

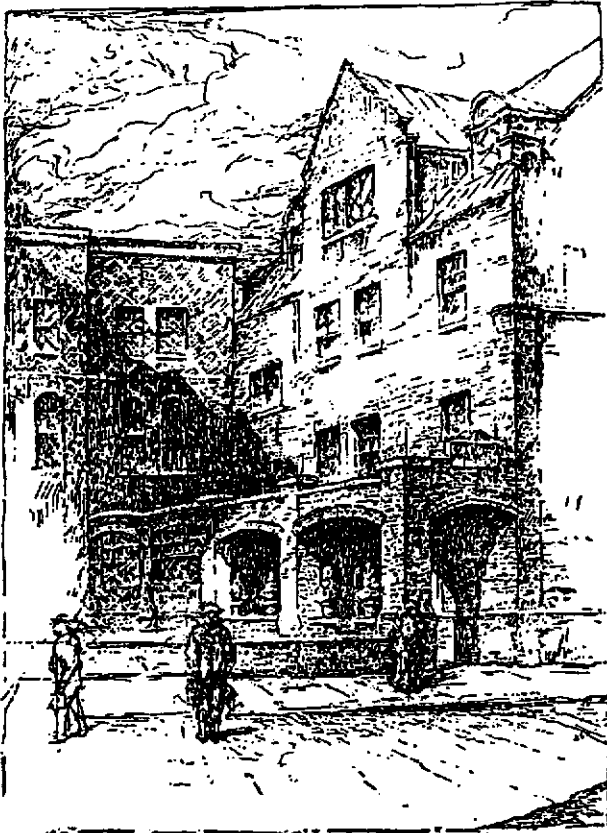


Women in Libraries

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Midwinter planning in Philadelphia to heat up Chicago's summer



The original Hull House in Chicago, since torn down, is shown in a turn-of-the-century drawing by one of the early residents, Norah Hamilton.

Program and tour to be planned

Planning for our Annual Conference, to be in Chicago in 1995, is going forward. Our business meetings at ALA Midwinter will focus on arrangements for FTF's annual activities, including a panel discussion, a tour, and the annual breakfast.

The annual program is expected to consist of a panel discussion with presentations by professional women from several disciplines including librarianship. The panel is expected to discuss the feminization of professions, a hot topic of several recently published books. Martha Yee, of UCLA Film and Television Archive, brought up the idea at the Miami Beach meeting. Some ideas for other disciplines to include were nursing, social work, psychoanalysis, and teaching. Dorothy Granger is helping to find people to serve on the panel.

Humor for breakfast

The latest idea for FTF's annual breakfast looks at the lighter side of women's humor. We hope to have two or three writers read from their works. Ceci Chapple, Milwaukee Public Library, has taken on the job of recruiting speakers, while Dorothy Granger will handle ticket printing and sales.

A tour of Chicago's famous Hull House is also in the early planning stages. Christine Jenkins, who suggested arranging the tour, is in charge.

If you would like to help with arranging any of these events, please call or write any of the officers listed on page 3.

Ideas for library programs for young women

What special ways can we as librarians reach young women, especially teenagers? The following ideas about the ways libraries can increase opportunities for girls were generated by participants at a Wisconsin Library Association Conference. The program was sponsored by Wisconsin Women Library Workers and presented by CHOICES, an initiative of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services designed to help prepare young women for the future. Below are some of the many ideas collected by Jennifer Crapol-Hall, CHOICES State Coordinator, and published in the WWLW newsletter.

- Conduct staff education on gender issues, resources, and human relations.
- Make the library a community resource center, a safe, confidential and comfortable place for young adults.
- Develop a bibliography of resources for girls/young women.

Involve others

- Provide programs that involve teens and utilize volunteers, and perhaps use female college students as mentors. Conduct a readers' theater.
- Organize a panel program on nontraditional careers. Do a book display on women in non-traditional careers. Provide programming to highlight women in science.
- Make and display photographic essays of local women.
- Provide a program on parenting skills and emphasize balancing careers with parenting.
- Conduct a career day for mothers/daughters.
- Do activities for Women's History Month. Use the theme of "Looking to the Future - Teens Are Our Future" with an emphasis on jobs and involvement of community women.
- Work with career development counselors at local universities and colleges.
- Conduct subject-specific book talks on such subjects such as dating violence and menstruation.

Explore the community

- Network with the community to determine needs of girls and young women.
- Obtain/distribute grants to work with girls and young women in domestic abuse/homeless shelters.
- Volunteer to be part of the planning of government programs that affect women and girls.
- Work closely with schools to coordinate joint exhibits, do in-service programs for counselors and provide programming for classes that are predominantly female.
- Encourage women's studies at local schools.



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Officers and program chairs selected for 1994-95

Feminist Task Force officers are in place for the coming year in most of the crucial positions. We are looking for energetic people to help with coming events, particularly the annual program. If you would like to help, please call any of the officers listed below.

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Awareness
Position open.

Coalitions
Position open.

Elections
Position open.

Officers needed


The main officers were elected at ALA Annual in Miami Beach and are listed on page 3. We still need people who are interested in awareness, coalitions, and elections. These positions carry out activities that are essential to the Feminist Task Force.

The awareness officer reports on events and activities, including such things as demonstrations at the conference exhibits or ads in *American Libraries* that have the appearance of being discriminatory. For coalitions, the officer works with other ALA women's groups, keeping the other members of FTF informed about other activities and seeking areas where we may coordinate activities, especially our annual presentation on Women's Groups in ALA. The elections officer researches candidates for offices in ALA and recommends those FTF should endorse in the elections.

If you are interested in filling any of these positions, come to a Feminist Task Force meeting at the next conference, or call or write any of the officers you find listed on page 3. We would be glad to hear from you.



Pack your bags and get that registration in the mail! There's plenty of work to go around—and good times, too—at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. Our next issue will have more details, plus our meeting calendar. Hope to see you there!


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