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LIBRARIES

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What's in a Name? Preserving the Word "Library"

Joe Barnes, Shepherd College

Librarians in and outside the governing councils of the American Library Association are growing angry and alarmed over assaults on the word "library" and its derivatives "librarian" and "librarianship." These words hold great meaning for many of us, as they embody a set of shared principles and beliefs about the value of the institutions we work in and the services we provide to our constituents. We believe in the usefulness of our never-ending effort at organizing recorded information and that the "human interface" provided by reference librarians and library staff are vital to the practical use of information resources by students and persons in all walks of life. We're proud of the fact that libraries are "helping institutions." We've created specializations in children's services, adult services, cataloging, school and academic librarianship, electronic services, and a host of others, to meet the many needs of users and to manage our complex enterprises. The "library," in all its guises, has evolved and modernized continuously in response to cultural and technological changes.

The English speaking world has, for centuries, made use of "library" to describe the large and small places we work in. It's a commonplace word, like "school," "store," or "hospital"—institutions which have similarly transformed themselves—that comfortably describes a place and its related activities. It defies common sense to claim that libraries are bound by the Latin root of the word to serve as book depositories alone, or to suggest that the word dooms the institution to backwardness.

Unfortunately, common sense is not always common. When an addiction to circumlocution is added to these qualities, we arrive at neologisms such as "school library and media center" and "learning resource center." The enthusiasm for audiovisual collections in the

1960s produced these monstrous phrases (as if *libraries* were not already selecting, cataloging, and circulating AV formats) and we are still weathering their use. I have not yet met the school librarian who prefers the alternate title "media specialist." We have not heard that AASL is contemplating a name change.

This brings us to the crux of the present controversy. Readers may be aware that several leading library schools were closed in recent years. Partly in fear of meeting a similar fate, some library education leaders have simply gone too far in an effort to "sell" their graduate programs to skeptical university administrators. They have turned the permissive phrases in the 1972 and 1992 ALA Accreditation Standards, which allow variants of "information studies" or "science" in program names, into a loophole of their own devising. Some 9 library schools of the 41 accredited by the American Library Association have dropped the "L" word from their names in recent years. Some of them go further, and have scoured the offending "L" words from their programs, course descriptions, and statements of purpose. An example chosen pretty much at random is SILS at the University of Kentucky. Take a look at "Goals of the School" listed after their mission statement at <http://www.uky.edu/ComminfoStudis/SLIS/bull.htm>.

Library schools exist because of libraries and the librarians who run them. There is a need to replenish the pool of 150,000 professionals. Moreover, we look to our library schools as centers for continuing education, for research, and for thought. The Library Education Resolution debated during the most recent session of ALA Council was intended to send a clear message to the schools and to the ALA Committee on Accreditation. Supporters wish to reverse the present trend. The key sentence among its "resolved" clauses is a call for the Standards to include this simple statement:

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President's Column

Judy Duncan

It is now the time to do some serious conference planning! On Tuesday, July 14th, Betty Gunnoe, Beulah Salyer, Pamela Ford, and I visited the Greenbrier to begin concrete planning for the annual conference.

The conference will be on December 7-9, which is a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This—to my knowledge—will be the first time we have had the conference during the week and it will be interesting to see how it fits with membership needs. Room rates for double occupancy are \$205 per person and \$228 for single occupancy. Both rates include breakfast and dinner in the main dining room.

Plans for programs are open and this is where you can help. If you know of a good program, or have a request for one, please contact me at 304-722-4245 (daytime), 304-768-5102 (after working hours), or by e-mail to duncanj@wvlc.wvnet.edu.

At this point, tentative programs include:

n Gordon Simmons of Renaissance Books in Huntington will be on hand with his annual list of new and good West Virginia materials. He is also working on inviting a contemporary West Virginia author to the conference.

n The Year 2000 Study that is currently being conducted around the state will be completed by December. After talking with Bill Wilson from the consultant's group and Judy Rule, chair of the committee, they have agreed to make a presentation at the conference about their findings and subsequent recommendations. They also will take questions from the audience about the study. This should prove interesting to those of you who attended the focus meetings that were held around the state this summer.

n Exhibits will be open from 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. on Monday and Tuesday. Monday evening we plan to have a reception in the exhibit area and have Ashland, Inc. present their two 15-minute slide shows on West Virginia and the United States. If you have not seen these shows, you need to make a special effort to do so. They will make you proud of your state and nation!

n There will be two consecutive sessions on cataloging presented by Jane Hughes, Kanawha County Public Library, and Deborah Musser, Cabell County Public Library. The program will include **Part I**: Primer on the **MA**chine Readable Cataloging record—what it is, why it is a good thing, and what a *minimal* record includes. **Part II** will cover copy-cataloging between VTLS libraries using EASYPAC and EASYCAT (using the present VTLS software to its fullest potential) and a basic how-to presentation. Included will be handouts with step-by-step instructions and a diskette to take home with log-on scripts. **Part III** will cover copy-cataloging between VTLS and non-VTLS libraries—specifically what needs to be done to enable this capability including an overview of Z39.50 Client software with costs, configurations, etc.

n Two other staff members from Kanawha County Public Library's Children's Department, Terri McDougal and Diane Chesier, are attending a 1-day workshop in Indianapolis, Indiana, on intellectual freedom. This workshop is in collaboration with four other states and they will come home with good hands-on ideas for the conference. This will be presented in conjunction with the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable chaired by Yvonne Farley also from the Kanawha County Public Library system.

n Betty Gunnoe, first vice president, is contacting Senator Jay Rockefeller to be our keynote speaker for the First General Session. He was one of the leading advocates for e-rate discounts and as such deserves our recognition and thanks and will have some interesting information of his own to share with us.

n The Second General Session—the awards program—will be held Tuesday afternoon, probably between 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. In addition to the **Dora Ruth Parks Award** (“...for long and outstanding service to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia...”), **Certificate of Merit** (“...for outstanding service to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia...”), and the **Literary Merit Award** (“...for outstanding publication of a West Virginia author or for outstanding work as a West Virginia or Appalachian author...”), there will be the first annual **Frederic J. Glazer Award for Libraries**. The criteria have not been set for this award but the committee is hard at work and details will be publicized when available.

n There will be the regular bunker tours of the Greenbrier each day, but we hope to set up one each evening so conference attendees will have the opportunity to see this piece of history in our state and not miss any programs.

There will be other programs, of course—children's, trustees, friends, school, academic—all to be announced. Please check the West Virginia Library Association Web site at <http://wvnmvms.wvnet.edu/~wvla> beginning in September for conference news.

So “til next time, as Horace Mann said, “A house without books is like a room without windows.”

WVLA Executive Board Meeting Highlights

Thirteen members of the WVLA Executive Board attended an Executive Board meeting at the University of Charleston June 12, 1998.

The following motions were approved:

- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Payments of checks 5640-5676
- Memorial Resolution honoring Frederic J. Glazer to be presented at ALA
- Approval for Yvonne Farley or representative to attend Intellectual Freedom training in Indianapolis
- Election slate submitted by the nominating committee of Rebecca Van Der Meer and Pam Coyle for first vice president, and Connie Clay and Dottie Thomas for second vice president
- 1999 WVLA conference will be held in Shepherdstown at the new Clarion Hotel depending on room availability; second choice to be Canaan Valley

Board members heard reports from Division Chairs on the following:

- College and University Division will meet on August 14 at the Graduate Center in South Charleston
- Friends Division has a Handbook available from J.D. Waggoner, WVLC
- Automation Roundtable will meet on June 27 in the Eastern Panhandle
- Children's Roundtable will be kicking off the Summer Reading Program at Tamarack

Betty Gunnoe, federal relations coordinator, reported the success of Legislative Day in Washington, DC. [See *WV Libraries*, vol. 51, no. 3, p. 2 for report].

Library Commission Executive Director David Price discussed the technology grants, the addition of staff at the Commission, the e-rate status, electronic databases being added to the WVLC home page, and the upcoming Commission on June 15.

Plans are being finalized for the WVLA Conference at the Greenbrier in December.

Betty Gunnoe reported the WVLA Legislative Day Reception will be held at the Cultural Center in February (date to be announced).

Linda Lindsey asked for nominations for WVLA awards to be sent to her as soon as possible.

Joe Barnes and Peggy Bias will attend the upcoming Legislative Interim session on the Faculty Status Bill.

The next meeting was scheduled for Martinsburg but will be relocated more centrally, possibly Clarksburg, on September 18.

A full copy of the minutes is available on the Library Association home page at <<http://www.wvnmms.wvnet.edu/wvla>> or may be obtained from Linda Lindsey, Richwood Public Library, 8 White Avenue, Richwood, WV 26261.

ALA Councilor Report

Joe Barnes

Chapter Councilor

The American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C., that hosted 24,798 visitors set a record for attendance this year.

For the coming fiscal year, ALA's general fund budget will approach \$23 million. Councilors raised some misgivings about one "revenue enhancement" of a \$5 and \$10 increase in registration fees for the Midwinter and Annual conferences respectively. The leadership explains that conferences are a very large fraction of the Association's revenue base and that costs associated with conferences have risen steadily. The budget for FY '99 was approved by a wide margin.

Other routine matters handled by Council included discontinuance of the Independent Librarians Exchange Roundtable (ILERT), which is becoming a section of ASCLA, and of the inactive Conference Program Committee whose functions have been assumed by the Conference Committee. A proposal that would have required ALA Divisions to review the activities of all their internal bodies at least every six years to uncover obsolescence or overlap was rejected.

The topic of ALA membership meetings was again aired on the Council floor in consideration of a resolution to revise the bylaws to change the necessary quorum from 1% to .5% of personal members. The resolution was soundly defeated.

Council deferred "hot topic" issues. Action on Council Document #52, a statement clarifying the difference between formal and informal relationships between ALA and other organizations was postponed together with a resolution condemning the Boy Scouts of America for its illiberal standards. CD 52, offered by the Executive Board in the hope of laying such controversies to rest was "too long" and "too complicated" in the opinion of some Councilors who wanted six months to read it.

The phrase "too complicated" was heard again when Council took up CD 54, the Library Education Resolution meant to restore the primacy of librarianship in the library education programs accredited by the ALA. [See companion piece, page 1 this issue]. Your own Councilor and several others took to the floor to urge approval, but library educators and the Committee on Accreditation urged a cautious approach. The resolution garnered much support but was referred to the COA for comment at the next Council session by a vote of 82-64.

Among other official business of the ALA Council was adoption of a Memorial Resolution forwarded by WVLA honoring the life and career of Frederic J. Glazer, 1937-1997 [See page 8 this issue]

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Market Report

Rebecca Van Der Meer
Marketing Chairman

The WVLA Marketing Committee met recently to discuss a special fund-raising project for this fall. If all goes well, the committee will be presenting a specially designed afghan to WVLA members at the 1998 conference. It will also be made available to the public.

The afghan will be designed to honor West Virginia authors. It will be made of a fine quality weave with a two-color design. The committee has submitted ideas to a couple of graphic artists to assist in fine tuning the design.

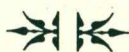
Other possibilities that are being considered are a tote bag with the same design as the afghan, unisex polo/golf shirts, and a new design for pins.

There are still a few WVLA cookbooks available for \$7+\$2 shipping. Please contact Julie Spiegler, Judy Duncan, or Rebecca Van Der Meer to place your order. These will also be available at the 1998 conference.

The Marketing Committee is looking for volunteers to help work the WVLA booth at the conference this year. An hour or more of your spare time would really help out. This will give the marketing committee members a chance to attend meetings and visit the exhibits.

Would your library be interested in sharing the profits? If you have a local event coming up and would like to set up a booth or table with WVLA merchandise, you can share a percentage of the profit with the Association.

If you have suggestions for marketing, would like to order a cookbook, display WVLA merchandise through your library, or would like to volunteer your time, please e-mail Rebecca at vandermr@wvlc.wvnet.edu, or call her at (304) 357-4779.



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Ask for Ellen

FOR SALE: 13 2-position chairs with sled base upholstered seat and back. Dimensions are 20 1/2" wide, 23" deep x 32" high. Seat is 17 1/2" from floor. Solid oak frame construction with bullnose-shaped edges and dome-shaped upholstered back. Wood is a natural oak finish, upholstery is berry (leda) tuffcloth.

Excellent condition. \$100 each.

Two dark oak study carrels, good condition. \$30 each.

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"The ALA accredits master's degree programs designed to prepare students for careers in librarianship."

This resolution was sent by Council to the COA and to the Committee on Education for comment by the Midwinter conference, six months from now. Meanwhile, the ALA Executive Board may be moving on its plan to convene some type of "library education summit."

In the course of the debate at council, some members wondered ironically whether it would be necessary to change the name of the American Library Association. Unfortunately, (no, fortunately!) the American Society for Information Science is already taken. Besides, we'd want to keep our familiar ALA acronym. My suggestion, should we fail to convince our own Committee on Accreditation that library education needs preservation, is "American Lemming Association."



Membership Report

Rebecca Van Der Meer
Membership Chairman

Recently I ran across an article in *Library Trends* that discussed various reasons for joining professional associations. The reasons ranged from having a genuine interest in library roles to long good on a resume. This particular survey covered only academic libraries in California.

I thought it would be fun and interesting to conduct a survey of WVLA members and see why we join the professional associations of our choice.

If you would like to participate, please check out the Membership section of the WVLA Web page at <<http://wvnmvs.wvnet.edu/~wvla>> for the survey form. You should be able to fill out the form and e-mail it back to me. Or, if you would rather, make a copy and fill it out by hand and snail-mail it back to me. Either way, your responses will be confidential.

Once I have gathered all the information, I will report the results in the next issue of *WV Libraries*.



1998 WVLA Election Slate Announced

The WVLA Nominating Committee, chaired by Mryra Ziegler, Director of the Summers County Public Library, submitted the following slate, which was approved at the June 12 Executive board meeting:

First Vice President, President-Elect: Pam Coyle, South Charleston Public Library; Rebecca Van Der Meer, University of Charleston

Second Vice President: Connie Clay, Princeton Public Library; Dottie Thomas, Ohio County Public Library

Other candidates may be nominated upon petition to the Nominating Committee by at least 10 members of WVLA. Petitions must contain the written consent of each nominee and be received by the chair of the committee at least 13 weeks before the annual conference (September 7, 1998).



Introducing the Candidates...

First Vice President/President Elect

Pam Coyle, Director, South Charleston Public Library

Biographical: My Master's in Library Science is from Clarion University. Before I came to South Charleston in 1991, I was the director of a library in Waynesboro, PA, for ten years. A six-year member of WVLA, I have served on the conference Committee, the Scholarship/Continuing Education Committee, as chair of the Director's Roundtable, and as the chair of the Public Library Division. As the chair of the Public Library Division, I chaired the Spring Fling workshop that entailed planning programs and working with the conference center staff at the Flatwoods Days Inn.

Statement of Concern: Change will be the buzzword for at least the next few years for all libraries in West Virginia and for the WV Library Association. My concern is that the Association play a major role in bringing all the issues to the powers that be, and developing lines of communication that ensure that the concerns of all libraries are heard and considered.

The WVLA can play a pivotal role in establishing guidelines for service, technology, and staffing that are fair, that build on existing strengths, and that ensure libraries become the best that they can be. However, this will take strong leadership and dedication to all types of libraries.

Rebecca Van Der Meer, Reference Librarian, University of Charleston

Statement of Concern: Statistics indicate that libraries of West Virginia have shown a vast improvement in serving their patrons. Technology plays a major part in the upswing of library use. Patrons are coming to their libraries not only to borrow print materials but to access information from electronic sources.

Technology is growing so fast that it is difficult to keep up with the changes. Not only do we as library service providers need to know how to use the technology to keep our libraries operating on a daily basis, but we must be able to share our knowledge with the library users. Both students and community patrons are in need of our expertise in using electronic sources.

How are we to do this? Who is going to educate the library staff? Who or how will this be funded? These are questions that need to be answered.

It is my opinion that the WVLA should take a major role in providing assistance in training and supporting all levels of library staff. There is a wealth of experience and knowledge throughout the state that can be shared in workshops. These workshops could be designed to reach everyone within the state, not just in one or two centralized locations. It is time for all libraries to become cooperative resources.

Second Vice President

Connie Clay, Director Princeton Public Library

Biographical: Education: West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Concord College, College of West Virginia. Currently enrolled in University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science. *Employment:* Currently Director, Princeton Public Library. Formerly Director, Wayne County Public Libraries; Head of Audiovisual Services, Cabell County Public Library; Assistant to the Director, College of West Virginia. *Affiliations:* ALA; WVLA; Read Aloud Mercer County Board of Directors; Literacy Volunteer of America Board Member; West Virginia Press Women's Association; Friends of the Library.

Statement of Concern: Most libraries, regardless of size, employ at least one and usually more than one paraprofessional. These employees report a steadily increasing workload as well as an increasing amount of responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the libraries. One method of increasing membership in WVLA would be to actively recruit membership from this contingent. By planning and providing continuing education and training opportunities for paraprofessionals, as well as the professional library workers, our organization could only be strengthened.

Dottie Thomas, Director, Ohio County Public Library

Biographical: Born and raised in Marshall County, graduated from West Liberty State College, taught at Philippi Barbour H.S. and Wheeling Junior H.S. My career in public libraries began as Children's Librarian at the Ohio County Public Library. I resigned to accept a graduate assistantship at the University of Pittsburgh where I received my MLS degree. After graduation I became Assistant Director of the Mary H. Weir Public Library for three years. I then accepted the position of Director of the Pittsburg, Kansas Public Library in 1992. In 1997, I "came home" to serve as Director of the Ohio County Public Library.

Statement of Concern: When you combine public libraries and West Virginia, you've brought together two of my favorite things. I believe we have a unique and wonderful state and it deserves the very best public libraries we can give it. I also believe that to provide excellence in service and resources for our citizens we must cooperate and share those services and resources. Wise use of our financial resources is imperative if we are to provide the wide range of materials possible for West Virginia residents.

The WV Library Association is a vital organization ensuring that the goals stated above are made possible and achieved. I would consider it a privilege to serve as Second Vice President of WVLA. The office carries the added benefits of becoming more familiar with the state's librarians, hearing their concerns, and providing the opportunity to participate in achieving the goal of excellence in public library service for West Virginians.

West Virginia Authors of Children's Literature.....

From lists submitted by Linda Hegginger, South Charleston Public Library, and Anna Smucker, Bridgeport Public Library

- Sandra Belton
- David Bice
- Drollene Brown
- Pearl Buck
- Kate Buckley
- Adjoa Burrowes
- Betsy Byars
- Bonnie Collins
- Nancy Cooney
- Rebecca J. Davis
- Julie Stone Dickie & Catherine Stone Hoffman
- Robyn Harbert Eversole
- Cheryl Ryan Harshman
- Marc Harshman
- Mary Haynes
- Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
- Shirley Kurtz
- Jean Lee Latham (also writing as Janice Gard and Julian Lee)
- Artie N. McCoy
- Llewellyn McKernan
- Gerald Milnes
- Walter Dean Myers
- Jean Potter
- Jean Ray
- Charles Ripper
- Cynthia Rylant
- Julia Sadd
- Brenda Seabrooke
- Ellen Harvey Showell
- Agnes Smith
- Anna Egan Smucker
- David Stemple
- Beverly Van Hook
- Charlotte Ware
- Meredith Sue Willis
- Becky Wilson-Kelly

Other authors with West Virginia ties: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Laurence Yep.

West Virginia illustrators of children's books: Wendy Wassink Ackison, Adjoa Burrowes



1998-99 West Virginia Children's Book Award List

- The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker*, Cynthia DeFelice
- Child of the Wolves*, Elizabeth Hall
- Clara and the Hoodoo Man*, Elizabeth Partridge
- Crash*, Jerry Spinelli
- Don't Call Me Slob-O*, Doris Orgel
- Echohawk*, Lynda Durrant
- Frindle*, Andrew Clements
- The Goalie*, Susan Shreve
- Hey, New Kid!* Betsy Duffey
- Junebug*, Alice Mead
- The Keeping Room*, Anna Myers
- On Board the Titanic*, Shelley Tanaka
- Seedfolk*, Paul Fleischman
- See You Around, Sam*, Lois Lowry
- Sticks*, Joan Bauer
- Sun & Spoon*, Kevin Henkes
- Tingleberies, Tuckertubs, and Telephones*, Margaret Mahy
- Tornado*, Betsy Byars
- The Worry Stone*, Marianna Dengl

Martinsburg-Berkeley County P L Recognizes Local Poets

Diana Abshire

The Martinsburg-Berkeley county Public Library celebrated National Library Week and National Poetry Month with several activities highlighting local talent. Ethan Fisher of Harpers Ferry conducted a poetry workshop for beginning and intermediate teenage and adult writers. At the fourth annual Author's Booking, two of the authors, Mary Ann Evans (*Childhood's Thief*) and Earl Hairston (*I heard My Mother Crying*) announced that movies based on their books are being produced. The Author's Booking offers local and regional authors the opportunity to network, to meet the public, and to market their books. Other activities included a display of poetry and prose written by local youngsters, a performance by the Masqueraders of Musselman High School, and a live local radio broadcast with local poets Paul Grant and Patsy Love.

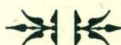


New West Virginia Mystery Writer

The Contrary Blues; An Owen Allison Mystery. John Billheimer. June 1998, Thomas Dunne Book. ISBN: 0-312-18565-0 \$21.95.

Publishers Weekly (Monday, April 6, 1998): Billheimer's impressive debut tells a funny, sometimes touching story about governmental bumbling and Appalachian poverty and resourcefulness.

National Department of Transportation investigator Owen Allison, a West Virginia native, is assigned the unwelcome task of completing an audit begun by a colleague who met with a fatal "accident" in the little town of Contrary, West Virginia. Contrary, Owen quickly discovers, has been the recipient of unintentional government largess; an extra zero on a grant application turned Contrary's initial request for two buses into a request for 20. The mistakenly-awarded grant, with continuing funding for support, has turned Contrary into a contented town—except for Hatfield McCoy, a disabled citizen who keeps firing off disgruntled letters about Contrary's bus service. Contrary's attempts to retain the funds are guided by its folksy mayor, Purvis Jenkins, and his sister, town belle Mary Beth. Well-developed subplots include Mary Beth's coal-mining ex-husband's battle with alcoholism and black-lung disease. Owen's struggle with his political boss and a sheriff with a yen for Mary Beth and nasty plans for Owen. Owen's future as a sleuth is uncertain at story's end, but Billheimer's writing prospects seem assured.



Recent Releases by West Virginia Authors

From a list submitted by Gordon Simmons

A Room Forever; The Life, Work, and Letters of Breece D'J Pancake. Thomas E. Douglass. ISBN 1-57233-001-5, University of Tennessee, \$32.00.

A definitive treatment of a highly original and influential voice in Appalachian literature. Breece D'J. Pancake was awarded the 1986 WVLA Literary award posthumously.

Transforming the Appalachian Countryside; Railroads, Deforestation, and Social Change in West Virginia, 1800-1920. Ronald L. Lewis ISBN 0-8078-4706-2, University of North Carolina Press, \$18.95.

An Appalachian Tragedy; Air Pollution and Tree Death in the Eastern Forest of North America. Harvard Ayers. ISBN 0-87156-976-0, Sierra Club Books, \$45.00.

This coffee table book of text and photos will fuel debate on the ongoing ecology of Appalachia.

United Mine Workers of America. John H.M. Laslett, ed. ISBN 0-271-01537-3, the Pennsylvania University Press, \$65.00.

An outstanding collection of essays on the history of the UMWA and its significance in labor history.

Daring Raiders. David Phillips. ISBN 1-567-995535, Friedman Fairfax Publishers, \$16.98.

More little known Civil War history from the West Virginia author of Soldier's Story, War Diaries, and Tiger John.

West Virginia Civil War Almanac, Vol. 1. Tim McKinney. ISBN 1-575-100371, \$29.95.

These county-by-county listings of Civil War veterans will prove essential for history buffs and genealogists.

Appalachian Dulcimer Traditions. Ralph Smith. ISBN 0-810-833786, Scarecrow Press, \$34.50.

Islander. Cynthia Rylant. ISBN 0-789-424908, DK Ink, \$14.95.

This haunting, beautiful tale is a story of marvelous happenings in a young man's life.

Tulip Sees America. Cynthia Rylant. ISBN 0-590-847449, Scholastic Book Services, \$15.95.

This vibrant picture book captures a young man's fun-filled drive across the country with his dog, Tulip.

Scarecrow. Cynthia Rylant. ISBN 0-520-1084X, Harcourt Brace Children's Books, \$16.00.

A picture book illustrating seasonal change in a rural setting.

Forthcoming Books by West Virginia Authors

From a list submitted by Gordon Simmons

Addie; A Memoir. Mary Lee Settle. October 1998, University of South Carolina Press, ISBN 1-57003-284-X, \$24.95.

Settle begins this extraordinary memoir by stating that an autobiography that begins with one's birth begins too late. Her story carries within it inherited choices, old habits, old quarrels, old disguises, and the river that formed the Kanawha Valley of West Virginia and the mores of her childhood. She records the expectations, talents, and tragedies of a people and a place that would serve as her deep and abiding subjects in The Beulah Quintet. The memoir closes with the burial of the last of the inheritors of Beulah, Settle's cousin, to whom Addie is dedicated.

The Gift Stone. Robyn Harbert Eversole. October 1998, A.A. Knopf, ISBN 0-679-98684-7, \$17.99.

In this modern day fairy tale, Jean, a child of the Australian Outback, learns that sometimes wishes can come true, especially when they mean a lot to the wisher.

Play of a Fiddle; Traditional Music, Dance, & Folklore in West Virginia. Gerald Milnes. February 1999, University of Kentucky Press, ISBN 0-813-120802, \$35.00.

Sure to be a definitive treatment.

Rocket Boys. Homer H. Hickman. November 1998, Delacorte, ISBN 0-385-33320X, \$23.95

A memoir of growing up in Coalwood, McDowell County, by NASA engineer Hickman who exhibits all the narrative skills of an accomplished novelist.

Bear Day. Cynthia Rylant. Children's Books, ISBN 0-150-10904, \$12.00.

Bird House. Cynthia Rylant. Scholastic Book Services, ISBN 0-590-47345X, \$15.95.

In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen (Cobble Steet Cousins). Cynthia Rylant. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, ISBN 0-689-17118, \$15.00.

A Little Shopping (Cobble Street Cousins). Cynthia Rylant. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, ISBN 0-689-1710X, \$15.00.

Mr. Putter & Tabby Take the Train. Cynthia Rylant. Harcourt Brace Children's Books, ISBN 0-15-201786-0, \$13.00.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
HONORING
FREDERIC J. GLAZER (1937-1997)

WHEREAS, The distinguished life and career of Fred Glazer was ended prematurely on December 9, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, Fred Glazer was one of the nation's most effective advocates for libraries, and especially for public library services in rural America; and,

WHEREAS, He served as Executive Secretary of the West Virginia Library Commission from 1972 to 1996; and,

WHEREAS, During his leadership of the West Virginia system he doubled the number of public libraries; and,

WHEREAS, He developed one of the country's first multiple node electronic library systems, and fostered the installation of "InfoMine" universal workstations in even the smallest, poorest, public libraries; and,

WHEREAS, He set an example to public library leaders elsewhere by his enthusiastic style of public relations; and,

WHEREAS, His active participation in international librarianship put American libraries on the world map,

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association at its 1998 Annual Conference honors the memory of Fred Glazer and extends its sympathy to his surviving family.

Submitted by Joseph W. Barnes, West Virginia Chapter Councilor

Governor Underwood Presents Public Libraries with \$1.2 Million for Technology

West Virginians will benefit from \$1.2 million of surplus lottery funds dedicated to bringing 121 of the state's 178 public library facilities onto an integrated, statewide network, one of the first in the country.

In a ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room on July 15, Governor Underwood awarded the funds to seven sub-hub libraries for enhancement of hardware and software in 52 libraries and to bring an additional 69 stand-alone systems onto the network.

The governor commended both the Library Commission and Legislators for enhancing lifelong learning opportunities for West Virginians, saying the project would "give us a high return on the investment."

In his remarks, David Price, Executive Director of the West Virginia Library Commission, explained that the current network has different levels of technology and is in need of an upgrade. Price said the state's libraries are faced with meeting the demands of a public wanting the latest in technology, including increased Internet workstations, access to library collections across the state, and the ability to do remote interlibrary loans.

Public libraries acting as sub-hubs for the InfoMine Network, and grants they were awarded are:

- Cabell County Public Library \$121,600
- Clarksburg-Harrison County public Library \$264,600
- Kanawha County Public Library \$131,150
- Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library \$154,575
- Parkersburg-Wood county Public Library \$130,175
- Raleigh County Public Library \$319,600
- Mary H. Weir Public Library \$78,300

NEWS...

South Charleston Museum moves into the South Charleston Public Library. On July 18, 1998, the South Charleston Museum opened its doors to the public. The first exhibit deals with the chemical industry in the Kanawha Valley. In exchange for a substantial contribution, the library gave up almost 600 square feet of space. Teresa Whitt, the director of the museum, says that the alliance between the two will provide a unique educational experience for not only the local population but also for tourists who visit the area. Although this change temporarily limits already cramped space at the library, the staff realizes this type of cooperative effort is the best way to promote the essential role of the library in the community and to emphasize the need for space that will accommodate both the library's and the community's needs.

New CD-ROM Helps America's Small Businesses. A new CD-ROM product from the National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC) at Wheeling Jesuit University will help thousands of American small businesses access programs and services that specialize in technical assistance that leads to future economic development, according to Joseph P. Allen, President of the NTTC. Allen said that the Business and Technical Assistance Programs (BTAP) CD-ROM will feature a database listing more than 2,300 national, state, and local organizations that provide businesses with a wide range of services and programs. The CD provides a mechanism for accessing this type of data, includes information on business start-up programs, and information on the U.S. Small Business Administration. A team of business experts from the NTTC Information Products team actively contacted the organizations included in the database to ensure accuracy and completeness. For more information, call Gerrill Griffith, NTTC Public Affairs Director at (304) 243-2251.

The Special Library Division is Completing Plans To Issue Its *Directory of West Virginia Special Libraries*. Distribution should occur prior to the annual conference. The basic plan is to provide the

directory on the WVLA Web site and to send diskette copies to those who request them.

Literacy Statistics Available. The National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) has issued its highly anticipated publication, *The State of Literacy in America; Estimates at the Local, State, and National Levels*. The report provides statistics for individual cities and counties that were previously unavailable and state-by-state information on adults with the most significant literacy needs. To request a copy, call 800-228-8813, or check NIFL's Web site at <<http://www.nifl.gov/reder/reder.htm>> for the on-line, searchable report database.

West Virginia University Wise Library Plans Displayed. Architects and WVU officials displayed the preliminary plans for the \$26 million Wise Library addition and renovation project at a public meeting in July. The general layout and location of the 115,000 square foot building have been decided. The addition will set in front of the current Wise Library. It will have five levels, four above ground, and will be fronted with an oversized bay window. An atrium will link the two components of the building. The goal of the addition is space that will be adaptable to changes in needs and technology.

The Princeton Public Library is the Home of the City of Princeton's Newest Fire Truck. The bright red engine is actual a children's mini-library on fire safety. Four shelves hold books with titles like *The Fire Cat*, *All Aboard Fire Trucks*, and *I'm Going To Be a Firefighter*. The shelves are attached to a colorfully painted vehicle with room for young readers to sit inside. The "fire truck" was built by members of the Princeton Fire Department. Christopher Gore, resident Story Wizard at the library, painted and decorated the truck. Donations from One Valley Bank and the Friends of the Library purchased 40 books for the display—which usually only has one or two titles left at the end of the day.

New Marshall Library To Be Dedicated in October. The dedication ceremony of the \$29 million, 17,000 square foot John Deaver Drinko Library at Marshall University is scheduled for October 23-24, 1998. Marshall President J. Wade Gilly

has called this the most advanced library at any public university in the nation. It will feature a 24-hour reading room, computer carrels and student workstations throughout, study rooms ranging from individual study areas to small seminar and conference rooms, and two multimedia presentation rooms. The library is the largest part of a building program under way at Marshall.

Committee Recommends ProQuest. After evaluating the services of four vendors, the Full Text Evaluation Committee recommended that the Library Commission renew the subscription to UMI's ProQuest Direct for another year.

The committee, made up of representatives from Bridgeport, Cabell County, Clarksburg, Fayette County, Kanawha County, Martinsburg, Mineral County, Morgantown, Parkersburg, and Weirton public libraries and chaired by Karen Goff, evaluated the products and proposals from EbscoHost, Electric Library, Information Access, and UMI. Each vendor was asked to provide at least a 30-day statewide trial of the product and demonstrate special features. The goal was to select a product that would best meet the needs for basic periodical service so that library users throughout the state would all receive the same baseline of service.

The UMI proposal provides several new features such as a new easier-to-navigate search interface and database segmentation that enables searches to be limited to magazines or newspapers. Also new is a children's graphical interface and a children's database that targets those titles children use for homework and personal interests. A link back to the library's home page is another new feature. The new subscription focuses on a combination of popular and specialized general reference periodicals designed for public libraries. This gives West Virginia public libraries a very focused database containing 930 titles of which 670 are full text. KidQuest, the children's database, contains 82 children's publications of which 71 are full text.

PEOPLE...

Judy Prosser, Head of Technical Services at the Library commission since 1969, retired effective August 1. Judy developed each phase of the statewide catalog project beginning with thousands of cards, through the microfiche version (Catfiche), through conversion to a computer readable database, to Internet accessibility. A true visionary, Judy has always been among the first to cross technological mountains, then serve as a guide to those still awestruck by technological molehills by willingly sharing her expertise with Library Commission staff and with others at WVLA workshops and conferences. Her skills and knowledge have contributed greatly to West Virginia library development.

Marilyn Horacek, formerly a librarian at City-County Public Library in Moundsville and West Virginia Northern Community College, recently received her medical degree. Her husband, Lou, is Assistant Director at Ohio County Public Library in Wheeling.

Beth Nicholson, Director of the Upshur County Library, has accepted the position of Director of the Clarksburg-Harrison County Public Library.

Ruth Jackson has resigned after 10 years as Dean of University Libraries at West Virginia University effective January 1, 1999 to pursue other horizons. Among her accomplishments at WVU are the addition of 17 library faculty positions, cooperation with statewide multitype library projects, and the groundwork for the present Wise Library expansion project. She is currently working directly with the WV Union List of Serials to complete its movement to MARC format and the capability for each institution to input its own records.

Connie Clay, Director of the Princeton Public Library, was recently chosen as a winner in the West Virginia Press Women's Association 1998 Communications contest. Clay serves as *Lifestyles* columnist for the Princeton Times. Her weekly column is entitled "Pages from

My Book." Contest coordinators said the 1998 competition drew more than 100 entries, the largest in several years.

Elizabeth Fraser, assistant head of reference with the Kanawha County Public Library system, is the West Virginia winner of the 1998 MCI Cybrarian of the Year award. She is one of 51 winners of a national competition to honor librarians who are helping patrons access and navigate the world of information technology. As a result of Fraser's award, MCI will donate \$1000 to the library system and provide one year of dial-up Internet access.

Peter Washkevich has joined the Marshall University Libraries staff as serials/reference librarian. Before coming to Huntington, Washkevich was librarian for the Foundation Center in Cleveland. He obtained his MLS from Rutgers and has also worked as serials/reference librarian at the New York Public Library and as technical assistant at Princeton University libraries.

A Taste of Mystery

The staff at the South Charleston Public Library held a program on June 27th that focused on the recent trend of mysteries that include recipes. Participants were asked to cook and bring to the library a recipe in one of the mysteries. The recipe had to serve 15 people.

Authors Diane Mott Davidson, Virginia Rich, Tamar Myers and many others were discussed in an afternoon of delightful mystery and delicious food. The history of this culinary mystery trend was also presented. A special edition of Rex Stout's *Too Many Cooks* in 1938 included the first recipe. All participants were given a booklet with the recipes and a bibliography of authors.

Librarian Pam Coyle suggests that anyone who wishes to do such a program hold it in the fall or winter months and limit the discussion to one or two authors. These predetermined authors and their works should be read prior to the program.

For more information, call Pam Coyle at (304) 744-6561, or e-mail her at coyle@scpl.wvnet.edu.



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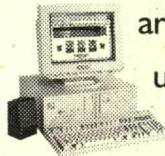
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Calendar

September

Library Card Sign Up Month

- 7 Last day to accept petition candidates for WVLA offices
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 14 Library Commission Meeting, Wheeling
- 15 Deadline for October issue of *WV Libraries*
- 18 WVLA Executive Board Meeting, Clarksburg
- 26-Oct 3 Banned Books Week
- 29-Oct 3 Southeastern Library Association/Arkansas Library Assoc. Joint Conference, Little Rock, AR

October

Medical Librarians Month

- 12 Deadline for mailing ballots
- 14-16 Knowledge Access Management Tools and Concepts for Next-Generation Catalogers (regional seminar), OCLC/PALINET, Philadelphia, PA

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November

- 4-7 AV Materials: From the Library's Orphan Child to Cinderella, On-Line Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) Conference, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Charlotte, NC
- 16-22 National Children's Book Week
- 15-21 American Education Week

December

- 7-9 WVLA Annual Conference, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Sps.

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The October issue will focus on Annual Conference Activities

WV Libraries A Note from the Editors

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