

state leagues of cities and towns, the inter-organizational awareness of medical, business and legal librarians, specialization within bibliographer and reference assignments, and the promotion of professional association liaison activities by ACRL.

Librarians wishing to promote professional liaison must be enthusiastic and persistent. Adding active participation in another professional association to participation in local, regional, state or national library associations will require additional funding and leave time. Both personal dedication and institutional support must be present.

Promoting a library committee within an association could prove self-defeating if only librarians are on the committee. Librarians talking to fellow librarians is a fine idea for collegial networking and very useful, but it does not promote the visibility of librarians in the organization or encourage other professional contacts. Far more effective, it seems

to me, would be to infiltrate existing committees and integrate one's ideas into their functions. Developing a supporting network within the organization is imperative if activities are to be productive. Utilizing well-known members at sessions sponsored by librarians, or serving on panels set up by association members will prove effective. All such activities will open channels for marketing library functions.

The librarian who accepts the challenge of professional liaison may often feel like the circus performer astride two horses. Keeping aboard both may not always be easy; the temptation exists to bail off both or step back astride one. The determined performer will master both. The librarian who participates in both library and other professional associations has the opportunity to develop perspective, objectivity and an understanding of the library profession in its relationship to other fields. ■ ■

Chapter visits

The ACRL President-Elect reports on two recent chapter meetings.

Missouri, April 25. ACRL's Missouri Chapter asked me to give the keynote address at their Spring Conference at Maryville. The conference theme was "Library Automation: Realities and Rewards." It was appropriately held at Northwest Missouri State University, which has a beautiful new electronic library utilizing a number of the latest library technologies, including the LS 2000 system.

The conference included sessions on indexing for the online catalog, on system planning, on electronic mail, on barcoding, user training, and patron access and identification. The 70 participants were provided with very practical and much-needed information on planning and implementing a library automation system, including positive

and negative aspects.

It was indeed a privilege to visit a new library facility built for technology and to experience various automated library services, including a video teaching system. Nancy Hanks, the director of the B.D. Owens Library, can be proud of her and her staff's accomplishment. I also appreciated the fine Missouri hospitality, especially the dinner with Madonna and Tom Kennedy at the Apple Tree.

Montana, May 1-3. I arrived at Kalispell on an absolutely beautiful, clear and sunny afternoon and received a warm welcome from members of the Montana Library Association who were meeting jointly with ACRL's Montana Chapter. My first view of the Glacier Park mountains was

brehtaking and I could not get enough of it.

This was the first program meeting for the Montana Chapter, which also includes the Special Libraries Division members. The meeting, which included an ACRL Continuing Education course taught by Maureen Sullivan, was entitled "Librarians—An Endangered Species? Challenges for Librarians in the 1990s." Gail Schlachter, president of Reference Services Press, and I shared the platform in addressing this intriguing theme. After our presentation the audience (approximately 50 participants) broke into small groups to discuss the "negative and positive forces" that librarians would have to deal with in the 1990s. A summary of the discussions concluded the program.

In the morning I also addressed the joint meeting of the Montana Academic and Special Libraries Divisions and spoke about the importance of

ACRL and its chapters. In the evening I talked briefly about the importance of being an ALA and ACRL member at a dinner for Montana ALA members.

All in all my visit to the Montana ACRL chapter was a most enjoyable and educational one. Montana librarians are few in number and spread over an enormously large territory, but they are eager to encompass new technologies and new ideas and they certainly exhibit much cooperation and the warmest hospitality. While there I could not help but feel that I was experiencing the spirit of pioneer and frontier hospitality, aptly demonstrated by the never-ending supply of homemade cookies at the exhibits' hospitality table, as well as the warmth and assistance provided by my hostesses, Barbara DeFelice and Janice Brandon. —*Hannelore B. Rader.* ■■

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News from the Field

Acquisitions

• Brown University Library, Providence, Rhode Island, has established a collection of more than 1,200 items relating to Judaism, to be known as the Ernest S. Frerichs Library of Biblical and Judaic Studies, after a former Dean of the Graduate School. The foundation of the collection is a gift of Judaic Studies materials from Professor Jacob S. Neusner, emphasizing analyses and criticism of the Mishna, Talmud, Bible, Midrash and general religious thought; ancient history; archaeology and art; and general Jewish studies and thought.

• The Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, has acquired some important and rare historical items, including Zadock Cramer's *The Ohio and Mississippi Navigator*, Third Corrected Edition. The book was a very popular guide to western rivers and went through twelve editions. Other new Society acquisitions include: Col. James Smith's *A Treatise on the Mode and Manner of Indian Warfare*, printed by Joel R. Lyle in Paris, Kentucky, in 1812, an early guide to Indian fighting; and the second known copy of an unrecorded broadside of Thomas Jefferson's inaugural speech, printed on silk by Nathaniel Willis in Chillicothe in 1801. All items are available for researchers investigating the early history of the Northwest Territory.

• Rutgers University's Archibald Alexander Library, New Brunswick, New Jersey, has recently acquired the only known surviving copy of a

French book of 1534. The little volume (3" x 4") is a collection of the poetry of Clément Marot (1496–1544) to which he gave the title *L'Adolescence Clémentine*. The edition was previously thought to have appeared in Paris, but is now known to have been printed in Lyons, and is the earliest known illustrated edition. The book was first published in Paris in 1532 and was followed by the *Suite de L'Adolescence Clémentine* in 1533. Although best sellers in their time, copies are now extremely rare. The *Suite*, also present in the newly acquired volume, was constantly added to as Marot wrote new poems, and so the successive new editions put out by enterprising publishers enable the chronology of this group of Marot's poems to be more firmly established as his books come to light. A pirated edition, the book also gives information on the activities of a printer who evaded the equivalent of today's copyright laws.

Grants

• Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan, has received an NEH grant of more than \$82,000 to establish a direct visual access system for the photograph collection in the Museum's Archival and Library Collections. The project will make more than 30,000 images from the Ford Motor Company Photograph Collection, currently staff-serviced and largely unresearched, directly accessible to researchers. The photos illus-