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LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE NEWS

An Invitation to Participate

As the Library Instruction Round Table approaches its tenth year celebrations, this invitation to greater and wider participation is issued to gain stronger support for celebration activities and to plan ongoing projects that will enhance the professional development of librarians in future decades.

Now more than nine hundred strong, much has been accomplished with your ideas, expertise, resources, and hard work. A useful newsletter to provide educational information, the annual "Bite" luncheon discussions to explore current issues, and ALA World Book Goals Award to develop a Handbook and Training Manual for Bibliographic Instruction librarians, and significant contributions to the Long-Range Mission, Goals and Objectives of the Association are among the list of recent accomplishments of the Round Table.

While much has been done by LIRT and ALA to advance user education in all types of libraries, even greater challenges await us as we plan to strengthen our efforts to help BI librarians in an automated electronic age.

The officers and members of LIRT appreciate your support and participation over this decade, and invite you to recommit your professional expertise, funds, and resources to help move the Round Table to greater heights. If you have not participated on a committee, give serious consideration to reviewing and filling out the LIRT COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM in this newsletter.

If you are not a member of LIRT, I urge you to join and become active by attending committee meetings and programs at the Midwinter and Annual conferences. As a LIRT member you will receive your own copy of the LIRT News that will put you in touch with other BI librarians. You will find in LIRT a group of dedicated colleagues who are interested in forwarding the goals and objectives of the Round Table and Association.

Thelma Tate, Vice-President/President-Elect

Council Praises LIRT

ALA Council passed the following resolution honoring the Library Instruction Round Table's Tenth Anniversary at the Midwinter Conference:

- Whereas, The American Library Association has a priority area "Access to Information" which includes in its goals "Instruction in information is available to all;" and
- Whereas, During the past decade, the Library Instruction Round Table has reached out to all librarians interested in instruction, providing a forum for discussions, for activities, and for programs; and
- Whereas, The Library Instruction Round Table has been the first round table to achieve excellence by earning the prestigious World Book-ALA Goals Award; now therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association recognize the achievements of the Library Instruction Round Table during this its tenth anniversary year; and be it further
- Resolved, That congratulations be extended to the eleven hundred members of the Library Instruction Round Table for their participation in this valuable component of the Association and all members of the American Library Association take cognizance of the special anniversary functions planned for this year.
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Reception one of SF's Program Highlights

A special reception to celebrate the TENTH ANNIVERSARY of the Library Instruction Round Table will be one of the highlights of LIRT's San Francisco program. The reception will precede the formal program and business meeting and will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 28th. Come help us celebrate the accomplishments of LIRT and honor a decade of leadership in library instruction.

"Hit Them Where They are: Library Instruction on the Spot" will be the theme of the LIRT program in San Francisco. Jean Westcott, a freelance consultant, will speak on the theory of graphics and effective self-help print instruction. Alan Ritch, of the University of California at Santa Cruz, will speak about teaching patrons how to access the online terminal via self-help screens and brochures.

After the formal presentations, two breakout sessions will be available for members of the audience. These sessions will focus on the "how-to's" and practical aspects of the keynote speeches. Jean Westcott will demonstrate how to create effective signage and mapping that works for you. Alan Ritch and several other librarians will discuss point-of-use instruction using a variety of equipment, from on-line catalogs to CD-ROM. Samples of self-help printed material will be available.

If you have examples of printed self-help materials, please bring 50 copies to the meeting or mail them to: Patricia Vanderberg, 666 Sonoma Ave., Richmond, CA 94805. Questions? Call her at: (415) 642-3820.

Watch for future LIRT Tenth Anniversary celebrations, including a history of LIRT to be published soon in the LIRT News.

Committee Reports

CAI Task Force

The task force is updating LIRT's CAI listing of users, which was published in *Resource Sharing and Information Networks* (v3, no. 1). A list of commercially available software for BI should be available this summer. Evaluation of software will also be discussed.

Continuing Education

The CE Committee has finished work on its latest effort, "Case Studies in Library Instruction", which will be published soon. This is a compilation of several case studies. Topics include end-user searching, foreign students, high school assignments and the older returning student. Look for the Committee's annual bibliography of the best BI articles of the year in the June issue of the newsletter!

Handbook Planning

Several publishers have been selected who meet the Task Force's requirements. They have all expressed an interest in all types of libraries and are willing to promote the handbook.

Liaison

Members were assigned to report on various meetings. The committee discussed the revision of the reporting form and ways to handle the list of instruction related meetings.

Long Range Planning

The Long-Range Planning Committee revised and distributed the Planning and Goals Progress Evaluation Form to committee chairs to facilitate work of the committees. It will evaluate other committee responses to the form. The committee recommended that LIRT support Instruction in the Use of Libraries Committee proposal to research the impact of library instruction on academic success. The committee will study ways that LIRT can address the issues presented in "Equity at Risk".

Organization and Bylaws

The committee revised the Organization Manual after interviewing interested parties about their needs. The manual should be revised in time for the 1987-88 Orientation session.

Program 1988

The committee had its organizational meeting at Midwinter. Members brainstormed ideas for the conference program in New Orleans.

Public Relations/Membership

Ways to retain existing members and recruit new members were discussed. Work has begun on the annual conference activities, including the BITE with LIRT, the LIRT Booth and Member à LIRT column.

Publications

The committee discussed publication of the case study packet prepared by the CE Committee.

Publication/Promotion Task Force

The task force discussed the present organization of the Publications Committee, and points to be included in a LIRT publications policy.

Research

The committee worked on a questionnaire concerning the aims and definition of user education in libraries of all types. The questionnaire will be tested prior to the annual conference. A bibliography is being developed on teaching the use of on-line catalogs, for publication in the newsletter.

Tenth Anniversary

The committee will be producing a button in honor of the 10th anniversary. A reception will be held before the San Francisco program. A history of LIRT is being written for the newsletter.

Member à LIRT

TRANSITIONING FROM TOOL BASED TO CONCEPT BASED INSTRUCTION

Kathy Kaya, library instruction coordinator at Montana State University and LIRT member, has been intrinsically involved in a change of focus for her library's instruction program.

Rather than a "show and tell" of library tools in a library setting, the reference librarians have focused on taking BI into the regular university classroom.

While a class specific bibliography, worksheets, and instructional handouts are provided, the concentration is on analyzing the course information needs, examining the discipline's literature structure, and in the process building a more comprehensive information literacy for the student.

Beside the greater transference of learning that the Montana State approach promises, an additional benefit is the viewing of librarians as centrally involved in the educational process, thus being viewed as more closely aligned to the teaching faculty by both faculty and students.

Montana State serves 10,000 students. The reference department teaches about 50-70 classes each year with eight librarians.

For more information contact: Kathy Kaya, Reference Department, Renne Library, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

"Library Instruction Clearinghouses" Now Available

The latest edition of **Library Instruction Clearinghouses 1986: A Directory**, published by ACRL, is now available.

This update of the 1985 directory tells where to obtain guidance and materials for developing library instruction programs. National, state, and regional clearinghouses are identified. Each entry provided name, address, founding date, source of funding, planned projects and publications.

Copies may be ordered from the ALA Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. The 25 page paperback sells for \$5 (\$4 for ACRL members). ALA members receive a 10% discount off list price.

**Dougherty to run for
ALA President**

Linda Ann Dougherty, a past president of LIRT, will be running for Vice-President/President Elect of ALA by petition. One of her central concerns is how library workers can prepare their publics to participate in the lifelong learning process. In Council she successfully added LIRT's BI goal to the Strategic Long Range Planning Document. She is a branch head at the Chicago Public Library. Contact her at: Clearinghouse Branch Library, 5643 W. 63rd St., Chicago, IL 60638. Phone: (312) 767-4419.

**AFFILIATES BREAKFAST AT
MIDWINTER**

The LIRT Affiliates Council Discussion Group had a very successful breakfast meeting with the LIRT Steering Committee and Executive Board during the Midwinter Conference. Participants shared ideas on how to keep state BI chapters going strong and agreed to meet again during the San Francisco Annual Conference. Need more information? Contact Sharon Mader, MSU Libraries, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN 38152. Phone: (901) 454-2208.

RSR Wants YOU!

Have some interesting ideas on BI? Hannelore Rader is looking for short articles for publication in **Reference Services Review**. She is particularly interested in BI in the public and school library setting, BI for the online catalog, and the relationship of BI to public services and reference. Manuscripts should be 1000-1200 words in length, and prepared on "Word Perfect". For more information contact: Hannelore B. Rader, UW-Parkside, Library-Learning Center, Box 2000, Kenosha, WI 53141.

CALL FOR LIBRARY INSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO DISPLAY AT LIRT BOOTH AT ALA/SAN FRANCISCO

Handouts
Workbooks
Study guides
Worksheets
Videocassettes
Course syllabi
Announcements
Brochures
Slide/tape programs
Evaluation instruments
Posters
From academic, public,
school and special
libraries



Share your ideas with other librarians. What's old hat to you may inspire others. If you are able to provide audio-visual material or other instructional aids, please call or write Linda Muroi as soon as possible.

A-V materials may be retrieved at the exhibit area after 12 noon on June 30, 1987; no other materials can be guaranteed return.

Questions? Write:

Linda Muroi
General Reference
Library
San Diego State University
San Diego, California 92182-0511
(619)229-2554

Send materials to:

Emily Bergman
California School of Professional
Psychology
2235 Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90057



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GO OUT FOR A BITE WITH LIRT IN SAN FRANCISCO

Here's your chance to talk informally with other librarians interested in library instruction. Because it is so difficult to meet librarians with similar interests at large conventions like ALA's summer conference, LIRT is organizing small groups for breakfast, lunch or dinner at modestly priced restaurants so we can get to know each other.

Return the reservation form below. You will be notified when and where to meet your group.

LIRT includes librarians from all types of libraries: academic, public, school, special. You need not be a member of LIRT to participate.

I'd like to go out for a Bite with LIRT!

My first two preferences are:

Lunch at 12:30

Saturday, June 27 _____

Sunday, June 28 _____

Monday, June 29 _____

Dinner at 6:30

Sunday, June 28 _____

Monday, June 29 _____



I'd be glad to be a group coordinator _____

Name _____

Institution _____

Mailing address _____

Please send this form by May 20 to:

Deborah L. Schaeffer
Reference
Renne Library
Montana State University
Bozeman, Montana 59717

American Library Association
LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROUND TABLE
Committee Volunteer Form

NAME:

TITLE AND INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS:

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:

OFFICE TELEPHONE: ()

HOME TELEPHONE (OPTIONAL): ()

ARE YOU NOW A MEMBER OF LIRT?

CAN YOU, DURING THE NEXT 2 YEARS, REGULARLY ATTEND ALA MIDWINTER AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES?

☐ YES

☐ NO

(Failure to attend 2 consecutive meetings may result in removal from the committee.)

LIRT COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING (Check):

☐ Conference Program

☐ Organization

☐ Continuing Education

☐ Public Relations|Membership

☐ Elections and Nominating

☐ Publications

☐ Liaison

☐ Research

☐ Long Range Planning

☐ Affiliates

☐ Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces as Appointed
by the Steering Committee

REASONS FOR INTEREST IN THESE COMMITTEES:

TOPICS|AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

(OVER PLEASE)

LIRT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM--page 2

EDUCATION (List institution, degree, date, subject major):

WORK EXPERIENCE (Attach extra pages, as necessary):

OFFICES HELD OR COMMITTEE SERVICE (Include dates):

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OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO WORK WITH LIRT!

Please return the completed form to:

Thelma Tate
Rutgers University
Mabel Smith Douglass Library
Chapel Dr.
New Brunswick, NJ 08903

HELP IS NEEDED TO STAFF THE LIRT BOOTH AT ALA/SAN FRANCISCO

The Membership/Public Relations Committee of the Library Instruction Round Table will again have an exhibit at ALA's Annual Conference in San Francisco this summer. The booth will display library instruction materials and will distribute information about LIRT activities.

Meet colleagues and browse through the materials while helping to staff the booth.

Indicate first and second time preferences. You will be notified of your scheduled time prior to the Conference.

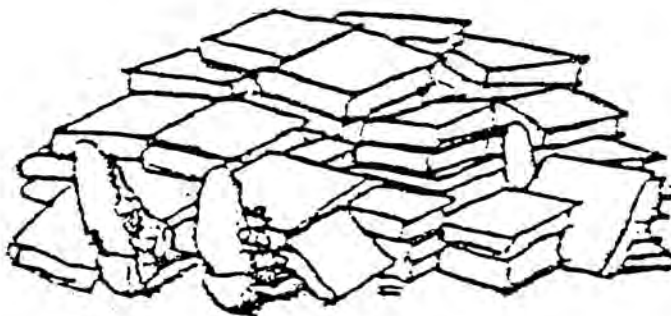
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| Monday, June 29 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Tuesday, June 30 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Name _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

Please reply by May 20 to: Smittie Bolner
BA/DOCS Department
Middleton Library
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803



EARLHAM BI MEETING SET

Earlham College will hold another BI workshop on April 30-May 2, 1987. The emphases will be on faculty involvement and the role of online searching and end-user searching.

For further information, write Evan Farber, Librarian, Earlham College, Richmond, IN 47374.

LOEX 1987

The 15th annual LOEX meeting will be held at the Ohio State University, May 6-8, 1987. The conference theme is "Defining and Applying Effective Teaching Strategies for Library Instruction". More information may be obtained from: Mary-Beth Bunge, Chair, 1987 LOEX Program Committee, Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210.

RE-CREATING THE IMAGE

The Sixteenth Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use will be held at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario from Wednesday, May 13th or Friday, May 15th.

Sessions will deal with topics of current interest to orientation and instruction librarians. A variety of knowledgeable speakers have been chosen to discuss various aspects of teaching techniques. New technologies will also be addressed.

For more information contact: Marilyn McDermott, Mohawk College Library, P.O. Box 2034, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 3T2 CANADA

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