Women In Libraries

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THE BIG EASY: HOT STUFF FOR FEMINISTS AT A.L.A. IN NEW ORLEANS

Friday, July 8
8am-6pm

4:30-5:30pm

Saturday, July 9
8-9am
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noon-2pm

OLPR preconference: Each one, reach one: recruiting for the profession
SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force

COSWL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
SRRT International Human Rights Task Force
EMERT program: Publishers & minority materials
PLA Multilingual Materials & Library Service Comte.
ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION PROGRAM
OLA Minority Concerns Comte.
COSWL (COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP)
OLOS Subcomte. on Library Service for American Indian
People / American Indian Lib. Assn.
Friends of Libraries USA and Baker & Taylor Awards
Luncheon with speaker Rita Mae Brown

SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE, ALA COUNCIL, COSWL PROGRAM:
LIBRARIANS AS COLLEAGUES ACROSS RACIAL LINES:
STRATEGIES FOR ACTION (details on page 8)

2-4pm
OLPR program: Ethics and workplace relationships: issues, questions
2-4pm
ALSC Lib. Service to Children with Special Needs
2-4pm
IFRT, IFC, and IFC's of AASL, ALSC, ALTA, PLA, & YASD
program: How to survive the Kill the messenger syndrome
2-4pm
MAGERWOMEN IN CARTOGRAPHY
2-4pm
RASD Access to Information Comte.
2-4pm
RASD Multilingual Materials Subcomte.
2-4pm
RASD Comte. on Library Services to the Spanish Speaking
4:30-5:30
SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force
8-10pm
ASCLA/LSSPS Prisoners Forum
8-10 pm
REFORMA
8-10pm
SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force

Sunday, July 10
8-9am
8-11am
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SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force
ALSC Selection of Children's Books from Various Cultures
ILERT program: Good business, good ethics
ASCLA/LSSPS Academic Librarians Assisting the Disabled
JMSRT Minorities Recruitment
PLA/CIS program: Community information & referral essentials
SRRT Task Force on the Homeless
SRRT International Human Rights Task Force program
EMIERT program
PLA Special Comte. on the Recruitment of Public Librarians
PLA/SMLS Rural Library Services Comte.
RASD Multilingual Materials Subcomte.

***9:30am-12:30pm

SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE: INTRODUCING WOMEN'S GROUPS IN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
AL A Comte. on Pay Equity program: Pay equity: a national view, action steps for libraries
ASCLA/LSSPS program: What's out on aging
PLA Multilingual Material & Library Services Comte.

SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE BUSINESS MEETING
SRRT International Human Rights Task Force
SRRT Library Union Task Force
ACRL Black Studies Discussion Group
ASCLA/LSSPS Library Services to the Blind & Physically Handicapped Forum (LSBPHF) program
RASD AFL-CIO/ALA Joint Comte. on Library Service to Labor
COSWL (COMTE. ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP)
RASD Comte. on Library Services to the Spanish Speaking
SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force
SRRT Peace Information Exchange Task Force
REFORMA
RASD Discussion Group on Issues & Ethics

Monday, July 11

8-9am

SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE BUSINESS MEETING
PLA/CIS Education & Training Comte. Professional Ethics Task Force
YASD Intellectual Freedom Comte program: Building bridges over troubled waters
COSWL & ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION
AL A Minority Concerns Comte. program
EMIERT/PLA Multilingual Materials & Library Services Subcomte. program
RASD and AFL-CIO/ALA Joint Comte. on Library Service to Labor Groups program: Databases and services to the labor community
SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force
SRRT Library Union Task Force
ASCLA Library Standards for Adult Correction Institutions
ASCLA Library Service to the Deaf Forum: Awareness begins at home
LAMA WOMEN ADMINISTRATORS DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM:
MENTOR/PROTEEGEE: LIBRARIANS HELPING LIBRARIANS
OLOS Advisory Comte program: Developing minority leadership for the 1990's
AL A Pay Equity Comte.
LHRT program: The creation of patriarchy (Gerda Lerner, speaker)
SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force program: Sexual orientation and library employment; book award presentation
AL A membership meeting 1
OLOS Subcomte. on Library Service for American Indian People / American Indian Lib. Assn.
**Tuesday, July 12**

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**DAR LA MANO**

Ileana Rodriguez, director of Nicaragua's national library, visited the U.S. in March. Educated in this country but a proud supporter of the Sandanista government, she yearns for resources to offer better service to Nicaraguans. If your library could offer to train one of her staff in its methods, Ileana Rodriguez would be immensely pleased. If you know someone planning to visit Managua and that person is willing, ask her/him to bring supplies and equipment for libraries. Funding is also solicited. For more information, contact Ileana Rodriguez, Directora, Biblioteca Nacional Ruben Dario, Complejo Comunitario Eduardo Contreras, Aptdo. Postal No. 101, Managua, Nicaragua.

MADRE, the women's and children's health campaign, requests help too, especially for the stocking of hospitals; write: MADRE, 121 W. 27th St., room 301, NYC 10001.

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**SHE'LL BE THERE TO REACH OUT**

In February, Sybil Moses became director of ALA's Office of Library Outreach Services. She is a liaison and facilitator for SRRT members' concerns. Formerly a librarian in the Community Affairs Division of the New York Public Library, Sybil Moses is a member of the ALA Black Caucus and a doctoral student at the School of Library and Information Services of the University of Illinois.

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**SH! ELsie wants to hear FROM YOU!**

The Library of Congress is experimenting with cooperative projects to establish subject headings. If you desire to make proposals for LCSH, please address them to Mary K.D. Pietris, Chief, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, and she will provide you with instructions for making formal requests.

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**AND SO DOES FTF**

Remember, this newsletter will be needing two editors right away. Show some WIL-power and let Polly Thistlethwaite, Bobst Library, NYU, New York, NY 10012, know of your interest. Or perhaps you prefer to develop and show off other skills—a variety of FTF offices will be opening in July. Let it shine!
MORE MEETINGS

The National Association of Women's Centers will hold a July 16-19 conference, "Women at the Center," at Alverno College in Milwaukee. Keynote speakers are Robin Morgan and Angela Davis. You can register now for $160 (includes room and board). For additional information, write to The Women's Center, 726 N.E. Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186, or call Bobi Presley, 216-348-4220 or Julie De Smith, 414-547-4600.

Keynote speakers at "Explorations in Feminist Ethics: Theory and Practice" are Charlotte Bunch and Sara Ruddick. This conference, sponsored by the Univ. of Minnesota-Duluth Institute for Women's Studies and the Duitthen Center for Continuing Education & Extension, will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth on Oct. 7 & 8.

Helen Wheeler, of Womanhood Media, 2701 Surant Ave., Box 14, Berkeley, CA 94704, 415-549-2970, offers workshops in getting published to "(mainly)" women in management and to people in the fields of gerontology and aging.

SERIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Legacy: A Journal of Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers is published twice a year. Subscriptions are $15 for individuals, $18 for institutions. Back issues are $9 each; you may want to send for volume 3, number 2 (Fall 1986), which contains "Did They Never See Anyone Angry Before? The Sexual Politics of Self-Control in Alcott's 'A Whisper in the Dark.'" Dept. of English, Univ. of Mass., Amherst U1003.

Women & Environments is a quarterly from the Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2G8. Individual subscriptions cost $13; institutions pay $20. Volume 10, no. 1 (Fall 1987) began with "A Woman's Housing Manifesto."

Out/look is a national lesbian and gay quarterly, $19 from P.O. Box 146430, San Francisco, CA 94114-6430. Upcoming articles will look at issues of race, culture, politics, religion, and health.

The 1988 Gallerie Annual will be the first issue of Gallerie, a quarterly of women's art. Available in June from 2901 Panorama Dr., North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 2A4, $12 for the Annual only $20 for that and the three subsequent issues.

The 1988 Ladyslipper Catalog and Resource Guide of records, tapes, compact discs, and videos for women, girls, and feminist men is available free of charge from P.O. Box 3130, Durham, NC 27705, 1-800-634-6044.

ALL OF THE ABOVE: NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION

No conflict with the ALA convention this time around!--The NWSA tenth annual conference, "Leadership and Power: Women's Alliances for Social Change," will be held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, June 22-26. The theme focuses on how women of different backgrounds can work together, and participants will explore coalition building by examining culturally diverse leadership models that empower women. Details are available from NWSA '88, Univ. of Minnesota, 217 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Dr. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455.

NOT SO EPHEMERAL: SEND FOR THESE PAMPHLETS


The New Jewish Agenda, 64 Fulton St., #1100, NYC 10038, 212-227-5885, will send you "Coming Out, Coming Home: Lesbian and Gay Jews and the Jewish Community" (50c) and "Lesbian and Gay Liberation: A Bibliography for the Jewish Community" (30c).

Stop the press--late item: OWL has also created the book Women Take Care: the Consequences of Caregiving in Today's Society, by Tish Sommers and Laurie Shields. Excellent. Triad Publishing Co., 1110 NW 8th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601; $16.95, §9.95.
GOOD, SWEET, HONEYED, SUGAR-CANDIED READER (Aphra Behn, "An Epistle to the Reader")

Women in LC's Terms: A Thesaurus of Library of Congress Subject Headings Relating to Women, by FTF member Ruth Dickstein and Victoria A. Mills, helps users to locate terms relevant to women's studies but often difficult to find easily with LCSH alone. Oryx, $28.50. The publisher has also issued Women in Administration and Management: An Information Sourcebook, $43.50.

The Feminist Press, 311 E. 94th St., NYC 10128, has published a revised edition of Black Foremothers, by Dorothy Sterling, with a new introduction by Barbara Christian. Easy to read but showing its considerable research, this book costs $9.95. Thirty-five women have contributed to You Can't Drown the Fire: Latin American Women Writing in Exile, edited by Alicia Partnoy and published by Cleis, Box 8933, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; $21.95, $9.95.


The American Association of Retired Persons, 1909 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20049, makes up to 50 copies of "A Portrait of Older Minorities" available free of charge. Request item D-12404.

For $1.50, you can have "The Child Care Booklet" from the Business & Professional Women's Foundation, box 5007, Wash., DC 20061, and learn about the cost and availability of daycare in the U.S.A.

Esther D. Rothblum and Ellen Cole have edited Treating Women's Fear of Failure: From Worry to Enlightenment, published by Harrington Park Press and selling for $9.95. A reprint of volume 6, number 3 of Women and Therapy, this book moves from the chestnut about women fearing success to examine a variety of achievement related fears. Especially interesting are the chapters on the impostor syndrome and on career aspirations of Black college women.

Poetry, prose, criticism, and visual art appear in Chicana Creativity and Criticism: Charting New Frontiers in American Literature, edited by Maria Hererra-Sobek and Helena Maria Viramontes. Mostly in English from Arte Publico Press, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77004; $10. The story "Andrea," by Roberta Fernandez is a gem.

Dublin, Ireland's Attic Press, 44 East Essex Street, is a feminist publisher currently offering short story collections. Write for their catalog or contact the Inland Book Company for more information.

"Sadomasochism: Not About Condemnation," "Apartheid U.S.A.," "A Burst of Light: Living with Cancer," and other essays make up the contents of A Burst of Light, by poet, critic, and thinker Audre Lorde. Probably everyone will want to read this book; $16.95 cloth; $7.95 paper. A Letter to Harvey Milk is a volume of nine stories by Leslea Newman, who writes convincingly of Jewish lesbian experiences; $18.95, $8.95. Fans of cartoonist Alison Bechdel will relish More Dykes to Watch Out For, a funny and loving book; $16.95, $7.95. Those of Ellen Gailford, the picaresque novelist, will enjoy The Fires of Bride as much as they did her earlier chronicle, Moll Cutpurse; $18.95, $8.95. All four from Firebrand, 141 The Commons, Ithaca, NY 14850.

The Women's History Center, 6300 Walker St., St. Louis Park, MN 55416, 612-925-3632, advises students and teachers, K-12, on integrating women's history into traditional curricula. The center houses a 10,000-item library and invites tours. In addition, its staff publishes instructional units (readings, AV material, and teachers' guides) about women in many cultures. Send for a catalog.

Women in transition from marriage to the position of heading families on their own may profit from programs offered by guides informed by Discover, a program covering personal development (self-esteem, stress management, assertiveness, etc.), career parachuting (counseling, financial aid, etc.), and problem solving. Developed by the Women's Educational Equity Act Publishing Center, 53 Chapel St., Newton, MA 02160; 1-800-225-3088, the program can be purchased for $14.
RACIAL AWARENESS: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY, Compiled by Francie Kendall and the Planners of the "Librarians as Colleagues" Workshops

Anzaídua, Gloria and Cherrie Morago. This bridge called my back. Persephone, 1981.


Lieberson, Stanley. A piece of the pie: Blacks and white immigrants since 1880. Univ. of California, 1980.
Lydenberg, Steven and others. Rating America's corporate conscience. Addison-Wesley, 1986.
RACIAL AWARENESS, continued


Articles

Gillespie, Marcia. "My gloves are off, sisters: power, racism, and that domination thing." Ms (April 1987).

ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT!

The April issue of W1L did not list Frances McDonald (Monkato State Univ., Minn.) among those endorsed by the Feminist Task Force for ALA Council, although the membership at Midwinter did approve her candidacy. Please do consider her along with the others when you vote. Again, for Council: Marva DeLoach, Salvador Duerena, David Searcy, and Binnie Tate Wilkin. Pat Berger was endorsed for ALA president, Carla Stoffle for treasurer.

PS: Vote, but don't stop there. Join a committee. Run for office. Be an editor.

GROUP PORTRAIT


COMMENT CA VA?

LIBRARIANS AS COLLEAGUES ACROSS RACIAL LINES: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION is a program scheduled for the ALA New Orleans Conference on Saturday, July 9, from 12:30 to 4:00 in the afternoon. This is to be an action-oriented program focusing on strategies for combatting racism in the profession. All librarians and trustees are encouraged to attend. Prior registration is not required.

Keynote speakers are Aileen Hernandez, former president of the National Organization for Women, and Elizabeth Martinez-Smith, director of the Orange County (CA) Library System. Others on the program are Clara Stanton-Jones and E.J. Josey, former ALA presidents; Susan Hinojosa, University of California at Berkeley; Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, City University of New York; and Vivian Sykes, San Francisco Public Library and discussion group facilitator.

Sponsors are: ACRL, AASL, RAsD, ALISE, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, ALA's Minority Concern's Committee, SRRT Action Council, SRRT Feminist Task Force, Ethnic Materials and Information Exchange Round Table, ALA Black Caucus, REFORMA, Asian/Pacific Librarians Association, and the Chinese American Librarians Association.

For further information, contact Betty-Carol Sellen, Gideonse Library, Brooklyn College, Avenue H & Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210; telephone (718) 780-5618.

Hail and Farewell from your editors...and "a tip 'o the hat" to all who have contributed to our efforts.

We look forward to seeing y'all in New Orleans!

Subscribers--please take note of the new addresses in the next issue, volume 18, number 1 (September 1968).

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES, the Newsletter of the American Library Association's Feminist Task Force, is published five times a year, from September to June. Send articles, comments, or books for review to:

Leslie Kahn
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Newark, NJ 07104

Subscriptions are $5 for individuals, $8 for insitutions prepaid, $10 for invoiced subscriptions. Send checks, payable to WOMEN IN LIBRARIES, to:

Mary Vela-Creixell
9530 Winsome
Houston, TX 77063
Women's Night Out

Monday, July 11, 1988

10:00 PM  (after the ALA Membership meeting)

Club: "The Other Side"
621 Elysian Fields
New Orleans
(504-944-9428)

Drinks, Food, Music, Dancing
Room for Conversation

OK to walk there in groups of three or more – or take a taxi.

The French Quarter
& Faubourg Marigny
New Orleans Women's bars:

Charlene's
940 Elysian Fields
945-9328

The Cuckoo's Nest
2128 St. Claude Ave.
949-7853

Legends
409 Decatur
523-9010

The Other Side
621 Elysian Fields
944-9428
NEW ORLEANS

WOMEN'S HISTORY WALKING TOUR

The SRRT Feminist Task Force will sponsor a walking tour on "Women in New Orleans History" Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 AM. The tour lasts about three hours and includes a stop for beverage and pastry at a French cafe. The tour will begin at the foot of the statue in the center of Jackson Square.

Tour leaders Nancy Ries and Mary Gehman are well-recommended licensed tour guides. They have published a book entitled Women and New Orleans - A History. For additional information contact Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210. 718/780-5618.

To participate in the walking tour, return the form below along with a check ($15 per participant) to Mary Gehman, 7444 St. Charles Ave., Apt. 101, New Orleans, LA 70118.

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ALA Feminist Task Force

Women's History Walking Tour    Tuesday, July 12 11:00 AM

Name: _________________________________________

Home address: __________________________________

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Telephone: _________________________________

ALA conference hotel_________________________

Enclosed is $_______ for _____ participants (@ $15 each)
Women and New Orleans — A History

Mary Gehman: Text
Nancy Ries: Photographs
[144pp. LC 86-139769] 87 photographs, index

The rich, vibrant history of New Orleans comes alive through Creole belles, baronesses, slave women, nuns, quadrooms and voodoo queens in this comprehensive study. From the arrival of the Ursuline nuns in 1727 to women riverboat captains and Storyville madams to social and political activists the role of femme de la Nouvelle Orleans is explored through two and a half centuries and their many contributions enumerated.

This second edition is an expansion of material found in the 1985 original. Mary Gehman, historian and writer, brings new insights to her ongoing women's history research, while professional photographer, Nancy Ries adds many new photos and several historic treasures.

About the first edition:

"I enjoyed this book very much and I certainly hope it sets an example for women to do likewise with other cities and regions. It seems strange that it hasn't been done before."
— Donna Allen of The Directory of Women's Media

"School and public libraries, as well as libraries collecting Louisiana materials will want to add this book to their collections..."
— LLA Bulletin of the Louisiana Library Association

"Inform the reader in highly readable, succinct fashion that socially and politically concerned women are not a phenomenon confined to just the 1970s and 80s."
— New Orleans Magazine

Also of Interest

Gehman and Ries, who are both licensed tour guides, have developed two very informative walking tours in New Orleans that focus on the role played by women in the city's history. One takes place in the Vieux Carre or French Quarter and the other in the city's historic Garden District; both include complimentary refreshments and are three hours in length.

Gehman and Ries have also compiled a slide show that reflects the many accomplishments of women in New Orleans. With fascinating commentary they present this two hour program to groups of any size.

--- ORDER FORM ---

Women and New Orleans  $9.95
Shipping/handling  $1.50
LA Residents add 4%

Total

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City __________________________
State ______ Zip Code ______

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Myra Clark Gaines: spent a lifetime in court to prove her legitimacy and inheritance.
Blanche Leathers: famous steamboat captain.
Sara Mayo: with seven other women doctors founded and staffed New Orleans Hospital and Dispensary for Women and Children.
Kate and Jean Gordon: championed woman suffrage and other civil rights.
Madame Begue: famous early restaurateur.
Elizbeth Werlein: saved the French Quarter from wrecking ball.
Sophie B. Wright: pioneer in education.
Mother Cabrini: built chapel, orphanage and school for Italian immigrants.
Grace King: southern woman of letters.
Eleanor McMain: early social worker, founded country's first settlement house.