

# SRRT Newsletter

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## SRRT MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO

(For a full schedule of SRRT meetings, see p. 4. Please check the conference program to verify times and to determine locations of all meetings.)

### SRRT PROGRAM MEETING

Sunday, June 28, 2:00-5:30 PM

\*\*The New Information Technologies:  
Hidden Agendas, Institutional Power,  
and the Fate of Librarianship.

Theodore Roszak, author of The Cult of Information (1986), The Making of a Counterculture (1969), The Voice of the Earth (1992) and several other books, will be joined by Sarah Pritchard of the Association of Research Libraries, Jim Warren of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility, and John Buschman of Rider College, to discuss information technology, its impact on knowledge and social relations, and the implications of librarians' uncritical attitudes toward ongoing technological development.

### TASK FORCE PROGRAMS

\*Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Thursday, June 25, 2:00-5:30 PM

\*\*When Sex Is the Question: Who Asks,  
Who Answers

Estelle Freedman, co-author of Intimate Matters: a History of Sexuality in America (1988), will be the keynote speaker at this

pre-conference program at the Hotel Nikko. Panelists include Sherry Thomas, of Spinsters/Aunt Lute Book Co., and Christine Jenkins, of the University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Studies. Advance registration is \$25.00 for ALA members and \$30.00 for non-ALA members. Send check or money order, payable to ALA/SRRT/GLTF to ALA, Office for Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. Registration at the door will be accepted at no additional cost.

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\* Task Force on Alternatives in Print  
Friday, June 26, 6:00-10:00 PM

### \*\*Alternatives Cafe

Smart drinks!? NOT! You and YOUR smarts are invited to come to the ALTERNATIVES CAFE for an advance chance to greet and meet with other movers and shakers on the eve of ALA meetings. An OPEN MIKE will give you an opportunity to announce policy battles and programs of importance. The OPEN MIKE will provide opportunities to hear colleagues in small and alternative presses as well, since the Bay Area has the largest concentration of independent presses in the U.S., and writers and publishers are being invited to come. Who? You'll have to come to see!

The smart quaffer who attends will also be part of a raffle for personal subscriptions to periodicals from the small press, alternative publications scene. To be in on the raffle even if you can't attend, send your name and address to: Jackie Eubanks, Co-Coordinator, TF on AIP, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Names must be received by June 20.

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\*Task Force on Migrants, Homeless, and Refugees  
Saturday, June 27, 8:00-9:00 AM

\*\*Open discussion forum

This will be the first meeting of this reconstituted group under the leadership of co-chairs **Julie Hersberger** and **Sherrill Weaver-Wosniak**, doctoral students at Indiana University School of Library and Information Science. They both come with considerable experience in rural librarianship, bringing new perspectives to the issues related to providing library services to patrons without residences. The agenda will have an open forum for discussion to encourage new and old members to develop a focus for future programs and activities.

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\*Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Saturday, June 27, 11:30-12:30 PM

\*\*Gay Book Award Presentation

Gay Book Awards will be presented to **Lillian Faderman** and **Paul Monette**, and both authors will read from their books.

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\*Environment Task Force  
Saturday, June 27, 2:00-4:00 PM

\*\*Poverty, Development and the Environment: Information Challenge for Libraries

**David Brower**, founder and chairman of the Earth Island Institute, former long-time director of the Sierra Club, founder of Friends of the Earth, who more recently began the Earth Island Institute, will be the principal speaker. He will focus on poverty, development and the environment and their information challenges for libraries and society. **Christina Peterson**, Science Reference Librarian at San Jose State University, and **Karin Weinhold**, Subject Specialist with the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Cleveland, Ohio, will serve as respondents, with suggestions and comments of their own as well.

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\*Library Union Task Force  
Saturday, June 27, 2:00-4:00 PM

\*\*Talkin' Union: Strategies for Change in Academic and Public Libraries

Union officials and rank-and-file activists from public and academic libraries will describe successful strategies for dealing with budget cuts, workload, professional development, health and safety, organizing, and contract negotiations. Speakers include **Cathy Camper**, president of the Professional Librarians' Union of Minneapolis; **Ray Markey**, recently elected president of AFSCME Local 1930, which represents librarians, para-professionals and clericals at New York Public Library; and, tentatively, **Henry J. DuBois**, of California State University. **Jodie Fine**, of AFSCME's research department is compiling contract language covering library workers in AFSCME locals for distribution at the meeting, and **Janet Steins**, president of the State University of New York-Stony Brook union chapter, will provide information on negotiated professional development policies for librarians.

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\*Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Saturday, June 27, 2:00-4:00 PM

\*\*Gay and Lesbian Media After Mapplethorpe

Speakers at this program, co-sponsored by ACRL's Arts Section, include **R.J. Curry**, Gay and Lesbian Press Association; **Michelle Wolf**, Associate Professor, Broadcast and Media Services, San Francisco State University; and **John DeCecco**, editor of the Journal of Homosexuality and director of the Center for Research and Education in Sexuality.

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\*Feminist Task Force  
Saturday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 PM

\*\*Susie Bright: On Sexuality, Censorship and Libraries

This program will be one of the most exciting and controversial that the Task

Force has presented in years. Bright, a radical lesbian author and editor, best known for the periodical On Our Backs, and a book, Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World, will share her views on erotica produced for women and how its existence affects debate on obscenity laws. Bright opposes censorship and has often been the subject of hot controversy. She pushes the boundaries of what we understand is acceptable and forces her listeners to rethink or clarify their commitment to intellectual freedom. **Sarah Pritchard** will moderate the discussion period. Co-sponsoring the program are the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, ACRL's Women's Studies Section, the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and PLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

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\*Feminist Task Force  
Sunday, June 28, 8:00-11:00 AM

\*\*Feminist Author Breakfast

At an elegant breakfast, feminist authors representing several small presses will talk and read from their work. Appearing will be **Sandy Butler**, of Spinsters Book Co., co-author of Cancer in Two Voices; **Dorothy Allison**, of Firebrand Books, author of Trash and Other Stories and a forthcoming book exploring class distinctions; and **Katherine Forrest**, of Naiad Press, author of Murder at the Nightwood Bar. The breakfast is a new initiative of the Task Force and will be a regular conference feature. The goal is to improve communications and outreach among libraries, the public, and small presses. Tickets are \$12.00 each and may be ordered from Dorothy Granger, Pacific Oaks College, 5 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena, CA 91103. (Tickets in advance are required; no tickets will be available at the door.)

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\*Environment Task Force  
Sunday, June 28, 8:30-11:30 AM

\*\*Tools of the Trade or Poisons for the Planet: The Environmental Impact of Paper, Computers and Microfilm

This panel discussion will feature **David Assman**, Vice-President and Director of

Information Services for Conservatree Paper Co. (a leading recycled paper company); **Gar Smith**, editor of Earth Island Journal and originator of the Green Pages Program; **Bill Leland**, Program Director for the Institute for Global Communications (ECONET), the international online communications link for hundreds of environmental organizations and concerned individuals; **Ted Smith**, Executive Director of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, and the prime mover in addressing the pollution problems of the computer manufacturing industry; and **Matthew Wolfinger**, Environmental Coordinator/Engineer from ANACOMP, Inc., a major microfilm producer.

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\*Peace Information Exchange Task Force  
Sunday, June 28, 9:30-11:00 AM

\*\*Economic Conversion

**Michael Closson**, Director of the Center for Economic Conversion will address the issues facing the U.S. and other countries as they change their defense postures to reflect the change in the world and the impact that will have on local communities. He will also discuss the need for these communities to undergo an economic conversion from the military/industrial complex to one based on ecology, consumerism, and social action. The Task Force program was arranged by member, Beth Sibley.

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\*International Human Rights Task Force  
Sunday, June 28, 8:00-10:00 PM

\*\*Intellectual Freedom Violations Arising Out of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Israeli military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, this year's program promises to be as lively and controversial as last year's debate, featuring three speakers who have been targets of repressive actions aimed at suppressing freedom of information and expression. **Ms. Michal Schwartz** will recount her ordeal as an Israeli newspaper editor who is charged with treason by the Shamir government and spent nearly a year in

prison, including three months in solitary confinement); Dr. Ghazi Falah, an Israeli Arab who is a prominent scholar and director of the Galilee Institute for Social Research and whose borrowing privileges at Haifa University Library were revoked as a result of an academic attack on him by Zionist hardliners in the Israeli geography profession; and Khader Hamide, who has been waging a five year struggle against attempts by the U.S. government to deport him, his Kenyan wife, and six other Palestinians, for distributing Democratic Palestine in the United States. Dr. Shmuel Sever, director of Haifa University Library, a regular ALA attendee, has been offered time during the program to respond as a spokesperson for the Israeli library profession.

#### AFFILIATE PROGRAMS

\*Progressive Librarians Guild  
Saturday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 PM

\*\*Dare the Library Help Build a New Society? Librarians, Politics and Social Change

Arguing in the affirmative in this important debate will be PLG's own Mark Rosenzweig and Mary Biggs, of LaGuardia Community College and Trenton State College, respectively; arguing in the negative will be Will Manley, of Tempe Public Library, a columnist for Wilson Library Bulletin, and one other person. John Berry, of Library Journal will moderate. PLG has asked the speakers: "To what extent does the involvement of libraries in today's information society require us to go beyond narrow definitions of what are professional or library-related issues in framing our concerns simultaneously as librarians and citizens? Should librarians discuss and act as a collective professional force in broader issues of the economy, social inequality, public services, education, ecology, and war or peace? If we are to define our proper professional concerns either broadly or narrowly, where do we draw the line?"

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#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule of all SRRT meetings during the 1992 Annual Conference in San Francisco at press time. Check the final program for changes. Changes from the schedule published in the March issue are underscored.

##### SRRT Membership:

Tue. 6/30 2:00 - 4:00PM

##### SRRT Program:

Sun. 6/28 2:00 - 5:30PM\*\*

##### Action Council:

Sat. 6/27 9:30 - 11:00AM

Mon. 6/29 2:00 - 5:30PM

##### Task Forces:

##### Alternatives in Print:

Fri. 6/26 6:00 - 10:00PM\*

Sat. 6/27 2:00 - 5:30PM

Mon. 6/29 9:30 - 11:00AM

Tuesday meeting cancelled

Wed. 7/1 2:00 - 4:00PM

##### Civil Rights:

No meetings being scheduled

##### Coretta Scott King Award:

Tue. 6/30 7:30 - 9:00AM\*\*\*

Tue. 6/30 9:30 - 12:30PM

##### Environment:

Sat. 6/27 11:30 - 12:30PM

Sat. 6/27 2:00 - 4:00PM\*\*

Sun. 6/28 8:30 - 11:00AM\*\*

Sun. 6/28 4:30 - 5:30PM

##### Feminist:

Sat. 6/27 11:30 - 12:30PM\*\*

Sat. 6/27 8:00 - 10:00PM\*\*

Sun. 6/28 8:00 - 11:00AM\*\*\*

Sun. 6/28 2:00 - 5:30PM

Mon. 6/29 8:00 - 9:00AM

Tuesday meeting cancelled.

##### Gay and Lesbian:

Thu. 6/25 2:00 - 5:30PM\*\*

Fri. 6/26 5:00 - 8:00PM\*\*

Fri. 6/26 8:00 - 10:00PM

Sat. 6/27 9:30 - 11:00AM

(two committee meetings)

Sat. 6/27 11:30 - 12:30PM

Sat. 6/27 2:00 - 4:00PM\*\*

Gay and Lesbian (con't):

Sat. 6/27 6:00 - 9:00PM\*  
Sunday meeting cancelled  
Mon. 6/29 9:30 - 11:00AM  
Mon. 6/29 7:30 --- PM\*  
Tue. 6/30 9:30 - 12:30PM

Homeless:

Sat. 6/27 8:00 - 9:00AM

International Human Rights:

Sun. 6/28 9:30 - 11:00AM  
Sun. 6/28 8:00 - 10:00PM

Library Union:

Sat. 6/27 2:00 - 4:00PM\*\*

Peace Information Exchange:

Sat. 6/27 11:30 - 12:30PM  
Sun. 6/28 9:30 - 11:00AM\*\*  
Tue. 6/30 8:00 - 9:00AM

Progressive Librarians Guild:

Sat. 6/27 8:00 - 10:00PM\*\*

- \* Reception
- \*\* Program Meetings
- \*\*\* Breakfast Meeting

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**PATRON BEHAVIOR AND LIBRARY USAGE - AN OPEN MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

An open hearing on the latest draft of the Guidelines Regarding Patron Behavior and Library Usage will be held at the ALA Conference in San Francisco, on Saturday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 PM. If you would like to be guaranteed a time slot to speak at the hearing, please contact Judy Muellerschoen at ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (1-800-545-2433 x 4226). To ensure that all who wish to testify will be able to do so, oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes. Longer written presentations of testimony will be accepted, and will be given full consideration by the Task Force. Open debate will follow the testimony, as time permits.

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**TASK FORCE NEWS, UPDATES, AND ACTIVITIES**

Gay and Lesbian Task Force

\* **Karen Whittlesey-First**, of Harvard University's Law School Library, became the new Female Co-Chair of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Her first priority will be coordinating the 1993 meetings and programs. Karen can be reached at (617) 495-4295. **Terry Allison** will chair the 1993 Program Planning Committee and is looking for ideas and contacts for the New Orleans Annual Program in 1993. Contact him at: California State University Library, San Marcos, CA 92096 (Phone: (619) 752-4358). The positions of Clearinghouse Coordinator and Feminist Task Force Liaison are still vacant. (Clearinghouse orders, while still being filled, are therefore taking a bit longer. Your patience is appreciated.)

\* A By-Laws Revision Committee will be formed in San Francisco. Among the possible changes: establishment of a lifetime achievement award; a change in budgetary responsibility; establishment of a permanent Fund Raising/Finance Committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact **Roland Hansen** at (312) 899-5097, or attend any of the meetings during the 1992 Annual Conference.

\* A portion of the membership meeting on June 29 will be devoted to issues involving the GLTF Newsletter. All book reviewers, editorial staff, and current or potential volunteers are urged to attend.

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International Human Rights Task Force

\* Since Midwinter in San Antonio, Task Force members have been discussing variations of a resolution to be presented by SRRT to the ALA membership meeting in San Francisco. There is not a full consensus on whether the resolution should include some discussion of the military occupation to provide a context to the issues of censorship and library closings, but it is expected that a proposed resolution will be finalized prior to the San Francisco meeting and presented to Action Council at its first meeting so that it can be presented at the ALA membership meeting on Monday. SRRT members are urged

to attend the membership meeting and show support for this important initiative. Specific recommendations for the resolution or on marshalling support for it should be made to **David Williams** by phone at (312) 549-6421 (home); (312) 747-4629 (office), or to **Elaine Harger** at (212) 279-7380.

\* In order to ensure the continuation of efforts to educate ALA and its members concerning appropriate issues related to Israeli occupation and to assist Palestinian libraries under that occupation in some concrete way, initiatives are underway to establish an on-going SRRT Task Force on Israeli Censorship and Palestinian Libraries at the San Francisco meeting and at next Midwinter. Those wishing to participate in such a task force should contact **David Williams** at the above phone numbers.

\* With the establishment of the new task force, the IHRTF would once again be able to focus attention on other issues of global concern. Toward that end, we are now reactivating the Amnesty International Urgent Action Alert Network, focussing strictly on cases involving violations of freedom of information and expression involving librarians, teachers, journalists, etc. The Network will select a limited number of cases on a quarterly basis and pass on the Amnesty Urgent Action reports to those in ALA and the library world who are willing to write letters of concern to various governments. **Cheryl Martin**, a librarian in Dallas who works closely with the Amnesty office there, will coordinate the Network. Anyone willing to take part should contact her at 3237-1/2 Rosedale Ave., Dallas, TX 75205, or phone her at (214) 855-2523 (office) or (214) 361-7339 (home).

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#### 1992 GAY/LESBIAN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

The Gay and Lesbian Task Force Book Awards Committee is pleased to announce its winners of the 1992 Gay/Lesbian Book Awards. The awards are given annually to books of exceptional merit examining the lesbian and gay experience and published in the year prior to the year in which the award is granted. Awards are given for literature and non-fiction. The award winning books

are selected by a group of thirteen librarians from public and academic libraries throughout the United States. This year, the fifteen titles nominated as finalists were drawn from a cumulative list of over 350 identified titles.

For literature, the 1992 award goes to **Paul Monette** for **Halfway Home** (New York: Crown Publishers). Mr. Monette has written several works of fiction and non-fiction about the impact of AIDS on PWAs and their friends and loved ones. Each has managed to convey the pain and tenderness and grim humor of living in the vortex of the AIDS epidemic. **Halfway Home** speaks to the transformations that take place in the life of one man who opens himself up to his own capacity to love through his entanglements with a large supporting cast, including an estranged brother and his young son.

**Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth Century America** (New York: Columbia University Press) has been selected as the 1992 non-fiction winner. The book's author, **Lillian Faderman**, has written a comprehensive and exacting social history of the rooting and flowering of lesbian community and culture in modern America.

With the selection of the 1992 winners, the Gay/Lesbian Book Awards Committee turns its attention to reading titles published during 1992. The committee welcomes and encourages nominations from the general public, excluding only those persons affiliated with the author or publisher. Nominations for English language books published in 1992 will be taken through December 31, 1992. Nominations should include a brief statement--one to three sentences--as to why the title is being recommended. Nominations should be sent to: Susan Hoffman, 180 Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN 55455.

#### ATKINS TO GET THIRD SIRS PEACE AWARD

The Peace Information Exchange Task Force is pleased to announce that in San Francisco the third annual peace award for libraries/librarians will be awarded to **Stephen E. Atkins**. He is currently the head of Collection Development at the Sterling C.

Evans Library at Texas A & M University. The award is being given for his book, Arms Control and Disarmament, Defense and Military, International Security, and Peace: An Annotated Guide to Sources, 1980-1987. Mr. Atkins has written a number of articles of a similar nature and is on the board of advisors for the Grey Literature in International Peace and Security project of ACCESS. The award will be presented at a reception during the conference. It is presented through the generosity of the corporate sponsor, the Social Issues Resources Series (SIRS), Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida.

#### "CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION KIT" PREVIEW

Work by the Civil Rights Task Force continues on the development of a "Civil Rights Action Kit for Librarians" containing a sampling of educational statistics as part of the fact sheet on minorities. The Kit includes statistics about poverty levels, life expectancy, and child mortality on the various fact sheets. These overviews of current conditions serve as indices to continuing institutional racism, which leads to the Census Bureau reports that 44.8% of African-American children live in poverty as opposed to 15.9% of the white children of this country.

The "Action Kit" will also have a section on current library programs which, through community outreach, might make inroads against racism; for example, the University of Michigan Library program for undergraduates (Library Journal, 1 Oct. 1990) --or-- the Denver (CO) Public Library focus group models for underserved community segments (Public Libraries, Fall 1988).

Bibliographies on ethnic minorities and multicultural, non-sexist librarianship round out the Kit. Only some reprint permissions are needed to complete this state of the project before moving on to the final stage -- design and production.

#### LIBRARY EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

The Assembly's meeting in San Antonio focussed on the awarding of Continuing

Education Units (CEUs) and Certification. Among the questions asked are: should ALA provide centralized control for all of its units/divisions? should ALA award CEUs for pre-conferences, etc.? who would be responsible for assuring quality control? what would it cost to maintain centralized record-keeping? how would enforcement of requirements be maintained?

The need surfaces from concerns of school, public, and state agency librarians, whose salary scales are directly affected by the accumulation of CEUs and other certified education. This is less of a problem or concern for academic librarians, yet ACRL, until recently, had been the front runner in offering CEUs for its workshops and pre-conferences.

Someone from a library school indicated that they currently provide all aspects of this form of education including the record-keeping. A point was made that since continuing education is a professional responsibility, it is then the profession's responsibility to make it affordable in both administrative and educational leave and financial support.

There was no resolution of the discussion. If any SRRT members would like to have input into this discussion, please forward thoughts and comments to me.

--Terry Link, SRRT Representative to LEA.

#### LOYALTY OATH RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED BY U. OF ILLINOIS STUDENT CHAPTER

The ALA Student Chapter of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Graduate School of Library and Information Science will present a resolution to the ALA membership at one of the membership meetings in San Francisco. **Karen Schneider**, a UIUC student, was confronted with the loyalty oath issue at the Placement Center in San Antonio. Feeling unsatisfied with the responses she got from the presidential candidates at the open forum for candidates, she took the issue back to Urbana-Champaign, and her efforts led to the chapter's unanimous endorsement of a resolution opposing loyalty oaths. The issue will be presented at San Francisco, and the UIUC

Student ALA Chapter Loyalty Oath Working Group is actively soliciting the support of the library community at that meeting. For further information, contact Karen G. Schneider and William T. Fischer at 410 David Kinley Hall, 1407 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801 (fax: 217-244-3302).

#### **DATACENTER TOURS OFFERED DURING ALA**

The DataCenter, a public interest research library and information center -- located across the Bay (a short BART ride) from San Francisco in the City of Oakland -- is offering tours during the ALA annual conference. Now celebrating its 15th anniversary year, the DataCenter's library, publications, and customized search and clipping services exist to serve the social, economic, and environmental justice movements.

Focussing on politics and economics, the DataCenter's collection is specifically organized to cover topics important to social change researchers and activists, scholars, and public policy advocates. Areas of specific strength include the Right to Know; social and economic conditions in the U.S.; the social and environmental record of companies and industries; environmental issues; human rights worldwide; Third World issues; and labor.

Located at the 19th Street BART station in Oakland, the DataCenter's address is 464 19th Street. Please call ahead to schedule a tour: (510) 835-4692. SRRT members will be particularly welcome to visit.

#### **LC ASKED TO ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND ANIMAL WELFARE SUBJECT HEADINGS**

The Cataloging Consumers Network (CCN) is circulating a petition to achieve basic cataloging reforms through grassroots action. Directed to the Library of Congress Office for Subject Cataloging Policy, the petition urges LC to establish and assign over 50 "warranted and essential" descriptors, ranging from DEEP ECOLOGY and FACTORY FARMING to GREEN SHOPPING GUIDES and OLD GROWTH FOREST CONSERVATION. For copies of the petition, contact: Sanford Berman, Convener, Cataloging Consumers Network, 4400

Morningside Road, Edina, MN 55416; telephone: (612) 541-8570/925-5738.

#### **ETHNIC NEWSWATCH HONORED AS "OPTICAL DISC PRODUCT OF THE YEAR"**

Ethnic NewsWatch, the first multicultural full text database of newspapers and other periodicals from the ethnic and minority press in America, was named "Optical Disc Product of the Year" by CDROM Librarian and its panel of librarians, evaluating the full range of CDROM products.

The criteria for the award includes: innovation and unique features, especially those which go beyond print capabilities; success at satisfying the target audience; orientation toward consumers; uniqueness and value of data; and value for cost.

Ethnic NewsWatch is a product of SoftLine Information Inc., P.O. Box 16845, Stamford, CT 06905; telephone (203) 968-8878.

#### **1992-93 ALA MINORITY FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Applications are being accepted for the 1992-93 American Library Association (ALA) Minority Fellowship Program. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for minority librarians to gain an understanding of association management, ALA's structure and operations, and how policy is formulated and implemented. The program is intended to improve the upward mobility of minority librarians, make ALA better known and more visible to minorities and minority librarians, and increase the number of minorities in the profession and in the ALA.

To qualify, an applicant must: be a minority librarian/information professional (American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific/Islander, African American, or Latino); hold a Master's degree from a library science program accredited by the ALA or from a program that meets the ALA/AASL curriculum guidelines within a unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education; have a minimum of three years of professional working experience in a library or information science environment, be a member of ALA at the start of the fellowship.

The 1992-93 stipend for the ALA Minority Fellow is \$30,000 plus medical, dental, life and disability insurance and relocation assistance to Chicago. To obtain more information about the program or to receive application materials, contact: American Library Association, Office for Library Outreach Services, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 (Telephone: 1-800-545-2433 x 4294).

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#### FROM THE EDITOR'S IN-BOX

\* If you missed them in San Antonio, look for them in San Francisco - **Critical Research Institute for Social and Environmental Sciences** -or- **CRISES Press** ran an Alternative Press Exhibit. Copies of the catalogues from the Atlanta and San Antonio conferences are available. The press has plans to issue an annual reference volume: APT for Libraries 1992: Alternative Press Titles for the General Reader. The address of CRISES is 1716 S.W. Williston Rd., Gainesville FL 32608. Be sure to meet their president, **Charles Willett**, in San Francisco.

\* **McFarland & Company** has announced the publication of Alternative Library Literature, 1990/1991: A Biennial Anthology edited by **Sanford Berman** and **James P. Danky**. ISBN: 0-89950-726-3. This latest (the fifth) of the highly acclaimed series includes 53 articles on people and work, women, peace, censorship and human rights, alternatives, service and advocacy and empowerment, kids, and books and reading. Order from: **McFarland & Co., Inc.**, Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640.

\* **Meklejohn Civil Liberties Institute**, a unique center for peace law and human rights, has issued its Spring 1992 catalog containing many publications on those issues. Write to them for the catalog: Box 673, Berkeley CA 94701.

\* **Baker & Taylor** has released a new catalog - Celebrate the West. It highlights the culture of the American West in books and videos. The catalog is multicultural and includes items by and about the Native Americans and the Hispanic communities of the region. Contact B&T for a copy.

\* **Bill Hinchliff** of the Community Bibliographer reports that **Rosmarie Grainer's** essay and bibliography of "The Peace Education Library" is now available. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Peace Education Library, Early Childhood Education Department, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Avenue, Aptos CA 95003.

\* **American Film & Video** has announced the release of a 52 minute film with a 16 page discussion guide. Entitled Person to Person, it is designed to help parents and care-givers understand and deal with the sexual and social needs of those with mental disabilities. For more information, contact AF&V, 8901 Walden Rd., Silver Spring MD 20901.

\* New Voices is the newsletter from the National Coalition of Advocates for Students' National Center for Immigrant Students. A recent issue includes a bibliography of Native American responses to Columbus and an article on AIDS education in the Hispanic migrant community. For information on the Coalition, its Center, or its publications - contact NCAS, 100 Boylston St. #737, Boston MA 02116.

\* **McFarland & Company** announced the publication of Confronting Columbus: An Anthology edited by **John Yewell**, **Chris Dodge**, and **Jan DeSirey**. ISBN: 0-89950-696-8) **Chris Dodge** contributed an essay entitled "Libraries and the Quincentennial" to the book in addition to his editing skills. For information, contact McFarland (address earlier in column).

\* Contact **Cultural Survival, Inc.** for their complete list of publications and multicultural and environmentally responsible products. The mission of this organization is to support the human rights of native/indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities worldwide. The address is 53a Church St., Cambridge MA 02138.

\* Hennepin County Library announces a new pathfinder on homeless youth compiled by **Sanford Berman** and **Julia Morgan**. The library has also produced a video, Perspectives on Youth and Homelessness. For more information on either, contact Cathy Zook at Hennepin County Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka MN 55343.

\* **EXTRA!** is published eight times a year by FAIR (Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting). It is the winner of the 1990 prize for General Excellence from Utne Reader's Alternative Press Awards and has been cited by Project Censored for continually exposing censored stories. The address is 130 W 25th St., NY NY 10001.

\* Copies of the **Processed World**, the magazine with the bad attitude, analyzing the underside of the information age were mailed to members of the AIP Task Force. Others can contact the Processed World Collective, 41 Sutter St. #1829, San Francisco CA 94104.

\* In the November 1991 issue of **The Gadfly - The Resource Centre Newsletter**, published at the Friends Meeting House in Ipswich, Suffolk, UK, the title of Gadfly Extraordinaire 1991 is given to **Sanford Berman**.

#### REVIEWS

**LOVING BOLDLY: ISSUES FACING LESBIANS.** Edited by Esther D. Rothblum and Ellen Cole. New York: Harrington Park Press, 1989. (Simultaneously issued by Haworth Press as **Women & Therapy**, Vol. 8, Nos. 1/2.) 224 p. (ISBN: 0-918393-58-2) \$14.94 (pbk.) Publisher's address: 12 W. 32nd St., NY NY 10001.

This valuable book tackles a number of issues which have not previously been widely explored in print - lesbian non-monogamy, married lesbians, rural lesbians, lesbian victims of sexual assault - as well as issues that continue to be studied, including lesbian parents, lesbian relationships, and substance abuse in the lesbian world.

Also published as a double issue of **Women & Therapy**, the book is edited by that journal's co-editors. Useful on several levels, the book contains seventeen articles on the lesbian experience. Mental health professionals and clinicians will find the book useful for its overview of thirty years of research on lesbianism, as well as the specific focuses including ethics in the lesbian therapy community and lesbian-

related issues in counseling. The lay person will gain much understanding of lesbianism as a positive lifestyle, despite the homophobia in our society.

Clear, vivid writing characterizes many of the articles, in which the voices of lesbians and their stories are heard. Full references accompany each article.

**LOVING BOLDLY** is an excellent choice for all types of libraries. Although the format is more familiar to an academic setting, public library collections would benefit from owning the book for its wealth of information on hard to find topics as well as for its readability.

--**Kathy Anderson**, Atlantic County Library System, Mays Landing NJ.

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**AIDS AND THE HOSPICE COMMUNITY.** Edited by Madalon O'Rawe Amenta. New York: Harrington Park Press, 1991. (Simultaneously issued as **The Hospice Journal**, Vol. 7, Nos. 1/2) 197 p. (ISBN: 1-56024-184-5) \$24.95 (hbk.) (ISBN: 1-56024-011-8) \$14.95 (pbk.) Publisher's address: 10 Alice St., Binghamton NY 13904.

With the announcement in March 1992 by the U.S. government that 1 in every 100 men and 1 in every 800 women is infected with HIV, the relevance of this title increases daily.

As is customary for Haworth Press publications, this book was simultaneously issued as a special journal issue. Libraries not subscribing to that journal can provide their patrons with this information by buying the book. The twelve essays in the volume are written by hospital system officers and directors, members of hospice volunteer groups, professors of a variety of disciplines, doctoral students, directors of nursing, and bereavement counselors. The articles are mostly the results of research, and they stress the psychosocial aspects of AIDS/HIV infection.

In several of the essays, we hear from AIDS activists, including one who reminds us: "It's important to think of hospice as an invitation to the patient ... as an opportunity to consider alternatives and to

collaborate in his or her own life's journey, even if that journey is close to the end."

It is heartening to find out that AIDS caregivers can be found across much of America, not just in large cities, as the AIDS Coalition of Northeast Iowa and the Cedar Valley (IA) AIDS Crisis Fund witness. It is on the other hand discouraging to hear that a nurse said: "When they (homosexuals) came out to demand their rights in government, God stepped in with AIDS."

This book will inspire more people to become hospice workers. It will be of value to those trying to provide better hospice care. There are good Samaritans out there -- comforting our brothers, our sisters, our friends, our neighbors.

--Katherine Dahl, Western Illinois University, Macomb IL.

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VERIFICATION REPORT 1991: YEARBOOK ON ARMS CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS. Edited by J.B. Poole. New York: Apex Press in cooperation with the Verification Technology Information Centre, 1991. 288pp. Illus. ISBN 0-945257-37-6. \$35.00 (hbk).

This is an excellent compilation of articles and general data. An all-star international cast of authors has been assembled to discuss the current state of affairs. The U.S., Canada, the U.K., Sweden, Germany, and Czechoslovakia produced the scholars whose work appears in this volume.

The introduction explains the need for the volume and how and why it is so organized. The articles are short and pithy, all with references. There is also an extensive and almost exclusively English language bibliography of current books, chapters, and articles on the topics covered.

The volume's one drawback is the lack of balance between arms control and environmental agreements. The latter seemed almost an afterthought with one chapter on the Greenhouse Gas Convention. Because of the brevity of all of articles, this means that 9 pages of environmental concerns were almost swallowed up by the rest of the book.

The issuing Centre sees this publication as an ongoing annual series. I would recommend purchase of this volume to all academic and most larger public libraries.

- Stephen J. Stillwell, jr., CSIA Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

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PRODUCTIVE LIVING STRATEGIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS. Edited by Michael Pizzi and Jerry A. Johnson. Binghamton: Haworth Press, 1991. 227 p. (ISBN: 0-918393-83-3) \$17.95 (pbk.) Also published as Occupational Therapy in Health Care, Vol. 7, Nos. 2/3/4. Publisher's address: 10 Alice St., Binghamton NY 13904.

The words "living strategies" of the title best describe the tone and direction of this book, a collection of papers by medical professionals on the topic of coping with HIV infection and AIDS.

The editors, occupational therapists Michael Pizzi and Jerry Johnson, provide the reader with what is essentially a holistic view of AIDS intervention. The disease is viewed as one requiring rehabilitative measures in both the physical and psychological arenas and less as a fatal condition. Topics include the medical and psychosocial aspects of adults and children with HIV, adult day care, AIDS in the prison system, as well as the spiritual and cultural considerations of the disease. Each chapter includes bibliographical citations, and many contain sample discussion questions, increasing its value in a classroom setting. While personal perspectives of the disease lend a familiar touch to the book, it is primarily a tool for professionals in the fields of rehabilitative medicine, nursing, social work, and occupational and physical therapies. Libraries serving members of these communities will want to consider it.

--Peter Fekety, S. Brunswick Public Library, Monmouth Junction NJ.

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"South Africa in Transition," a special issue of Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order. San Francisco: Crime & Social Justice Associates. Publisher's Address: Box 40601, San Francisco, CA 94140.

This is hardly alternative press, in its eighteenth year of publication and indexed in most, if not all, mainstream standard sources as well alternative sources. While this journal would not normally rate a review in these pages, their special issue on South Africa is another story. Most of the authors, both black and white, are South African, some getting their first exposure before an American academic audience. The articles presented run the gamut from race relations, to a proposed Bill of Rights, to the death penalty and violence against women. The articles are well written and edited making them readable for the concerned citizen, with ample notes and references for the academic.

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