

and curriculum reform," said Martha Brogan, chair of the Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant committee, "Moreover, it makes more widely known the contributions to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow as a book selector for Harvard College Library. Committee members found the proposal to be imaginative and compelling, and believe that it illustrates the link between librarianship and the wider scholarly community."

The project will trace the book-buying journey of Longfellow to Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and Rotterdam from April to December 1835 attempting to establish the date and place of

his purchase, the names of the book dealers, and the list of titles acquired. While in the Netherlands, Reinhardt will try to reconstruct the content of a shipment of Dutch books lost at sea.

Reinhardt received her Ph.D. in comparative and dramatic literature from Cornell University and her MLS from Simmons College. She has held several positions at Harvard University, and one at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

The grant is awarded to an ALA member to study some aspect of West European studies, librarianship, or the book trade.



ACRL national conference moves to Salt Lake City

Julian Bond and Paul Saffo to speak at ACRL's 6th National Conference, April 12-14, 1992

A new site and dates for the ACRL Sixth National Conference was approved on March 11, 1991, by the American Library Association Executive Board. The conference will be held April 12-14, 1992, in Salt Lake City Utah.

The conference was originally planned for April 1-4, 1992 in Phoenix, Arizona. The ACRL Board of Directors voted January 13, 1991, to move the conference out of Phoenix because of the failure of the Arizona referendum to establish a paid state holiday in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Richard M. Dougherty, president of the American Library Association commended the ACRL Board for acting on their convictions and said he particularly appreciated the quick action and commitment of the chapter representatives, ALA's chapter relations staff, and ACRL officers and staff. "It was not an easy task to work out a mutually satisfactory solution to this very complex and sensitive issue," Dougherty said. "All involved are to be congratulated."

ACRL had considered meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, March 25-28, 1992, but learned that a St. Louis conference would conflict with state association meetings in Illinois and Kansas. Salt Lake City was able to move a local meeting out of its

center to allow space for ACRL.

The request to hold the conference in Utah was accompanied by letters of welcome from the Utah Library Association and all contiguous state library associations.

"The Utah Library Association is happy to welcome the ACRL conference to Salt Lake," said Eileen Longworth, president of the Utah Library Association and director of the Salt Lake County Public Library System. "We look forward to the opportunity of showing off our beautiful state and meeting with our colleagues from around the country."

Joseph A. Boissé, ACRL national conference chair and director of the University of California, Santa Barbara Library, stated he was pleased that the new site is set and the Conference Committee can continue planning. Boissé said the committee has selected former Georgia state representative and civil rights activist Julian Bond and futurist Paul Saffo to speak at the conference. The conference theme is "Academic Libraries Achieving Excellence in Higher Education."

Preconference workshops will be held on Saturday, April 11, 1992, and the all-conference reception that evening. Conference programs will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 12 and end at 4:00

p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 1992. A post-conference is being planned for Wednesday, April 15, 1992.

Information on submitting a paper, a program proposal or poster session proposal immediately

follows this article or call the ACRL office, 800-545-2433, ext. 2516 for details. The deadline is May 1, 1991, for contributed papers, July 31, 1991, for program proposals and November 1, 1991, for poster sessions. ■■

Althea H. Jenkins named ACRL executive director

Althea H. Jenkins, library director at the Sarasota/New College Campus of the University of South Florida, has been appointed executive director of ACRL effective July 8, 1991. In her new post, Jenkins will serve as head of the 11,000-member division, the largest of ALA's 11 divisions. Jenkins succeeds JoAn S. Segal, who was appointed ALA associate executive director for programs in May, 1990.

"I am delighted with Althea's appointment," said Barbara J. Ford, ACRL president. "She is eminently qualified for the position with her many years of academic library experience and her association leadership as past president of both the Florida ACRL chapter and the Florida Library Association. Her activities on ACRL committees and broad record of publications and professional presentations make her an excellent choice."

ALA Executive Director Linda F. Crismond said, "Althea's experience and leadership abilities will be an asset to the ALA management team. She has a strong record of active commitment to the profession, to ACRL, to the education community and to her local community."

Jenkins, commenting that she never imagined her career outside the walls of an academic institution, quickly adds, "This is a great challenge that I am looking forward to. The opportunity to improve the visibility of academic librarians and libraries within higher education is but one aspect of the job that makes it so appealing. I am excited about working with the ACRL staff, board, chapters, sections and committees, with other ALA division directors and department heads, and continuing the outreach to other information and higher education organizations and associations."

Jenkins is also a guest lecturer and associate instructor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida. She previously served as library director and professor at Miami-Dade Community College and supervisor and teacher in the Adult Basic Education Program at Indian River Community College, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Active in the profession, Jenkins currently serves as chair of the ACRL Access Policy Guidelines Task Force. She is a member of the ACRL University Libraries Section Conference Program Planning Committee; the Library Administration and

Management Association (LAMA) Governmental Affairs Committee; the Social Responsibilities Round Table; and the Black Caucus of the ALA.

Jenkins is chair of the Sarasota County Historical Commission and member of Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla., board of trustees. She is a member of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and the Committee on Higher Education Presbyterian Church USA. Jenkins is grant evaluator and panelist for Title III and Talent Search, Upward Bound, Economic Opportunity (TRIO) Programs, USDOE, Office Postsecondary Education. She also serves on site visit teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Her community involvement includes serving as a board of directors member for the Community Foundation of Sarasota, United Way of Sarasota and Girls Incorporated of Sarasota. Jenkins received her bachelor's degree in library science from Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Fla.; her master's degree in library and information science from Florida State University and her doctoral degree in educational administration from Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Both Ford and Crismond commended ACRL deputy director and acting executive director Cathleen Bourdon for the "excellent support and leadership" she has provided to ACRL and ALA. "She guided the division through a challenging decision to move the 1992 national conference from Arizona and filled two jobs for the last ten months," Crismond said.

ACRL members serving on the ACRL Executive Director Search Committee, chaired by consultant Maureen Sullivan, were: Hiram L. Davis, Michigan State University; Barbara J. Ford, Trinity University; W. Lee Hisle, Austin Community College; William A. Moffett, Huntington Library; Elizabeth Salzer, Santa Clara University; and Patricia Wand, American University. ■■



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