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CALENDAR

August 24 Library Faculty Meeting

August 24 Faculty Meeting, Spindletop
Meeting - Back room Manion Suite
Luncheon - Front room, Manion
Suite

Sept. 7 German for Librarians

EXHIBITS: King North, Fine Books
 King South, Posters all around

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ABOUT THE LIBRARIES

Library Faculty Policy, Guidelines and Rules Committee Report 78/79

The Policy, Guidelines and Rules Committee chose this year to consider incentives for research and publication. The topic appeared to be a logical and timely follow-up to the sabbatical guidelines recommended by last year's committee.

Discussions revealed early that our topic should be broadened to include all forms of professional development. Committee members agreed that such activities as conducting workshops, participation in in-house instruction, and the production of instructional packages should be encouraged by appropriate incentives.

We noted that many types of incentives already exist: as a faculty we are eligible for sabbaticals and other opportunities available to all faculty members at the University of Kentucky; we are encouraged to attend meetings of professional associations, and to serve as officers and committee member in them; we serve on local library and campus committees; professional literature is routed for our perusal; and we are permitted, with the approval of our department heads, to attend classes during regular work hours. All of these activities require time away from our official work station.

Recognizing that these and other professional opportunities exist, the Committee observed that we already work in an academic climate which is conducive to professional growth. We, , turned our attention to incentives which would encourage more ambitious undertakings than those mentioned above. Following are our recommendations:

1. That an in-service training program be adopted by the library system for instruction in research methodology. Perhaps this program could be initiated by the Staff Development Committee.
2. That typing assistance be made available.
3. That research assistants (perhaps work-study students) be provided when available and when a project appears to warrant it.
4. That work space be provided when necessary.
5. That release time be adopted by the library system. We consider this to be the primary incentive for projects requiring a concentrated period of time. We suggest these guidelines:
 - a. Release time is in addition to, not a substitute for sabbatical leave, although it might follow a sabbatical to allow for completion of work already underway.
 - b. Release time should be available to a faculty member after review and approval of a project by the department head and the Director.
 - c. Release time should not require a rigid length of service in the library system before becoming eligible. The nature of an individual's duties and the type of project to be undertaken vary too much for a single time period to be appropriate.
 - d. Flexibility is necessary in determining the length and nature of release time. It might be part of an individual's regular assignment, as a percentage of

time to be spent in research. Librarians who do not wish to participate would receive an assignment of 100% of time to be spent on their primary duties. Or it could be an assignment for a concentrated period during which the librarian would be relieved of his/her primary duties. In no case should it equal a mini sabbatical.

Although there may be many incentives which could be listed, the committee identified three major items to consider. First, assistance in getting started, which could be accomplished with the help of a committee such as the Professional Development Committee or a Research Committee. Second, time to pursue a project, once started. And third, assistance in the form of typing, work space, materials, and sometimes leg work.

Learn A Language

There will be an organizational meeting for the minicourse "German for Librarians" in the conference room on MI King North 3rd floor on September 7 at 2 PM. Convener is Karl Boewe in Lederhosen.

Attend a Concert and Reception

The University of Kentucky Library Associates cordially invite you and your guests to a performance of APPALACHIAN SONGS AND BALLADS sung by Melanie Sovine Reid who will accompany herself on the autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

Immediately following the program there will be a reception honoring the donors of the current Gallery exhibit, FIFTY FINE BOOKS AT KENTUCKY.

Sunday, 26 August 1979, at 3 PM in the Department of Special Collections, King Library North. RSVP: 606/258-2651.

Data Services

Trudi Bellardo contributed this history of UK's data services at the request of the editor, Jane White's discussion of ERIC in last week's Green Bean was also requested. Do you have a special service?

Data Services--Then and Now

In September 1975 a new computer terminal arrived at King South and took up residence in a broom closet on the second floor. The broom closet became Data Services. With that terminal, a printer, a dataphone, a couple of manuals and two months of frantic self-training, I conducted my first computerized literature search in November 1975. Now that so many of us are jaded by such technological feats, it may be difficult to recall the wide-eyed wonder with which we greeted the first cryptic message from a computer located over 2,000 miles away. Actually, the very first attempt at online contact was not successful, nor the second, or even the third. As it turned out, the fault was not all mine--the computer was "down" that day. Along with everything else, I was quickly introduced to the jargon and the quirks of the computer.

Within a short time I was running literature searches regularly in the twenty databases stored in the computer facilities of Lockheed Information Systems and later, in the databases of System Development Corporation (SDC). These databases covered the literature of many scientific disciplines, education and psychology. The following year, Data Services joined the Reference Department, and moved out of the broom closet into a much bigger

office. We acquired an additional terminal, printer, and dataphone, and contracts for The Information Bank of the New York Times and INFO-KY of the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. These computerized newspaper indexes, particularly INFO-KY, proved to be very popular with undergraduates needing citations for term papers. The number of databases available online grew to over fifty.

By 1978, the number of databases was approaching 100, representing access to many millions of citations in all areas of science and technology, the social sciences, and the humanities. One database, Magazine Index, even answers questions of popular interest ("What are the five best Chinese restaurants in Chicago?").

In July of this year, another computer system, Bibliographic Retrieval Services (BRS), was added to the Data Services family. BRS'S cheaper searching rates will encourage more library patrons to take advantage of the computer's ability to search through vast amount of data quickly, and locate very specific subjects. The Reference Department staff welcomes your questions about online searching, computerized indexes, or any other aspect of our service.

VACANCIES

LT II - Med. Center (Tech. Services)
If intersted, call Bernie Baldini, 3-5949.

LT II - SOLINET
Clerical Ast. 016 -- Special Collections (Photo Archives Project)
If intersted, see Faith Harders.

Tech. III - IMMR
If intersted, call Theresa Wiley at 252-5535, ext. 283.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Serials Cataloger, University of Georgia. Salary \$10,000-\$16,000.
Application deadline Oct. 1, 1979.

Catalog Librarian, History of Economics, University of Kansas. Salary \$12,000-\$14,000. Application deadline August 31.

Rare book Cataloger, University of Miami. Salary \$14,000-\$17,000.
Application deadline, immediate. Position became available Aug. 1.

Monographic Cataloger, North Carolina State University. Salary dependent.
Application deadline September 15.

Assistant Documents Librarian, North Carolina State University. Salary \$13,000+. Application deadline Oct. 1.

Personnel Librarian. Ohio State University. Salary \$17,000-\$22,080.
Application deadline Sept. 30.

Reference Librarian, Ohio State at Newark Regional. Salary \$12,240-\$14,000
Application deadline.

Head, Biological Science Library, Ohio State University. Salary \$16,560-\$20,040. Application deadline Sept. 1.

Associate Director for Technical Services, University of Oklahoma. Salary, negotiable. Application deadline Sept. 7.

Head, Cataloging Department, Saskatchewan University. Salary \$19,319-\$24,093. Application deadline, position open until filled.

Service and Technology Librarian, Virginia Polytech Institute (VPI) and State University. Salary \$22,000-27,000. Application deadline, not given.

Assistant Director of Libraries, Western Illinois. Salary not given. Application deadline Sept. 1.

For further information, see Faith Harders.

