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coordinator's corner



LIRT is alive and well and living all around the world. Membership continues to grow and the interest of members, new and old, is most encouraging. As with all organizations, LIRT is what you, its members, make it.

Lois Pausch's 1981 annual report (LIRT Newsletter, Sept. 1981, v. 4 no. 2) confirmed the vitality of our organization. Our committees and task forces continue their important activities. I am pleased to report that many new LIRT members volunteered to serve on all committees. I have appointed as many new volunteers as possible to LIRT committees. If you were not appointed, please volunteer again. In keeping with LIRT's objectives, we try to have diverse library types represented on all committees.

My goals as the 1981/82 Coordinator include encouraging 1) state LIRT Affiliates; 2) long range planning; and 3) library instruction in public libraries. The Membership/Public Relations Committee plans a promotion campaign to encourage state affiliations. As attendance at ALA conferences becomes more and more difficult, state affiliates provide an excellent vehicle for LIRT activities. LIRT's newly formed Long Range Planning Committee met for the first time in June, 1981, in San Francisco. The Committee believes it is important to know where LIRT has been, where LIRT is today, and where LIRT wants (ought) to go in the future. The presence or absence of library instruction in public libraries is especially relevant as we speak of life long learning and the importance of public libraries in this process. It seems to me that if there is an absence (or apparent absence) of library instruction in most public libraries, LIRT has the responsibility to actively encourage and promote the development of instructional programs in these vital institutions.

I want to personally thank LIRT's officers, chairpersons, and committee members for their continued support. I especially thank Lois Pausch for her inspiration. I welcome all suggestions and opinions.

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you in Denver in January, 1982. For those of you unable to be there, keep in touch. Write to me or the newsletter. Let us know what you are doing, thinking and dreaming.

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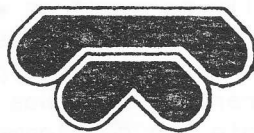
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poster session anyone?

American Library Association President Betty Stone has announced plans to introduce Poster Sessions at the 1982 Annual Conference to be held in Philadelphia. The pilot program will give individuals the opportunity to present and discuss research findings and innovative programs on four-by-six foot poster boards located in the conference exhibit hall.

According to Dr. Fred Peterson, chair of the National Coordinating Committee, Poster Sessions have been enthusiastically received by professional associations such as the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Information Science, and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology. The sessions will provide an effective channel for discussion of recently completed research, new and innovative library programs, and imaginative efforts at resolving practical library problems.

Entry forms for the Poster Sessions may be submitted by an individual or group by January 4, 1982. They will be evaluated by a nationally representative panel chaired by Dr. Ruth J. Person of Catholic University. A maximum of 300 presentations will be scheduled for 20 poster session booths during the Philadelphia Conference in July, 1982. Each presentation will include a descriptive narrative as well as charts, tables, forms, and handouts and other graphics to convey the essence of the research or program.

"Poster Sessions will provide opportunity for librarians to share their accomplishments and to discuss areas of mutual interest on a one-to-one basis," President Stone noted in making announcement of the program during the ALA conference in San Francisco. "We think it's an important new dimension for ALA conference programming, and look forward to presentations on diverse topics such as personnel classification systems, outreach programs, or research on information transfer."

Further information, guidelines for participation, and an official entry form may be obtained by writing Poster Sessions, The School of Library and Information Science, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064



mile high meetings



A tentative schedule of meetings to be held at ALA Midwinter in Denver, Colorado, January 23 through January 27, 1982, includes the following LIRT meetings:

Sunday, January 24

9-11 a.m.

2-4 p.m.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Continuing Education Committee
Publications Committee
Executive Board
LIRT Elections Committee

Monday, January 25

9-11 a.m.

9:30-12:30

11:30-12:30

2-4 p.m.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

1982 Program Committee
National Program Studies Task Force
By-laws Revisions Committee
Public Relations/Membership Committee
1983 Program Committee

Tuesday, January 26

9-11 a.m.

9-11 a.m.

11:30-12:30

2-5:30 p.m.

1982 Program Committee
Long Range Planning Committee
Liason Committee
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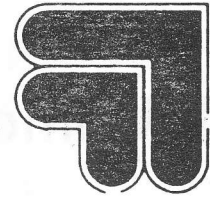
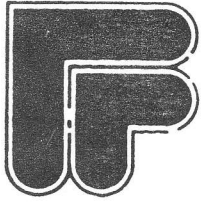
A new program entitled "English as a Second Language" has been instituted at the University of Alabama to help international graduate students adjust to the cultural differences they will encounter in an American classroom. According to Sharon Lee Stewart, a librarian involved with the project, the program grew out of a recommendation from a task force formed after student complaints about communication problems with international teaching assistants increased. Although universities have traditionally relied upon teaching assistants, and have increased the number of non-Americans teaching in the fields of math, science, and engineering, programs of this type number less than a dozen in the United States.

According to Stewart, English fluency is a major part of the three week program, but such things as lesson design, classroom management, and library instruction are important modules in a series of presentations. " Since these new students are both graduate students and teachers, the amount of information about the library and our library instruction office which needs to be covered is phenomenal," Stewart said.

It is hoped that after some fine tuning, the original program will be expanded to include groups of other teaching assistants.



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The LIRT Elections Committee is responsible for producing a list of at least two candidates for each office (Vice coordinator/Coordinator-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer) that will ensure representation on the Executive Board from all, or almost all, types of libraries. These candidates will be secured from those who volunteer and those who are nominated. Candidates for office must be current members of the Roundtable and must have served for at least one year on a committee or task force of the Roundtable. If you would like to run for an office, or would like to nominate someone, please send your name, address, and committee service, or the same information about the person you are nominating,

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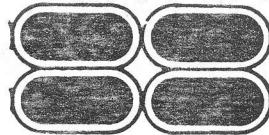
Nominations must be received by January 15, 1982.

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THE EARLHAM COLLEGE LIBRARY WILL HOLD ITS SIXTH WORKSHOP ON BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION, MARCH 31-APRIL 2, 1982. REGISTRATION WILL BE LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS. FEES FOR THE WORKSHOP WILL BE \$150. A MAJOR THRUST OF THE WORKSHOP IS FACULTY INVOLVEMENT, AND TO ENCOURAGE THIS, A GRANT FROM THE COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES WILL HELP UNDERWRITE THE EXPENSES OF TEACHING FACULTY WHO ACCOMPANY LIBRARIANS.

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The ad hoc Committee on By-Laws Revision will be meeting during Midwinter in Denver to discuss, and possibly to recommend, changes in the LIRT by-laws. These were last published in the September, 1980, issue of the LIRT Newsletter. If you have any recommendations for changes, please send them, along with your

name, to
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Input is needed by January 15, 1982.



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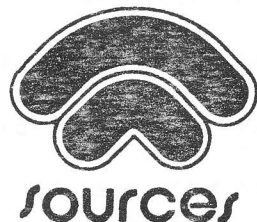
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Highlights for instruction librarians from Journal of Education for
Librarianship, 1980:

"Criteria for the Design of Mail Questionnaires," by Bob Swisher (p.159-165)
Fall, 1980.

"Update on the Status of Bibliographic Instruction in Library School Programs,"
by Maureen Pastine and Karen Seibert (p. 169-171) Fall, 1980.

Thesis accepted. Person, Roland. "The Role of the Undergraduate Library
in the U.S. and Canadian Universities." Southern Illinois (June, 1980)
Major advisor: Charles Klasek.

--Carol Penka, University of Illinois

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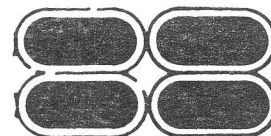
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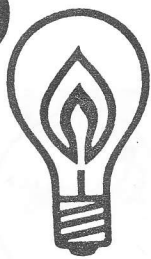
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teaching tips

TEACHING TIPS is a regular feature of the LIRT Newsletter. If you've worked out a useful method of teaching a complex tool, or have learned the hard way what works or what doesn't, share it with the LIRT members. Send your tips or pearls of wisdom to Carol Penka, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801

Getting There From Here is a videotape/workbook

instruction unit designed at State

University College at Brockport,

Brockport, NY 14420. The workbook

assists the student in selecting a topic,

and progresses the activities necessary

to complete a research paper. Contact

Peter P. Olevnik, at Brockport for more

information.

--Peter Olevnik, CUNY/Brockport

Looking for an inexpensive collection of Clip Art?

44 pages of reproducible art work are available from Mead Paper, Printing, and Writing Division, Courthouse Plaza Northeast, Dayton, OH 45463. Ask for their latest edition of "Clip Tips."

--Mignon Adams, SUNY/Oswego

10 Steps in Writing the Research Paper by Roberta

Markham and Marie Waddell presents step-

by-step instructions and outlines each step

in the research process. Published by

Barron's Educational Series, 1971.

--Carol Penka, University of Illinois

Practical Applications of Research is the title of

a quarterly newsletter published by Phi Delta Kappa to make teachers more aware of current research important to them. "Instructional Clarity" was the topic of the March, 1981, issue. Research conducted during the last ten years determined characteristics of clear teaching. A checklist of characteristics is included in the newsletter.

--Mignon Adams, SUNY/Oswego

Library Instruction Workbook by Esther Grassian of UCLA

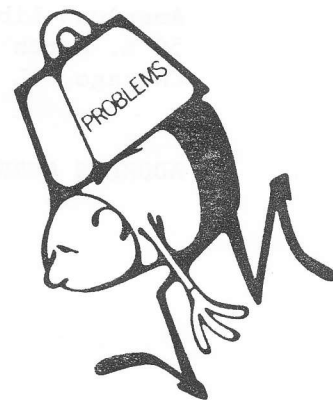
is a self-paced, 30-question exercise unit for elementary school students in the upper grades. The publication includes a 28-page supplement of variations. Available for \$5. payable to Esther Grassian, 3315 Bentley

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--LOEX News, December, 1980



problem weighing you down?



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