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Cornucopia of Books held at Elbin Library

by Sue Eichelberger

Do you sometimes long for a Saturday afternoon spent in the quiet of a college library? Or would you rather put aside the hush and watch as adults and children alike are caught up in the excitement of getting their favorite books autographed by the author?

If the second option appeals more to you than the quiet, you would have enjoyed the simple abundance of people, authors, books and crafts that took place in the West Liberty College Elbin Library on November 6th.

Library Director Cheryl Ryan Harshman brought her colleagues, friends, and a willing staff together to plan and hold a literary event of the season. Even Sally Arnold showed up and got to go home with several admirers. Thanks to all of you for making this delightful event available to so many.

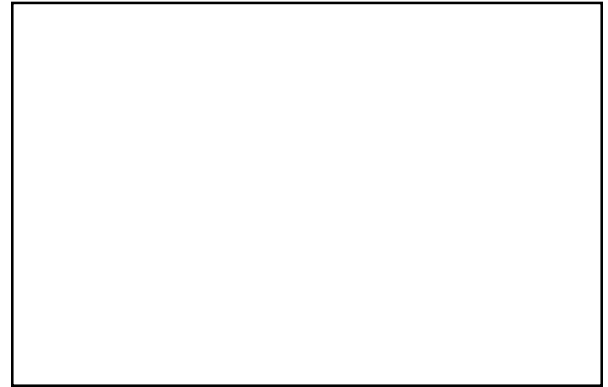
Marc Harshman previewed (and autographed) his latest book, *All the Way To Morning* and Anna Smucker was on hand to autograph her works and talk with the crowd.

And it was a crowd who filled every seat to watch children's author and illustrator Denise Fleming work the magic of pulp painting, a form of paper making she uses to illustrate her books. Denise enthralled everyone

with stories about how her book *In the Tall Tall Grass* and its companion book *In the Small, Small Pond* which were written using her own butterfly garden and pond as the place settings. Fleming claims to love caterpillars and tadpoles, creatures that transform themselves after they're already here. She is hoping the same thing happens to her next year when she turns 50.

Perhaps then her neighbors will invite her to lunch. She openly admits that her own actions probably discourage them. When the school board sold land near Fleming's Ohio home and the bulldozers came in, she went to watch the beginning of the disappearance of the woods, meadow, and creek. Standing there, with her dog in her arms she was struck with the idea for *Where Once There Was a Wood* and began running toward her home chanting the verses for the book so she wouldn't forget them.

If it has been a while since you have looked through one of Denise Fleming's award-winning creations, you might want a second look to see the hidden beauty. Not just the caterpillars and tadpoles she hides on each page, but take a closer look and you'll see the grass seed, sticks and purple sack string she uses for texture and color in her wonderful art. And yes, the pig in *Barnyard Banter* is colored with boiled rhubarb!



Author Denise Fleming autographs books for the crowd at Elbin College during the Cornucopia of Books.



West Virginia author Anna Egan Smucker signed books for the crowd.



Marc Harshman was on hand to autograph copies of his latest book.

On February 12, 2000, the legislators and the public will be able to see the advantages to having libraries of all types and sizes in their community. From 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the second floor of the Capital Rotunda will be filled with library supporters, tables overflowing with brochures, posters and flyers that describe that library's accomplishments.

However, everyone in the library community needs to work together to make this happen. I am currently asking public librarians to coordinate the efforts in their local areas. The divisions were made -

loosely—along the State Senatorial Districts.

Ann Henriksson is asking college and university librarians to participate. When both lists are complete, there will be a joint meeting to lay out the specific plans for Library Day at the Legislature. Flyers will be sent to all agencies that support libraries indicating the events of the day.

Your help is needed. Not only will you be asked to come and lobby your legislators but you will also be asked to provide information on what your library is known for and you will be asked to make

copies of flyers for programs, library information, and a synopsis of the many ways in which you provide what your patrons want.

A storytime will be provided for children in the morning and, hopefully, WV authors will come out in support of libraries in the afternoon to sign their books.

A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. I haven't determined yet where that reception will be. This year the reception is free. It will only cost you time. Gather your supporters to lobby, and to participate in the day's events.

Rare West Virginia History Bibliography available on the Web

The WVU Libraries, the WVU Press, and the West Virginia and Regional History Collection are pleased to announce the availability of the out of print book, *West Virginia History: A Bibliography and Guide to Research on the world wide web*. The author, Harold Forbes, is the Associate Curator at the West Virginia and Regional History Collection.

The book was published by the West Virginia University Press in 1981 and contains references covering the period from the pre-historic mound builders through the 1980s. The dates of the published materials range from 1672-1980.

Although it is out of print, it is still a valuable research tool. Originally costing \$9.00, the book is now selling from \$40.00 to more than \$70.00 when a copy can be located in used and rare book stores. Allowing free access to the bibliography is a service to

scholars studying the History of West Virginia.

More than thirty-one hundred resources are listed alphabetically under individual county names, and topical categories such as labor, feuds, coal mining, literature, folklore, geography, John Brown at Harpers Ferry, military and church history, slavery, and many others. Resources include books, pamphlets, periodical literature, and unpublished theses and dissertations

Most of the materials in the bibliography can be found in the WVU Libraries. The table of contents has been formatted for the web in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), and the contents were scanned in and saved in Portable Document Format (PDF). The work is available on the web at: <http://www.libraries.wvu.edu/wvcollection/history/>

WVLA Listserv up and running

WVLA now has an e-mail listserv that anyone can join. Take a look at the new page on the WVLA site. You can add yourself to the WVLA-list or just fill out the quick online form w/ your name and e-mail address. Steve Christo and Monica Brooks are the list moderators w/administrative control over the perimeters of the list itself. Monica did set it up as "public" so anyone can join and anyone can post. There is no filter but we do reserve the right to remove anyone who does abuse the list or refuse to follow normal conventions in proper "netiquette."

[HTTP://WVNMMS.WVNET.EDU/~WVLA/wvla_list.htm](http://wvnmms.wvnet.edu/~WVLA/wvla_list.htm)

A message from your ALA Councilor

Greetings!

As a newcomer to this post, I am hopeful I can effectively share exciting news from the American Libraries Association midwinter meeting January 14-19, 2000 in San Antonio, Texas. If you are attending the conference, enjoy your stay in this wonderful city. My mom, Amelia Brooks at WLSC Elbin Library, is originally from San Antonio— a place dear to my family's hearts with unarguably the best food and music in all of Texas!

Midwinter conference highlights include a special session entitled "Building International Library Communities/Construyendo Comunidades Bibliotecarias Internacionales." This program will bring together librarians from Mexico, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States to offer a framework for open dialogue among librarians and library associations. Look for our ALA slot at Spring Fling— I will share current ALA news, events, advocacy issues and pending legislation.

As always, ALA is involved in several critical issues that pertain to special, public, academic and school librarians. Major topics include: Diversity, Education and Continuous Learning, Equity of Access, Intellectual Freedom, and 21st Century Literacy (the ability to read or use computers — understanding that the ability to seek and effectively utilize information resources). The ALA Washington Office also provides support and workshop opportunities for its chapters. We will be exploring the opportunity to bring an ALA speaker to WVLA's annual conference in 2000 and investigate other benefits of our membership in this organization.

I invite any comments or suggestions as to how I may serve your needs and obtain ALA assistance and/or information to support your library and individual projects. Feel free to contact me anytime at brooks@marshall.edu or 304/696-6613. I look forward to hearing from you!

Ciao!

Monica García Brooks

Help Wanted:

The West Virginia Library Association is looking for an editor for *West Virginia Libraries* to assume the position for the February issue.

Please contact Pam Coyle at coyle@scpl.wvnet.edu

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West Virginia Library Association Scholarship Application and Procedure

West Virginia Library Association, hoping to increase the number of qualified ALA-accredited librarians in the state of West Virginia, established a scholarship fund for graduate work in 1990. To date, a number of scholarships have been awarded and we are extending the opportunity once again. The money in this fund, donated by members of the Association and others, has been used to assist WVLA members engaged in the pursuit of an ALA-accredited MLS degree.

Successful applicants must complete an

application form and submit all supporting documents as soon as possible. Scholarships will be awarded thereafter.

The Scholarship Procedures

1. Applicants must have been a member of the West Virginia Library Association for at least one year prior to the application deadline.
2. Applicants must submit the names of

three references, at least one of whom is a professional librarian.

3. Applicants must submit a 250-word essay stating their professional goals.
4. Applicants must submit an unofficial copy of their library school transcript, if coursework has been completed.
5. Applicants must submit proof that they have been officially admitted to an ALA-Accredited MLS program.
6. Applicants may submit a short statement detailing undue financial hardship.

WVLA Scholarship Application

Name _____

Library School (Name of School and Year Admitted)

WVLA Member _____ years/months

Address _____

How will this scholarship assist you:

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Current Position _____

Organization/Agency _____

List any wards, affiliations, and non-WVLA activities:

EDUCATION:

High School (Name, City, State)

College(s) (Name, City, State, Degree received, date degree received)

WVLA Activities (including, but not limited to, conferences attended, presentations made at conferences, committee services, roundtable-division activities, offices held):

REFERENCES

Name, address and phone number of three references (One of which must be a professional librarian):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

To be considered, the information must be received as soon as possible and include: the application, three references, essay, proof of admission to a MLS program, unofficial transcript of coursework completed, and statement of financial hardship - if applicable.

Return to:

Judith A. Duncan, Chair, Scholarship/
Continuing Education Committee,
St. Albans Branch Library,
602 4th Street,
St. Albans, WV 25177

WVLA SURVEY

Himmel & Wilson Study "Directions 2000"

The results of the WVLA survey based on Himmel & Wilson's "Directions 2000" study of library services in West Virginia has been compiled and the raw data of those results is presented herein. Five hundred and forty surveys were mailed in August 1999 to all then current members of WVLA. The deadline for return of the surveys was September 24, 1999. One hundred and twenty-two members responded. Respondents identified themselves as members of the following categories: 88 public, 15 academic, 1 school, 4 special libraries, 14 trustees, 0 West Virginia Library Commission employees, and 0 Commissioners. Some respondents identified themselves as mem-

bers of more than one category and some did not choose to identify themselves in any category. The total response percentage rate of 22.6% is well above the 2% to 3% response rate to satisfaction surveys based on the United States Postal Service findings outlined in their "Designing Reply Mail" publication. Though 122 WVLA members returned their surveys, not all respondents answered every question. Many commented that particular questions were beyond their experience or expertise and consequently did not choose to answer those questions. Therefore the total number of answers to particular questions varies accordingly.

The next step in completing the survey

report will be a statistical analysis of responses and a printing of a final report, which will also include all the "General Comments" as well as all comments to individual questions. Any comments or reactions to the survey results are welcome and should be addressed to Pamela Coyle, President WVLA at South Charleston Public Library, 312 Fourth Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303.

The final step and ultimate goal of the survey will be the development of a comprehensive statement of WVLA members' beliefs, priorities, and recommendations for the future direction of library service in West Virginia.

Results

Part I. — Funding

1. Dedicated funding at a state level should be sought for public libraries in West Virginia.
yes - 114 no - 1 no answer - 2
2. Public Library Standards for WV should be written and developed by:
WVLA - 7 WVLC - 11 both WVLA and WVLC - 94
no answer - 4
3. Public Library Standards that establish requirements for public libraries in the areas of percentage of budget spent on materials, hours of operation, and dollars devoted to continuing education and training should be linked to receipt of Grants-In-Aid:
yes - 56 no - 51 No answer - 11
4. State "Grants-In-Aid" should be distributed in the following manner (check one or any with which you agree):
56 - a) simple and direct per-capita distribution based on population.
64 - b) equalization component of additional state aid for libraries not having sufficient local tax bases.
28 - c) incentive program of additional funds for libraries who consolidate into county or multi-county units.
5 - no answer

5. Revision and on-going review and evaluation of any state-wide funding program for West Virginia libraries must be developed by (check one or all):
64 - a) the West Virginia library community
64 - b) the WVLA
64 - c) the WVLC
18 put only a; 2 only b; 16 only c
3 put a & b; 4 put a & c; 6 put b & c
6. A separate dedicated source of state funds should be sought for (prioritize from 1 to 4):
a) technology
b) building improvement projects & ADA compliance
c) interlibrary loan costs and delivery service
d) other (please name):

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
a) technology	49	20	9	2
b) Bldg. improve.	40	32	20	1
c) ILL	13	12	48	14

 No answer - 6
 checked but didn't prioritize - 9 (checked a, b, and c)
7. LSTA competitive grants should involve a public grant process and be awarded by decision of (check one or all):
9 - a) WVLC staff
90 - b) LSTA statewide grant committee whose members would include both public librarians, trustees, WVLC staff, Friends members, and representatives of the general public.
10 - both
9 - no answer

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Survey Results • continued from page 5

8. Extra "incentive" Grants-In-Aid should be given to public libraries that meet local funding standards and are headed by an MLS librarian:
yes - 55 no - 59 no answer - 3
9. Extra "incentive" Grants-In-Aid should be awarded to those public libraries which serve entire counties vs. smaller units of service, thus encouraging consolidation:
yes - 32 no - 80 no answer - 3
10. Extra "incentive" Grants-In-Aid should be provided to libraries for scholarships toward continuing education and earning an MLS degree:
yes - 71 no - 44 no answer - 4
11. In the event that the Fair Taxation Proposal passes and is adopted into law and public libraries receive a dedicated percentage of all monies collected thereby, should those monies be controlled and disbursed to individual libraries by:
50 - West Virginia Tax and Revenue Department
58 - WVLC
5 - other—please specify (committee or board)
5 - no answer

Part II. — Governance and Structure

1. The current structure of Service Center, Designate, Affiliate, and Direct Service public libraries should be eliminated:
yes - 56 no - 48 no answer - 17
2. All libraries should receive 100% of their per capita "Grants-In-Aid" directly with no percentage withheld by either a Service Center library or the WVLC (unless agreed to in contractual form by both parties):
yes - 101 no - 10 no answer - 5
3. Libraries should be free to follow the "open market" system and contract with other libraries of their choice, if needed, for services such as cataloging and automation:
yes - 90 no - 19 no answer - 8
4. State funding incentive programs that encourage smaller libraries to merge or consolidate with larger libraries should be established:
yes - 34 no - 75 no answer - 8
5. A "Regional System" of public libraries should be developed much like the current "Subhub" arrangement except that the Regional Center library would consolidate such services as cataloging, automation, collection development and acquisitions, and any additional library services and roles as the WVLC deems appropriate:
yes - 37 no - 70 no answer - 4

Part III. — Continuing Education/Professional Development

1. "Marshall-type Programs" should be held by the WVLC for:
30 - a) one week
18 - b) two weeks
55 - c) one or two day sessions
13 - no answer
2. "Marshall-type Programs" should be held:
40 - a) once a year
27 - b) twice a year
42 - c) several times a year
8 - no answer
3. "Marshall-type Programs" should be directed separately for professionals (MLS); para-professionals; and clerical:
yes - 49 no - 40 no answer - 3
4. Five to eight Continuing Education Centers with training labs should be established throughout the state using existing public libraries:
yes - 93 no - 22 no answer - 2
5. Continuing education needs should be identified and programs evaluated by a broad-based committee of librarians from throughout the state:
yes - 107 no - 6 no answer - 5
6. A scholarship program for continuing education needs and professional development should be established by the WVLC:
yes - 95 no - 17 no answer - 5
7. An "Exchange Program" should be established that allows librarians to gain "hands on" experience.
yes - 94 no - 18 no answer - 5
8. An "Exchange Program" for "hands-on" experience should involve librarians training at (check one or both):
4 - a) WVLC
46 - b) various public libraries
56 - Both
11 - No answer
9. WVLC staff should be required to gain "on-site" work experience in various size public libraries throughout the state:
yes - 90 no - 18 no answer - 9
10. What percentage of Continuing Education programs and training workshops for public library employees (both professional and nonprofessional) in WV should be provided by the following providers:
These figures are being tabulated. There were too many permutations to include here.
____ out-of-state professional specialists in various areas of librarianship

- WVLC staff consultants
- librarians employed at public libraries throughout WV

Part IV. — Collections/Resources

1. The WVLC should require libraries to devote a certain percentage of the "Grants-In-Aid" to purchase books and other library materials .
yes - 57 no - 55 no answer - 5
2. Regular collection development workshops should be presented by (check one or all):
This is being tabulated. There are too many combinations to put it here.
 a) WVLC
 b) WVLA
 c) local libraries throughout the state
 d) professional specialists from other states
3. WVLC should provide more statewide online information databases:
yes - 90 no - 15 no answer - 12
4. Public librarians throughout the state should select any statewide databases contracted for by the WVLC through a voting mechanism:
yes - 94 no - 13 no answer - 10
5. A statewide cooperative collection development grant program should be established that provides in-depth collections in various areas of a library collection in public libraries throughout the state. The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality and quantity of materials throughout the state for availability through interlibrary loan:
yes - 94 no - 14 no answer - 9
6. A "night-owl" reference service should be established cooperatively between the WVLC and public libraries throughout the state:
yes - 38 no - 59 no answer - 20
7. Extra funds to reimburse interlibrary loan costs at libraries should be distributed from the WVLC:
yes - 91 no - 19 no answer - 7
8. A current, accurate, and constantly updated union catalog is necessary for sharing of resources through interlibrary loan and sharing of cataloging records:
yes - 101 no - 10 no answer - 6
9. An interlibrary loan statewide delivery system for the transporting of interlibrary loan materials should be initiated and funded cooperatively and/or by the WVLC:
yes - 67 no - 37 no answer - 13

Part V. — Technology

1. Librarians should have formal, active participation in the development, on-going review, and revision of State Technology standards for libraries in West Virginia.
yes - 109 no - 3 no answer - 5
2. A statewide Technology Committee composed of members from libraries throughout the state should be established.
yes - 101 no - 9 no answer - 7
3. The selection of automation software should be the decision of the local library:
yes - 91 no - 19 no answer - 7
4. WV should continue its history of having a single vendor for automation software (OPAC's) throughout the state.
yes - 36 no - 68 no answer - 13
5. A WVLC Technology Consultant is needed at every current "Subhub" library:
yes - 81 no - 27 no answer - 9
6. Are you satisfied with the current arrangement of "Subhub" libraries for library catalog automation:
yes - 45 no - 45 no answer - 27

Part VI. — West Virginia Library Commission Services and Organization

1. The current number of staff of the WVLC is, in your opinion:
55 - currently sufficient
17 - needs to be expanded
27 - needs to be reduced
17 - no answer
2. Do you believe the information you receive from the WVLC is (check one in each of the following pairs):
60 - adequate 36 - complete
38 - inadequate 39 - incomplete
19 - candid discarded _____ relevant
29 - disingenuous discarded _____ irrelevant
3. Using Himmel & Wilson's "Direction 2000" Study as a springboard, a Statewide Strategic Plan for library services and goals should now be developed:
yes - 93 no - 13 no answer - 11
4. If you answered yes to Question 3 above, please check one or both of the following answers to the statement, "A Statewide Strategic Plan" should be developed and adopted by:
1 - a) The WVLA
7 - b) The WVLC
84 - c) Both the WVLA and the WVLC cooperatively and jointly
25 - no answer

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Legislative Day Public Coordinators

- Group 1-A Amy Kastigar
Hancock, Brooke, Ohio
- Group 1-B Susan Reilly
Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler
- Group 2 Denise Ash, Suzette Lowe
Doddridge, Ritchie, Wirt,
Roane, Clay, Calhoun
- Group 3 -A Ann Lorentz, Alice Thomas
Pleasants, Wood
- Group 3-B Lynn Pauley, Suzi McGinley
Jackson, Mason
- Group 4-A Judy Rule
Cabell, Putnam, Wayne, Mingo
- Group 4-B Margaret Smith
Lincoln, Logan, Boone
- Group 5-A Connie Clay
Fayette, Raleigh, Mercer
- Group 5-B Rod Lee
Wyoming, McDowell
- Group 6 Linda Wright, Pam Coyle
Kanawha
- Group 7-A Linda Lindsey
Webster, Pocahontas, Nicholas

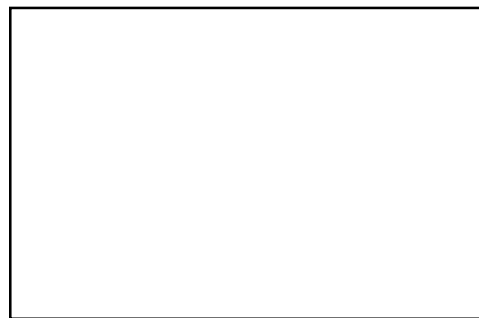
- Group 7-B Myra Zeigler
Greenbrier, Summers, Monroe
- Group 8 Connie Cutright
Upshur, Braxton, Barbour,
Randolph, Tucker
- Group 9-A Sharon Saye, Beth Nicholson
Harrison, Lewis, Gilmer, Taylor

- Group 9-B Jeannette Martin
Marion, Monongalia, Preston
- Group 1 Virginia Bates
Mineral, Grant, Pendleton,
Hardy, Hampshire
- Group 11 Betty Gunnoe, Peggy Batten
Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan

2000 Legislative goals announced

The West Virginia Library Association Executive Board adopted the following goals for the 2000 Legislative Session.

- The West Virginia Library Association supports the improvement request of the West Virginia Library Commission for an increase in **Grants to Public Libraries** from \$4.01 per capita to \$5.50 per capita.
- The West Virginia Library Association supports the improvement request of the West Virginia Library Commission for \$1,793,476 for **Population Growth Grants**
- The West Virginia Library Association supports the improvement request of the West Virginia Library Commission for \$1,031,515 to purchase a **core collection of electronic databases** to benefit all West Virginia libraries.
- The West Virginia Library Association supports the improvement request of the West Virginia Library Commission for \$1,216,468 for a one-time expenditure to **upgrade existing electronic networking**.
- The West Virginia Library Association supports the improvement requests of the West Virginia Library Commission for \$10,000.00 to begin addressing the need to **construct and remodel West Virginia's public libraries**.
- In addition, the Legislative Committee of the West Virginia Library Association will prepare a resolution for submittal to the legislature in support of placing a library, to be staffed by a professional librarian, in every public school.



Pam Coyle opens the WVLA Executive Board Meeting at North Bend on Dec. 4, 1999



Judy Duncan and Pam Coyle look over comments from the Executive Board members which prioritize the association's goals for 1999-2000



Linda Hedding places her ballot for top priority as Judy Duncan looks on.

Legislative Day Academic Coordinators

- Groups 1-A and 1-B: .. Cheryl Harshman,
Ted Nesbitt
- Group 2: None. There are no academic
institutions in these counties.
- Group 3-A and 3-B: Allie Keller
of Ohio Valley College
- Group 4-A and 4-B: Pam Ford,
Monica Brooks
- Group 5-A and 5-B: Peggy Turnbull
- Group 6: Ravi Sharma
- Groups 7-A and 7-B Bob Coston
- Group 8: Kathy Parker
- Groups 9-A and 9-B: .. Jo Ann Calzonetti
- Group 10: Ann Henriksson
- Group 11: Ann Henriksson

W.Va. Library Association First General Session

October 4, 1999

The Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown, WV

1. Call to Order

President Betty Gunnoe called the meeting to Order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chuck Julian made the motion to approve the minutes of the 1st General Sessions (1998), Karen Goff seconded, motion carried.

3. President's Report

No report, it is in West Virginia Libraries

4. Treasurer's Report - Exhibit I

David Childers gave Treasurer's Report, Linda Hedding made the motion to approve, Rebecca Van Der Meer seconded, motion carried.

5. Membership

Report will be given at the 3rd General Session

6. Committee Reports

Section and Roundtable Reports are in the Conference packets

Elections - Exhibit II

Chuck Julian reported the following elections

results: 1st Vice President, Dottie Thomas; 2nd Vice President, Cheryl Harshman; Secretary, Suzette Lowe; Treasurer, Denise Ash; ALA Councilor, Joe Barnes; Academic Vice-President, Jennifer Sias; Academic Secretary, Bill Grubb; Public Library Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, Yvonne Farley.

Site Selection

2000 Conference will be at Charleston House Holiday Inn

Audit Committee

Kelly Funkhouser reported that the records for the past two years were in order. Pam Coyle made the motion to accept the report, Jo Ann Calzonetti seconded, motion carried.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

Floyd Fullen made the motion to have the Annual Conference on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday due to Trustees being unable to attend when it is held during the first part of the week, Connie Sutton seconded. After discussion, the vote was taken and defeated. It was the consensus of the group that this should be left up to the Site Selection Committee.

9. Announcements

Pam Ford announced a 50/50 Raffle is being held during the Conference for the Scholarship Fund.

Betty Gunnoe reminded those staying in the hotel Of the early checkout time on Wednesday.

Pam Ford reported that Josephine Fidler had broken both wrists and that she was circulating a message if members would like to sign it.

Tickets are still available for the Banquet. Dept. of Natural Resources is giving away a trip, sign-up at the WVLC booth.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

Collection Development Task Force Report

Submitted by Karen Goff,
Library Services Director,
West Virginia Library Commission

The Collection Development Task Force had an excellent meeting on November 2nd at the Library Commission offices. The members supported the assessment of the role of the Commission's collection as a primary source for reference, library science, and West Virginia authors. The importance of the periodical and newspaper backfile and the documents collections were also discussed. The Task Force agreed that the maintenance of a federal documents collection and the acquisition of state publications are key activities at the state level. The consensus concerning the juvenile collection was that, instead of duplicating public library collections, the Commission's juvenile collection should focus on a specific group of award winners, including the Caldecott and Newbery winners, the West Virginia Children's Book award nominees, West Virginia authors, and rapidly changing subject areas such as political and social issues.

Another key activity identified by the Task Force is Commission leadership in

funding and managing statewide electronic databases and database training. The need for a core collection of electronic databases in all libraries is seen as essential. It was suggested that the databases should include full-text periodicals and reference resources in the areas of biography, literature, and health. Task Force members indicated that the Commission should ask the libraries to contribute to electronic subscription costs if complete funding by the legislature is not forthcoming. In addition to the above discussion, Linda Miller of the Kanawha County Public Library presented information concerning collection assessment methods and Amy Kastigar of the Ohio County Public Library reported on cooperative collection development programs in other states.

The Task Force recommended that regular reports on the activities of the group be presented at WVLA annual meetings and that specific Collection Development regional meetings be planned. A subcommittee is coordinating the group's ideas concerning locations for the regional meetings, and prioritizing topics to be discussed. The Task Force will meet again in February.

Survey Results • continued from page 5

5. The following services at the WVLC should be either eliminated, reduced, expanded, or remain as is (for each service, check the appropriate line):

	Eliminated	Reduced	Expanded	Remain As Is (Prior to '99)
a) Gifts and Exchange	21	16	17	42
b) Radio Reading Ser.	22	10	11	43
c) Television Production	20	23	7	37
d) Film Library	12	17	29	41
e) Printing Services	11	14	16	27
f) Literacy Services	3	9	33	45
g) Institutional Services	5	6	14	47
h) Rotating Collections	14	11	25	37
i) Electronic Databases	1	1	71	18
j) Consultants	10	24	19	36
k) Field Consulting	6	21	24	34
l) Reference Service	1	2	42	50
m) OCLC for ILL	7	1	48	28
n) Union Catalog for ILL	11	0	56	27

6. Within the guidelines of the federal law, LSTA (commonly called "Federal Funds") monies should be used for the following (prioritize from 1 to 6):

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
a) WVLC consultant salaries	0	5	8	11	20	51
b) statewide electronic databases	35	19	18	14	8	4
c) competitive grants to public libraries for technology	29	23	26	12	8	2
d) competitive grants to public libraries for special populations	10	15	14	18	19	19
e) statewide cooperative collection development program	14	20	18	25	13	6
f) WVLC technicians salaries for each "subhub"	16	15	13	15	27	11

7. A regular and periodic review process should be established to evaluate the core services of the WVLC as needed and wanted by the public libraries in West Virginia and identified by the WVLA:

yes - 102 no - 10 no answer - 5

VIII. General Questions:

1. please mark which type of library you are employed in or do you represent:

88 - public library 14 - rustee
 15 - academic library 0 - WVLC
 1 - school library 0 - Commission member
 4 - special library

If you are a public library director, please answer the following two questions.

1. In July 1998 your library's status was:

9 - Service Center 5 - Direct Service
 8 - Designate 6 - Branch
 13 - Affiliate

2. Local funding for your library from all sources equaled approximately the following percentage of your library's overall operating budget:

4 - 10% or less 3 - 30% 6 - 50% 3 - 70%
 3 - 90% 2 - 20% 4 - 40% 6 - 60%
 5 - 80% 2 - or more

2000 Annual Conference Planning

Planning for the 2000 Annual Conference is underway. We are looking for underwriters to fund programs. If anyone has ideas, contact Pam Coyle at South Charleston Public Library, phone (304) 744-6561, fax (304) 744-8808 or e-mail coyle@scpl.wvnet.edu. Below is a list of tentative programs to date.

1. Focus Groups - Charles Ryan Associates
2. Future of Libraries - Roger Herman Group
3. Distributing health information; working with local health care providers - CAMC Foundation
4. Personnel law updates, especially ADA
5. Library Displays Quick and Easy
6. What's new in young adult literature
7. What's new in services to young adults
8. Libraries are good for the local economy
9. Foundation Center - What is it and how can it help you?
10. The planning process - why you should take the time
11. Genealogy - On and Off line
12. Technological advances
13. Collecting statistics that accurately reflect your library
14. Difficult patrons
15. Building community coalition
16. Budgeting basics

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Improvement Package - 2000-2001

8/23/99
Agenda Item 7-b

Background

Each year in September, the West Virginia Library Commission is required to submit to the Governor for the following fiscal year budget an improvement package, which is to reflect the fiscal needs of the agency. Since the W-VLC annual budget also includes State funding for public libraries, it is appropriate for the Commissioners to recommend fiscal programs and budget amounts for public libraries. The budget improvement package for FY 2000-2001 is based upon an assessment of need by the Executive Secretary of the WVLC, an examination of the *Directions 2000* report by Himmel & Wilson, letters from library directors, and input from the public hearing held on the subject in May.

Long-range Goals and Objectives

The annual budget cycle of the State of West Virginia is a part of the development of long-range goals and objectives for the West Virginia Library Commission. The establishment of budget programs and priorities with costs and expenses determine the annual work cycle and accomplishments for the fiscal year.

Staff Analysis

The staff and the Executive Secretary have reviewed the various requests and suggestions for budget recommendations to the Governor. These requests and suggestions combined with current plans and goals compose the budget improvement package for FY 2000-2001. These recommendations

are fair statements of needs for the Library Commission and for public libraries.

Legal Analysis

The submission of the budget improvement package is required under State law governing the budget submittal process.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal analysis for the FY 2000-2001 budget improvement package is \$17,968,684. This amount is consistent with the estimated State support required to improve the public libraries operating budgets to \$25 per capita support. This number would change the ranking of West Virginia public libraries from 49th in the nation to 25th. - This amount is consistent with State financial resources required to achieve the goal. \$25 per capita funding is the national average for operating public libraries.

Executive Director's Recommendation

The attached FY 2000-2001 budget improvement package is a reasonable recommendation for the financial improvement of public library operations, and improvements at the West Virginia Library Commission. These recommendations reflect the true needs of public libraries and the WVLC. While the total amount is considerably larger than in years past, it is based upon a sweeping review of public libraries' financial and operating conditions on a statewide basis.

I therefore recommend that the Commissioners approve the attached FY 2000-2001 budget improvement package for submittal to the Governor's Budget Office.

Improvement Above Current Level:

Library Services:

Access WV
(electronic databases) \$1,000,000

Special Services:

Regional Library
Improvements 63,000

Operational Support
and Automation of
Circulation Of
Subregional Libraries
serving the Blind &
Physically Handicapped 175,000

Communications:

Impact 2000 120,000

Institutional Services

Institution
Expansion Grants 80,000

Library Development

Statewide library
Network Upgrade
One-time Costs 1,216,468

Supplemental Grants 1,793,476

Grants to
Public libraries 2,665,240

Statewide Library
Network Ongoing Costs 500,000

Program Grants 355,500

Library Construction 10,000,000

Total: \$17,968,684.00

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Spring Fling

Submitted by Lynn Pauley

Yes, I know you are still recovering from the holidays, but spring is right around the corner and that means that Spring Fling will soon be here. Spring Fling this year will be Thursday and Friday, April 6th and 7th at Flatwoods. The theme for this year is "Preserving the Past and Exploring the Future" and we hope to have some wonderful programs for everyone. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Some of the programs we are considering include (please remember that all of these are **very tentative** and may change):

- Serving distance education centers and students using document delivery and electronic resources
- The role of the Trustee
- Celebration 2000 Summer Reading Program
- Hands-on activities for children's services
- Developmental stages in middle school and promoting positive growth in middle school children through literature and programming.
- Preservation in small and public libraries - strategies, some book repair and a gen-

eral sharing of problems, solutions and ideas

- What's new in West Virginia Literature presented by Gordon Simmons
- Employment law and the writing of personnel policies
- WVLA's progress in responding to the Himmel & Wilson study, including information on the survey responses
- Webpage development using Front Page 98— this will include a demonstration of Front Page and a detailed packet of materials. (This will not be a hands-on workshop, since we do not have the computer capability for this at Flatwoods). For those wanting hands-on experience with Front Page, Marshall University will be hosting Post Spring Fling Workshops on Front Page around the state
- An ALA update from Monica Brooks, our ALA councilor
- Approaching local governing bodies for funds
- Reader's Advisory Service with Jennifer Soule
- How a recorded book is made
- Genre fiction - best books, best authors,

best resources

- Electronic Books
- Update on the West Virginia Encyclopedia
- Program (yet to be determined) presented by Reference/ILL Roundtable
- Program (yet to be determined) presented by the Social Responsibilities Roundtable
- Program (yet to be determined) presented by the West Virginia Literature Roundtable
- Roundtable meetings

If you have any ideas for programs or speakers for Spring Fling please feel free to contact me at the Jackson County Public Library. The phone number is 372-5343, fax number is 372-7935, e-mail pauleyl@hp9k.park.lib.wv.us or lynnpaul@wirefire.com. I hope to schedule a meeting in January to begin the process of firming up programs and ideas for Spring Fling — if anyone would like to attend, please contact me. Also, I hope to have a page for Spring Fling located on the WVLA webpage (<http://wvnmvs.wvnet.edu/~wvla/>) by the end of January. Please check there for more up-to-date information.

Roane County Library hosts traditional musicians



David O'Dell, on the banjo, Bobbie Taylor on the fiddler, James Summers on guitar and Jim Martin on bass perform for a large crowd who came out to the program sponsored by the Roane County Library.

The Roane County Library sponsored an evening of Appalachian music on Saturday, December 4th. This is the third December a crowd filled the Heritage Park Community Center in Spencer to hear David O'Dell on the banjo, Bobbie Taylor on the fiddler, James Summers on guitar and Jim Martin on bass.

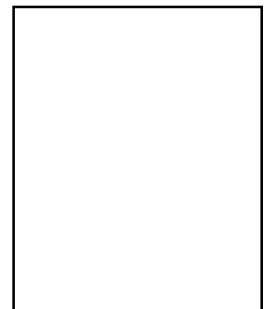
The event started in 1997 when a grant from the Benedum Foundation allowed the library to sponsor several cultural events in the community, including bringing the West Virginia Symphony to the high school for three performances.

Saturday's performance began with David O'Dell on the Dulcimer. David trained with old time musicians

from around West Virginia, including Frank George who was present to hear his protégé perform. Both David and Bobbie Taylor have been Vandalia Festival award winners in their musical categories.

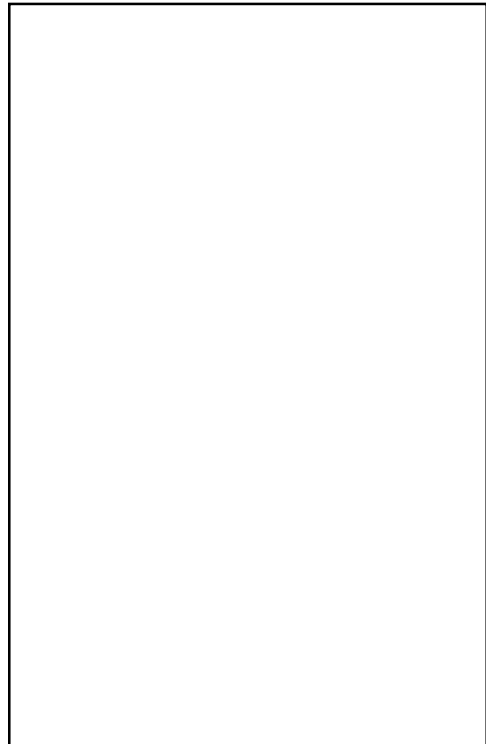
Members of the library system's Board of Trustees provided home made Christmas refreshments including old fashioned Wassail.

Lynn Pauley of Jackson County, Suzie McGinley of Mason County and Suzette Lowe of Roane County enjoy the Appalachian Music sponsored by the Roane County Library.



West Virginia expands services

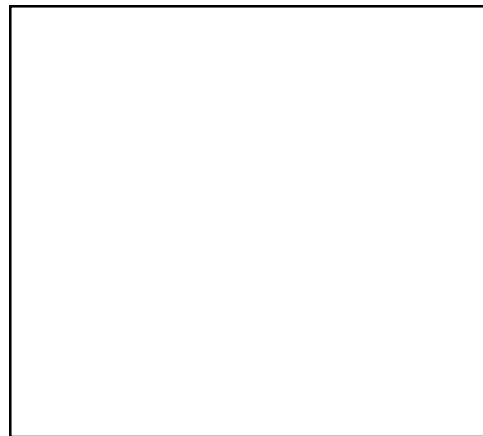
The West Virginia regional library has doubled its staff, upgraded its technology, and reorganized its work space to improve services to blind and physically handicapped readers. Donna Calvert, manager of the Special Services Department of the West Virginia Library Commission, noted that the library's participation in the new Reader Enrollment and Delivery System (READS 11) program has brought new computers into the facility to maintain patron and inventory



records and to handle circulation procedures.

The Special Services Department has also increased its staff to a total of eight, including two professional librarians. One of the librarians works full time as a reader-advisor. Other staff responsibilities have been redistributed to make it easier for patrons to acquire information, reading materials, and necessary equipment.

"There is a stronger emphasis on each staff member's role in providing these library services," says David Price, executive director of the West Virginia Library Commission.



At right: Donna Calvert, regional librarian, surveys outgoing packages for the day. Above: Librarian Terry Matheny manages the online database for the regional library.

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

A Film Review

by Steve Fesenmaier

Appalshop has finally released its 57-minute documentary on West Virginia gospel singer Ethel Caffie-Austin. Anne Lewis has spent several years working on this wonderful, inspiring film about one of the living treasures of our state. Ms. Caffie-Austin talks about her grandfather being run out of the South for being a too-smart sharecropper, her own childhood in Mount Hope, her college years at WV Tech, and her years with her husband. And she sings — at her home church — Rimson Memorial Church of God in Christ in Charleston, at Mt. Olive Correctional Institution, in Kentucky at the Seedtime Festival, and at the Black Sacred Music Festival in Institute.

Her hero is Rosetta Tharp who sold tickets to her wedding, packing a huge auditorium. She truly shows us that she believes both in music and the Lord, and does it with her whole being. I have seldom been moved by a documentary, but this film did it.

Hopefully every library in West Virginia will purchase a copy and tell their patrons they have this touching portrait of one of their sisters that has triumphed over adversity.

This documentary can be purchased by West Virginia libraries at a significant discount from the regular price by contacting:

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Happy Holidays

from the Editors of
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Calendar

January

- 12 WV Legislative Session begins
- 14-19 ALA Midwinter at San Antonio, TX
- 15 Deadline for mailing WVLA membership renewal forms

February

- 15 Library Day at the Legislature
 - Capitol Rotunda

March

- 3 Executive Board Meeting
 - Bridgeport Public Library

- 12 WV Legislative Session ends
- 28-April | PLA 2000 Conference
 - Charlotte, NC

April

- 6-7 Spring Fling • Days Inn - Flatwoods, WV
 - “Preserving the Past and Exploring the Future”
- 9-15 National Library Week

NOTE: West Virginia Library Commission meetings are set monthly and dates will vary. Please check the WVLC web site for the exact date, time, agenda and minutes each month at <http://www.wvlc.lib.wv.us>

A note from the editors

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- May 15 for June issue
- July 15 for August issue
- September 15 for October issue
- November 15 for December issue

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