

Women In Libraries

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TASK FORCE

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FTF SUPPORTS 12 COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The Feminist Task Force, in addition to endorsing Norman Horrocks for President of the American Library Association, recommends supporting and voting for the following 12 candidates for ALA Council (numbers indicate position on ballot):

- 07. Diane Gordon Kadanoff
- 19. Suzanne J. LeBarron
- 23. Joan K. Marshall
- 25. Elizabeth Joanne Talbot
- 26. Marjorie Jaramo
- 33. Lois P. Mills
- 34. Betty-Carol Sellen
- 41. Dorothy M. Broderick
- 50. Kay Ann Cassell
- 59. Dorothy S. Puryear
- 67. Judy C. McDermott
- 71. Gail P. Warner.

Although ALA members may vote for as many as 27 candidates for Council, if fewer candidates are selected, each vote has more weight. (Voting for only the 12 recommended candidates would give each of those votes the weight of 2.25 votes.) Council elections often are very close; this extra edge could make the difference in electing Councilors who support feminist concerns.

STEERING COMMITTEE SLOTS

Nominations are being sought for four positions on the Feminist Task Force steering committee. Persons nominated for the two-year terms should be able to attend ALA conferences and should send a statement of interest and concerns to Task Force Coordinator Elizabeth Futas, Emory University, Division of Librarianship, Atlanta, GA 30322 by June 15, 1981. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco, before the election at the Task Force meeting June 28 at 2 pm. Self-nominations are welcome.

EXHIBIT MATERIALS

Materials from non-profit women's organizations will be displayed and distributed at the Feminist Task Force exhibit table at the annual conference. Materials should be sent by June 12 to Feminist Task Force (SRRT), T-155, American Library Association, c/o United Wesco, Inc., Convention Warehouse, 2575 3rd St., San Francisco, CA 94107.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

Feminist Task Force activities at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco will begin with the program "Women Writing/Writing Women," featuring authors Dorothy Bryant, Susan Griffin, and Alice Walker, who will discuss their work and women on Saturday, June 27, 2 - 4pm. Among Bryant's works are The Kin of Ata Are Waiting for You and Prisoner (1980); Walker's work includes Meridian and a newly-issued collection of stories You Can't Keep a Good Woman Down (April 1981), and Griffin's latest work, due June 1981, is Pornography and Silence: Culture's Revolt Against Nature.

"With Reference to Women," co-sponsored by the Feminist Task Force, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, and the RASD Discussion Group on Women's Materials and Women Library Users, will focus on access to women's materials through periodical indexes and online data bases. Speakers for the program Monday, June 29, 9:30 - 11am, will be Jenrose Felmley, Executive Director of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation; Matilda Butler, former Director of the Women's Educational Equity Communications Network; Deborah Brecher, computer analyst and creator of a data base on women and women's organizations, and Linda Parker, Women's Studies Librarian-at-Large, University of Wisconsin. Jane Williamson, Women's Action Alliance librarian, will moderate.

Business meetings of the Task Force will be held following the Saturday program; on Sunday, June 28, 2 - 4pm (including election of new members to the steering committee) and on Monday, June 29, 4:30 - 5:30pm.

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A panel discussion on "Librarians as Administrators in Non-Library Settings" is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 9:30 - 11am, with speakers Betty-Carol Sellen, Associate Librarian for Reference Services and Collection Development, Brooklyn College Library; June Fleming, Assistant City Manager, City of Palo Alto, CA, and Carol Moss, Chief Operating Officer, O'Mel Vany & Myers, Los Angeles, CA. Sponsors are OLPR and the LAMA Women Administrators Discussion Group. LAMA WAG also will have a discussion on "Strategies for Change" Sunday, June 28, 2 - 4 pm, featuring library directors Elaine F. Sloan, Indiana University; Bessie Hahn, Goldfarb Library, Brandeis University; Fay Zipkowitz, Department of State Library Services, Rhode Island, and Ginnie Cooper, Alameda Free Library, CA.

"Women as an Under-Served Population," on Sunday, June 28, 9:30 - noon, will focus on the special needs of women and how public libraries can meet those needs. The program will include a slide show illustrating barriers women library users often face and a look at innovative programming that can expand services to women. Sponsors are the RASD Discussion Group on Women's Materials and Women Library Users and the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship.

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A one-day workshop "Lesbianism in the Library," for lesbians and other women library workers, will be held Friday, June 26, 10am - 5 pm at the Bay Area Women's Building, 3543 18th St., sponsored by Bay Area Women Library Workers. A \$10 registration fee should be sent by May 25 to Women Library Workers, 2308 Derby St., Berkeley, CA 94705. Heterosexual women are strongly urged to participate. For information about the workshop or housing or child care availability contact Ellen Broidy or Joan Ariel, at the above address or (415) 548-3340.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Fri. 6/26	10am - 5pm	Bay Area WLW workshop "Lesbianism in the Library" (preregistration required)	Bay Area Women's Bld 3543 18th St., SF
	1 - 4pm	Women Library Workers business meeting	Glide Memorial Church 330 Ellis, SF
Sat. 6/27	9:30am - 12:30pm	Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship committee session	Holiday Inn Union Sq
	2 - 4pm	Feminist Task Force program "Women Writing/Writing Women"	Hyatt Regency SF Rm
	4:30 - 5:30pm	Feminist Task Force business meeting	Hyatt Regency SF Rm
Sun. 6/28	8 - 11am	ERA Task Force business meeting	Holiday Inn Union Sq Salon B
	9:30am - noon	COSWL/RASD program "Women as an Under-Served Population"	Hilton, Hilton Rm
	2 - 4pm	Feminist Task Force business meeting	Civic Aud Rm 406
	2 - 4pm	LAMA Women Administrators Group "Strategies for Change"	Hyatt Union Sq SF Rm
Mon. 6/29	9:30 - 11am	FTF/COSWL/RASD program "With Reference to Women"	Hyatt Union Sq Plaza Sq Ballrm East
	11:30am - 12:30pm	Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship committee session	Civic Aud Rm 425
	2 - 4pm	ERA Task Force program Speaker to be announced	Hyatt Regency SF Rm
	4:30 - 5:30pm	Feminist Task Force business meeting	Civic Aud Rm 410
Tues. 6/30	8 - 9am	ERA Task Force business meeting	Civic Aud Rm 323
	8 - 9am	OLPR/COSWL "Pay Equity Update/Discussion"	Civic Aud Rm 404
	9:30 - 11am	OLPR/LAMA WAG program "Librarians as Administrators in Non-Library Settings"	Hyatt Union Sq Plaza Sq Ballrm West
	9:30am - 12:30pm	Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship committee session	Sheraton Palace Golden Gate Rm
	11am - 12:30pm	Women Library Workers business meeting	Glide Memorial Church 330 Ellis, SF

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Women for Racial and Economic Equality will hold a National Conference - "Women Fight Back Against Racism and the Right" - and WREE's Second Convention July 9 through 12, 1981 at the University of Pittsburgh. The 4-day meeting of planning and workshops is intended to include poor and working women of all colors and ethnic backgrounds from church, trade union, community, and women's organizations. For more information contact WREE, 130 E. 16th St., New York, NY 10003.

Elizabeth Janeway, author of Powers of the Weak, will be a featured speaker at "Women and Power," the Fourth Annual Roundtable Conference for Professional Women October 17-19, 1981 at the resort hotel Wentworth-by-the-Sea, near Boston. The conference fee is \$295, plus hotel expenses. Contact Elizabeth Dodson Gray, Roundtable Conference for Professional Women, Four Linden Square, Wellesley, MA 02181. Tapes of the 1979 and 1980 Conferences for Professional Women ("How Does a Woman Professional Function Differently?" and "White-Water Living: Career & Life Planning in the 1980s") also are available from the above address.

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NEW PERIODICALS TO NOTE

UPDATE, the biweekly report published by the Congresswomen's Caucus, tracks all legislation for its impact on women and includes information about bills introduced in the House and Senate, hearings and markups, legislation coming to the floor, conference committee meetings, and enactment of laws, with numbers. UPDATE also monitors the Federal Register for announcements of regulations relating to women, monitors the national press and cites articles analyzing women's issues, and announces special projects undertaken by Congresswomen. Examples of concerns addressed in UPDATE are child and spouse abuse, pregnancy disability, social security, and pension reform. UPDATE, published biweekly when Congress is in session, is available for \$50 a year from Congresswomen's Caucus Update, 2471 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

CONNEXIONS, an international women's quarterly, will include material translated from the international feminist press about women's organizations, culture, and international resources. Issues during 1981 will focus on women refugees, women organizing against violence, and lesbians worldwide. The special introductory issue of CONNEXIONS is available for \$1, and an annual subscription for \$10, from CONNEXIONS/People's Translation Service, 4228 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, CA 94609.

The Journal of Educational Equity and Leadership, intended to enhance equity for women, American Indians, Asian-Americans, Blacks, Hispanics, and other populations, will include articles on equity, legal analyses, book reviews, and notes on practices and research, all designed to support affirmative action programs and to free education from discriminatory practices. JEEL, published by the University Council for Educational Administration in cooperation with the UCEA University-School System Partnership, has an annual subscription rate schedule ranging from \$8.50 to \$13.50. Contact UCEA, 29 W. Woodruff Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.

FEMINIST FILMMAKERS

This is a list of feminist filmmakers and distributors in the U.S. who work with documentary or artistic, rather than commercial, cinema. The list is not exhaustive, although all names and numbers given have been verified by talking with each woman or group. No attempt has been made to include the large mainstream distributors who have feminist films available since they are easily located through existing sources. Individual filmmakers are not identified separately, for the most part, when they work with or are distributed by a group on the list. (Compiled by Pat Court and Margaret Hohenstein, Wisconsin Women Library Workers, October 1980.)

Blue Ridge Films
9003 Glenbrook Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 591-1699

Lucyann Kerry distributes her own films,
which focus on rural women.

Cinema Medica, Inc.
2335 W. Foster Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
(800) 621-5147

Films on home birth, family-centered health,
breast-feeding.

Cambridge Documentary Films
Box 385
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 354-3677

Non-profit, feminist and humanist films.

Filmmakers Cooperative
175 Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-3820

This major distributor includes, but is not
limited to, feminist films.

Goddess Films
P.O. Box 2446
Berkeley, CA 94702
(415) 658-6959

Films by Barbara Hammer, including personal,
lesbian, and general women's films.

Herstory Films, Inc.
137 E. 13th St.
New York, NY 10003
(212) 260-0324

Marian Hunter produces and distributes
feminist films. Herstory has positions
available for student interns interested
in production.

International Women's Film Project
3518 35th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 966-0260

Helena Solberg-Ladd produces films on women
in labor movements, minority women, etc.

Iris Films
Box 5353
Berkeley, CA 94705
(415) 549-3192

Feminist and lesbian films; film distributor.

Martha Stuart Communications
Distribution Center
Box 127
Hillsdale, NY 12529

Series of half-hour films (and video-tapes)
of people who are often talked about but
rarely listened to, such as women who have
had abortions.

Mountain Moving Picture Co.
Box 1235
Evergreen, CA 80439
(303) 838-6426

Sally Barrett-Page directs and distributes feminist documentaries.

New Day Films
1454 6th
Berkeley, CA 94710
(415) 524-1921

A major producer and distributor of feminist films.

New Line Cinema
853 Broadway
New York, NY 10028
(212) 674-7460

Distributor of independent feminist filmmakers.

Polon, Vicki
14 W. 10th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 260-4558

Independent filmmaker produces artistic and biographical films.

Serious Business Co.
1145 Mandana Blvd.
Berkeley, CA 94610
(415) 832-5600

Distributor of many independent feminist filmmakers.

Texture Films
1600 Broadway
New York, NY 10019
(212) 586-6960

Transition House Films
120 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 426-1912

Film on battered women.

Walnut Street Films
42 Walnut St.
Sommerville, MA 02143
(617) 776-5814

Warrenbrand, Jane
52 W. 27th
New York, NY 10019
(212) 684-1290

Independent filmmaker.

Women Make Movies, Inc.
257 W. 19th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 929-6477

Documentaries on social issues, experimental feminist films.

Yellow Ball Workshop
62 Tarball Ave.
Lexington, MA 02173
(617) 862-4283

Producers of feminist, children's, and experimental films.

OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Older women in the U.S. - the fastest-growing segment of the population and the single poorest group - now have an organized voice in the Older Women's League, a national organization with 30 chapters organized by the beginning of 1981. OWL's organizers note: "To a degree not yet recognized in public policy, the major problems of aging in America are women's issues, the legacy of a lifetime of dependency and inequity. Midlife and older women must take the initiative to bring their concerns out of the shadows. We will select specific issues, develop an effective strategy, and concentrate the heat until the job is done. We will combat the combined impact of ageism and sexism, and in the process become more effective citizen advocates ourselves."

OWL memberships (not tax deductible) are \$5 a year; contributions to the OWL Educational Fund are tax deductible. OWLEF also has available a publications list (the newest item "Growing Numbers: Growing Force," a report of the White House Mini-Conference on Older Women, for \$3) and publishes COVER LETTER, a quarterly newsletter, for \$4 a year, a good source of information about legislation and publications of interest to older women. Contact OWL and OWLEF at 3800 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94611.

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FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Women who are blind or physically disabled can receive feminist and lesbian books, periodicals, and other information on women's issues from the Womyn's Braille Press, Inc. WBP offers materials on four track cassette and in braille, on both a loan and purchase basis. WBP also produces a quarterly newsletter in braille, print, and on tape, with subscriptions on a sliding fee scale, and samples available.

WBP seeks contributions and volunteer readers to record feminist and lesbian literature on cassette tape. Contact Womyn's Braille Press, Inc., P.O. Box 8475, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

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MARITAL RAPE RESOURCE

A new information resource from the Women's History Research Center is the National Clearinghouse on Marital Rape, an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt foundation. NCOMR publishes a newsletter (\$5 a year), a bibliography and contact list for \$3, a summary of the Greta Rideout case for \$2, and information searches, for a minimum fee of \$5 for each 15 minutes. Charter membership in the clearinghouse is available on a sliding scale, from \$10 to \$30.

Laura X, Executive Director of the Women's History Research Center, is available as a consultant and speaker about her successful 1979 California campaign to change rape laws to give equal protection to wives and about the Greta Rideout case. Laura X seeks to change rape laws in the 44 states which still do not give equal protection to wives. Contact National Clearinghouse on Marital Rape, Women's History Research Center, 2325 Oak St., Berkeley, CA 94708.

SOURCES & RESOURCES

The Women Library Workers chapter at the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science has published a 1981 directory SHARE (Sisters Have Resources Everywhere): A Directory of Feminist Library Workers in Illinois, patterned after the national SHARE directory, with information about 65 Illinois library workers. For copies (\$2, including postage and handling) or information about being listed in the next edition contact Women Library Workers, Katharine Phenix, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 410 David Kinley Hall, 1407 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801.

Surviving the Change: A Practical Guide to Menopause is a guide, for women and men, to the problems surrounding menopause and to strategies for coping. The book, by Joan Israel, ACSW, MSW; Marilyn Poland, RN, PhD; Nancy Reame, RN, PhD, and Dell Warner, came out of the needs of women who attended a series of workshops on menopause. The book is available for \$7.95 (including postage and handling) from Cinnabar Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 32772, Detroit, MI 48232, and the authors are available for lectures to organizations.

The Directory of Special Opportunities for Women, edited by Martha Merrill Doss, is a national guide of educational opportunities, career information, networks, and peer counseling assistance for entry or reentry into the work force for women. The directory includes alphabetical and geographical listings of organizations, associations, programs, and agencies; a listing of women's colleges and universities, and a list of resources ranging from books to networks. Available for \$19 (\$18 prepaid) from Garrett Park Press, Garrett Park, MD 20766.

Pornography: Men Possessing Women is "an in-depth analysis of the meaning of pornography and the place of pornography in the male-supremacist sexual system in which we live," according to author Andrea Dworkin. The book was published in trade paper by Putnam's/Perigee in April, 1981.

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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - August 15, 1981

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES is published 5 times a year from September to June. Subscriptions are \$4 for individuals, \$6 for institutions (prepaid), and \$8 for institutions (invoiced). Make checks payable to WOMEN IN LIBRARIES and send to Michele Leber, 4927 Gadsen Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032

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