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## CALENDAR

Dec. 13	Mary Todd Lincoln's Birthday
Dec. 15	Bill of Rights Day
Dec. 16	Library Faculty Meeting, 8:30 a.m. <u>Library News Submission Deadline</u> Annual Christmas Luncheon Underdog Day
Dec. 17	Wright Brothers Day
Dec. 21	National Flashlight Day Phileas Fogg Wins a Wager Day
Jan 7-12	AIA Midwinter Conference, Washington, D.C.

Next "Green Bean" issue: January 6.

Submission deadline: 10 a.m., January 3.  
Emergency items can be submitted to the editor by  
phone after the deadline (7-1631).

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## INFORUM

### Map Reading Tables

A light table has been moved from the Map Room to the Periodicals Area and is now available for use anytime the library is open. Two light tables will remain in the Map Room to be used only when the Map Room is open (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). (Gwen Curtis)

### Thanksgiving Donations

The Thanksgiving Committee wants to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Thanksgiving baskets. They received \$54.00 and enough canned goods for three needy families. The Committee purchased turkey, trimmings, and several staples for each family. All families were very appreciative of the gifts. (Perry Bratcher, Karen Croneis, Loraine Bates, Pam Fields, Patty Hornback, and Sonja Rigen)

### Annual Christmas Luncheon--Dec. 16, 1983 in the Paperback Reading Room

Yes, you can feel the excitement building in the air as we approach the gala event of the year--the annual Christmas luncheon! By now, sign-up sheets for food items should be circulating in your department with an explanation regarding "white elephants."

You're encouraged to bring along a small wrapped gift for a child. The gift should be labeled "boy" or "girl" with the appropriate age designated. These gifts will be donated to local charitable organizations.

Non-LSO members are expected to pay \$1.50 each at the door to help defray the \$200 + cost of the affair. (Hank Harken)

### Library News Deadline

The submission deadline for the January issue of Library News is December 16. (Brian Coutts)

### Video Display Terminal Precautions

Recent studies from the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) and the American Optometric Association give the following recommendations for the use of VDTs.

Operators' arms should be at 90 degree angles at the elbows.

Chairs should be adjustable for height.

Screens should be covered with antiglare shields.

Lighting should be indirect.

Screen-hoods should be used to cut glare.

· VDTs should be adequately ventilated to reduce build-up of negative ions, dust, smoke, and pollen.

· Work surfaces should be light-colored and textured.

Work areas should be decorated with attractive posters, photos, etc. to encourage restful focusing of eyes away from the screen.

The height of the VDT should be set with the top of the screen 10 degrees above and the center of the screen 20 degrees below the operator's straight-ahead vision.

Reference materials should be placed at the same distance from the eyes as the screen.

Lighting should be set at only 30-50 candles; characters on the screen should be 3-4 times brighter than the room light and 10 times brighter than the screen background.

There should be no bright light behind the operator.

Terminals should be adjustable for height and tilt.

Keyboards should be less than 60 mm thick.

Keyboards should have matte finishes.

Key tops should be concave.

Color and brightness should be adjustable.

Also recommended are annual visual examinations, regular work breaks of 15 minutes every two hours, and permission for pregnant staff to refuse work on terminals during the term of the pregnancy.

Special glasses are being made for users of bifocal and trifocal lenses to make terminal use more comfortable and to reduce emissions reaching the eyes.

Further information can be obtained from:

The American Optometric Association  
243 North Lindberg Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63141  
(314)991-4100

National Organization of Working Women  
phone hotline: 1-800-521-VDTS

LITA, American Library Association  
50 East Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
(312)944-6780

(Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), p. 212)

#### ALA To Debut Electronic Mail System

This coming January, ALA will introduce ALANET, an electronic mail service which will link members and provide access to library suppliers, information bulletins, various databases, and document delivery systems.

Access requires any standard terminal and a modem. Costs include a \$30 signup fee, \$7.50 a month billing fee, and a connect-hour charge for system use.

For more information, contact Joel Lee, ALA HQ Librarian, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. (Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), p. 2123)

#### East Asian Cataloging on OCLC

Asiagraphics is working with OCLC to create a process whereby Chinese characters can be cataloged without a special keyboard; romanized Chinese characters will be converted into pictographic characters. (Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), p. 2120)

#### Corporate Author Searching on OCLC

Corporate author searches are now available on OCLC Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in addition to the usual post-4:30 p.m. and weekend schedule.

#### Automated Systems Security

The September issue of Information Technology and Libraries contains an article by Joseph Matthews on automation security (pp. 265-271). The article contains a lengthy checklist. (Library Hotline, XII-37, p. 5)

#### SOLINET Area Micro Users Group

The SOLINET Microcomputer Users Group (SMUG) will now handle the network's responses to questions concerning "hardware, software, logon procedures, and many other aspects of micro use." In addition, the group will provide general information on microcomputers. Contact person is Lori Schecter, Cumberland College Library, 821 Walnut St., Williamsburg, KY. Phone: (606)549-2200, ext. 329. (Library Hotline, XII-37, p. 4)

#### Automated System Publicity and Training

The Brister Library at Memphis State University is installing a CLSI circulation and catalog system. They have a committee to study the role of user education and to direct the initial publicity and training and are therefore interested in any available sample approaches from other programs. Contact Janell Rudolph, Instruction Librarian, Brister Library, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN 38152. (LOEX News (Fall 1983), p. 3)

#### ALA Scholarships

The following scholarships are available to Master's Degree students or candidates for admission to Library and Information Science Programs at ALA accredited programs.

##### David H. Clift Scholarship

Available to U.S. or Canadian citizens and stressing such factors as academic excellence, leadership qualities, and career commitment.

##### Frederick W. Faxon Scholarship

Available to U.S. and Canadian citizens and foreign students, stressing academic excellence, leadership, ability to do independent research and an understanding of or desire to learn computer applications.

##### Louise Giles Minority Scholarship

Available to U.S. or Canadian citizens currently enrolled or considering admission. Deadline: Dec. 15.

##### Frederick G. Melcher Scholarship

Available to U.S. and Canadian citizens, stressing the desire to work with children.

Further information is available from the American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. (Access, 2 (Nov. 23, 1983), p. 1)

#### SPEC Kit #98--Telecommunications in ARL Libraries

This SPEC Kit contains two documents on networks, seven on interconnection among libraries, one on gateways/links, and two on standards, plus a short bibliography.

#### New Books and Articles

Epstein, Susan Baerg. "Implementation: Preparing the Site," Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), pp. 2142-2143.

Implementing an automated system.

Farr, Rick C. "The Local Area Network (LAN)," Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), pp. 2130-2132.

Henderson, Kathryn Luther and William T. Henderson, eds. Conserving and Preserving Library Materials, 2d ed. (Allerton Park Institute, no. 27) Urbana-Champaign, IL: University of Illinois, 1981. (Z/701/.A444/1981)

McClure, Charles R. and Peter Hermon. Improving the Quality of Reference Service for Government Publications. Chicago: ALA, 1983. (Z/675/.D4/MB7/1983)

Reeling, Patricia. "Updating Your Government Information Skills: A Continuing Education Proposal," RQ, 23 (Fall 1983), 13-16.

Sherer, Elaine R. "Frustrating Subject Headings," Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), p. 2112.

Swanson, Pat. "Reference Librarians and Online Catalogs," RQ, 23 (Fall 1983), 23-26.

Tenopir, Carol. "More Publications About Databases," Library Journal (Nov. 15, 1983), pp. 2140-2141.

#### Five Years Ago This Month in the "Green Bean"

The M.I. King Library extended its weekend hours, including moving back the Sunday opening time from noon to 10 a.m.

Gwen Curtis attended a maps convention in Atlanta.

Harry Gilbert attended a SAALCK meeting in Murray, KY.

#### INFORMATION FROM THE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

An intelligent assessment of potential problems can often prevent terrible results. In older buildings, plumbing and wiring are often hazardous and should be inspected. Repairmen and contractors must understand the need for care when they work with pipes, welding equipment, and flammable materials. Cigarette use by staff and public must be carefully controlled. The great fire at the University of Texas Library was caused by a welder's torch, or at least by the contracting work going on in the building.

Fire prevention for libraries is an extremely important consideration. Fire itself is not the only concern; heat, smoke, and water may destroy books fire does not even reach. As always, prevention is the best approach. (Jessie Adams)

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
(For more information, contact Faith Harders.)

California

University Librarian and Associate Dean of Information Services,  
California State University at Chico. Salary: \$34,860-\$42,120.  
Deadline: January 15, 1984.

Assistant Head, Cataloging Division, and Head, Monographic Cataloging  
Section; UCLA. Salary: \$21,228-\$30,648. Deadline: January 15, 1984.

Connecticut

Archivist, Yale University. Salary: \$23,000 minimum. Deadline:  
January 20, 1984.

Illinois

NOTIS Marketing Librarian, Northwestern University. Salary:  
\$20,000-\$24,000. Deadline: December 30, 1983.

New Jersey

Plasma Physics Librarian, Princeton University. Salary: not  
specified. Deadline: March 15, 1984.

Cataloger, Near East Cataloging Team; Princeton University.  
Salary: not specified. Deadline: December 15, 1983.

New York

Reference Librarian for Business and Economics, New York University.  
Salary: \$20,000 minimum. Deadline: January 13, 1984.

Social Science Bibliographer/Data Collection Coordinator, SUNY at  
Albany. Salary: \$17,500 minimum. Deadline: January 30, 1984.

Head, Cataloging Dept.; SUNY at Albany. Salary: \$23,000 minimum.  
Deadline: January 31, 1984.

Assistant Director, Technical Services; SUNY at Albany. Salary:  
\$26,000 minimum. Deadline: January 31, 1984.

Senior Assistant Librarian/Associate Librarian, Cataloging Dept;  
SUNY at Buffalo. Salary: \$20,000 minimum. Deadline: not specified.

Pennsylvania

Head of Cataloging, Temple University. Salary: \$17,800 minimum.  
Deadline: January 13, 1984.

Washington

Scandinavian Cataloger, University of Washington. Salary:  
\$17,000 minimum. Deadline: December 30, 1983.

Slavic Cataloger, University of Washington. Salary: \$17,000  
minimum. Deadline: December 30, 1983.