

president Clara Jones' speech in which she described the subtle effects of racial bias. I was also concerned by her statement which noted that some ideas are dangerous and should be suppressed. No one has ever suggested that some ideas are not dangerous. What a free society requires is that all ideas have an equal opportunity for expression. How did your own state representative vote? I supported the continued distribution of the film on the grounds that to do otherwise would be an act of censorship. I remain, however, sensitive to the issues involved and feel it is of the utmost importance to the Association that the dialog continue.

Council II was a good deal more routine, and ASLA members who are also ALA members will be pleased to know that ALA is more financially solvent than it was at this time a year ago. In addition, plans are now underway for headquarters expansion. This move will not only help the efficiency of the Association but will provide some profit involving land exchanges as well.

With a storm on the way and classes to teach, I left Chicago earlier than expected--just ahead of one of the worst snows in years. The mid-West is not a very pleasant place for a winter location. Phoenix seems ideal to host Mid-Winter--but unfortunately Arizona has not passed ERA. Council voted last summer not to negotiate for either the annual or Midwinter meetings with states who had not passed the Women's Right Ammendment.

We recently added 19 new members to ALA from Arizona which brings the state total to 340. If you are not a member of ALA--then why aren't you? Better join now. Glenn Kearns is the new state representative on the ALA Membership committee. If you would like additional information about ALA and application forms, please write to him at Tempe Public Library, Box 5002, Tempe, AZ 85281. Or call 968-8231. Glenn is also available to speak to groups on request.

Helen M. Gothberg
ALA Councilor

IMPORTANT CRUCIAL JAM MEETING

It's up to you now whether or not the Junior Arizona Members remains one of the Roundtables of ALA. The next meeting, May 20th will be a meeting where we will vote to determine if we will elect officers for next year or totally disband. The meeting will take place on May 20th. We will meet at the University of Arizona Library at 10:30 a.m. There will be a picnic lunch at noon (bring your own lunch) and a tour of Kitt Peak Observatory at 1:30. We will also be discussing our program for the upcoming convention. For more information on car pooling information call Mitzi Rinehart 269-2535, evenings 839-9527. Tucson area: Kathy Curley 884-6821, evenings 326-3132.

JAM HOTLINE

JAM Job-Line number is 278-1327. To list job openings, call Mitzi Rinehart at 269-2535 or TWX Maricopa County Library with the following information: Library name, address, Job Title, requirements, salary and closing date (if any).

YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIANS

A second statewide Young Adult meeting was held in Mesa on March 16, to discuss the possibility of an on-going Young Adult organization in Arizona. The participants,

representing nine public library systems, brainstormed about the state of "YA" work in Arizona. Under investigation are two possibilities for a formal Young Adult interest group: either a roundtable of ASLA or an Arizona Chapter of YASD. The group will decide a future meeting which avenue, if either, would be most beneficial to follow.

The proposed Young Adult program for this fall's ASLA convention was discussed. The program that has been submitted is a panel discussion of representatives from five community agencies that deal with young people. They will be asked to describe the current status of youth services in Arizona, and to comment upon the training and qualifications for those who work with young people. In addition, the panel will discuss how libraries and community agencies can effectively interact.

Program ideas and booktalk suggestions were shared among the participants. The new LES Juvenile Services Consultant, Sandra Nelson, was present and enthusiastically agreed to the idea of conducting regional workshops in Young Adult services. However, she did request input for all librarians working with young people in order to put together effective programs. If you have any ideas, direct them to Sandra.

Our next meeting date for people interested in YA services is set for Wednesday, July 12, 1978, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Casa Grande Public Library. If your library is interested in Young Adult services, please plan to attend.

ASLA NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The nominating committee for ASLA is announcing the opening of nominations and soliciting candidates for the association offices for President-Elect, Secretary and ALA Councilor. Candidates are being solicited from individual ASLA members, divisions, roundtables and committees. The nominating committee requests that candidates be current ASLA members, should have a demonstrated interest in ASLA and candidates may be nominated by individual ASLA members or by a recognized ASLA organization including a division, roundtable or committee.

The nominating committee members include: Clarence Dial, Jo Nell Roberts, Lyle Watrous and a special library divisions member.

Please send all nominations by May 26, 1978 to John McCracken at City Hall, 180 1st Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. Phone: 782-3681

John McCracken, Chairman
Nominating Committee

Please Note: Any ASLA member who wishes to record a different mailing address for the purpose of receiving the election ballot please contact John McCracken at the same address and phone number as mentioned above.

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Carrie H. Brock, Children's Librarian at the Palo Verde Branch of Phoenix Public Library is retiring this May. She worked as a public librarian for a total of thirty five years, twelve years of those were with the Phoenix system.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS RETIREING IN 1978

The School Library Division honored the school librarians retiring at the end of this year at a reception at the Casa Blanca Inn in Scottsdale on April 8. Those honored included:

Carole Anderson
AVONDALE JUNIOR HIGH

Dolyce Bolender
GALVESTON - CHANDLER

Margaret Carr
PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Ethel Croft
GARFIELD - PHOENIX ELEMENTARY

Hazel Desjardins
MANZANITA - KINGAMN

Bess Dubsky
SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY

Fern Elvis Ferguson
HOLAWAY - AMPHITHEATER

Flossie Gorsline
DESERT VIEW - WASHINGTON

Mary Mathes
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SD

Mary Morris
CACTUS WREN - WASHINGTON

Beula Smith
SUNLAND - ROOSEVELT

Elizabeth Williams
MURPHY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Unable to attend Reception

Beth Dennis
CHRISTIAN - FLAGSTAFF

Helen Kalin
MARYLAND - WASHINGTON SD

Ida McCarger
TUCSON UNIFIED SD

Blanche Traw
GILBERT JUNIOR HIGH



Jane Davis was in charge of arrangements for the reception.

SCOTT O'DELL WINS REGINA MEDAL

Arizona's Sally Thompson (St. Teresa School Librarian) presented the Regina Medal Award to Scott O'Dell at the annual Catholic Library Association Conference in St. Louis March 27-30.

He is the 20th author and/or illustrator to be recognized for a lifetime dedicated to children's literature. An article by Sally "Scott O'Dell - Weaver of Stories" appeared in March, 1978 issue of the Catholic Library World.



100 ATTEND MESLA LUNCHEON

One hundred librarians and friends attended the Maricopa Elementary School Library Association luncheon at the Casa Blanca Inn on April 8.

Speaker was Marion Place, author of Rifles and Warbonnets, Nobody Meets Big Foot, On the Track of Big Foot, etc.

In the picture at right, author is shown autographing books. MESLA president is Betty Gilbert, Joyce Tessler was in charge of the luncheon, assisted by Sally Thompson and Dee Foster.



DON FREEMAN DECEASED

We were sorry indeed to learn that Don Freeman passed away February 1 of a heart attack. The sixty-nine year old author-illustrator of more than twenty-three children's books was a speaker at the 1975 ASLA conference in Phoenix.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES LABORATORY COORDINATOR

There is an opening at Arizona State University for an Instructional Resources Laboratory Coordinator in the Department of Educational Technology and Library Science. This job requires a bachelor's degree plus a school librarian credential or graduate work in library science or instructional media, and training or experience in both areas is desirable. The maximum salary is \$12,900 based on applicant's qualifications.

This job involves work with media, and work with the faculty. Submit resume and placement papers to Personnel Committee, Box FLS, College of Education, ASU, Tempe, AZ 85281. For further information call Karen Tyler 965-7321 or 965-7191.

1979 ARIZONA YOUNG READERS AWARD

Has your library purchased its 20 books yet? Your students definitely will want to vote for Arizona's own child selected favorite author.

Two years ago, Judy Blume traveled to the University of Arizona to receive the first AYRA, after 20,000 of our young readers had selected their favorite author. Children waited up to two and a half hours to get Ms. Blume's autograph.

Who will be the recipient of the 1979 AYRA?

Baylor, Byrd - We Walk in Sandy Places
Bond, Michael - Tales of Olga de Polga
Branscum, Robbie - Johnny May
Branfield, John - Why Me?
Chenery, Janet - Pickles & Jake
Chew, Ruth - The Witch's Buttons
Cleary, Beverly - Socks
Collier, James & Christopher - By Brother Sam is Dead
Dansiger, Paula - The Cat Ate My Gymsuit
DePaola, Tomie - Strega Nona
Fitzgerald, John D. - The Great Brain Reforms
Greene, Constance C. - Beat the Turtle Drum
Hinton, S.E. - Rumble Fish
Mathis, Sharon Bell - The Hundred Penny Box
Rockwell, Thomas - How to Eat Fried Worms
Sharmat, Marjorie - Mooch the Messy
Sleator, William - House of Stairs
Viorst, Judith - My Mama Says There Aren't Any Zombies, Ghosts, Vampires, Creatures, Demons, Monsters, Fiends, Goblins, or Things
Waber, Bernard - I Was All Thumbs
Winthrop, Elizabeth - A Little Demonstration of Affection

Your school or library can participate simply by-ordering the books and acquainting your young readers with them. Many schools and libraries in our state already have begun: For ballots and additional information write: AYRA, Dept. of Elementary Education, College of Education Bldg. #69, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

ARIZONA'S YOUNG AUTHORS HONORED AT ARIZONA YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE

Arizona's Young Authors, grades K-8 were honored and participated in the Arizona Young Authors Conference held March 16, 1978 at the University of Arizona. Each child participating had been involved in creative writing and book binding experiences and each child had already written, illustrated and bound books. Each school participating in this Conference sent as many as 6 children to the University of Arizona on March 16. After arriving at the University, all of the children set off in different directions with their assigned groups which included other children from all over Arizona. Their day had already been planned for them and included sharing their

books with other children, creative writing activities, a tour of the University, lunch on the lawn, meeting Byrd Baylor, author of many children's books involving the Southwest, and getting to know other children in their groups. It was a very inspiring day for these young authors; one they will be sharing with their classes and remembering for a long time.

The Arizona State Library Association is one of the supporting associations for the Arizona Young Authors Conference both financially and in spirit. It is gratifying to see that it is meeting with such success partially through the efforts of the Library Association and more specifically the efforts of the librarians throughout the state.

Linda S. Head (Strochein)

ALA JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE

Four members of the American Library Association's Junior Members Roundtable (JMRT) have been awarded expense-paid trips to the 1978 ALA national convention in Chicago in June. All are recipients of the 3M Company/JMRT professional development grant. This brings at 24 the number of JMRT members who have received the grant since it's inception.

The 1978 recipients are:

- * Melvin Keith Burton, Children's Librarian, Natrona County Public Library, Casper, Wyoming.
- * Celia Delano Moore, Serials/Public Service Librarian, Alcuin Library, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota.
- * Christy Tyson, Young Adult Librarian, Mesa Public Library, Mesa, Arizona.
- * Larry Dean Weitkemper, Outreach Specialist, Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia, Missouri.

The purpose of the 3M/JMRT Grant, which is being awarded for the fourth year, is "to encourage professional development and participation by new librarians in the activities of the American Library Association and its Junior Members Roundtable," according to Dr. Graham Gurr, manager of 3M Library Systems. Junior Members Roundtable membership is composed of young persons who have recently entered the library profession.

The grant includes transportation, food, lodging and related expenses. Winners were selected on the basis of educational background and previous work experience, honors, national, state and local association activities, and financial need.

ARIZONA CHAPTER, SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

The Special Libraries Association approved the formation of an Arizona chapter at its 1978 Winter meeting in February. The Arizona Chapter is the Association's 48th Chapter. At a joint meeting of the SLA, Arizona Chapter, the Special Libraries Division of ASLA and the Junior Arizona members of Arizona Library Association, the newly elected officers of the SLA, Arizona Chapter assumed their respective offices. The officers are: Gail S. Georgenson, President (University of Arizona, Space Imagery Center); Linda D. Cottrell, Vice-President (University of Arizona, Map Collection); Beth Miner, Treasurer (Arizona Daily Star) and Kathleen Stanley, Secretary (Arizona Sonora Desert Museum).

Instrumental in the formation of this new Chapter were Ann Berg and Richard Huleatt, who attended the 1978 SLA Winter meeting and presented the petition for the Arizona-Chapter and Pat De Villier, Jennalyn Chapman and Linda White who served on the nominating committee for the selection of candidates. These people deserve a bouquet of thanks for their dedication.

Kathleen Stanley
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Rt 9 Box 900
Tucson, AZ 85704

LIBRARIAN I JOB OPENING

The City of Glendale currently has a Librarian I position that is opening on May 1, 1978. General requirements are graduation from an ALA library school with a Masters Degree in Library Science. Two years in professional library work is desirable or any combination of experience and training equivalent to an MLS. Pay is \$1,036 per month. Apply to Personnel Department, City of Glendale, 7018 N. 58th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301. You need to fill out the city personnel application form. Also, please send resume to Doris L. Thompson, Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301, Phone: 931-5576.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY SURVEY

The elementary school library survey made by the School Libraries Division of ASLA in the spring of 1977 has been tabulated as follows:

Q. Does your school have a library?

A. Of the 677 schools, 48 did not have centralized collections. 10,472 students are enrolled in these schools.

Q. Does your school have a certified librarian?

A. Of the 629 elementary schools with centralized collections, 506 had the services of a certified librarian to some degree.

356 elementary schools had full time certified librarians.

92 schools (with part-time librarians) had the services of a certified librarian at least 50% of the day.

123 school libraries did not have certified librarians. 44,417 students are enrolled in these schools.

Q. Does the school librarian have clerical assistance?

A. 212 of the full time certified librarians have some clerical assistance.

Q. What is the approximate size of your book collection?

A. In the schools which responded, there are about 4,358,983 library books in our elementary schools (this figure includes classroom collections). 57 schools did not respond to this question.

Q. Is the library used for library purposes only?

A. 478 answered "yes"; 144 answered "no"; 7 did not respond

Q. Is the librarian responsible for any audio-visual equipment?

A. 442 answered "yes".

Q. Are audio-visual materials housed in the library?

A. 560 answered "yes".

Q. Are audio-visual materials housed in the classroom?

A. 212 answered "yes".

Q. Are audio-visual materials housed in both places?

A. 218 answered "yes".

JOINT CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Library Association and the Southwestern Library Association are holding a joint conference in New Orleans, October 6-8, 1978. (Pre-conferences: October 4-5). For more information contact Hester B. Slocum, 6800 Morrison Road, Apartment #105, New Orleans, LA 70126. Phone: (504) 241-6340.

ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES: REGIONAL PRE-CONFERENCES

A Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services has been scheduled for November 29, 30, and December 1, 1978, in the Adams Hotel, Phoenix. The conference, sponsored by the Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, will focus on the information needs of the people of Arizona. Recommendations for the improvement and further development of libraries and information centers will be formulated and eight official delegates will be selected to represent Arizona at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held during Sept. 1979 in Washington, D.C.

At this time, each of the six regional library advisory boards are engaged in planning regional pre-conferences. The purpose of these pre-conferences is to identify local information needs and provide recommendations to be considered at the State Governor's Conference. Additionally, these pre-conferences will serve to build public support for improving libraries and the processing of information.

Since the primary emphasis of all of these conferences is to encourage the input of information users, delegates will be selected according to the ratio 1/3 librarians (people who work in libraries) and 2/3 lay persons. Consequently, the number of librarians who have expressed an interest in these meetings exceeds the maximum allowed to participate as official delegates. We are therefore inviting you to attend as observers. Your interest and input will be welcomed by the delegates chosen to represent you.

Brief information about the forthcoming regional pre-conference is given below. For further details contact:

Mr. Mike Gormley, Regional Consultant
Dept. of Library, Archives & Public
Records
LIBRARY EXTENSION SERVICE
2219 S. 48th St., Suite D
Tempe, Arizona 85282

REGION I

The pre-conference will be held on Saturday, July 22, in Scottsdale, at the Safari Hotel (4611 North Scottsdale Road). Participants may register between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and the program will end at about 3:00 in the afternoon.

REGION II

The pre-conference will be held on Saturday, May 13, in Tucson, at the Westward Look Resort (245 East Ina Road). Participants may register between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and the program will end at about 3:30 in the afternoon.

REGION III

The pre-conference will be held on Thursday, June 15, at the Little America of Flagstaff (2500 East Butler Avenue). Participants may register the evening of the previous day (June 14), or the morning of the pre-conference.

REGION IV

The pre-conference will be held on Saturday, May 20, in Lake Havasu City, at the Rodeway Inn (245 Crystal Avenue). Participants may register between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. and the program will end at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon.

REGION V

The pre-conference will be held on Saturday, June 10, in Apache Junction, at the Superstition Inn. Participants may register between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. and the program will end at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon.

REGION VI

The pre-conference will be held on Thursday, June 1, in Douglas, at the Gadsden Hotel (1046 Grand Avenue). Participants may register between 9:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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GEORGIA DISTRICT WINS 1978 HONOR FOR BEST SCHOOL MEDIA PROGRAM

Cobb County Public Schools, Marietta, Georgia, is the top winner in the sixth annual competition recognizing U.S. school systems for achievement in providing exemplary library media programs at the elementary level. The Georgia School District was selected over thirty nine other enteries to take the 1978 national title to the "School Library Media Program of the Year Award," sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and the Encyclopaedia Britannica Companies. A 5,000 cash prize accompanies the honor.

Another nominee, Punahow School, Honolulu, Hawaii, will receive a National Finalist citation for the excellence of its library media programs at the elementary level.

SUMMER READING POSTERS OFFERED

Artist/Author Donald Carrick has created materials for 1978 Summer Reading. The 3-color 12x19 poster sells for \$1.95, while the bookmarks are 100 for \$4.75. They can be ordered from Children's Book Council Inc., 67 Irving Place, NY, NY 10003.

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