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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

Derrie Roark, Florida Chapter ACRL

What an exciting time to be a librarian in Florida!

How many times I have used that phrase. Even with tight budgets, the technological changes, and paradigm shifts, opportunities are mind boggling. Just consider the concept of "place to space," or the conceptual movement from bibliographic instruction to information literacy, or the difference in ownership versus access. Plus, there are opportunities to do wonderful and different things in our profession.

For example, the successful paraprofessional development conference took Gainesville by storm in February, involving nearly 180 people from fifteen states. The changes in our profession also impact our paraprofessional colleagues. We should follow the success of the Library Technical Assistant training offered by Indian River Community College to prepare our future library staff for the new millennium.

Another example of how we rise to meet these challenges, as individuals and through our networks and organizations, is the work being done by the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. TBLC is continually offering programs to educate and update all library staff in MARC, OCLC, FIRN, and the Internet. Furthermore, Tallahassee and Tampa are pioneering the concept of the FREENET, a community-based public computing network. Tom Grundner, President of the National Public Telecomputing Network, was in the state in mid-February trying to help communities do for public computing what PBS and NPR have done for television and radio. The librarians in Florida should be the major players, or we will all be left out in the cold!

In the meantime, Doug Lehman has coordinated a fine space planning workshop for our spring program at FLA in Daytona Beach. See you there in May!

Jacquelyn A. McCoy, ACRL President

The theme for my Presidential year is "Academic Libraries at the Crossroads."

Higher education as we know it is undergoing dramatic changes. The economic climate, the networked environment, the impact of technology, and the audio/video age all influence the plans we make and the programs we implement. These changes along with other factors are driving a reconfiguration of academic libraries and a reorientation of our profession.

I am interested in finding out from academic librarians how they are coping with these changes. An appropriate way to gather important information is to ask the chapters to identify creative librarians who are initiating programs and planning reorganizations to address the challenges of today and tomorrow.

I would appreciate receiving from one to five "great ideas" being developed in your region. The list should include the name of the lead librarian, his or her institution, and a brief description of the innovation and the challenge it is designed to meet. I would appreciate your sending me the information as soon as you can, but no later than May 3, 1993.

I want to feature some of these innovations, these "great ideas," at the ACRL President's Program in New Orleans. We can share these ideas through poster sessions or literature distribution tables. The latter method will make it possible for members who cannot be present to share their ideas with those attending the annual meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Should you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 259-2671, FAX (213) 341-4991, or e-mail at jackiem@oxy.edu. Thank you in advance for your efforts to help make the President's Program in New Orleans an especially meaningful one.

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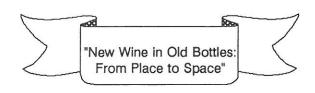
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It is a common scenario in libraries these days. Technology seems to be running rampant; every day brings new demands and requirements on old buildings. What can we do to make better use of our space? How can librarians keep the library from becoming a warehouse?

The program, "New Wine in Old Bottles: From Place to Space," sponsored by the Florida Chapter of ACRL and FLA's Academic Libraries Caucus will help answer some of these questions. The program will be held at the FLA conference in Daytona Beach on Tuesday, May 11 from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m.

Library building consultants Aaron and Elaine Cohen of Aaron Cohen Associates, Ltd., will present ideas for making meaningful use of buildings that were not designed, nor wired, to accommodate the plethora of technology faced by librarians on a daily basis. A selective list of Aaron Cohen Associates clients include the Broward County Library, Dekalb College, and the National Library of Singapore.

According to Aaron Cohen, one of the issues librarians face is that the library as we know it is a "place" -- a wonderful, cozy place -- but it is evolving into something else -- "space." "Space" has all the technology that we associate with the new environment we are moving into -- CD-ROMs, LANs, and connections to the Internet. How can we re-make the facilities we have so that we don't lose the sense of "place?"

We all know it is difficult to plan for a place that truly functions. This is especially true today when the basic functions of a library are constantly changing. So, bring your questions and concerns to the ACRL/FLA Academic Libraries Caucus program in Daytona Beach on Tuesday, May 11 from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

The Florida Chapter ACRL/FLA's Academic Libraries Caucus business meeting will be held from 4:30 until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11. Election of officers will be at this time, so be sure to stay for the business meeting after the program and cast your vote!

BARRY UNIVERSITY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Candice Greedy joins the reference staff by way of Switzerland and New Hampshire.

People: State/National Activities

Nancy Pine, Systems Librarian, was recommended by her peers and approved by the Board of Directors as Chair of SEFLIN's Technical Committee.

BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Karen Simpson is the new Periodicals/Circulation Librarian at the Cocoa Campus. Her previous experience includes service at the corporate library of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The college recently received a positive assessment from the SAC's visitation committee. All campus facilities were found in good operation, but short of space at Palm Bay and Cocoa.

Buildings

Two new library buildings are in the planning and implementation stages. A three-story library for the Cocoa campus will be available in the fall of 1995. A new building for the Palm Bay campus will follow.

Automation

The BCC staff is excited about the implementations of LINCC for the Cocoa, Melbourne, Titusville, and Palm Bay campuses. Online services are slated to begin in March.

BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Dr. Bud Call has been appointed Director of the North Campus Library and Learning Resources.

Buildings

Construction is almost complete on the new joint library. The Broward Community College North Campus/Broward County North Regional Public Library should be fully operational by August. Meanwhile, plans for the Broward Community College Central Campus/Florida Atlantic University Southeast Campus joint four-story addition and renovation are being completed. Ground breaking should take place in the fall.

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Chuck Potter has been promoted to the position of Circulation/Media Area Manager. He replaces Jackie Henning who left the Hunt Library to assume the position of Director of Academic Support for the College of Continuing Education at Embry-Riddle.

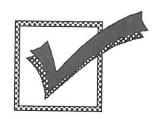
VOTE!!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election of the Florida Library Association. The following members of the Florida ACRL Chapter are running for office:

Secretary Betty Johnson

At-Large
Board Member
Susan Gray Byrd



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

People: State/National Activities

Gary Parsons, Janice Donahue, Linda Golian, Joe DeLiddo, Elaine Hyman, Zita Cael, Peggy Walker, and Dave Clark, all members of the "Disaster Squad" -- an in-house preservation and repair group -- attended a preservation seminar sponsored by the Dade County Library Association in October. Dahrl Moore, Acquisitions Librarian, spoke to the Indian River Genealogy Society at their January meeting. She also coordinated a six-week beginners workshop for genealogy researchers. Rita Pellen, Assistant Director for Public Services, attended ALA Midwinter in Denver. She was appointed to serve on ACRL's subcommittee on New Graphic Products and ACRL's Woman's Studies Section 1994 Program Planning Committee. She has also been selected to serve on FAU's Commission on the State of Women. Janice Donahue, Periodicals Librarian, and Malka Schyndel, Catalog Librarian, have been designated Vice-Chairs of SEFLIN's Cataloging Committee. Linda Wiler, Acquisitions Librarian, joined the editorial board for the new electronic serial MC Journal the Journal of Academic Media Librarlanship.

People: Papers and Publications

Linda Golian, Catalog Librarian, and Linda Wiler are currently completing a book chapter entitled "Library Services for Older Adults" for publication in volume 30, Diversity and Multiculturalism in Libraries of the JAI Press Series, Foundations in Library and Information Science. "Florida East Coast Railway and the Establishment of the Yamato Farming Colony" by Linda Golian was published in FACS: Florida Atlantic Comparative Studies, volume 1, number 2, Fall 1992. William Miller, Director of Libraries, and Rita Pellen have written an article entitled "A Contract Management Arrangement: FAU and IBM" for Journal of Academic Librarianship, volume 19, number 1, 1993. The article is a photographic essay of the library at IBM's site in Boca Raton. Darlene Parrish. Reference and Business Librarian, co-authored an article entitled "Burnout and Public Service: The Periodical Literature of Librarianship in the Eighties" which appeared in the Fall, 1992 issue of RQ.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Helen Laurence, Reference Librarian, recently initiated VIA-FAU, a fee-based library service featuring both collection access and online searching. Nancy Wynen, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, designed a library display publicizing FAU's upcoming natural history museum. Ray Lamar, Media Center, recently added some of the American Short Story Series to FAU's video stock.

FLORIDA CENTER FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION

People: State/National Activities

Maggie Hogue is now Chair of the LAMA SASS Circulation Services Committee. Elaine Henjum has been appointed intern to the LITA Bylaws Committee for 1992-93. Michele Dalehite has been elected to the LITA Board of Directors for 1992-95.

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Mary Calhoun was recently promoted to the position of Systems Librarian. Her position as catalog librarian has been filled by Rachel Schipper.

Automation

Public terminals are now available in the Evans Library for remote access to the Brevard County Public Library System and the Florida Center for Library Automation. Patrons may search catalogs for the Brevard County public libraries', the nine libraries in the State University System, *ERIC*, and the Center for Research Libraries database.



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

University Park Campus

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Gail Clement is the new Science/Information Sciences Librarian. She is a recent graduate of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida. She also holds a Master of Science in Geology from the University of Oregon.

People: State/National Activities

Patricia lannuzzi, Head, Reference, attended the workshop "Managing the Learning Process" offered by the Association of Research Libraries, Office of Management Studies in Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina. Sherry Mosley, Head, Government Documents, has been designated Chairperson of SEFLIN's Government Documents Committee. Sherry Mosley, Mary Deane, Systems Librarian, and Dan Murphy, Reference, North Miami Campus, attended the Annual Affiliates meeting of the State Data User Center January 14-15 in Orlando.

People: Papers and Publications

Minnie Dunbar, Reference Librarian, published an article entitled "Power and Cooperation in a Negotiated Environment: A Resource Dependence Perspective of Interlibrary Lending" in Advances in Library Resource Sharing, volume 3, 1992. Andrew Grof, Reference Librarian, published a chapter of his novel, Voyager, in a recent issue of The North Atlantic Review, number 4, 1992. "Leadership Development and Organizational Maturity" by Patricia lannuzzi appeared in the Journal of Library Administration, volume 17, number 1, 1992.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Ron Martin, Head, Instructional Resource Center, was presented an Award of Excellence in Service to the University by the Faculty Honorary Degree and Awards Committee. He is the first FIU Librarian to be honored with a Service Award.

Going to ALA in New Orleans?

See page 14.

North Miami Campus

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Nancy Hershoff has been appointed to the position of Head, Bibliographic Control. Daniel Murphy is the new Management Science Librarian/Electronic Database Coordinator of the Reader Services Department. He holds a Master in Library Science degree from the University of South Florida.

People: State/National Activities

Nancy Hershoff has been appointed Assistant Chair, Program Planning Committee for the Dade County Library Association.

People: Papers and Publications

Scott Kass, Reference Librarian, edited the Health Information Management Program's Accreditation Document.

FLORIDA KEYS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Maria Soule returned to FKCC's Learning Resource Center as full-time librarian in January. She was a librarian at FKCC during 1980-87 and then worked at libraries in Wisconsin and Fort Myers before returning to Key West as Extension Services Coordinator at the Monroe County Public Library.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The FKCC Library Gallery continues to foster interest in and appreciation for the LRC. Currently administered by a college art faculty committee, the Library Gallery sponsors several unique shows and gala openings throughout the college year.

FLORIDA MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Automation

The library recently installed the GALAXY Integrated Library System from Gaylord. All library staff are anxiously awaiting training.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Sarah Santos was appointed Visiting Assistant University Librarian in Reference. The new Instructor Librarian in Reference is Leanne Morin-Plourde.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Carol Gaar, Catalog Librarian, was granted professional development leave during the fall semester, 1992. She studied cataloging standards and attitudes, specifically comparing Canadian and U.S. libraries. Greg Toole, Reference Librarian, was granted a Professional Development Leave during the spring 1993 semester to do advanced research on teaching of English to speakers of other languages.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

A new vendor, Capitol Copy, has been selected to provide public photocopy and reader printer copying in the university libraries.

Buildings

Final plans for the renovation of Strozier Library are being written. Construction is scheduled to begin in July, 1994.

Law Library

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Patricia Simonds has been appointed as Reference Librarian.

People: State/National Activities

Edwin M. Schroeder, Law Library Director, is currently serving on the American Bar Association's Facilities of the Law Library of Congress Committee and the Financial/Advisory Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries. He will also be speaking on the topic of "Collecting Rare and Out-of-Print Materials" at the 1993 Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. Robin Gault, Assistant Director, and Betsy Stupski, Public Services Librarian, will direct a

workshop in May entitled "Legal Research for Prison Librarians." **Anne Bardolph**, Acquisitions Librarian, attended the Institute on Foreign Legal Systems in Washington, D.C. in February. **Alva T. Stone**, Head of Cataloging, attended the February 8 meeting of the Library of Congress Advisory Committee on Law Classification in Washington, D.C. She also served as a referee in 1992 for manuscripts submitted to *Library Resources & Technical Services*.

School of Library and Information Studies

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Dr. Gene Sharon, formerly Director of FSU's Computing Center, has been appointed University professor in the area of Information Science. **Myke Gluck** is the new Assistant Professor in the area of Information Science. Professor **Al Trezza** announced his retirement effective the end of spring 1993 semester.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Dr. Beth Logan, Associate Professor, has been granted sabbatical beginning in August, 1993. She will be working with DYNEX Library Automation System in Provo, Utah.

INDIAN RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: State/National Activities

Pat Profeta, Reference Librarian, was selected to serve on the CCLA Circulation Task Force.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

H.W. Wilson now provides free and unlimited access to their twenty-five online databases used in the Library Technical Assistant Program. The Learning Resources Committee recently began a Faculty Forum.

Automation

The LRC became "live" with LINCC in January. The event was promoted with orientation sessions, posters, and flyers. Students and faculty are extremely pleased with the new system.

MANATEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The library revised its library fines/return book policy. All old overdues were purged and amnesty was granted to everyone. Beginning with the spring 1993 semester, students check out materials until the first day of the following month and are encouraged to return them by that date. At the end of each semester, students are invoiced for unreturned materials at \$35.00 per item. There are no overdue fines, no processing fees, just a simple system based on the premise that if a student has not returned materials by the last due date of each term, he/she has bought them.

MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Automation

After a delay of six months due to Hurricane Andrew, the five campuses of Miami-Dade are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of LINCC. Wiring is underway and training begins in March. Promotional materials are being prepared to announce LINCC to students and faculty.

Homestead Campus

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Barbara Kulpa, Circulation/Interloan Librarian, has relocated due to hurricane home-loss. Carlos King has accepted her former position and comes to the Library with four years experience at the Kendall Campus Library.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Mervyn Solomon and Philip Browning acted as guest lecturers in a series of visits to the Advanced English class. Multi-media presentations covered the Harlem Renaissance, Thurgood Marshall, and black children's literature.

Automation

After a successful trial period, the Library subscribed to the Full Text Elite version of EBSCO's *Academic Abstracts*.

Kendall Campus Library

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Susan Byrd has been appointed Acting Chair of the Reader's Services Department.

Library Technical Services

People: State/National Activities

Arlene Lipman, Associate Professor, was elected Chairperson of the North Campus Endowed Chair Committee which evaluates portfolios, and selects recipients of endowed chairs for the North Campus.

North Campus Library

People: State/National Activities

Celia Suarez, Associate Dean, is serving on the North Campus Endowed Chair Committee for the Teaching/Learning Project.

NORTH FLORIDA JUNIOR COLLEGE

People: State/National Activities

Amy Johnson, Catalog Librarian, and Kathy Sale, Reference Librarian, are compiling a fifty-year index to the *Explicator* magazine.

People: Papers and Publications

"Bringing Culture to Rural North Florida: The Librarian as Fitzcarraldo," an article by **Shelia Hiss**, Library Director, has been accepted for publication in *Florida Libraries*.

<u>Automation</u>

Lynn Kelly attended a three-day hardware contact training session in preparation for the LINCC implementation.



OKALOOSA-WALTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Automation

Four part-time staff were hired to assist with the LINCC bar-coding project. Retrospective conversion is continuing with approximately 95% of the conversion completed.

Exhibits

A new art gallery opened last fall in the Learning Resources Center on the Niceville campus. The Stairwell Gallery, created from an unused stairwell, is a popular campus attraction and well-used by students and faculty.

ORLANDO COLLEGE

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

New paint and carpeting are the results of a recent remodeling of the library. **Martha Petty**, Library Director, also reports that Anderson and Hunt donated a collection of law books.

ST. PETERSBURG JUNIOR COLLEGE

Automation

St. Petersburg Junior College had joined LINCC. Ribbon cutting for the public access catalog at each campus was held during the week of February 15-19, 1993.

Cooperative Effort

Three community college librarians wrote chapters for *Community College Reference Services* edited by Bill Katz and recently published by Scarecrow Press. The librarians are: **Derrie Roark**, Hillsborough Community College; **Susan Anderson**, St. Petersburg Community College; and **Douglas Lehman**, Miami-Dade Community College.

SCHILLER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Schiller International University began its first semester in its newly renovated Dunedin campus in January, 1991. This is the first campus in the United States, although there are nine campuses in Europe. The curriculum is coordinated to allow students to travel from one campus to another without losing credit or having to transfer credits as they earn their degree.

The library, which started from scratch, has grown to more than 2,000 volumes. Holdings are concentrated in the areas of international business, hotel management, and tourism, the major fields of study at the Florida campus. The library has seven computers for student use, CD-ROM drives, and a microfiche reader. Automation is a top priority and the library plans to set up an automated public access catalog and participate more fully in resource sharing through the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC). Currently, the library is a member of TBLC and FIRN and is hooked up to the internet.

Schiller has a Friends of the Library group, formed to bring the cultural and educational resources of the library out into the community and to help support the library. Events include faculty lectures, book sales and the annual Schillerbration.

Schillerbration focuses on the life of Friedrich Schiller, German poet and dramatist, best known for William Tell.

Schiller's founder and president, Dr. Walter Leibrecht, chose Friedrich Schiller as the university namesake in honor of the dramatist's espousal of the ideals of democracy. The library is a repository for works by and about Friedrich Schiller.

Janis Coker, Library Director, wishes to thank the university and public libraries of Pinellas and Hillsborough counties for the time, expertise, books, and goodwill they have given to the Schiller Library.

SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: State/National Activities

Laurie S. Linsley, Catalog Librarian, has been selected as a reader for the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*. She has also been appointed to the editorial board of Haworth's Press new journal, College and Undergraduate Libraries.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Diane Eubanks, Reference Librarian, has developed several printed guides on using the online catalog module of LINCC. She is glad to share these guides, however credit is appreciated when large portions of the work are reproduced. Requests should be directed to Tom Reitz, Library Director, at Seminole Community College.

Automation

Seminole Community College has been chosen as the single-campus prototype library for the LINCC circulation system.

STETSON UNIVERSITY

People: State/National Activities

Judith Shaffer, Circulation Librarian, is the new Chairperson of the Interlibrary Loan Interest Group of the Central Florida Library Consortium (CFLA). Susan Ryan, Government Documents Librarian, has been appointed to the editorial board of Government Publications Review beginning in 1994. She will also write a column for the journal. Betty Johnson, Associate Director for Technical Services, has been appointed to the editorial board for the new journal, College and Undergraduate Libraries.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The duPont-Ball Library has acquired Ethnic NewsWatch and Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) databases on CD-ROM.

Automation

The Library recently moved from a Kardex to the DataTrek periodicals check-in system. This is compatible with the serials control dBASE programs and is used in conjunction with a microcomputer-based check-in system.

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Eloise Harbeson, library director for seventeen years recently retired. The new director is **Mabel Shaw**. She served as a reference librarian since 1968 and as acting director since June, 1992.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Janys Barnidge, Reference Librarian, and Richard Allen have prepared a library promo video with open captioning that plays on a monitor installed in the library's lobby. The video is updated monthly and alerts students to library services, new materials, and changes in procedures and schedules. A special collection of Talking Books on Cassette, Braille, Large Print, and equipment now supplement the existing materials available for TCC students and college personnel with disabilities. These items are borrowed from the Bureau of Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Daytona Beach and include curriculum related materials as well as some general, recreational, and cultural items. The staff from the Special Collections and Documents Division of the State Library of Florida visited TCC's Reference Department to learn about available services and materials. This is part of the Reference Department's ongoing continuing education project to host and visit area Reference Departments.

Exhibits

In observance of Black History Month, the library exhibit featured a collection of African Art.

Buildings

The library staff is working closely with architects on the plans for a new library building. The new twostory building with 66,300 square feet will be located in the future center of the campus.

Science Reference Service: An Introduction for the General Reference Librarian

Sponsored by: ACRL Science & Technology

Section

Where:

New Orleans, LA

When:

Friday, June 25, 1993

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$120 for ACRL members

\$155 for non-members

The keynote speaker will provide an overview of scientific and technical literature. The next speaker will discuss online and CD-ROM databases in the science and technology disciplines. The following three speakers will focus on specific resources in the physical sciences, applied sciences, and the life sciences. The day will conclude with demonstrations of several online and CD-ROM databases.

The pre-conference is designed for academic librarians who serve at general reference desks, at community colleges, colleges, or universities and do not have formal training in scientific bibliography. This pre-conference may also attract paraprofessionals, public librarians, and special librarians who answer science questions.

All ACRL members will receive a flyer including a registration form this spring. Non-ACRL members may contact the ACRL office for registration information.

Direct questions about the pre-conference to:

Treasures of Florida Libraries

An invitation is extended to institutions to participate in the exhibit, *Treasures of Florida Libraries*. This exhibit, which will feature rare books and special collections materials from selected Florida libraries, will be on display at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida from June to September 1994. The exhibit opening will be held in conjunction with the American Library Association Annual Conference and the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Preconference, in Miami in June, 1994.

This exhibit, sponsored by the Florida Center for the Book, the University of Miami, the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, and SEFLIN, will display approximately one hundred items from various collections. Located in the Metro-Date Arts and Cultural Complex, the Museum is a recognized leader in cultural and historical exhibitions. The Museum has an excellent security system and maintains proper environmental conditions. All loaned material will be covered by the Museum's insurer.

If your institution is interested and willing to participate in the exhibit, the coordinators need a list of no more than ten of your "treasures." A illustrated catalog is planned to accompany the exhibit, so brief bibliographical and physical descriptions should be included. All types and kinds of materials will be included in the exhibit ranging from cuneiform tables, medieval manuscripts, and Fioridiana. Due to limited exhibit space and possible duplication, particularly in Floridiana, all the materials offered might not be displayed. Your selections should also indicate the scope and range of your collection.

If you have any questions, contact William Brown or Nora J. Quinlan at the University of Miami (305) 284-3247.

FROM THE EDITOR

The purpose of the Florida ACRL Chapter New letter is to improve communications among Forida's academic libraries. Thanks to the continuing efforts of regional reporters, liaisons, and each of you, this purpose is being met.

Several new libraries submitted news for this issue. It was good to hear from you! Now, I hope to hear from even more libraries in the fall.

A special thanks is due to Bobby Sue Clarkson. All the graphics in this issue are to her credit. She was there when the Computer Service Department said "it can't be done," and there to show me how to do it anyway! "Thanks" is not enough, but it will have to suffice. Thanks again to my supervisor, Peggy Toifel, for providing time to work on this issue and to the Reference staff for filling in for me.

The Regional Reporters, listed below, also deserve a word of thanks. Their job is not always easy, but their work makes the *Newsletter* possible. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

Regional Reporters

Carolyn Bivens, Florida A & M University
Jane Bradford, Stetson University
Susan Byrd, Miami-Dade Community College
Ellen Feehan, University of Miami
Jamie Hastreiter, Eckerd College
Cheryl McCoy, University of South Florida
Razia Nanji, University of Florida
Mayra Nemeth, Florida International University
Meg Scharf, University of Central Florida

-- Theresa Johnson

ACRL Chapters Council

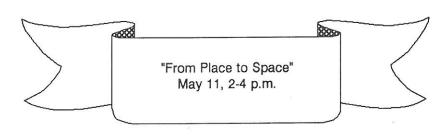
At the recent ALA Midwinter meeting in Denver (where skin cracked, noses bled and ran, and ears and toes froze), I learned that *Chapter Topics* has been cut to twelve pages, the Speaker's Bureau did not get funded, and that chapters can apply for special funding from an "Initiative Fund." I was also rewarded for my discomfort to hear of the many exciting workshop programs being offered by other ACRL chapters across the U.S.

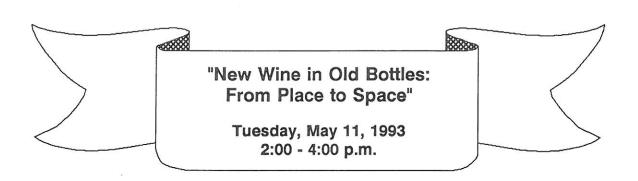
Two of my personal favorites. First, several chapters did a "contributed papers" pre-conference or used the idea for a themed conference or workshop. I would like to try this out in Florida. What do you think of this idea? Done occasionally, it could result in a nice set of published "Occasional Papers" highlighting the research of the Florida academic library community.

Secondly, Texas has established a Mexico/
Texas relations committee. Ten Mexican librarians attended their chapter program. The logistics may be more difficult, but Florida does have Caribbean neighbors as well as possibilities with the Yucatan Peninsula (see *Florida Trend*, February 1993, p. 34). Wonder if anyone would like to work with me on this type of project? Perhaps some of our Spanish-speaking librarians might find this international aspect interesting.

Other topics discussed by various ACRL chapters included the librarian as educator, how technical services affect everyone, career changes, teaching methods, fund-raising, leadership, the Internet, ADA, and an author's luncheon.

- Derrie Roark





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