

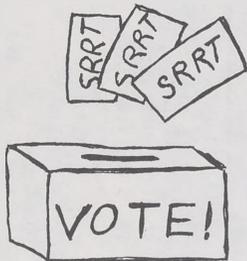


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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SRRT Action Council voted to endorse the candidacy of Norman Horrocks for President-Elect of ALA.

The following candidates for ALA Council are SRRT supporters, past and present. We urge you to consult this list when marking the ballot for new Council members...

Daniel W. Casey, Trustee, Onondaga County Public Library, Syracuse, NY; Marjorie Jeramo, Librarian, Hennepin County Library, Brooklyn Center, MN; Dianne Gordon Kadanoff, Director, Norwell PL, Norwell, MA; Suzanne LeBarron, Humanities Project Director, New York State Library, Albany, NY; Alan Schorr, Director, Univ. of Alaska Library, Auke Bay, AL; Betty-Carol Sellen, Associate Librarian, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY; Leslie M. Berman, Director, Dept. of Planning, Evaluation and Research, Connecticut State Library,

Hartford, CT; Kay Ann Cassell, Director, Bethlehem PL, Delmar, NY; Yolanda J. Cuesta, Minorities Services Consultant, California State Library, Sacramento, CA; Arthur Curley, Deputy Director of Research Libraries, NYPL, NY; C. Michael Diodati, Jr., Supervising Librarian, NYPL, NY; James Dwyer, Assistant Professor and Catalog Librarian, Univ. of Oregon Library, Eugene, OR; Joan Marshall, Associate Librarian for Technical Services, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY; Lois Mills, Government Publications and Legal Reference Librarian, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL; Dorothy Puryear, Adult Interagency Specialist, Nassau Library System, Uniondale, NY; Elizabeth Talbot, Branch Head, Alameda County PL/Neward Branch, Newark, CA; and Jana Varlejs, Director of Professional Development Studies, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ.



# PEACE INFORMATION

Excerpts from the Peace Information Exchange Newsletter of SRRT, January 1981  
 (to be included on their mailing list,  
 contact Elizabeth Morrisett, Chair,  
 c/o Library, Montana College of Mineral Science  
 and Technology, Butte, MT 59701  
 tel 406/496-4283

**NEW STUDY GUIDE FOR PEACE, DATED 1980**

The Disarmament and Conversion Program of the Friends Peace Committee has developed a new course of study, with bibliography for formal or informal groups who want to study the issue together. It is an excellent bibliography, available for \$1.00 from 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.



Physicians For Social Responsibility have organized for world wide meetings and plan to develop international stands against war and war-preparation.

The Commission on a National Peace Academy which has held hearings over six months of 1980 and presented its recommendations to President Carter personally in September now plans to present plans for peace research and conflict study to the Congress during this current session.

Costa Rica which disbanded its army 35 years ago is planning to begin forming the Costa Rica Peace University during this year.

The United Nations University in Tokyo, which began in 1974 has offered to share its curricula and basic study materials with other institutions which plan work on conflict/peace.

These news items are all difficult to come by in the United States Press and librarians should be concerned to collect materials out of the establishment press area.

The Peace Information Exchange Task Force is working on bibliography for both public libraries and research groups which can help keep them aware of publications not in the trade market.

**RECOMMENDED TO TEACHERS**

Material from the Children's Creative Response to Conflict Program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960.

**ALSO RECOMMENDED....**

Materials developed by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1213 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. They give the annual Jane Addams Book Award for children's books which emphasize creative, life-supporting messages about the world.

World Military and Social Expenditures, 1979 (annual) from World Priorities, Box 1003, Leesburg, VA 22075.

The Boston Study Group. The Price of Defense: A New Strategy for Military Spending. New York: Harper and Row, 1978.

**PEACE INFORMATION EXCHANGE TASK FORCE PLANS PUBLICITY, DIRECTORY AND PROGRAM**

At Midwinter, the Peace Information Exchange Task Force planned to collect a directory of peace groups and peace education programs since it has been some time since such a directory has been compiled in the U.S. and there has been some erosion of support since the end of the Vietnam War involvement and a decline in activity. There is a need to keep informed, and postcards with response questionnaires will be sent to the groups and institutions listed in older directories along with new addresses suggested by task force members. Cooperation on this work from all SRRT members will be welcomed.

Another working group is working on making the PIE group known, with letters to library associations, library newsletters and journals telling them of the plans and work of the group in hopes of locating other concerned persons. Advertisements will also be placed in the classified sections of a few select peace-oriented journals.

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# GAY TASK FORCE

GAY BOOK AWARD GUIDELINES -- REVISED JANUARY 1981

## PURPOSE

The Gay Task Force of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table has established the Gay Book Award in order to recognize and honor books of exceptional merit relating to the gay/lesbian experience.

We hope that identifying such works will aid both the public and libraries to acquire the best books about lesbians and gay men. We also hope this award will spur librarians to call these books, and others in this emerging and important area of human knowledge, to the attention of their reading publics.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Gay Book Award is given to books which are substantial contributions to the gay literature, whether fiction or non-fiction. First consideration is given to works published within the past calendar year, but previously unrecognized titles or important reprints are also considered.

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open each year from December 1 through the end of the following January. Nominations (no more than two) may be made by any individual not affiliated with the publisher of the nominated book. Each nomination must include a brief statement of the reasons for nominating that title for the honor of the Gay Book Award. Nominations shall be sent to the chair of the Gay Book Award Committee. (The Gay Task Force address, above, may be used.)

## DECISION

After nominations close on January 31, the chair of the GBA Committee will prepare a master list of nominees to be sent to all GBA Committee members by March 1. Each member will read all the nominated books and will send the chair by May 1 her/his ranking of all the books along with any special recommendations (for example, that a joint award be made). If there is one clear arithmetic winner with no alternative recommendations, the chair will notify committee members and make an effort through the book's publisher to bring the author to ALA conference to receive the award. If there must be an unusual decision, such as a joint award, the chair will consult with all members for the final decision and then arrange for the award as above.

## AWARD

The Gay Book Award is presented at the American Library Association's annual conference. The form of the award is not fixed but is designated by the Gay Task Force as deemed appropriate.

## GAY BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

The Gay Book Award Committee has nine members: four women and four men, chosen as described below, plus the Coordinator of the Gay Task Force.

Individuals interested in serving on the GBA Committee should apply by letter to the Coordinator no later than September 30 of odd-numbered years to serve during the following two calendar years. In their letters, applicants should give their reasons for wanting to serve on the committee and their qualifications, and should include a sample review by the applicant of a gay/lesbian title.

The Coordinator will choose from the written applications four women and four men to serve on the committee, and will appoint from those eight people the chair of the committee. All applicants will be notified of the composition of the committee by November 15 of that year. Any vacancies on the committee during its two years of service will be filled by the Coordinator from the previous group of applicants.

GBA Committee members are expected to obtain on their own and to read all nominated titles on the master list sent out by the chair by March 1 each year, and to send in their rankings of the titles (and comments if any) to the chair by May 1. Members also are expected to monitor current titles of gay/lesbian interest with a view to submitting nominations themselves.

GAY TASK FORCE PLANS PROGRAM ON SCIENCE FICTION  
The June ALA meeting of the SRRT Gay Task Force will be planned around the treatment of gay people in science fiction/fantasy with gay themes, under the title: "It's Safer to be Gay on Another Planet". This will be held Monday, June 29, 1981 8-10 p.m.

# SOURCEBOOK

**NEW SRRT PAMPHLET READY**

Recruit new members with this 8 1/2 x 11" brochure, suitable for mailing. Copies are available from:  
 ALA/SRRT Clearinghouse  
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This recent publication of the Cay Task Force is a listing of approximately 75 entries. In addition to the name, address and phone number of each store and service, the list offers a short description of the scope and specialization of the business. Copies can be ordered, prepaid, for \$1 each (cash or check; checks made out to Barbara Cittings-CTF) from Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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**ALTERNATIVES IN PRINT HAS STRONG TASK FORCE**

A strong Task Force group met in Washington at Midwinter meetings to work out the management of the next Alternatives in Print edition. All are involved in collecting catalogs of small publishers following the AIP guidelines which are representative of the longtime SRRT concern that human needs and actions and publications for these be given better publicity and be presented to libraries as valuable and important purchases.

Sned lists and catalogs to Elliott Shore, Contemporary Culture Collection, Temple University Libraries, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19122.

The Task Force consists of Harriet Greisser, Co-Coordinator, Mimi Pechansky, Co-Coordinator and Lee Reagan, Kathleen Prendergast, Linda Pierce, Sandy Berman, Joseph Poire, Julie McCartney, David Ferguson, Doris Kirschbaum, Nancy Gruber, Bill Galaway, Susan Griffith, Bob Ratner, Dan Tsang, Pat Schuman, Elizabeth Morrissett, Jackie Eubanks.

This production has been and continues to be one of the most important of the SRRT activities. It is recommended that we encourage our libraries to own it, that we support it by our sharing in its work of finding and publicizing important new small publishers.

Oryx Press recently released the book *The Joy of Cataloging: Essays, Letters, Reviews, and Other Explosions*, written by Sandy Berman. In the 240-page book, Sandy discusses what he considers the three basic principles of cataloging -- intelligibility, findability and fairness. He also critiques traditional cataloging practices and offers creative and workable alternatives. His book is available from:

Oryx Press  
 2214 N. Central Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85004  
 tel. 602/254-6156

## THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON MARITAL RAPE

### DOCUMENTATION

Richard Gelles — Sociologist at the University of Rhode Island, "Power, Sex, and Violence: the Case of Marital Rape", 1976. "About 1/5—or over 400,000—of all battered wives, are forced by their husbands to have sex as part of a beating or as a sequel to it".

If you include rape by intimidation—a threat of violence—it would be more like a couple of million" (women raped by their husbands in the U.S.).

Mildred Daley Pagelow, Ph.D. — Sociologist, U.C. Riverside, Board - Women's Transitional Living Center, Orange County, CA, "In studying woman battering, I have found that marital rape surfaces very frequently".

Marjory Fields — Managing Attorney, Family Law Unit, Brooklyn Legal Services, "The numbers of marital rape are overwhelming. But statistical contests don't matter because, even if one woman is raped, society should be offended!"

### GOALS

We're launching a membership drive and we need you! The purpose of our nationwide call for members is to help victims directly, and to stop the rape of potential victims by vigorously educating the public and by providing resources to battered women's shelters, crisis centers, and district attorneys, etc.

Our ultimate goal: to make intimate relationships truly egalitarian.

### SPEAKING OUT

Laura X\* is available as a consultant and a speaker about her research into the truth of the Greta Rideout case in Oregon (Dec. 1978), and about her successful 1979 California campaign to change the rape laws to give equal protection to wives. Her current goal is to change the rape laws in the remaining 44 states, insuring every woman's right to consent to access to her own body. "We must be able to choose not only the person, but when, where, and how." She has spoken at the New York County Lawyers Association Forum on the Law and Psychology of Marital Rape, at the Barnard Thursday Noon Lecture Series, NYU Law School, and Rutgers.

For fees and schedules contact  
New Line Presentations NYC 800-221-5150.

\*Laura X, Executive Director  
(X stands for women's history being anonymous)

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### SRRT BOOTH

SRRT EXHIBITION SPACE AT THE SAN FRANCISCO  
ANNUAL MEETING

We have just received news that SRRT- will be able to have one of the limited number of professional booths at the ALA summer meetings. It will be booth no. 1217 and task force coordinators are urged to collect and get material supporting the work of their task forces to that booth by Saturday, June 27, 1981 when set up will be taking place. In case of problems, please contact Elizabeth Morrissett, Exhibits Coordinator, who will try to help you with any details of space, signs, display design, etc. The exhibits

open June 28, 9 a.m. and you may bring materials in at any time during the exhibit hours to add. Please volunteer for a couple of hours of manning. This gives you the best chance to speak for your own task force activities to the people looking over the booth, and one reason which we are able to have the booth is the efforts we have made to keep it fully staffed.

Be sure to mark non-free items clearly for security. Valuable things should not be left at booth.

## Sandy Berman Honored

Sanford Berman, Head Cataloger of the Hennepin County Library, Edina, MN has been chosen as recipient of the 1981 Margaret Mann Citation. The award will be presented during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco at the RSD Luncheon.

This award was named in honor of Margaret Mann for her outstanding contributions to the field of cataloging and classification. The award was established in 1950 by the former Division of Cataloging and Classification and was given for the first time in 1951. It is presented to a librarian for significant professional achievement in the field of cataloging and classification. Earlier recipients of this award of achievement include Seymour Lubetzky, Paul Dunkin, S.R. Ranganathan, Eva Verona, Derek Austin, and Michael Gorman.

## Small Press for Children

Resources and programs related to small press publishing for children are being developed at the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), Madison, WI, with funds from a 1980-81 Library Services and Construction Act Grant approved by the Division for Library Services of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The CCBC is actively collecting small press children's books for an examination collection. For purposes of this one-year project, a small press is defined as an independent publisher (one which is unaffiliated with national or multinational corporations or organizations) whose major function is the publication of books, some or all of which are children's books. Books published as a part of a larger educational unit and self-published books will not be included in the examination collection.

Assistance in the identification of small press publishers of children's books is welcome. Names and addresses or catalogs of small press publishers may be sent to Project Director Susan Griffith, Program Resources Office, Cooperative Children's Book Center, 429c Helen C. White Hall, Madison, WI 53706, tel. 608/263-3930.

## IFRT

IFRT PLANS LARGE, SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM FOR JUNE  
IFRT in conjunction with Intellectual Freedom representatives from several Sections of ALA are planning a large meeting with prominent speakers from the political and educational world on CENSURESHIP with emphasis on the role of pressure groups of all kinds. After a morning presentation by a big-name speaker, there are plans to break into discussions on FAMILY VALUES, SEX EDUCATION, HOMOSEXUALITY and SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM, after which the groups will reassemble for another speaker. The meeting will take place on Saturday morning, June 27th in San Francisco annual meetings, and with all the work going into it, it is highly recommended that this go on your program-before-you-get-the-final-program.

## DISSENT

MINORITIES ARE LEAVING THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

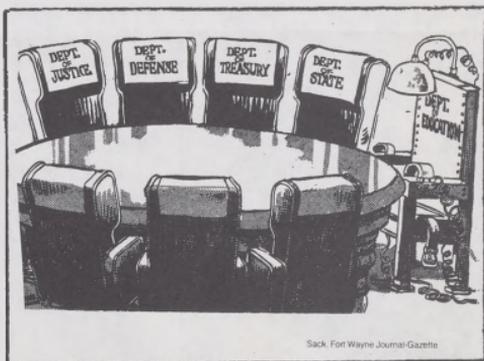
In discussion with two minority ALA leaders concern was expressed that it is no longer possible for minority groups to use the ALA to promote their interests in library policy. Interest in making minority points of view has fallen off. Dues are up making it more difficult for minority librarians to afford to join ALA. Also the turn to the right is conspicuously represented in recent council votes. One minority who preferred not to be quoted directly said, "How do you see ALA standing now on bilingual education?"

Token minorities are not enough for the real work of the ALA, and some sorrow is expressed over paper promises, paper policy.

## Program on Grievance

A meeting on this subject will be held at the Ellensburg Public Library, Washington State, May 29, 1981 from 1-5 pm. The Social Responsibilities Round Table division of the Washington Library Association has planned this meeting to study grievance and discipline procedures in libraries. There will be a panel consisting of:

Chris Livingston and Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, librarians with the Mid-Columbia Library; Cher Ravagni, representing the Seattle Public Library Union; and Jeanine Rochon, representing Classified Employees of Washington, a division of the Washington Library Association. There will be time for discussion, and questions and answers. It is free, and all are welcome. For information on this program, contact Bernard Polishuk, Chair, Social Responsibilities Round Table, a division of the Washington Library Association, tel. 206/344-7455.



Sketch: Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette

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