and stick our heads in the mud or be eagles and soar into the future. If we are ostriches and ignore technological realities, our citizens will find themselves left behind — just as livery stables were left behind at the dawn of the age of the automobile. If we choose to be eagles, we as citizens must examine our services, reorganize, and restructure funding to build an information infrastructure that will serve us into the twenty-first century.

SOUTHEAST NETWORKS: DIRECTORY PLUS

Alabama Library Information Network (ALIN)

The ALIN network is a statewide cooperative library-to-library arrangement of libraries voluntarily working together to provide services and resources to patrons.

Membership:

200+ public libraries with participation in various programs from academic, special and school libraries.

Governance/Staffing:

Advisory committees make recommendations to the Alabama Public Library Services (APLS) for Executive Board review and action. Changes impacting public services go through a state-mandated administrative review with opportunities for public input. APLS staff manages the ALIN programs.

History and Background:

ALIN began in 1980 to enable libraries to meet user needs at the most immediate and most accessible level. At that time only a few libraries in the state were SOLINET members. Librarians realized that benefits of access to bibliographic databases needed to be available to more library patrons and that interlibrary loan should be streamlined.

Current, Activities, Services:

- **ALICAT** (Alabama Interlibrary Catalog) — database of over 2,500,000 records with over 6 million holdings in public, academic, and special libraries published in CD-ROM and fiche formats.
- **AULS** (Alabama Union List of Serials) — 28,000 titles and over 73,000 holdings of public, academic, school and special libraries accessible on OCLC and published in paper, in fiche, and, as part of ALICAT, in CD-ROM.
- **Net-lending reimbursement programs** for public libraries and with the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries.
- **Telefacsimile network** among 40 public libraries.

Plans and Projections:

Continue support of current programs with emphasis on completing ALICAT conversion to CD-ROM format.

Concerns/Issues:

Accessibility for more libraries to external databases, online catalog access, expanded document delivery; public library access to NREN, copyright.

CONTACT: Alice Stephens, Alabama Public Library

Service, 6030 Monticello Drive, Montgomery, AL 36130, (205) 277-7330.

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries

Membership:

19 academic institutions offering graduate education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education are general members. 1 academic institution, 2 state-level libraries, two federal libraries, and one public library are cooperative members.

Governance/Staffing:

General members are voting members; cooperative members are non-voting. All members have one representative on the Advisory Council. A representative Executive Council is elected to provide program oversight. Network staff includes a full time director and full time secretary.

History and Background:

In the early 1980s, a survey of the current status of academic library resources and services reported that Alabama's academic libraries did not meet minimum standards for books, journals, staffing, access to external resources, and the use of technology. In fiscal year 1984-1985, the Network was created to coordinate collective sharing of library resources among graduate institutions and to initiate efforts to correct the identified deficiencies.

Current Activities/Services:

The Network coordinates programs to facilitate sharing of academic library resources to strengthen graduate education and research. The primary Network activities are cooperative collection development, resource sharing (interlibrary loan and document delivery), enhancement of the statewide database, and professional development.

Plans and Projections for the Future:

The Network will continue support of its current programs. In 1993-1994, a pilot project will test use of the ARIEL workstation for document delivery via the Internet. A plan has been adopted to link local automated systems into a statewide network but funding must be secured to implement it.

Concerns/Issues:

NREN, access to information in electronic format, delivery of documents electronically, copyright, access to non-textual databases, rising costs of foreign materials, fee-based information services.

CONTACT: Dr. Sue Medina, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, Suite 221, One Court Square, Montgomery, AL 36104-3584, (205) 269-2700.

Cooperative Library Systems in Florida

Ever-increasing statewide interlibrary cooperation takes many forms in Florida. Each of the following organizations contribute, through their activities, to the continuing development of cooperative library activities in Florida.

Florida Library Information Network (FLIN) and Florida Library Network (FLN)

The State Library coordinates the OCLC-based statewide network that is the basis for online interlibrary loan. The enormous increase in interlibrary loan use reflects the growth of the Florida's interlibrary cooperation activities. The number of FLIN online libraries grew from 25 to 143 in the seven years between 1985 and 1992. Delivery time shrank from weeks to days, and the result is a 58% increase over the last five years from 97,027 to 153,000 items supplied annually through FLIN.

The State Library of Florida's effort to develop statewide interlibrary cooperation activities outside of the OCLC network for interlibrary loan is called the Florida Library Network (FLN). Initiatives include development of regional programs, assistance in development of local systems, disaster preparedness and preservation efforts, and plans for the future support of statewide continuing education, collection development, and other programs to respond to statewide needs.

College and University Cooperative Systems (CCLA and FCLA)

The Florida Legislature has funded statewide online library support systems for the state's public academic institutions. A single NOTIS-based system at the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) was started in 1984 and connects the nine state universities. First funded in 1989, the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) will serve all 28 community colleges and their 60 campuses through a DRA-based system once all installations are completed.

Repeated shortfalls in state revenue focused attention on duplication in terms of collections, equipment, and staffing. The realization that the collections of the institutions should be available to all library users through a common database compelled the legislature to mandate cooperation and an interface between the two automated systems. The ability to connect the two systems is in place, so that as CCLA completes the extension of its network, the library holdings of all Florida's public higher education institutions will be accessible from any terminal in the two networks.

Florida Information Resources Network (FIRN)

Another enhancement to statewide cooperation has been the willingness of FIRN, a telecommunications network operated by and for the Florida Department of Education, to extend its services free of charge to not-for-profit libraries for searching other library databases,

statewide electronic mail, and Internet access for international electronic mail and Telnet functions. This development has sparked a flurry of electronic mail activities in the state which vary from instant communications and ASCII file transfers, to electronic conferences on specific subjects.

Multitype Library Consortia (CFLC, NEFLIN, PLAN, SEFLIN, and TBLC)

The State Library of Florida has provided LSCA funds and assistance in the development of multitype regional consortia. The Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) and Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) applied for and received funding under LSCA Title III in 1985. Since then, the Central Florida Library Consortium (CFLC) and the Panhandle Library Automation Network (PLAN) have been formed and receive funding through LSCA. Recently, the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) received a planning grant and is beginning implementation. These five consortia serve 90% of the population. A sixth cooperative, in embryonic stages, will serve the remaining counties in the southwest area of the state.

Not all libraries have chosen to join; membership is entirely a local option. Each cooperative has developed quite differently since there is not a state-mandated pattern for such organizations. A variety of programs have developed to respond to specific regional needs, including shared automated systems, linking dissimilar systems, development of OCLC Group Access arrangements, development of segments of the Florida Union List of Serials, retrospective conversion, tape loading records in OCLC, and continuing education.

State Funding on the Horizon

A major breakthrough this year was achieved when the Florida legislature authorized grants of up to \$200,000 each to multitype cooperatives that will require a 10% local match. During the next legislative session, funding for three consortia will be considered as part of the legislative budget request.

Plans for the Future

Further development of interlibrary cooperation which we hope to pursue in the future include: less costly and more effective telecommunications for information and resource sharing within the state and nationally; increased sharing of information in existing or developing databases, further development of regional or local cooperative arrangements for reciprocal borrowing or facilitated interlibrary loan; improved document delivery; development of statewide policies which will facilitate access to Internet resources for all types of libraries; and improved access to non-bibliographic materials in libraries.

CONTACTS: *Central Florida Library Consortium (CFLC)* — John Dooley, Director, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773-6199, 407/323-1304; *College Center*

for Library Automation (CCLA) — Richard Madaus, Director, 1238 Blountstown Highway, Tallahassee, FL 32304, 904/922-6044; and **Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA)** — James Corey, Director, 2002 NW 13th Street, Suite 320, Gainesville, FL 32609, 904/392-9020; **Florida Information Resources Network (FIRN)** — William Schmid, Director, Department of Education, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, 904/487-0911; **Florida Library Information Network (FLIN) & Florida Library Network (FLN)** — Barratt Wilkins, Director, Division of Library and Information Services, Department of State, R. A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, 904/487-2651; **Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN)** — Thomas H. Gunn, Chair, Steering Committee, Carl S. Swisher Library, 2800 University Blvd. N, Jacksonville, FL 32211, 904/744-3950; **Panhandle Library Automation Network (PLAN)** — Selma Jaskowski, Director, Four Harrison Ave., Suite 5, Panama City, FL 32401-2724, 904/763-1950; **Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN)** — Elizabeth Curry, Executive Director, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, 305/357-7318; **Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC)** — Barbara Stites, Director, 10002 Princess Palm Ave., Suite 124, Tampa, FL 33619, 813/622-8252

Georgia Online Database

Membership:

Any library in Georgia is invited to join the Georgia Online Database (GOLD) as long as they are willing to abide by GOLD membership requirements and responsibilities. During fiscal year 1992, GOLD membership was as follows: Public library systems-54; University, college, and technical-75; Schools-7; Special-49; TOTAL-185.

Criteria:

1. Because some federal funding is involved, organizations seeking membership must comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
2. The organization must have an established library collection housed in an area designated as the library.
3. The organization must have a person designated as a librarian.

Requirements:

1. Libraries must agree to reciprocal lending. To accomplish this, selective users must at least annually tapeload their current holdings to help equalize the interlibrary lending (ILL) burden and enter and maintain bibliographic and/or local data records for their library's current periodical holdings.
2. Libraries cannot charge for the staff time involved in performing ILL. They may, however charge for

photocopies, postage, and telefacsimile delivery charges.

3. Member libraries agree to abide by the "Interlibrary Loan Code for Georgia Libraries, 1981" and the "National Interlibrary Loan Code, 1980."
4. Selective users must attend a free training course offered by the state library before beginning to use the database.

Responsibilities:

1. All staff members involved in the ILL process shall be properly trained.
2. Interlibrary request forms shall be correctly and completely filled out including verification of information.
3. The borrowing library is responsible for the return of items within time periods specified by the lending library and reimbursement to the lending library should the items be lost or damaged.

Governance/Staffing:

GOLD is coordinated by the Library Operations Section of the Division of Public Library Services (DPLS), Georgia's state library. Because Georgia has one of the smallest state library agencies in the United States, it was necessary to approach the creation and operation of GOLD as a decentralized operation. DPLS coordinates the operation, provides free training to members, and keeps members informed of matters of interest and the availability of new products. DPLS works with the GOLD Advisory Committee and the GOLD Serials Committee to insure there is regular input from the members on their opinions and concerns.

Current Activities/Services:

Training GOLD members continues to be a top priority in the ongoing success of the database. Each year, DPLS offers at least twelve workshops on ILL: the GOLD Serials Committee conducts two to five union listing workshops each year. All workshops are free of charge and are held at various locations throughout the state. The GOLD Annual Membership Meeting provides programs of relevance to members. The 1992 meeting highlighted cooperative library efforts being done in various parts of the state. The 1993 meeting will focus on use of the Internet, and Georgia's local Peachnet. Both the GOLD interlibrary lending procedures manual and GOLD serials manuals are in their second revisions. Since 1989, an offline version of the *Georgia Union List of Serials* has been available in microfiche. In January, 1993, GOLD will produce its first CD-ROM version of the list using OCLC's Share PAC product.

Plans and Projection for the Future:

During fiscal year 1993, DPLS plans to add a reference database of commonly asked questions and their answers and an area where librarians can post reference questions they have been unable to answer locally. During fiscal year 1994, databases of local interest will be developed by scanning information

into the system. Topics to be considered include accessing pending legislation in Georgia, Atlanta 1996 Olympic information, and photographs of historic Georgia buildings.

Concerns/Issues:

As GOLD has progressed, the different levels of knowledge of librarians using GOLD and similar databases has become evident. While technology becomes an increasingly major part of library service, many librarians do not have even a basic knowledge or understanding of computers and their applications. This "technology gap" is going to become an increasing problem, particularly in public and academic libraries, as their patrons' expectations of service increases.

Telecommunications are a particular concern of the selective users especially since it is an item for which they have never had to previously budget. Using GOLD has redistributed the cost of ILL expenses. Doing ILL manually, the primary costs were for staff time and postage — two relatively hidden expenses. Doing ILL online, the library assumes search costs and telecommunications. Librarians need to begin educating their funding agencies to expect these types of expenses as the price of providing library services in the 1990s and beyond. Still, it is difficult to explain to a library board why the number of books purchased has been halved while telecommunications costs have tripled! The issue is to both develop an efficient low cost telecommunications network for ILL and the use of online databases and, internally, to find a reasonable approach to meet what are going to be increasing, ongoing computer-related expenses.

CONTACT: Jo Ellen Ostendorf, Georgia Department of Education, Division of Public Library Services, 156 Trinity Avenue SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3692, (404) 656-2461.

Kentucky Library Network (KLN) "Gateway to Information"

History and Background:

The Kentucky Library Network is the result of a partnership between the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and the Kentucky Library Network, Inc., a membership organization composed of Kentucky libraries of all types. The Department is mandated by KRS 171.200 and Title III of the Federal Library Services and Construction Act to encourage and support the development and implementation of cooperative resource sharing activities among Kentucky libraries. The Kentucky Library Network, Inc., the Board of which serves in the advisory capacity to the Department, has a mission "... to provide access to information and materials that are appropriate to individual interests and abilities and that meet the informational, recreational, educational and research needs of the citizens of Kentucky."

Membership:

Membership in the Kentucky Library Network currently

numbers 269 institutional information providers, broken down by type as follows: 19% Academic; 47% Public; 19% School; and 15% Special (Business, Medical, etc.).

Current Activities/Services:

The goals of a Kentucky library network were articulated in July 1982 in *Networking in Kentucky* and while periodically revisited to certify continuing relevancy, remain essentially unchanged.

Implementation of the networking goals for Kentucky libraries has resulted in the Kentucky Library Network. The foundation component of Network services is the KLN Group database of machine-readable bibliographic records. The KLN Group database currently resides on the OCLC database and contains 2.3 million titles/records with 6.2 million holdings statements.

Contributors to the database number 117 KLN members of all types. While significant numbers of the KLN records are the result of use of the OCLC Cataloguing Subsystem by member libraries, a number of institutions have used other systems to produce bibliographic records for local use and tapeloading into the KLN Group database. The key issue regarding bibliographic records continues to be the adherence to nationally accepted standards in converting records (full MARC and adherence to AACR II).

The KLN OCLC Group Access Capability program provides KLN members with online access to OCLC and the KLN Group database through dial access or dedicated leased lines. Access for most KLN members includes preliminary searching of the entire OCLC database, viewing the KLN institutional holding statements as well as holdings in 1,600 libraries in the Southeastern states and electronic transmittal of interlibrary loan requests. This access was made possible through a combination of public funding granted by the Kentucky Legislature and a private grant to the Network. The funding provided computer workstations for KLN institutions, a PC, internal modem and printer. The Department provided system software and is currently assuming telecommunications and interlibrary loan activity related costs.

Plans and Projections for the Future:

Currently, efforts are underway to enhance the informational access available to KLN members. The Kentucky Union List of Serials is being converted to the OCLC Union Listing Subsystem. This conversion has long been a high priority for Kentucky libraries, especially the academic library community. It is anticipated that within the next year over 37,000 serial titles residing in 148 serial collections will be reflected on OCLC and in the KLN Group database.

By the closure of 1992, 166 KLN institutions will have received a new CD-ROM product which will enhance their use of the database. SharePAC, the CD product, will reflect the KLN Group database and will allow offline database searching and interlibrary loan creation. A direct link to the online environment of OCLC will permit batch loading of interlibrary loan requests for electronic transmission and searching for materials not found on the KLN Group database. Expanded

search strategies including keyword and Boolean will be possible at browsing, expert and research levels. This offline environment will realize significant savings in telecommunications costs and online interlibrary loan activity fees.

CONTACT: William E. Paplinski, Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives, P.O. Box 537, 300 Coffee Tree Road, Frankfort, KY 40602, (502) 875-7000, ext. 171.

Louisiana Networks

IASernet

Membership:

55 libraries, including 51 public libraries and 4 academic libraries.

Governance/Staffing:

IASernet is overseen by the State Library. There is also an advisory subcommittee of the Louisiana Library Association.

History and Background:

IASernet was started in 1987 with an initial membership of 35 libraries. The network was started to provide Louisiana Libraries with greater access to intra-state collections and to provide an efficient method of interlibrary loan within the state.

Current Activities/Services:

IASernet's main goal is to continue to increase both its databases of holdings within the state and to increase its membership.

CONTACT: Michael McKann, State Library of Louisiana, P.O. Box 131, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (504) 342-4923.

Bayouland Library System of South Central Louisiana

Membership:

Bayouland's membership includes 12 public libraries, 2 academic libraries and 2 special libraries.

Governance/Staffing:

Bayouland has a full-time director and staff member and a 12 member library board.

History and Background:

Bayouland was one of the 7 systems created in the 1960s following the recommendations of a study on Louisiana libraries and has been in existence since that time.

Current Activities/Services:

Interlibrary loan, materials delivery and continuing education workshops are the primary activities of the system.

CONTACT: Mrs. Beverly E. Laughlin, 301 West Congress Street, Lafayette, LA 70501, (318) 261-5793.

Green Gold Library System of Northwest Louisiana

Membership:

Green Gold's membership includes 7 parish libraries and 2 academic libraries.

Governance/Staffing:

The director of the Shreve Memorial Library acts as the director of the system and there is a 9 member library board.

History and Background:

Green Gold was also one of the 7 systems created in the 1960s.

Current Activities/Services:

Materials delivery among the membership is the primary activity of the system.

CONTACT: Mr. James R. Pelton, Shreve Memorial Library, 424 Texas Street, P.O. Box 21523, Shreveport, LA 71120, (318) 226-5871.

Libraries Southwest, Inc.

Membership:

Libraries Southwest has a membership which includes 6 public and 1 academic library.

Governance/Staffing:

A non-paid director and a 7 member library board.

History and Background:

Formed along parish lines of a now defunct system established as a result of the 60's study on Louisiana libraries.

Current Activities/Services:

Workshops on a variety of topics, cooperative collection development, and in-service training for library staff.

Concerns/Issues:

State-wide delivery system, interlibrary loan, library automation and computers.

CONTACT: Mr. Howard Coy, Vernon Parish Library, 301 E. Courthouse Street, Leesville, LA 71446-4331, (318) 239-2027.

Trail Blazer Library System of Northeast Louisiana

Membership:

13 public libraries and 3 academic libraries.

Governance/Staffing:

The director of the Ouachita Parish Library acts as director and there is a 16 member library board.

History and Background:

Trail Blazer is another of the original 7 systems created in the 60s.

Current Activities/Services:

Workshops and a materials delivery system within the region.

Concerns/Issues:

Statewide delivery system, interlibrary loan, library automation and computers.

CONTACT: Mr. Ben Brady, Ouachita Parish Library, 1800 Stubbs Avenue, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 387-1950.

Mississippi Booksharing Network

Membership:

All public, junior college, college, university, state agency, and special libraries in Mississippi. The level and method of participation varies with the individual library.

Governance:

The Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) takes a proactive position in the development and expansion of the network.

History:

The Mississippi Union Catalog (M.U.C.) is the core component in the MS Booksharing Network. It began in 1979 with the conversion of MLC's non-fiction book holdings to the MARC format and production of a fiche catalog. The catalog grew as MLC converted fiction, AV, and serial holdings and as other libraries converted their holdings to MARC and contributed their records. In recent years the MS Department of Archives and History contributed records created during the National Newspaper Project adding the locations of Mississippi published newspapers in libraries, museums, and court houses. Mississippi community and junior colleges contributed the periodical holdings of all 15 systems in 1991.

Current Activities/Services:

- **UNION CATALOG:** The union catalog is currently produced in CD-ROM and microfiche formats.
- **LOANET:** The LOANET software, from Library Systems and Services, Inc. permits the user to search the union catalog on CD-ROM, retrieve bibliographic records in an ILL format, select up to 3 potential lenders, and save to the hard disk for electronic transmission during statewide polling on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights.
- **FAX:** The newest component of the network is the incorporation of fax technology. A new module on the LOANET software permits requests to be instantly transmitted to a receiving library's fax machine, thus avoiding even the slight delay of the routine tri-weekly poll. The increasing number of fax machines in Mississippi libraries permits the fastest possible response to emergency and photocopy requests.

Plans and Projections for the Future:

The union catalog continues to grow as more libraries acquire MARC cataloging systems and convert their holdings. Public libraries will be able to contribute copy specific periodical holdings beginning in 1993. Plans

also include investigation of forming a GAC to enable non-OCLC member libraries to access SoLINE.

Concerns/Issues:

As always the primary concern continues to be the provision of quality service in the most cost-effective manner possible.

CONTACT: Mississippi Library Commission, 1221 Ellis Avenue, Jackson, MS 39289, (601) 359-1036.

North Carolina Information Network

History and Background:

The North Carolina Information Network began in 1978. NCN is a link between widespread sources of information and local libraries of all types — academic, community college, public, special — using the latest computer telecommunication technologies. Disparate computers — main frame, mini, micro — and telefacsimile are linked through high speed phone lines using either AT&T Easylink, LincNet or SIPS X.25 gateways. The 400+ institution member network is partially funded by the Library Services and Construction Act, Titles I and III. Services are offered free or on a subsidized cost recovery basis. A member participates in at least one of the services listed below.

- Free training provided for State Library sponsored programs such as ILL via OCLC and Union Listing for serials. Special training for endorsed programs such as IRSS and MARS. Information for continuing education on library and computer related topics.
- Free technical support.
- Agent for Union listing in the OCLC Union List of Serials — Free data entry and local data record storage.
- Access to the SOLINET/SoLINE gateway. Participation in a similar GAC with the State of Nebraska.
- Free access to North Carolina generated bulletin boards, databases and the State Library's Dynix catalog located on the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (NCDCCR) Prime computer located in Raleigh.
- Free electronic mail on the NCDCCR Prime computer.
- Free access to the University of North Carolina, Education Computing Service X.25 telecommunication lines via LincNet.
- Access to the State of North Carolina Computing Service X.25 telecommunication lines for the LINC-Log Into North Carolina for State Data Center statistics.
- Retrospective conversion of public library bibliographic holdings.

- Free OCLC tape loading for records already in machine readable USMARC format.
- Document delivery via telefacsimile.
- Free employment application listing on phone JOBLINE and electronic NCJOBS
- Free electronic listing of announcements.

CONTACT: Diana Young, Director of Network Operations, State Library of North Carolina, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807, (919) 733-2570, FAX (919) 733-8748.

South Carolina Library Network

The South Carolina Library Network (SCLN), sponsored by the South Carolina State Library, supports the efforts of local libraries to meet the information needs of all South Carolinians.

Membership:

The Network today has 168 member libraries with a telecommunications link to the State Library, and the number is continuing to grow. Participating institutions include public, academic, technical college, special, state institutional, and school libraries. Membership in the Network is open to South Carolina libraries which own appropriate computer hardware and meet certain service criteria.

Governance/Staffing:

The SCLN is operated by the South Carolina State Library. The Coordinator of Network Services is primarily responsible for providing each Network member with SCLN software, training, and technical support. The interlibrary loan staff of the State Library processes requests for materials and information received through the Network.

History and Background:

Operation of the South Carolina Library Network began in 1986, following several years of planning that involved not only the staff of the State Library, but many other South Carolina librarians, state government, and the South Carolina Task Force on Library Automation and Networking. It was developed partly because the 1979 South Carolina Pre-White House Conference on Library and Information Services endorsed a proposal that the South Carolina State Library design a framework for cooperation, automation, and resource sharing in the state. When automation of the State Library was complete, and SCLN software had been developed, Network membership was first made available to the headquarters of the public library system in each county. Membership in the Network was then opened in turn to other types of libraries. This phased approach allowed the State Library to monitor the development of the Network, and to provide adequate training and support.

Current Activities/Services:

As Network membership has increased, so have the number of SCLN resources and services. SCLN libraries can search a variety of databases and may also use the Network to send interlibrary loan requests for materials and information to the State Library. Members currently have on-line access to:

- **LION (Library Information ON-line).** LION is the automated catalog containing records of most of the more than one million items owned by the State Library. Bibliographic records located in LION may be used to transmit interlibrary loan requests immediately to the State Library.
- **FEDCAT (FEDeral documents CATalog).** FEDCAT is an information database listing records of Government Printing Office publications which may be searched by author, title, and subject. FEDCAT is updated monthly.
- **EBBS (Electronic Bulletin Board Service).** EBBS reports news of the South Carolina library community, library legislation, library positions available, and includes a calendar of events. EBBS is updated weekly.
- **South Carolina On-Line Library Directory.** This list of more than 400 South Carolina libraries provides location, telephone/fax number, contact person, and affiliation information for each entry. Changes or additions to entries may be submitted on-line, a feature which helps to ensure that the Directory is kept current.
- **Electronic Mail.** An E-Mail function allows SCLN members to obtain through the Network interlibrary loan materials which cannot be requested using LION records (e.g. periodical photocopy). In 1991-92, the State Library loaned more than 40,000 items and provided more than 41,000 pages of photocopy to member libraries.

The State Library, in addition to supporting on-line access for resource sharing, conducts a variety of activities under the auspices of the Network. These include the annual publication of the *South Carolina Union List of Periodicals*, coordination of the South Carolina Library Database (SCLD), and the statewide GAC, whose members have access to the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem. To train librarians in the proper care of their resources, the State Library is sponsoring an eighteen month Preservation Education Project.

Plans and Projections for the Future:

The South Carolina Library Network is sponsored by the South Carolina State Library as part of its commitment to resource sharing within the state for the benefit of all citizens. Plans for the addition of on-line and other services are drawn within the context of support for local library service. Within the next few months, telecommunications access will be upgraded and members will be

trained in the use of a new version of the LION catalog. New libraries will be added to both the SCLN and the SCLD.

CONTACT: Lea Walsh, Coordinator of Network Services, South Carolina State Library, P.O. Box 11469, Columbia, SC 29211, 803-734-8666; Fax 803-734-8678.

TELINET (Tennessee Library Network)

Purpose:

Public library resource sharing and automation.

Membership:

The participants in TELINET are the Tennessee State Library and Archives, public libraries, and regional libraries. The statewide database by the same name includes the holdings of the following libraries:

1. Twelve multi-county regional libraries (all materials purchased since 1988, with recon beginning in 1992);
2. Four metropolitan libraries (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville);
3. Thirty small and medium-sized public libraries, with more to join in 1993;
4. The Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Other:

TELINET also includes the records in the Tennessee Union List of Serials.

Governance/Staffing:

There is no formal governance agreement among the TELINET participants. The network is coordinated by a full-time staff member of the State Library and Archives.

History and Background:

The Tennessee State Library and Archives developed TELINET in 1988 by establishing a statewide database. The database includes the records of multi-county regional library holdings that were created using the AGILE system, the bibliographic records of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, and the records of the four metropolitan libraries, as well as the Tennessee Union List of Serials. During 1988 and 1989, the State Library and Archives used Title III to establish a stand-alone, PC/CD-ROM based system to access the statewide database for resource sharing purposes. Personal computers, enhanced with CD-ROM readers and using the Auto-Graphics IMPACT software, were placed in all the participating libraries. The four Area Resource Centers began to use the IMPACT system as the first source for filling Tennessee public library ILL requests in March, 1991. Four additional public libraries began to use the IMPACT system to initiate ILL requests in 1992. The statewide database is also used by small and medium-sized libraries to convert their holdings to machine-readable form.

Current Activities/Services:

1. To use TELINET as the primary resource to fill public library ILL requests.
2. To assist small and medium-sized public libraries as they convert their bibliographic records to machine-readable form and to enter their holdings into the statewide database.
3. To develop protocols for a distributed ILL system.

Plans and Projections for the Future:

We plan to add the complete holdings of at least three libraries per year to the TELINET CD-ROM database. We also plan to add several libraries per year to the ILL network. Work is progressing for an interface between the State Library and a network developed and utilized by the public universities and community colleges. We also hope to connect to Internet in the near future.

Concerns/Issues:

Our primary concern is networking with libraries other than public libraries. The State Library and Archives has no statutory authority for libraries outside of the public library system. Multi-type cooperative planning is in the early stages. As always, funding for all types of resource sharing is a priority.

CONTACT: Sandra Nelson, Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 741-2561.

Virginia Library and Information Network (VLIN)

The Virginia Library and Information Network is a statewide information service sponsored by the Virginia State Library and Archives to support the sharing of information among all types of libraries in the Commonwealth. Initial fiscal year 1993 applications include: CAVALIR ONLINE, a statewide union catalog of library holdings; VMAIL, an electronic mail system for Virginia librarians; and CONNECTIONS ONLINE, a bulletin board system to support information exchange among the library community.

Planned fiscal year 1994 developments include an interlibrary loan message transmission system and copy cataloging system which will integrate the bibliographic database and mailing applications.

Eventually, over 3,000 school, public, academic, and special libraries in Virginia will have access to the majority of library holdings of Virginia libraries; the library and information service community will have access to the Internet; smaller, rural libraries will have access to electronic interlibrary loan and cataloging information at low cost. The three million public library (registered borrowers), K-12 students, secondary school students, teachers, researchers, business, government, and community development leaders will have access to the Commonwealth's total information service investment.

The Virginia State Library and Archives has contracted with VTLS, Inc., to create the union catalog software for CAVALIR ONLINE and perform the initial loading of between four and six million bibliographic records. The holdings of the first 15 libraries are scheduled to be loaded by the end of March, 1993. The state agency has also contracted with VERnet, the Virginia Education and Research Network (affiliated with the University of Virginia), to provide statewide Internet access. Initial library nodes will be located in Lynchburg, Richmond, Fairfax, Hampton, Bristol, and Roanoke.

CONTACT: Tony Yankus, Director, Library Development Networking Division, Virginia State Library and Archives, 11th Street at Capitol Square, Richmond, VA 23219-3491, (804) 786-2320.

BULLETIN BOARD

International Development Conference set

"Global Interdependence: The Role of Information in Development" will be the theme of the 4th Conference of Librarians in International Development, to be held May 2-4, 1993 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Conference of Librarians in International Development provides an opportunity for interested individuals to meet for formal presentations and informal discussions. Representatives from potential funding agencies, librarians returned from overseas assignments and their counterparts from abroad, information system consultants, students and others interested in opportunities for information system work abroad will attend the three-day conference. In addition to reports about current opportunities and completed and ongoing projects, there will be sessions on preparation for taking an overseas assignment, incorporating "library" components into responses to REP's, project evaluation techniques, and related matters.

For more information, contact one of the conference co-chairs: Charles Wm. Conaway or John N. Gathegi, School of Library and Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306. The co-chairs can be reached by fax at (904) 644-6763, by voice mail at (904) 644-8123 (Conaway) or (904) 644-8114 (Gathegi), or by E-mail: Conaway@lib.fsu.edu. or Gathegi@lis.fsu.edu.

Special collections info needed

ALA's National Planning for Special Collections Committee is seeking information for a forthcoming third edition of *Special Collections in Children's Literature*. The Committee needs information on new collections which have been formed since the early 1980's, as well as any collections missed in previous editions. Information can be sent to Carolyn Field, Editor, 501 Manheim Street, Apt. 1A, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

Multicultural manuscripts sought

Previously unpublished African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Native American authors and illustrators are invited to submit manuscripts for the newly established Multicultural Publishers Exchange (MPE) Children's Book Award. Supported by the Highsmith

Press, the award is intended to encourage and recognize these authors in the development of books for children, and to increase public awareness of the quality and significance of multicultural publications. The award will consist of a publishing contact with Highsmith, including royalties and a \$2,000 advance against royalties. Either fiction or nonfiction manuscripts may be submitted.

Deadline for submission of completed manuscripts and illustrations is March 30, 1993. Criteria for selection, entry rules, and additional information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Charles Taylor, Executive Director, Multicultural Publishers Exchange, 2215 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI, (608) 244-5633.

Archival program offered in Atlanta

The 27th Annual Georgia Archives Institute, "An Introduction to Archival Administration," will be held June 14-25, 1993 in Atlanta. Sponsored by Clark Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies, the Georgia Department of Archives and History, the Jimmy Carter Library, and the University Center in Georgia, the two-week program is designed for beginning archivists, librarians, and manuscript curators, and will offer general instruction in basic concepts and practices of archival administration and management of traditional and modern documentary materials. Included will be lectures and demonstrations, a supervised practicum, and field trips to local archives. Tuition is \$400; deadline for receipt of application and resume is April 1, 1993.

For more information and application, contact Dr. Donald E. Oehlerts, School of Library and Information Studies, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA 30314, (404) 325-0778 or (404) 880-8702.

Literary study tour planned

Fort Hays State University is sponsoring the 20th Literature Study Tour, July 8-August 2, 1993. Participants will travel to Italy and Greece, including Sicily and several Greek islands. Study sessions and excursions related to literature are planned. For information, contact Donna J. Harsh, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Fort Hays State University, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601-4099.

NEW AND USEFUL

Map charts Louisiana Lit

Forty prominent Louisiana authors are featured in the Louisiana Literary Map, a project of the Louisiana Library Association and the Louisiana Council of Teachers of English. The map depicts the scope of Louisiana's contribution to American literature, and can be used as a classroom tool or a decorative item. Among the authors identified with the state through their works and residence are Robert Penn Warren, Kate Chopin, Ernest J. Gaines, and Walker Percy.

Copies of the map are available for \$10.00, plus \$3.00 postage and handling, from Louisiana Library Association, P.O. Box 3058, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Disability publications recognized

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), an ALA division, has recognized the achievements of seven periodicals that exemplify the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The publications were cited because they "empower persons with disabilities by sharing information about products, research, legislation and daily living, and they question the status quo while seeking solutions to the barriers of physical and social access."

The seven periodicals recognized were *Computer-Disability News*, *Dendron*, *Disability Rag*, *Mainstream — The Magazine for the Able-Disabled*, *The SHHH Journal*, *Silent News*, and *Spinal Network Extra*. For information, contact the ASCLA office at (800) 545-2433, ext. 4399.

ASCLA has also published "The Americans with Disabilities Act—Its Impact on Libraries," proceedings from a preconference held in conjunction with ALA's

1992 conference in San Francisco. The book is priced at \$28 (\$25 for ASCLA members) and is available through the ALA Order Department at (312) 280-5108.

"Choice" reviews database available

The *Choice* Reviews Database is now available for license through CARL Systems, Inc., of Denver. CARL Systems, Inc., the marketing and support organization of the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, supported the *Choice* database as a test site as ALA began to develop a book reviews database. CARL made the resource available to its members through its online public access catalog, and to others in the academic community on a pilot basis.

The database currently contains more than 26,000 reviews, and is growing by 600 reviews per month. Libraries interested in licensing the database can contact CARL Systems, Inc. 3801 E. Florida Avenue, Bldg. D. Suite 300, Denver, CO 80222, (303) 758-3030.

Environmental puzzle offered

The Children's Book Council commissioned author/illustrator Helen Cowcher to illustrate a jigsaw puzzle to help teach young children about nature and conservation. "The African Savanna Jigsaw Puzzle," designed for children in pre-kindergarten to third grade, is 10" by 13" when assembled, and pictures a giraffe, a rhinoceros, and several small birds in an African savanna setting.

The puzzle is available for \$8.50 (prepaid) from the Children's Book Council, Order Center, 350 Scotland Road, Orange, NJ 07050. Schools and libraries may be billed for orders over \$25.00 when accompanied by purchase order or official letterhead.



NEW EDITOR DELAYED

In the Fall issue of *SELn* we announced the appointment of a new editor. Due to illness Steve Johnson will be unable to assume this role. On a temporary basis send all manuscripts, press releases or inquiries to the SELA office.

New from ALA Books

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ALABAMA



Auburn joins ARL

Auburn University Libraries has been invited to become a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the culmination of a longtime goal. Auburn will become ARL's 120th member institution.

"To say the least, we are most excited about becoming an ARL member library," said University Librarian William C. Highfill. The university community has been working toward the goal for many years; it was first formally proposed by former President James E. Martin in 1984. In assessing the research value of the Auburn University Libraries, ARL studied the libraries' collection size, volumes added in a year, total library expenditures, number of serial subscriptions, and number of full-time faculty/staff. After Auburn achieved a qualifying score derived from these variables for four consecutive years, and underwent a qualitative review, ARL extended the invitation for membership.

FLORIDA



Summer reader Treks to Hollywood

Seven-year-old Alphaeus Brown of Miami won a trip to Hollywood as the grand prize in the 1992 Summer Reading Program of the Miami-Dade Public Library System. In October, he and his family flew to California, where they toured the set of the TV series "Star Trek: The Next Generation," and met star Patrick Stewart.

He won the prize in a drawing of more than 50,000 entries held August 22nd. Two days later, Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida, and Alphaeus couldn't be reached with the good news until mid-September.

Sponsors who helped the library system present its popular 1992 reading program included a local newspaper, two television stations, a radio station, the public school system, and the library's Friends group.

GEORGIA



New libraries underway

Voters in Fayette County have approved a special 1% sales and use tax to raise \$4 million within nine months to build a new library. Funding will include money for books and materials. The Flint River Regional Library System will apply for \$2 million from the highly successful construction grant program available through the State Division of Public Library Services to add to the project's budget.

Local funding for two other projects within the regional system has also been committed. Peachtree City will expand and renovate its library, which was built in 1986, and Tyrone will build a new facility.

KENTUCKY



Strategic plan set

The Kentucky Library Association reports that several areas of emphasis have been identified in the strategic plan for the state recently completed. They are: access to information, legislation and funding, intellectual freedom, public awareness, personnel resources, library services, development and technology, and organizational support.

KLA and the Kentucky School Media Association will hold their first joint conference in October, revolving around the theme, "The Roaring 90's, A Real Deal for Kentucky's Libraries."

LOUISIANA



"Library Power" reaches La.

ALA has received a \$604,000 one-year grant from the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund which will enable it

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to add Baton Rouge and 16 other sites around the country to its Library Power program of revitalizing public and elementary school libraries.

Begun in the New York City Public Schools in 1988, Library Power is a program which seeks to make the library an integral part of the educational program of schools. School districts selected to participate in the program must commit to hiring full-time librarians for each Library Power site. A portion of the grant supports professional development for librarians, teachers and administrators, enabling them to work together to develop effective library programs in the school.

RFP's for Library Power planning grants are available from Ann Weeks, National Library Power Program, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 280-4386.

MISSISSIPPI



MLA charts its course

The Mississippi Library Association chose the theme "Charting Our Course" for its 1992 conference. Among those in attendance was SELA president Gail Lazenby, who met with Mississippi chapter members and recruited new members for SELA as well.

MLA presented several awards during the conference, including an Outstanding Achievement Award which went to Friends of Mississippi Libraries, Inc. The poster sessions which were introduced to the conference three years ago were continued this year. Among the presentations was "State of the Art in Technical Services," which utilized a 1906 typewriter, a pasting machine, and other items to trace the advancement to the computer age.

NORTH CAROLINA



Libraries face materials challenges

According to Dr. Gene D. Lanier, chair of NCLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, public librarians and trustees in North Carolina have been busy in recent months defending titles in their collections. At least four libraries have had challenge hearings about *Daddy's*

Roommate and *Heather Has Two Mommies*, books for children of gay/lesbian parents.

Organized pressure groups have filed reconsideration forms, and attacked the libraries in the press with letters to the editor and paid advertisements. One case was cited in *Time* magazine, and a complainant appeared on "Larry King Live." In the political arena, some groups have threatened board members, library directors, city council members, and county boards of commissioners. In all cases, trustees have voted to retain the titles. In Cumberland County, public library bonds were approved by a close vote despite an attack from a pressure group.

VIRGINIA



Partnership program honored

U.S. Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander presented an "A+ for Breaking the Mold" award to Fairfax County, for innovative partnership programs between the public library and the school system.

Fairfax County Public Library and the local school district have cooperated on summer reading programs, homework support, and programs for teachers and child-care providers.

In addition, the public and school libraries have linked electronic catalogs providing library users access to a combined collection of more than 600,000 titles and 5 million items.

WEST VIRGINIA



"Reading Buddies" created

The Friends of the Pineville Library brought children and adults together this past summer in an innovative program called "Reading Buddies." The adults, 22 volunteers from the Friends group, were paired with kids recruited through the library and the schools.

The pairs met at the library at least once a week throughout the summer, with the adults helping kids select books and encouraging their interest in reading. Many of the pairs also did crafts, played games, or went on excursions together, with every activity planned to emphasize and develop reading skills.

PEOPLE

Luella B. Davis, Coordinator, Bibliographic Instruction/Reference Librarian at Emory University, is currently serving as an ALA Library Fellow, teaching introductory courses in library automation at the University Ibadan in Nigeria. □ **Jo Jo Englund** is now a North Main Branch Librarian at Richland County (SC) Public Library. □ **Sara Reynolds Fuller** has retired from the staff of the Paducah (KY) Community College Library, after 22 years of service. □ **Sharon Gaus** is now Branch Manager, Sue Kellogg Branch, at DeKalb County (GA) Public Library. □ **Ellen Hellard**, Director of Field Services Division at the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, retired in January. She had been with the department since 1966. □ **Dr. Joe A. Hewitt** is serving as Acting University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Hewitt has been Associate University Librarian for Technical Services since 1975. □ **Diane S. Hollyfield** has been appointed Head of the Acquisition Services Department at Virginia Commonwealth University. □ **Carol R. Hunter** has been named Development Officer at Birmingham Public Library. BPL's new Development Office was created to formalize the grant-seeking process benefitting its special collections housed in the Linn-Henley Research Library. □ **Gary Lynn Johnson**, retired from Birmingham Public Library after 26 years, has joined the staff of the Memphis and Shelby County (TN) Public Library and Information Center, as Ready Reference Manager in the LINC Department. □ **Tommy Nixon** has joined the Reference Department at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. □ **Diane Pettit** has been

appointed to the staff of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Music Library. □ **Joan Scrudato** has joined the DeKalb County (GA) Public Library, as a Reference Librarian, Wesley Chapel Branch. □ **Bryan T. Sinclair** is now Reference Librarian, J. Drake Edens Library, Columbia (SC) College. □ **Dr. Jessie Carney Smith**, University Librarian at Fisk College, received a Professional Achievement Award, for extraordinary achievement in professional activities, from ALA's Black Caucus. □ **Cathy Stafford** has joined the staff of the Cobb County (GA) Public Library System, as a Reference Librarian at the Central Library. □ **David Tucker** is now Branch Manager, Brookhaven Branch, at DeKalb County (GA) Public Library. □ **Patricia Vaught** has been named Cataloger of Ibero-American Materials at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. □ **Sarah Watstein** has been appointed Assistant Director for Academic Services and Head of James Branch Cabell Library, University Library Services, at Virginia Commonwealth University.

DEATHS

Jimadean S. Ireland, Librarian at Owensboro (KY) High School and a past President of KLA (1964-1965) has died. □ **Roscoe M. Pierson**, retired from his position as Librarian, Bosworth Memorial Library, Lexington (KY) Theological Seminary, has died. He served as KLA President, 1963-1964. □ **Gene Teitelbaum**, Professor, School of Law, University of Louisville, and former Director of the Law Library (1974-1986), died in November, 1992.

SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM 1993

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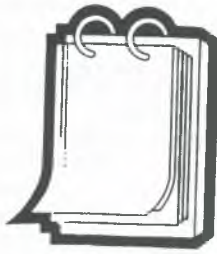
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April 13-16	AL	ALLA Annual Conference. Huntsville Hilton and Von Braun Civic Center. Huntsville, AL.
April 29-May 1,	TN	TLA Annual Conference. Stouffer Hotel. Nashville, TN.
May 11-13	FL	FLA Annual Conference. Daytona Beach Marriott. Daytona Beach, FL.
October 9-11	AR	Arkansas Library Association Conference. Park Hilton. Hot Springs, AR.
October 13-16	GA	GLA Biennial Conference. Jekyll Island. GA. (Joint conference with GLMA, GAIT and GAMR)
October 14-16	WV	WVLA Annual Conference. The Gateway Holiday Inn and Conference Center. Huntington, WV.
October 19-22	NC	NCLA Biennial Conference.
October 27-30	KY	KLA Annual Conference. Hyatt Regency. Lexington, KY. Joint Conference with Kentucky School Media Association.
October 27-30	MS	MLA Annual Conference. Natchez, MS.
October 28-30	VA	VLA Annual Conference. Waterside Convention Center. Norfolk, VA.
December 8-10	SC	SCLA Annual Conference. The Omni. Charleston, SC.

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October 26-29	VA	VLA Annual Conference. Hilton Hotel. Williamsburg, VA.
November 8-11	MS	MLA Annual Conference. Coliseum Ramada Inn. Jackson, MS.

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October 3-6	NC	NCLA Biennial Conference. Koury Convention Center. Greensboro, NC.

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