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Midwinter

ALA Midwinter 1991 Meeting Schedule

1/11/91 (Friday)

Steering Committee meeting
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Swiss Grand - Pontresina Suite

1/12/91 (Saturday)

Business Meeting 1
2:00-5:30 p.m.
Palmer House - Clark 5

Midwinter Social

7:00 p.m.
Trader Vic's - The Luau Room (The Palmer House)
(see details following)

1/13/91 (Sunday)

Book Award Committee
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Palmer House - Parlor G (Closed meeting)

1/14/91 (Monday)

1991 Program Committee
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Palmer House - Sandburg 2

SRRT Action Council

2:00-4:30 p.m.
Palmer House - PDR 7

1/15/91 (Tuesday)

Steering Committee
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Swiss Grand - St. Moritz

Dinner Social Held at Midwinter

The dinner social at ALA Midwinter will be at the Palmer House in the Luau Room of Trader Vic's on Saturday

evening, January 12 at 7 p.m. Enter at the Monroe Street door, under the main canopy. Trader Vic's is on the lower level, and there is a very imposing staircase right inside the entrance to transport you to this tropical paradise. There will be a standard salad and dessert with a choice of entree, including a vegetarian option. There will be a cash bar. As happened last year, everyone will pay individually for what they order. The room will accommodate 50 people but the management would like to know approximately how many will attend. Please notify Roland Hansen by phone or fax. Grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts are optional, but remember it is winter in Chicago so bare midriffs are not acceptable between Labor Day and Memorial Day. Roland Hansen can be reached at the following numbers: Fax: 312.263.0141; Work: 312.899.5097; Home: 312.472.3555.

GLTF Business

Clearinghouse Changes Addresses

The GLTF Library Information Clearinghouse address has changed. In order to have a long term address, and to simplify finances, all mail will now go to ALA headquarters in Chicago. The new address is: GLTF Clearinghouse, ALA/Office of Outreach Services (OLOS), 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

You can still contact the Clearinghouse coordinator Anka Shamin directly at 612.823.4782.

Help Needed in Revising Clearinghouse Publications

Have you been thinking about getting involved with the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, but you're not sure how? Itching to do research on gay or lesbian topics? Want to see your name on a GLTF publication? Many people have asked how to get involved with the Task Force. Here's a chance!

A number of Clearinghouse publications have not been revised in several years and are now out of date. Many we

have had to stop distributing because they are too old. Topics include: counseling and related materials, religious sources, special formats, cataloging resources, materials for use in schools and resources for teachers, AIDS, etc. The Clearinghouse would also be glad to discuss publishing new bibliographies or other types of publications.

Please write Ankha Shamin, Clearinghouse Coordinator, 4716 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409, or call him at 612.823.4782

If you would like to help. Please state your interests, what topics listed above you would be interested in working on (or any others!), and whether you'd like to work by yourself or with a committee. *We need your help.*

Clearinghouse Publications

Newly revised editions of several Clearinghouse publications are now available.

The Lambda Bibliography: A Bibliography of Gay/Lesbian Bibliographies has just been updated to include additions from the first half of 1990. The price is \$2.00.

Gays and Lesbians, Libraries and Archives: A Checklist of Publications has also been greatly expanded to include 1990 articles. Price is \$4.00.

By the time this newsletter is published, a revised edition of *Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals: A List of Famous Names* will be available. The new edition will have approximately 200 additional names. The cost is \$3.00.

The GLTF is proud to announce its latest publication, the *Directory of Gay and Lesbian Library Workers*. The directory lists 87 individuals from 20 states who are willing to share with others their experience and advice on gay- and lesbian-related library projects and on the local gay/lesbian communities where they live.

The *Directory* gives detailed information about each person's position, education, professional memberships and activities, publications, and interests. It has a geographic as well as a name index.

The *Directory* will allow you to locate and consult with other librarians for gay- or lesbian-related collection building, cataloging, or other projects, as well as locating contacts in cities you may want to visit. The *Directory* can also be used to find a gay or lesbian consultant, speaker, or panel member.

The *Directory* will be updated annually. Cost for the 42-page 1990 *Directory of Gay and Lesbian Library Workers* is \$3.00. A second, enlarged edition of the *Directory* is scheduled for publication next summer. Coordinating the second edition will be GLTF member Adam Schiff, Campus Box 184, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309. Watch the library press and this newsletter for an announcement of the deadline for entries to the second edition.

Those who already own the *Directory* may want to make the following corrections in their copies of it:

Chris Domingo (pages 12-13) is now pursuing a Master's degree in Women's Studies instead of Social Sciences; one of the organizations she belongs to, the Bay Area Signing Sisters, has changed its name to Bridging the Gap Alliance;

The description of the Clearinghouse on Femicide should read: "The Clearinghouse presently has 400 pages of reference citations on femicide, organized by subtopics and cross-referenced. Most of the articles listed are in our archives. Further information is available upon request."

On page 16, add the fact that Sanford Goin is affiliated with the Radical Faeries. On page 25, Lewis Maurer's (not "Mauer's") zip code is 43206, and his work phone number is 614-645-2370.

On page 30: Sherrill Pattee's work address is 18804 North Creek Parkway, #110, Bothell, WA 98011.

On page 34: Kurt Russell's zip is 60607.

Please report other errors to Adam Schiff so they can be corrected in the next issue of the *Newsletter* (see his address in the list of GLTF Executive Board Members).. Think about listing yourself in the new, improved, next edition of the *Directory of Gay and Lesbian Library Workers!*

AIDS Bibliographies Available from Clearinghouse

A number of bibliographies were distributed at the Task Force program *AIDS Education: Meeting the Challenge*. These bibliographies are now available through the Library Information Clearinghouse. They are:

AIDS: A Bibliography of Bibliographies by Ellen Greenblatt (6 pages).

AIDS Statistics [as of May 31, 1990] by Ellen Greenblatt (3 pages).

Research Guide on AIDS [by Cal Gough], Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (8 pages).

Women and AIDS: A Selected Bibliography by Ellen Greenblatt (1 page).

Young Adult Books About AIDS: Fiction and Non-fiction by Ellen Greenblatt (2 pages).

These publications will be available while supplies last. To receive a set of all five publications, send \$1.00 for postage and handling to the Clearinghouse address below.

Price Changes Announced

Prices for all Clearinghouse publications have changed. To request a new price list, or to order any of the new or newly revised publications, write to: GLTF Clearinghouse, ALA/Office of Outreach Services (OLOS), 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

Two GLTF Members Author Book on Gay/Lesbian Library Services

Cal Gough and Ellen Greenblatt's 335-page anthology, *Gay and Lesbian Library Service* has been published by McFarland Press (ISBN 0-899-50-535-X). Many contributors are Task Force members. It will be reviewed in a forthcoming issue of the newsletter.

GLTF Member Gives Presentation on Library Services to Gays/Lesbians at Arizona State Library Conference

Task Force member and former Clearinghouse Coordinator Cal Gough gave a presentation on improving collections and services to gay and lesbian library users at the Arizona State Library Association meeting in mid-November. For a transcript of his talk or details on his presentation, please write to him at 491 Seminole Street, #14, Atlanta, GA 30307.

GLTF Logo Contest Extended

The Task Force needs a logo to use on its newsletter, stationery, Clearinghouse publications, program banners, T-shirts, etc. So far, only two entries have so far been submitted for consideration. If you'd like to design the logo, or know someone who would, please submit a photo-ready copy of the design posthaste. Designs should be mailed to GLTF Secretary Joseph Egan, c/o Sybil Moses, ALA, Office of Library Outreach Services, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. The Task Force Steering Committee would like to decide upon the new logo at or before Midwinter Meeting. The designer does not have to be a member of the Task Force. The person whose design is accepted will receive \$50.

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 See entry above.

20th Anniversary of GLTF Celebrated at Annual Conference in Chicago**Gerber-Hart Library Reception**

The reception held on Friday evening, June 22 was very successful with attendance of about fifty people, a large number considering the small space and that it was the night before the official start of Annual Conference.

20th Anniversary Banquet

Twenty years of organization, growth and commitment were celebrated anniversary dinner at the Bismarck Hotel during the ALA Conference. Over 140 persons were registered for the dinner and program, and many others arrived later to hear Barbara Gittings, David Feinberg and Armistead Maupin.

Master of Ceremonies Bill Bergfalk opened the evening's program with introductions of Task Force Co-Chairs Helen K. Hill and John Sandstrom, who read letters of greeting from U.S. Senators Paul Simon and Alan J. Dixon, Illinois Governor James R. Thompson, and Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago.

Following dinner, Adam Schiff presented the 1990 GLTF Gay/Lesbian Book Awards. Neil Miller won the nonfiction award for *In Search of Gay America: Women and Men In a Time of Change*. The book is the result of Miller's tour of the United States, and his interviews with gays and lesbians from all walks of life. His writing portrayed the richness and diversity of gay lives, while at the same time showing how societal pressures shape those lives.

The fiction award was presented to David B. Feinberg for his outrageously funny yet disconcerting novel, *Eighty-Sixed*. Feinberg was present to accept his award, and he once again demonstrated his own particular brand of black comedy as he read his short story "Despair," a tale of AIDS testing that succeeds in being neurotic, silly, jaded and touching all at the same time.

The Book Award Committee had also determined to give an Award for Exceptional Achievement in Literature. This year the recipient was Armistead Maupin, presented for his series of novels known as *Tales of the City*. The series followed the lives of a diverse group of people all having apartments in Barbary Lane, San Francisco, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Madrigal who dispenses warm fuzzies, advice, and primo marijuana in relatively equal amounts. Maupin regaled the audience with readings from the last novel of the series, *Sure of You* and then closed with the poignant letter from Michael to his mother from the second in the series, *More Tales of the City*.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the appearance of former Chair and leading light of the Task Force, Barbara Gittings. Barbara began by providing a thumbnail history of the gay movement from the early

1950s through Stonewall, and indicated that the gay liberation movement and the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association were paralleled in their development and growth. Gittings dispelled the commonly held notion that she was a founder of GLTF, and talked about her years of involvement within the Task Force. From marching in Pride Parades to the infamous Kissing Booth in Dallas in 1971 to the production of endless bibliographies, reports, reading lists, and handouts, the Task Force attempted to become a visible reminder of the needs of gay and lesbian librarians and library users. She closed her talk with snippets from correspondence received by the Task Force over the years, some amusing, some heartbreaking, some achingly poignant. She exhorted the audience and the Task Force to continue the work of the Task Force in the library field, and reminded all of the untold positive influences that have occurred and can continue to occur through commitment to service and access to information. Barbara also distributed *Gays in Library Land: The Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association, The First Sixteen Years*. Anyone interested in getting a copy may contact her at P.O. Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103, telephone 215.471.3322.

All in all, the evening proved a resounding success, and that success is in large part due to the efforts of Leon Bey, Roland Hansen, William Bergfalk, and Adam Schiff. They are to be commended for their efforts.

AIDS Education: Meeting the Challenge

(Taken from COGNOTES)

The Annual Conference program pooled a variety of panelists to present the status and methods of AIDS education. All panelists pointed out that they originally set up information services to benefit those people infected with the HIV virus. Nevertheless, these services have become important to entire communities.

Darrel Hildebrant related his story of being harassed at his job after revealing that he had tested positive for the HIV virus. After developing symptoms of AIDS, he was eventually fired from his position. To support himself, he started an AIDS library in his home. This grassroots project eventually grew to a sizeable collection of monographic, serial, audio, and visual information.

The president of the Nebraska chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Jean Durgin-Clinchard, described her work with the Nebraska State Library Commission to provide AIDS-related information to libraries statewide.

The AIDS Library of Philadelphia, a special library under the leadership of Lee Mooney, director, has made great strides in collection information. Mooney described the collection and the classification system her library developed to organize its material.

Anthony Shay, branch librarian at the Valley Plaza Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, told of the services offered in his public library system. He helped

establish a program which has educated more than 1600 employees in three-hour AIDS information sessions.

The speakers displayed some of the material they have used in their AIDS education efforts and the GLTF distributed bibliographies of AIDS-related materials. Two Chicago gay and lesbian bookstores, People Like Us and Women & Children First, prepared an exhibit of AIDS-related books to view before and after the program.

Parade

A contingent of librarians marched in the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Pride Day Parade and Rally on Sunday, June 24 at 2 p.m. Several librarians appeared dressed as books. Chants were yelled, including: 'Out of the stacks and into the streets!'; 'What do we want? Gay Books! When do we want 'em? Now! What do we want? Lesbian books! When do we want 'em? Now!'; 'Freedom to love and freedom to read'; and, the chant the sidelines responded most to, 'No more censorship!'.

Read-A-Loud

About twenty people showed late Sunday evening for the Read-A-Loud scheduled for 4:30 on Sunday, but no one showed up to read anything, so the meeting was cancelled. Several people arrived late from the parade which probably contributed to the lack of success, a far different story from the first Read-A-Loud at the Dallas conference.

GLTF Efforts For Better Indexing Get *Library Journal* Coverage

Library Journal (September 15, 1990, pp. 16-17) featured a short article in their "News" section, telling of GLTF efforts to have a range of gay and lesbian periodicals indexed in standard indexes, since access tools such as H.W. Wilson's *Reader's Guide* currently index no gay/lesbian-identified periodicals, which are currently indexed only in alternative-type indexes or not at all.

Polly Thistlewaite, GLTF member is actively involved in the efforts and was quoted as saying that the lack of such indexing "encumbers popular access to important literary commentary and ideas [and] impedes lesbian and gay participation in political and cultural debate."

Since many libraries have acquisition policies against acquiring material not indexed in standard tools, not having indexing has a negative effect on acquisitions.

Book Review Index, published by Gale Research has made a commitment to list book reviews in the *Advocate*, *Lambda Rising Book Report*, and *Out/Look*.

GLTF has written to H.W. Wilson with a recommended list of titles including the *Gay Community News* (a newspaper of record for the gay community), *OutWeek* (a new periodical based in New York City), *Black/Out* (aimed at the

the black gay community), and *Out/Look* (somewhat more academic than the other titles, covering issues across race, sex, and class lines).

Information Access has added the *Journal of Homosexuality for Magazine Index*, but Thistlewaite has encouraged them to add more titles.

The article also made mention of the GLTF's 20th anniversary celebration.

Adapted from *Library Journal*, September 15, 1990

Other News

ALA Carnegie Reading List Award Grants

Applications are now being accepted for ALA's Carnegie Reading List Award grants.

The grants are awarded to official units of the American Library Association, such as ALA divisions, committees, or round tables. The awards are funded from an endowment established by Andrew Carnegie in 1902 and are to be applied to "the preparation and publication of such reading lists, indexes, and other bibliographical and library aids as will be especially useful in the circulating libraries in this country."

The awards are for the creation of the lists; the cost of paper and printing is to be covered by sales to libraries. Materials must be available to all who desire them through established and accessible channels. Priority will be given to proposals that: 1) encourage use of library/information center materials, 2) disseminate information about ways to promote reading, and 3) provide for distribution of such lists to appropriate users.

The awards are granted annually by ALA's Publishing Committee at its spring meeting. All resulting materials must acknowledge the Carnegie Reading List Award contribution and the group's affiliation with ALA.

Application materials must be on 8 x 11-inch paper and of reproducible quality. These materials must include: a cover letter, a statement of purpose, a plan of work, and a budget.

Address proposals to the Chair, ALA Publishing Committee, c/o Director of ALA Publishing, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. The deadline for applications is February 28, 1990. All applicants will be contacted in early May.

For more information, contact Dan Lewis, ALA Publishing Department.

Government Spying on Gays

A research project to identify gather, analyze, and disseminate government surveillance files on lesbian and gay groups and individuals has begun at the University of California, Irvine.

For over a decade Daniel C. Tsang, a social sciences bibliographer at UCI, who also is curator of the private Lavender Archives has been collecting government spying documents released under the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act. Recently Tsang was awarded a small grant to initiate the Lesbian and Gay Declassified Documentation Project. The competitive grant was among six 1990/91 research awards recommended by the systemwide Librarians Association at the University of California (LAUC).

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has already promised Tsang some 17,000 pages of investigatory files on homosexuals in the 1950s and the 1960s. Last year the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that the FBI spied on gay groups from at least 1953. In addition to surveillance files on lesbian and gay organizations Tsang is interested in locating the surveillance files on individual lesbians and gay males.

The project is expected to be ongoing and last a number of years as new documents become available. No central depository now exists to collect these materials.

Much of the information in these files which document the social history of homosexuals in the days before and during AIDS epidemic remains to be analyzed by researchers. Eventually Tsang hopes to have the collection micro-filmed and made available to researchers nationally and abroad.

Individuals with access to files released under the Freedom of Information Act or the Privacy Act are asked to contact him at P.O. Box 28997, Santa Ana, CA 92799-8977 or call him at 714.751.2856 (home) or at 714.856.4978 (work).

U. of Michigan Seeks Diversity Librarian; Job Includes Responsibility for Sexual Diversity Collection

The following ad appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education. The text is reproduced here as a public service of our readers. Note that sexual orientation studies is part of the responsibilities of this position.

Diversity Librarian

DUTIES: Responsible for the development and coordinator of an array of diversity initiatives for the university library. Based in the graduate library, will be responsible for developing programs which support library and campus initiatives relating to multiculturalism and diversity, including support for minority/diversity research and as-

sistance to minority graduate students and faculty in their areas of research, teaching, and service. Responsible for developing and managing interdisciplinary collections in areas variously described as minority studies, sexual orientation studies, and multicultural studies with specific responsibility for non-mainstream publications and developing an ongoing referral relationship with subject selectors as appropriate. The position is defined in 4 relatively equal allocations of time and attention: coordination of public services initiatives; direct diversity reference and outreach services; minority studies/sexual orientation studies/women's studies materials selection; and instructional support for research in or study of multiculturalism and diversity. Minority candidates are specifically invited and encouraged to apply.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Accredited MLS. Minimum 4 yrs. library experience, with direct experience providing service to research community. Demonstrated effectiveness in providing reference, extended research, and instructional services. Demonstrated creativity in meeting information needs of a heterogeneous user community: Demonstrated knowledge in one or more of the following subject areas: Black studies, Latino studies, Hispanic studies, sexual orientation, women's studies, or other multicultural research areas. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills. Minimum 3 yrs collection development and management experience. Knowledge of book trade and an understanding of collection assessment techniques. Experience with program development and management, and with library outreach programs. Ability to work in a heterogeneous and multi-unit environment.

Desired: Experience in information management, database management, and quantitative collection assessment methodologies. Graduate degree or coursework in a relevant field. Experience in grant project design, writing, and implementation. Reading knowledge of Spanish language.

Rank, salary, and leave: Rank of senior associate librarian. Minimum salary of \$32,000; 24 working days vacation a year; 15 days sick leave a year with provisions for extended benefits.

Application deadline: Applications received by Jan. 7, 1991 will be given first consideration.

Apply to: Lucy R. Cohen, Manager, Library Personnel Office, 404 Hatcher Graduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1205.

Gay/Lesbian Library Association Forms at University of Michigan Libraries

The Gay and Lesbian Library Association (GALLA) began when a Library Assistant asked her colleagues if they were interested in forming a staff group. Most GALLA members worked full-time on the University of Michigan campus. Others joined GALLA, to show support for lesbi-

ans and gays working in the library system. Members included librarians in the Preservation Office, in Documents, and in Graduate Reference.

That was in June 1989. Meetings were held by mid-summer, first as informal get-togethers for staff. Later group members worked on an agenda: to change the library's perspective on lesbian and gay co-workers. The group then was known as GALLS, Gay and Lesbian Library Staff. The name was changed to allow library school students to join if they wished. One important feature of GALLA (or GALLS) was a computer conference. Group members could sign onto the conference and find out what others were thinking. This interaction helped encourage dialogue and debate, as people struggled with work issues.

Since it was a "private" conference, GALLA members felt free to express themselves. Newcomers who came to the bimonthly meetings were given the password to sign onto the conference. GALLA meetings alternated between lunchtime and after 5:00 p.m. to give all individuals a chance to attend and to participate.

Often a GALLA member would sit with a new member and teach them how to sign onto the computer conference. Only a few hours passed and the newcomer felt comfortable with the computer's commands.

A close community formed through GALLA meetings and activities. Some of the events organized by GALLA members included videotape showings of *The Times of Harvey Milk* and *Maedchen in Uniform*. GALLA welcomed all members of the heterosexual, bisexual, and homosexual community to their events — anyone who supported GALLA's stand on lesbian and gay issues.

In the summer GALLA had a lively picnic at Argo Park. One meeting found GALLA members sharing a meal together, then reading favorite prose or poetry out loud. GALLA members were also instrumental in planning the diversity events associated with Pride Week in October, 1990. GALLA's mission has always been educational, to teach others to be aware of their concerns, but GALLA also held social gatherings to help co-workers get to know each other as individuals.

As the term got more hectic, many GALLA members still found the time to meet such famous people as Barbara Gittings for lunch. Barbara Gittings was one of the active members of the Gay Task Force, as it was known then, in the American Library Association, the first such group in any professional association in the U.S. Jim Anderson, Assistant Dean at Rutgers University School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies, met GALLA on December 14, 1990. Thus, GALLA's schedule allows librarians the opportunity to meet the "movers and shakers" in their profession. The University of Michigan library also recognizes that GALLA plays an important function in the university, encouraging diversity and sensitivity in both the work force and classroom.

Once GALLA becomes an active force in the university, students, faculty, and staff will have a chance to meet others

like themselves in the library profession and to express their needs or concerns. GALLA tries to publicize all events, but group members are happy to get in touch with those who wish to support the lesbian and gay community. Please feel free to join, no matter who you are! According to Barbara Gittings, this may be the first such university group in this country, an assumption which is probably correct. For further information, contact Nick S. Thorndike, 921 Church Street, #12, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, telephone 313.665.4146.

Macintosh User Group for Gays

Interested in learning more about using your Macintosh and meeting or getting other help from gays? You can join the GMUG, the Gay Macintosh User Group.

There are four software interest groups (SIGS): HyperCard, Desktop publishing, Telecommunications, and Beginners. GMUG meets as a whole once a month (an advantage obviously only enjoyed by those in the Bay Area where most GMUG members live). However, there is a newsletter, *Command-G* which provides information such as software reviews, tips and tricks [sic] and techniques as well as profiles and occasional computer industry gossip.

A special area reserved for GMUG members on FOG CITY, a private computer bulletin board in San Francisco. GMUG members receive a discounted rate when joining FOG CITY. Many of GMUG's past events, newsletters, and portions of the software library are available online.

GMUG recognizes the need of non-profit organizations, dedicated to the fight against AIDS and ARC, to have information, power and cost efficiency associated with microcomputers. Members of GMUG share knowledge by operating and maintaining a Skills Bank. Its volunteers are available to AIDS and ARC non-profit organizations. The Skills Bank can provide valuable assistance in all facets of computer use from grant applications, accounting and desktop publishing to needs assessment configuration and training.

A one-year membership is \$35. For additional information write to GMUG, P.O. Box 648, San Francisco, CA 94101-0648 or call 415.552.GMUG(4684).

Progressive Librarians Guild Formed

A new organization has been established for librarians interested in advocating radical views of librarianship.

The Progressive Librarians Guild was established almost a year ago by a small group of librarians based primarily in New York and New Jersey. Believing that libraries never have been and never can be neutral, non-political institutions, the PLG hopes to encourage librarians to renew the library as an agent for progressive social change.

The Guild plans, among other things, to conduct campaigns supporting progressive library activities locally, nationally, and internationally; to encourage thorough debate within the profession about the recent trend of importing profit-centered business strategies into the management of libraries; and to publish a journal publicizing controversial views rejected by existing library journals or not likely to be welcomed by them.

Other PLG goals are similar to or consistent with those advanced by the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT). The Guild is not part of ALA, although it recently asked for and received status as an affiliate member of SRRT. Guild membership costs only \$5 per year.

To join the PLG, or to obtain a copy of the preview issue of its new journal, the *Progressive Librarian*, send your name, address, and library affiliation along with a check made payable to Elaine Harger at the Progressive Librarians Guild, c/o Empire State College, School of Labor Studies Library, 330 West 42nd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036. The preview issue of *Progressive Librarian*, focused on the issues around libraries in South Africa, also explains the rationale behind the forming of the new organization as well as a formal statement of purpose.

Besides considering joining the Guild themselves, Gay and Lesbian Task Force members and supporters may want to consider submitting to the new journal essays, news items, cartoons, and book reviews pertaining to gay and lesbian users of libraries, or about issues of concern to gay and lesbian librarians.

New AIDS Newsletter Debuts

The Centers for Disease Control have published a new newsletter, with the October 1990 issue of the *HIV/AIDS Prevention Newsletter*. It is intended as a medium to share information, interpretations, and insights not available through other means. Each issue of the newsletter will highlight outstanding national, state, and local program efforts directed toward HIV/AIDS prevention. The editor is very interested in effective prevention programs, personal achievements, or other "success stories" to share with others. Also welcome are suggestions about how the newsletter can best serve needs on the topic of HIV/AIDS prevention. Linday Cayton or Carol O'Connell should be contacted at 404.639.0938 with story ideas and the name and telephone number of contacts. Ideas may also be submitted by mail at: Centers for Disease Control, Office of the Deputy Director (HIV), 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS/E41, Atlanta, GA 30333. Ms. Cayton and O'Connell can also be contacted for information on subscriptions to the newsletter.

Domestic Partnership Plans Proliferate

Ten U.S. cities now legally recognize domestic partners—including gay and lesbian couples — and extend to them some of the rights accorded married couples. These and other domestic partner plans are listed in the September/October 1990 issue of *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*.

The proliferation of plans makes them increasing difficult to track," says Stevie Bryant, who edits *Partners* with his nine-year partner Demian. "But by following and publicizing these developments we hope to encourage other cities and businesses to embrace fairness for their employees who have same-sex partners."

These plans almost universally define domestic partners to include gay and lesbian couples as well as unmarried heterosexual partners. Partners qualify for benefits under conditions that vary widely, but most approximate the qualifications for marriage, according to *Partners Newsletter*.

Partners intends to update and issue the list periodically. If you can help the publication expand or improve the list, please write *Partners*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109, or call (206) 784-1519. Annual subscriptions to *Partners* cost \$21.

In the list below, those entities marked with an asterisk (*) offer bereavement and/or family illness leave only. Others have benefits that include some form of insurance coverage for domestic partners of employees.

Public sector plans in operation:

Berkeley, Calif.
 Berkeley Unified School District, Calif.
 Ithaca, N.Y. (registration only)
 Laguna Beach, Calif.
 Los Angeles, Calif.*
 Madison, Wis.*
 New York, N. Y. (by executive order)*
 Ottawa, Ont., Canada
 Santa Cruz, Calif.
 Seattle, Wash.
 Takoma Park, Md.
 The University of British Columbia, Canada
 West Hollywood, Calif.
 Yukon Territory, Canada

Only Ithaca, Madison, and West Hollywood register all citizens; others register only their own employees.

Public sector plans under consideration:

Boston, Mass.
 Minneapolis, Minn.
 Toronto, Ont., Canada
 Washington, D.C.

Private sector plans in operation:

American Civil Liberties Union, San Francisco office
 American Friends Service Committee
 American Psychological Association
 Consumers United Insurance Company,
 Washington, D.C.
 Greenpeace
 Human Rights Campaign Fund
 Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund
 National Organization for Women
 Seattle Mental Health Institute
 University Students Cooperative Association,
 Berkeley, Calif.

Unionized workplaces with plans in operation:

Columbia University clerical workers, New York City*
 Committee of Interns and Residents Staff Union,
 New York City
 Seattle Public Library*
 Mt. Sinai Hospital nurses, New York City*
 Museum of Modern Art, New York City*
 New York/New Jersey (NYNEX) telephone
 company workers
 Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers (several locals
 in N.Y. and elsewhere)
 Village Voice newspaper

Colleges that recognize domestic partners of students:

Stanford University (housing, library, athletics,
 medical)
 New York University (housing)

Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Brown also extend some benefits on an informal basis.

Lesbian Conference To Be Held in Spring

The National Lesbian Conference is scheduled for April 24-28, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia with an expected gathering of 5000. The goal is to provide a forum for all of the diverse lesbian populations of the lesbian community throughout the U.S. Suggested topics for workshops and panels are: visibility; legal rights; spirituality; battering; health; S/M; mental health; custody; ageism; racism; incest survival; separatism; AIDS; heterophobia; homophobia; electoral politics; anti-semitism; classism; ableism; and addiction, among many other possibilities.

Proposals are being sought to fill 400-500 slots for workshops and panels in traditional and non-traditional formats. Workshops and panels are planned for 1 to 1-1/2 hour periods. Anyone wishing to present, facilitate, or organize sessions on any of these concerns should send the

NLC a one-page description of the proposed session and a short bio giving background and experience.

Registration fees are based on income, ranging from \$25 to \$250 or more.

For further information on the conference contact the National Lesbian Conference at P.O. Box 1999, Decatur, GA 30031, telephone 404.373.0000.

Nazi-Holocaust Special Interest Group on Homosexuals Forms

Steven Toth is in the initial stages of forming an interest group and a developing a mailing list of individuals and groups interested in the historical/contemporary aspects of Hitler's victimization of homosexuals during the Third Reich.

The intended purposes of such a group are:

- To develop a network of people interested in the Nazi Holocaust systematic persecution and genocide of homosexuals.
- To encourage increased study of the Nazi Holocaust systematic persecution and genocide of homosexuals through the exchange of information, materials, and ideas.
- To increase public knowledge, understanding, and recognition of the Nazi Holocaust systematic persecution and genocide of homosexuals.

A bibliographic list of publications about the Nazi homosexual holocaust is needed. If readers know of materials they should send citations along to Toth as he is interested in creating a database for eventual distribution of a bibliography.

Individuals interested in the aforementioned purposes and proposed interest group should contact Toth at 2120 Euclid Avenue, Apt. C, Long Beach, CA 90803-6061. In addition, they should list any areas of personal interest and should feel free to recommend specific questions that need further study.

Gay and Lesbian Publishing

In case you missed it, a year ago there was an eleven-page report, "Gay and Lesbian Publishing," in *Publishers Weekly* of December 8, 1989, consisting of four separate stories. Two separate articles, one on gay publishing and one on lesbian publishing discussed both small presses, such as Firebrand and Alyson, as well as the relationship of larger, mainstream presses to successful small press authors and gay lines within larger houses. Another piece

profiled the growing market for gay and lesbian books, and the final article examined the three branches of the Different Light Bookstore in New York City, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

Trouble in River City

Nearly 75 Muscatine, [Iowa] residents attended a public library board meeting this past July 11 to oppose a proposal that would have pulled books about gays from city library shelves.

Two city residents, John Fifer and Jetty Henderson, had targeted *The Male Couple's Guide to Living Together, Bridges of Respect—Creating Support for Lesbian and Gay Youths*, and *Lesbian Couples*, saying that the books "promote immorality."

Only one of the 75 attendees other than Fifer and Henderson spoke in support of the proposal, and many attendees snickered and made snide comments as Fifer addressed the board. One attendee, noting that the average per-citizen share of taxes allocated to the library is about \$17, said, "John, why don't you just think that your \$17 goes for all the other books, while my \$17 is for the books you object to?"

From the *Advocate*, Issue 557 (August 14, 1990) p. 19

Reviews

This is a new feature of the newsletter.

NON-FICTION

Who Wears the Tux? The Original Great American Dyke Quiz By Julia Willis. Banned Books, 1990. Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 0-934411 -30-1)

Who Wears the Tux? is one of two lesbian game books recently published, the second one being *Lesbian Queries* by J. Hertz and M. Ertman. Julia Willis' set of 101 questions concerning our everyday lives and love situations is marvelously sarcastic, asking biting questions about every little thing from how one would relate to the use of the word "girl" (I swear I only use it among my good friends, both male and female, as a term of endearment) to "Gay Paree," a short quiz testing our knowledge of those good old days of Garbo, Gertrude, Alice B. and Josephine Baker.

The book is divided into four sections: history, falling

in love, staying in love, and the real world. All of the questions are multiple choice with the "correct" answer written upside down on each page. The scoring system is as funny as the questions. Willis also includes amusing illustrations of Victorian ladies, animals, and advertisements. There is a complete list of all quizzes in the table of contents.

Who Wears the Tux? is certain to inspire lively and titillating discussion among groups large or small, in any room of your home. Recommended for public libraries with gay and lesbian collections, women's studies collections or large and/or diverse humor collections.

Lisa N. Johnston
Sweet Briar College, Virginia

From Female to Male: The Life of Jack Bee Garland. By Louis Sullivan. Alyson Publications, 1990. Paper. \$8.95. (1-55583-1508)

This is the story of a California journalist, born a woman in 1869, who passed as a man for thirty-six years, from 1900 - 1936. Sullivan concentrates on the transition period, 1897-1900, when Garland was known and discussed as being a woman dressed as a man. On a daily basis, Garland was written about or published her own work in the local newspapers and so was able to influence public opinion and address criticism. Garland said that she dressed as a man in order to be with men as an equal and form "male relationships." During the years that Garland passed as a man, he sought out and befriended runaway boys and outcast men, giving away all that he earned. There is no evidence of romantic involvement with either men or women. Sullivan concludes that Garland felt he was a man in a woman's body and in a brief epilogue, Sullivan discusses transsexuality.

The book is well-written and Sullivan wisely uses Garland's own writing about the time of transition. Garland's writing is fresh and compassionate and it is a great loss that we do not have Garland's private journals. Garland's published writings make a good source for contemporary thought about cross-dressing and also might serve as inspiration for any nonconformist.

This book would be good for academic libraries as a historical source and for larger public libraries as an interesting read.

Bill Edminster
Gerber-hart Gay and Lesbian Library
Chicago, Illinois

Gay and Lesbian Youth. Gilbert Herdt, editor. Harrington Park Press, 1989. Paper. \$19.95. (ISBN 0-918393-56-6)

Originally published as the *Journal of Homosexuality*, Volume 17, Numbers 1 - 4, 1989, *Gay and Lesbian Youth* provides a much-needed compilation of research dealing with homosexuality and adolescents. The research included gives a broad cross-section of the coming out process for gay and lesbian youth in England, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, France, Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Australia—as well as the U.S. The collection also includes several studies dealing specifically with gay male prostitution.

Gay and Lesbian Youth is not designed for an adolescent audience; rather it is appropriate for collections in gay and lesbian studies, women's studies, and youth counseling, and for the informed reader.

Jim McPeak
Lepper Public Library
Lisbon, Ohio

River of Promise: Two Women's Story of Love and Adoption. By Judy Dahl. LuraMedia, 1989. Paper. \$7.95. (ISBN 0-931055-64-4)

The book begins with Judy Dahl and her lover Terry looking through a hospital nursery window at a baby, soon to be their adopted son. Using unattributed dialogue, stream-of-consciousness, and conversations from Judy's prayers with God, the story of Judy and Terry and their desire to include children in their family unfolds. Wrestling with homophobia, fears of the changes having children will bring, and the vulnerability that comes with wanting anything so very much, the two women investigate doctors, lawyers, donor insemination clinics and adoption agencies. Neither woman achieves a pregnancy, but they are more successful with adoption. Working with both private and international adoption, they experience plenty of joy and sorrow, and the reader is given an inside look at private adoptions.

This intensely personal book is clearly written, though the style is unusual. An intriguing bonus is the insight which Dahl, a minister with the Metropolitan Community Church, provides into her relationship with God. *River of Promise* would be useful for any public library where there is interest in accounts of private adoption or lesbian parenting.

Nancy A. Higgs
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Evansville, Indiana

The Gay Fireside Companion. By Leigh W. Rutledge. Alyson Publications, 1989. Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 1-55583-164-8)

This lighthearted book is enjoyable and informational, as well as easy to read. I completely agree with the author's statement in the foreword that this "book is meant to be an offbeat reference book that is meant to provide entertainment."

The entries are arranged in alphabetical order, but there is no index to cross reference the entries to each other. For instance, the entries for Willa Cather and Leonard Matlovich can only be found under the heading "Graves of Famous Gay People in the U.S." Entries range from single paragraphs about famous people whose sexuality was suppressed from the public literature up to 6 pages for a historical look at drag. Many of the short entries contain interesting lesbian and gay trivia, of the "did you know..." variety, while longer entries offer a synopsis from a historical perspective. Numerous quotations and quips are also included from people who have commented on homosexuality, or whose words and deeds had an impact on gays and lesbians, or on society's concepts of sexuality (such as Christine Jorgensen and Karl Menninger).

Unfortunately, the bulk of Rutledge's entries lack any mention of a citation to turn to for further research. Although this is a very enlightening and fun to read book, it offers little information that could be of unique value to a researcher. This book will receive a warm reception from casual readers, and from people in need of some "coming out" literature, since it gives brief profiles of famous people from across the ages.

Gary M. Klein
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Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World. By Susie Bright. Cleis Press, 1990. \$24.95. (ISBN 0-939416-34-4) Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 0-939416-34-4)

Susie Bright's column, "Toys for Us," is a regular feature of *On Our Backs* ("Entertainment for the Adventurous Lesbian"), a well-known publication of which she is the editor. Twenty-seven of her "brightest" (we hope) columns which have appeared in the quarterly magazine since 1984, are reprinted here for the first time in this collection. Susie's column, with its outrageous candor regarding the real or imagined sexual aspirations and triumphs of lesbians, is true to the editorial policy of this publication which explores alternative sexual practices and erotica. Susie covers it all (or at least tries to) with a belief that nothing that occurs between two consenting women is shameful. The topics she covers are explicit, including "G-Spot Jitters," "Ass Forward," and "A Hand in the Bush." As a long-time

advocate for safe-sex and for accurate information on sex and the transmission of AIDS, Susie includes "Over the Dam" and "Dam It, Janet."

"Toys for Us" loses a certain something being a separate publication but for those who may feel some trepidation or even intimidation at reading the magazine, here at last is a chance to catch up with Susie if you missed her advice the first time around. This is a "specialty item" and unless your library is a special library collecting only gay/lesbian material, or a library with a large collection of erotica, I would not recommend it as a first choice for either university or public library purchase with the thought of broadening the collection on women's sexuality or general women's studies.

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Loving Boldly: Issues Facing Lesbians. By Esther D. Rothblum and Ellen Cole. Harrington Park Press, 1989. (Women & Therapy Series: Vol. 8, Nos. 1-2). Paperback text edition. \$14.95. (ISBN 0-918393-58-2)

Originally published as "Lesbianism: Affirming Nontraditional Roles," a special issue of the journal *Women and Therapy*, this collection is edited by Rothblum and Cole, professors of psychology and co-editors of the journal.

The book begins with a brief but informative introductory essay by Rothblum entitled "Lesbianism as a Model of a Positive Lifestyle for Women." She describes the legal status of lesbianism worldwide, as well as the history of the research on lesbianism. She also asks the question, "Who is qualified to treat lesbians in therapy?" (p. 9) The other 16 articles in this book not only answer this question, but they also discuss many of the issues therapists must address with their clients. Most of the articles have been written by therapists, and all include bibliographies. A frequently cited reference is *Lesbian Psychologies* by the Boston Lesbian Psychologies Collective, 1987. This would serve as a valuable companion volume to *Loving Boldly*, as similar issues are covered.

Rothblum and Cole include articles on lesbian mothering, self-identity, relationship violence, sexual assault, nonmonogamy, chemical dependency, and lesbians in academia. The writing is good, but some of the articles that deal with the practice of therapy itself are not intended for the layperson. I would recommend *Loving Boldly* for academic libraries with collections in social work, clinical psychology, women's studies and gay and lesbian studies.

Lisa N. Johnston
Sweet Briar College, Virginia

Lesbian Lists: A Look at Lesbian Culture, History and Personalities. By Dell Richards. Alyson Publications, 1990. Paper. \$8.95 (ISBN 1-55583-163-X)

A browsing book, by turns funny, sad, surprising and similar to many others, but with a distinct basis, this is a look at famous and obscure and even mythical lesbians who were burned at the stake for witchcraft; journalists; Black American singers and entertainers; lesbian couples buried with each other; among others. Also included are "20 turn-of-the-century 'ways to tell' if a girl would become gay or if a woman was a lesbian— from medical journals of the day" and "8 holy days for lesbians", to skim briefly.

This book is possibly helpful to someone looking for ways in which lesbians have been noted, and ignored, throughout history. It can also be seen as validating that we not only *are, we always have been*. And we are truly various, from the "7 lesbian entrepreneurs, explorers, and athletes" to "22 lesbian poets." The book also lists various Black lesbians or themes, but not Chicana/Latina, and no Asian-Americans, although it does mention "6 lesbian writers and artists from Asia."

The book is divided into "Arts and Letters", "Amazon Queens and other Exotics", "Switch-Hitters and Cross-Dressers", "Lesbians and the Law", and "A Global Affair", and has a bibliography. It is tremendously entertaining and could be an excellent starting point for anyone interested in lesbian research, especially in the literary/artistic areas.

Susan Lee Sills
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In the Land of Alexander: Gay Travels, With History and Politics, in Hungary, Yugoslavia, Turkey, and Greece. By Keith Hale. Alyson Publications, 1990. Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 1 55583-1 68-0)

In the summer of 1989, gay novelist and teacher Keith Hale visited four countries in southeastern Europe. This recent travelogue combines an account of his adventures with historical background on the areas that he visited. One chapter contains an overview of recent gay and lesbian history in Eastern Europe. This information appears accurate and is especially timely given the emergence of gay and lesbian communities following decades of brutal suppression under communist regimes in the region.

Unfortunately, Hale's account of his travels fails to match the excellence of his political or historical commentary. He whines his way through each country, complaining about transportation, accommodations, food and many of the people that he encounters. Since he was travelling on a limited budget without an itinerary or reservations at the height of the tourist season, his complaints generally lack

validity. Furthermore, he fails to adequately portray his fellow travelers or local residents with whom he becomes friendly or intimate.

He obviously aims his book at a gay male audience. However, many readers, especially those who enjoyed his novel *Cody* may be disappointed. Recommended for large lesbian/gay collections or for readers with particular interest in Eastern Europe.

Joseph Eagan
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Baltimore, Maryland

FICTION

Secrets: Short Stories. By Leslea Newman. New Victoria Publishers, 1990. Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 0-934678-24-3)

Newman's unusual collection of 11 short stories touches upon many of those thoughts, feelings, experiences and emotions that have all too often been forgotten or have been kept hidden or are all too painful to admit but have, nevertheless, contributed to and will continue to shape the lesbian personality.

These stories deal with emotional alienation and self-doubt, the fear of staying in a relationship and the fear of leaving, the stress of dating and the strength of commitment. Two are written from a child's perspective: "Right Off the Bat" on what it means to be a child of a lesbian; "Secrets" describes an episode of sexual abuse of a young girl by an anonymous phone stranger. In "Perfectly Normal," one of the most original stories, an anorexic, neurotic woman, in the presence of her therapist, compares her "normalcy" to the "perversions" of her lesbian sister. Although these stories contain more dark than light, the reader finds a rather amusing tale (almost comic relief) when Zoey B. Jackson ("a proper old-fashioned stonebulldyke") surprises herself when she falls in love with the "girl of her dreams."

Original and genuinely worth reading. Recommended for all library collections.

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Doc and Fluff: The Dystopian Tale of a Girl and Her Biker.
By Pat Califia. Alyson Publications, 1990. Paper. \$8.95.
(ISBN 1-55583-176-1)

The multiple story lines deal with Doc, a solitary biker dyke, who meets Fluff, who wants to leave Prez, the leader of the Alamo Chapter of a latter-day Hell's Angels club, with Raven, the chief Priestess of Harpy Farm, a women's community. The time is an indeterminate future. If there is a larger, functional society any longer, we see only the barest hint of it; the view focuses on the Angels, the women of Harpy Farm, various drug-dealing commando/terrorist groups, and the family of pimps and whores in the city where Doc and Fluff end up.

The intended audience appears to be people who are eager to push their reading matter (at the least) to, if not beyond, the usual bounds of language, topic and treatment. Califia's style in this book changes the point of view from one character to another each chapter. She keeps each one in her/his own voice, and while it may be difficult to like many of them, it is easy to recognize them. (It is almost too easy in some cases—Hattie is a parody of the (Black) whore with a heart of gold.)

If you are at all offended by, 1) casual use of drugs; 2) frequent brutality, as well as sado-masochism; 3) algolagnia, urolagnia and other non-vanilla sexual practices; or 4) a strong dose of Goddess revenge, you will find this book powerfully offensive. If you do not find these things offensive, you are likely to find the book powerful. Somehow there is a strong moral element, and a (possibly) happy ending.

Susan Lee Sills
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A Room Full of Women. By Elisabeth Nonas. Naiad Press, 1990. (ISBN 0-94148-369-X)

Elisabeth Nonas' second novel, *A Room Full of Women*, is a readable, sexy book with mostly believable characters and no easy answers. Set in and around present-day Los Angeles, the book shifts back and forth between two main characters, Blair Wilder and Natalie Bazarian. Each woman finds the patterns of her life disrupted and is faced with difficult situations and choices.

Blair, 35, has spent the past several years running from intimacy in a series of casual affairs. Now she is frightened by the potential for commitment with a new lover. Blair's family also makes demands on her as she faces the ordeal of what to do about her estranged mother who suffers from Alzheimer's disease. Natalie, who is turning 40, finds herself questioning the validity of most of the foundations on which she has built her life: her ten-year committed rela-

tionship with Annie Weiss, her stressful career as a real estate attorney, her position as a role model in the lesbian community, even her way of dressing.

Nonas tells the story of Blair and Natalie and their friends and lovers through an intricate series of flashbacks and shifting protagonists. She writes very well, showing equal facility when describing a business meeting or lovemaking. Her female characters are complex adults facing serious choices. A significant portion of the novel focuses on the women's work life, which is realistically portrayed. Some of the men in the novel seem rather one-dimensional, but they are minor characters. Blair's brother, Paul stands out as a realistic man who plays a larger role.

This book is part of a growing body of lesbian and gay literature in which the characters' homosexuality is not the central theme. Because of this and the age of most of the characters, it will appeal to readers seeking something more than the usual girl meets girl romance. Recommended for all libraries with contemporary fiction collections.

Suzy Taraba
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Finale: Stories of Mystery and Suspense. Michael Nava, editor. Alyson Publications, 1989. Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 1-55583-161-3)

Eight finely crafted stories comprise this collection. These are not stories about the homosexual experience; rather, these stories were selected to be about experiences in which the central character happens to be gay. As Nava explains, "They look outward rather than inward and do not make a fetish of what should be simply one of the many features of our nature."

Robert Hall's "Death Writes a Story" is about a budding writer and has a surprising twist at the end; Katherine V. Forrest's "Jessie" is a sheriff who uncovers the murderer while the murderer is reliving the crime; Phil Andros' "Death and the Tattoo" explores the criminal mind as it weaves through the tattoo world of Chicago; Ivy Burrows' "Terminal Anniversary" delves into the world of multiple personalities; Gerald Lebonati's "Reunion" deals with the reunion of lovers—after death; Alan Irwin's "Skip" involves an assumed persona; Michael Nava's "Street People" explores the frightening world of the homeless; and Vincent Larado's "All About Steve" is a grand circle of duplicity.

Recommended for all libraries.

David Streeter
Pomona Public Library
California

Heather Has Two Mommies. By Leslea Newman. Diana Souza, illustrator. In *Other Words Publishing*, 1989. \$6.95. (ISBN 0-9622789-0-4)

Leslea Newman and Diana Souza have created a picture book which deals explicitly with many of the questions and concerns a young child of a lesbian couple might have. *Heather Has Two Mommies* discusses how two lesbians become a couple, how donor insemination works, and what it is like to find out your family is different. The book also deals with more common childhood issues such as how babies are born and what it feels like to go to a new day care provider.

Newman uses vocabulary and explanations geared to young children without talking down to them. The black and white illustrations are somewhat stylized, but very attractive. Dana Lee Kingsbury, a five-year-old friend of Newman contributed her artwork for some of the illustrations. This picture book about Heather, her Mama Jane and her Mama Kate, is an attractive, literate story for children from ages 3 to 7. Public libraries who want to represent all types of families in their collections should consider it.

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

Here is the solution to the crossword puzzle which appeared in the last issue of the newsletter.

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