

# News from the Field

## ACQUISITIONS

• The Manuscript Division in the **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS** has recently acquired the papers of Edward William Brooke, U.S. senator from Massachusetts, Ninetieth to Ninety-fifth Congresses; the papers of Wiley Blount Rutledge (1894-1949), who served as associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1943 to 1949; and the papers of Charles H. Malik, educator, first minister to the United States from Lebanon, holder of various ministerial posts within Lebanon, longtime member and sometime chairman of the Lebanese Delegation to the United Nations (UN), and president of the UN General Assembly, 1958-59.

## GRANTS

• The John Ben Snow Foundation has awarded a matching grant of \$300,000 to **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY** for the construction of facilities to house the university's Audio Archives and Thomas Alva Edison Re-recording Laboratory. The grant, which will be given over a four-year period, must be matched by funds from other sources. The Audio Archives house more than 200,000 disc records, 2,500 tapes, and 3,000 cylinders.

• The New Jersey State Library has awarded a grant of more than \$5,000 to the **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY** Library Computer Center to support the development of a Computer Output Microfilm Supplement to the Rutgers Union Catalog.

• The **BOSTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE (BTI)**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, an ecumenical consortium of nine libraries, has received grants totaling \$66,000 from the Lilly Endowment, the Council on Library Resources, and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation. These grants will support the first half of a two-year project to complete the conversion of the *BTI Union List of Serials* to machine-readable form through the CONVERSION of SERIALS project (CONSER).

• **WHEATON COLLEGE**, Norton, Massachusetts, has received a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan, toward the construction of a major addition to the library. When completed, the \$2.8-million library addition will increase shelf space by 60 percent (in underground construction designed for low energy use) and greatly increase study space for students and faculty. Wheaton College has also received a \$20,000 grant from the Charles E. Merrill Trust for library acquisitions.

• The U.S. Office of Education has awarded an Ethnic Heritage Studies grant of almost \$50,000 to the General Libraries at the **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**. The grant will be used for a project entitled "Archives and Textbooks, A New

Lease on Life." The purpose of the project is to improve the availability of Mexican American primary sources, particularly to textbook writers and curriculum developers.

• The Joel E. Ferris Foundation, Spokane, Washington, has awarded a grant of \$5,204 to **WHITMAN COLLEGE**, Walla Walla, Washington, to support the work of the Northwest Archival Collection project at the Penrose Memorial Library. The grant will be used for the purchase of microfilms of regional papers of the late nineteenth century, reproduction of photographs, and the purchase of supplies and equipment for the proper storage of archival materials.

## MEETINGS

**FEBRUARY 23-24:** The **SECOND EATON CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY LITERATURE**, organized and sponsored by the University Library of the University of California at Riverside, will have the theme "Toward a Theory of Fantasy." The conference will have two parts. The first part, "Theory of Fantasy," will consist of papers by major scholars in the field. The second, "Practice of Fantasy," will be a round-table discussion among writers, critics, and editors. For further information, contact: George Slusser, Curator, Eaton Collection, The University Library, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA 92507.

**APRIL 7-10:** The **CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION's** fifty-ninth Annual Convention will be held at the Superdome and Le Pavillon Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the conference will be "Catholic Educators: Partners with the Family." For further information contact John T. Corrigan, C.F.X., Program Coordinator, Catholic Library Association, 461 W. Lancaster Ave., Haverford, PA 19041; (215) M19-5251.

**APRIL 21-25:** The **NATIONAL MICROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION's** twenty-ninth Annual Conference & Exposition in New York City will have the theme "Focus on Productivity." Registration information may be obtained by writing to the Conference Department, National Micrographics Association, 8719 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by calling (301) 587-8202.

**MAY 8-9:** The **LOEX** exchange, the national academic library instruction clearinghouse, will sponsor the annual national **CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY ORIENTATION/INSTRUCTION FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIES** at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. To receive a brochure about the meeting, contact Carolyn Kirkendall, Director, LOEX Exchange, Center of Educational Resources, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. ■■