I have removed the Address Correction Requested notice from the back cover. This means that if you move, instead of being returned to me for correction, issues will be forwarded directly to you – provided you change your address through the P.O. like most mortals. If there is a yellow forwarding label on your copy of the Newsletter, you must send me a card/phone call/email with your new address, in order to be assured of receiving the next issue.

This issue includes the text (forgive the tiny type) of the Resolution to amend the Bylaws of GLTF to include "Bisexual" in the name and written "mission" of the organization, as well as an introduction by Mike Montgomery. I have also included minutes of the Book Award Committee's meeting in which they discussed the Overview you read in the last issue. Finally, I apologize to Ellen Greenblatt and the members of the Book Awards Committee for neglecting to print the 1994 Call for Nominations in the last issue.

Thanks to Beverly Thymes (ALA Central Printing Unit) for doing such great production on the last issue. And to Eileen Mahoney for taking the time to help me figure out everything I had to do!
Roland Hansen, Male Co-Chair:
It's been an extremely busy six months; it's hard to believe Midwinter is approaching, in spite of its being later than usual.

I have spoken with Peggy Sullivan. As some of you are aware, Issue Three, Cincinnati’s answer to Colorado’s Amendment Two, was passed by the voters of Cincinnati in November. As of Tuesday, November 30, the 1993 Midwinter Meeting scheduled for Cincinnati was cancelled by the Executive Board, largely because of Issue Three. [Read the ALA Press Release in this issue of the Newsletter]. This has already been posted on e-mail, and I was informed by Peggy Sullivan that I could pass it along via the Newsletter. There is no word on where the 1995 Midwinter Meeting will be held. Peggy also mentioned the formation of a “study group” (my term, not hers) to review how ALA is going to deal with these amendments, and how they may affect future conferences, which are tentatively booked through 1999. I'm hoping GLTF will be approached to become involved. If anyone is interested in being a part of this group, please make a mental note, let me know before or during Midwinter, and I will keep you posted.

There is one change to the Midwinter schedule, which has already been printed in various places: the Tuesday Steering Committee meeting has been changed from 9:30am - 11:00am to 11:30am - 12:30pm. This was done to resolve a conflict with SRRT Action Council. Wendy and I agree that one hour should be sufficient time for wrap-up, etc. The final conference program will have the correct time and place.

Another Midwinter item - the 1995 Program Planning Committee will meet on Monday at the All Committees Meeting. This is a very important meeting since we must begin planning for the 25th Anniversary now. All interested persons, regardless of your ability to make a commitment, should attend this meeting.

As I round the corner of the last six months of my "extended" term as Co-Chair, many things are going through this feeble little mind of mine. I have been experiencing a fair amount of stress here at the old workplace; more and more students (Historic Preservation, Arts Administration, etc., etc.), no more staff. On paper I am still the only reference librarian for the entire School population. Needless to say, burn-out may come quickly. I could pass it along via the GLTF Newsletter for wrap-up, etc. The final conference program should be available via the GLTF Newsletter by the time this newsletter is printed.

Male Co-Chair (1994-95) and Female Co-Chair (1994-96) and Secretary (1994-96). In addition, the Program Planning Chair (1994-96) will also be appointed at the 1994 Annual Conference.

See you in Los Angeles.

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Wendy Thomas, Female Co-Chair:
I know it’s hard to believe, but Midwinter is almost upon us! Thanks to the wonders of electronic communication, and GAY-LIBN in particular, it has been easy to keep in touch with GLTF members since Annual. I also saw several GLTF-ers at the OutWrite '93 Conference for lesbian, gay, and bisexual writers held in Boston in October. I look forward to seeing many of you Los Angeles at our meetings and social hour and hope that new members will join us.

There is some good news about the Clearinghouse. Two people have come forward to volunteer to run the clearinghouse: Dan Hodge, of the Data-Center Library in California and Gail Defenderf at the University of Delaware. If anyone else is interested, please contact me or Roland as soon as possible. We hope to make appointments at the first Steering Committee meeting at Midwinter. I also want to thank outgoing Clearinghouse Coordinator Edmund SantaVicca of Arizona State University for all his work for GLTF!

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See you in Los Angeles.
Speaking of the Clearinghouse, there will be a list of GLTF publications in the next issue of the Newsletter. (These publications can be ordered from ALA's Office for Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL, 60611, although you will need to be patient—it often takes a while before orders are filled.) As you will see from the list, many of these items need updating. At Annual, I spoke with a few GLTF members who were interested in updating bibliographies and guides (and I will pass your names on to the coordinators once appointed), but we always need new volunteers. This is a great way to stay involved with GLTF throughout the year, and it is something that you can do even if you can't attend ALA conferences. If you would like to help out, contact me or Roland and we will connect you with the Clearinghouse coordinators.

Although it still seems far away—and we have to get through winter first—plans are well underway for the 1994 Annual Conference in Miami. ALA will be competing with events in New York City to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Stonewall and the Gay Games, so the GLTF schedule will be a bit different! Full details on the schedule will be available at Midwinter and in future issues of the Newsletter. Terry Allison and the Program Planning Committee are working on a great program for 1994: juvenile/young adult gay and lesbian publishing and related library issues. This promises to be a hot topic.

See you in Los Angeles!

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ALA Executive Board cancels Cincinnati as site of 1995 Midwinter Meeting

The American Library Association will not hold its 1995 Midwinter Meeting in Cincinnati because of a recent amendment to the city's Human Rights Ordinance barring the City Council from enforcing laws that give legal protection to lesbian, gay or bisexual citizens. The action to move the Midwinter meeting was taken on Tuesday, November 30, by the ALA Executive Board.

"The Board action continues ALA's long tradition of support for equal rights and intellectual freedom," said ALA President Hardy R. Franklin. "We feel the passage of Issue 3 in Cincinnati violates basic human rights issues."

Paul Graller, ALA conference services director, said that the Association may be liable for an estimated $200,000 in hotel contracts with the Cincinnati cancellation. But, Franklin said, "You can't put a price tag on human rights. The issue is not special rights for a few but equal rights for all."

The amendment, approved on November 2, removes "sexual orientation" from a 15-page document that prohibits unlawful discriminatory practices in Cincinnati based on "race, gender, age, religion, disability status, marital status and ethnic, national or Appalachian origin." The Human Rights Ordinance was signed into law on November 25, 1992.

The Board cited two policies as a basis for its actions. ALA Policy 54.17 reaffirms the Association's “support for equal employment opportunity for gay librarians and library workers.” ALA Policy 54.3 states that the Association "is committed to equality of opportunity for all library employees or applicants for employment, regardless of age, color, creed, sex, physical or mental handicap, individual life-style, or national origin."

The annual ALA Midwinter Meeting draws some 10,000 participants. The cities of Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. are currently under consideration as alternate sites.

ALA Press Release

GLTF/GAY-LIBN Social at Midwinter

Arrangements have been made to hold the Midwinter social in the Trojan Horse Saloon at the University Hilton, 3540 S. Figueroa (just north of Exposition), Los Angeles, on Saturday, February 5, 1993. The Saloon is the hotel's main restaurant, with a full-service bar on one side of the main room, and tables for leisurely dining on the other. Spend the afternoon exploring the museums in Exposition Park, wander about the University of Southern California campus, experience a picture at the Imax Theater, then join us for cocktails between 6:00-8:00 PM, and stay for dinner! (Full menu, with entrees ranging from $8-16.)

The entrance to the restaurant is around the side of a detached building, so ask at the front desk in the main lobby if you don't find it right away. The University Hilton is an official conference hotel, and will be served by the Gale ALA shuttle bus service. Should the ALA shuttle not be running late Saturday night, an inexpensive cab fare, or a trip on the DASH shuttle or regular bus will get you back to the downtown hotels in minutes. Ample parking is available in the immediate area. Park in the Hilton's lot, and the restaurant will validate parking. Reduced rate parking is available in a public lot north of the hotel, and additional parking is available in parking structures on the USC campus across the street. Disclaimer: Should a 'major event' happen to be scheduled that day at the Shrine or at the Coliseum, anticipate problems with traffic, and higher rates at all area parking lots. See you in LA!

Keith Trimmer, University of Southern California
Midwinter Read Aloud

SUNDAY February 6th, in Los Angeles, at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, the Gay & Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association will proudly hold its GAY & LESBIAN READ ALOUD! 4:30pm—5:30pm in the Wilshire Room of the Hotel Intercontinental.

What do you do at a read aloud? Bring a book to read, a poem to share, a diary which might embarrass a senator, something to share with others! It can be a children’s book, a Nobel prize-winning book, something written on a hotel scratch pad, or contained within a locked diary.

Line up your spot on the agenda, by sending in your RSVP to Gary Klein. You need not specify in advance what you'll be reading. Come and join the other folks who helped make ALA GLTF the first national professional group of LesBiGays in the USA.

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GLTF Book Awards Committee Minutes
June 27, 1993, New Orleans

After introductions of new and standing members, the Committee spent the bulk of time discussing the overview document written by the outgoing chair [consult GLTF Newsletter v.5, no.3]. The document attempted to outline many, if not all areas of concern regarding the GLTF Book Awards expressed by committee members over several years. These concerns included time/logistical constraints on requesting review copies, particularly from small presses; underrepresentation of specific categories, such as YA and academic press titles; enlarging and defining audiences for the Awards; better publicity for the Awards; achieving greater accountability as a committee with respect to reading available titles.

The aim of the discussion was to get as many ideas/opinions/suggestions on the table as possible on the range of issues, and bring this information to the Membership meeting and to the Executive Committee meeting for additional input. We began with a discussion of the idea of discontinuing the "best book" concept compiling recommended reading lists in multiple categories. There was some enthusiasm voiced for both acknowledging two best books and compiling recommended reading lists in specific areas. Areas mentioned for reading/recommended categories included: small presses; poetry; men's and women's fiction; juvenile/YA; reference; art & photography; book arts; anthologies; translations; and academic presses. Ellen Greenblatt suggested that with multiple categories, the GLTFawards could become identical to the Lammies, and that she felt the Task Force had a different purpose for it's awards, namely, identifying good and best books for libraries to purchase for readers. Other suggestions included making the bibliography of titles published in the calendar year be available for distribution or purchase, and fact-finding from other book award committees (ie, Newbery, Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Notable Adult Books) to find out more about the committee's charge(s) and selection processes.

By the end of discussion, it is the outgoing Chair's sense that the following areas are of ongoing interest to committee members and require follow-up:

- Discussion of the sentiment that the Book Awards, with its two best book categories, occupies a unique niche in the broad effort to recognize lesbian/gay writing, and should be preserved as such;
- Discussion of, and decisions concerning how to best treat those titles that are nominated for the awards, and those titles included on the lists of finalists for the awards;
- Solidifying commitments by committee members to read comprehensively in identified categories, thereby boosting the number of titles potentially available for a recommended reading list;
- Rewriting committee guidelines and procedures to reflect changes to the Awards.

The committee also briefly exchanged information about the possibility of producing book award stickers. Susan Hoffman volunteered to continue to look into the matter by contacting both ALA and selected publishing houses to find out more about services available. She will report back to Ellen in ample time for Midwinter discussion.

Susan Hoffman, University of Minnesota

NEWS IN BRIEF

- GLIRT, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Interest Roundtable of the California Library Association conducted both a program and business meeting at the Association's 95th annual conference in Oakland, California, on November 14. The program "Do Ask, Do Tell!: Gay and Lesbian Materials in California Libraries" featured Joan Pinkvoss and Fabienne McPhail of Aunt Lute Press, Jim Van Buskirk, Director of the Gay and Lesbian Center at the San Francisco Public Library and Keith Trimmer, Head of Cataloging at the Univ. of Southern California and List Owner of GAY-LIBN.

At the business meeting an action plan for 1993-1994 was discussed: developing a mission statement and outlining goals and activities for the group; choosing strategies to involve more California librarians in the group and connecting with library schools in California; connecting with other groups within CLA with shared interests (e.g., the Intellectual Freedom Committee); planning a program for the 1994 conference; and (as with this article)
connecting with the ALA Gay and Lesbian Task Force. With respect to the GLTF, the members of GLIRT agreed with the principle that our group seeks to provide a forum for interested les/bi/gay librarians who attend meetings of the California Library Association and who may not usually attend ALA, without duplicating the work of the Task Force.

We welcome involvement by all library workers in California. For further information, please contact our convener Ken Bicknell, Santa Monica Public Library, 1343 Sixth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Telephone (310) 458-8623. Internet: kcbicknell@smc.edu

submitted by Stephen C. Klein, County of Los Angeles Public Library

In "Pump Up the Volumes" Mitchell Owens describes the growth of interest in gay and lesbian resources in the academic information marketplace. Owens cites GLTF Clearinghouse statistics documenting the existence of more than 110 queer collections. At Yale, Brown, UCLA, Duke, Texas and Michigan State, to name a few, there are active efforts to develop research-level collections in gay and lesbian areas. Owens also notes that the state of gay curricula is about where African-American and Women's Studies was ten years ago. As gay and lesbian studies departments develop, collection efforts will be validated and grow even stronger.

OUT magazine, Aug./Sept. 1993, p.84-87

Cassell announces the new Cassell Sexual Politics List. The series will address contemporary sexuality issues. Future titles: Women and AIDS/Robin Gorna; Queer to Eternity/Peter Tatchell; Screening Queens, Hollywood and Homosexuality/Paul Burston; Lesbian genres/Liz Gibbs (ed.); Outfits and Ms.fits/Rose Collins; Drag/Roger Baker. For info, call Angus Killick at (212) 779-1822.

Press release

The Library Foundation of San Francisco is accepting donations for the new Gay and Lesbian Center, to be located in the New Main Library. For more information, or to make a donation, write to the Foundation, 220 Montgomery St., Suite 406, San Francisco, CA 94104, or telephone (415) 391-5582.

From a flyer

"Gay Youth: An Educational Video for the Nineties" features gay and lesbian youth speaking for themselves. The 40 minute videocassette was produced by BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators) and is available from Wolfe Video, P.O. Box 64, New Almaden, CA 95042. (408) 268-6782.

From a promotional flyer

Christine Jenkins explores lesbian and gay YA novels in "Young Adult Novels with Gay/Lesbian Characters and Themes 1969-92: A Historical Reading of Content, Gender, and Narrative Distance." The article is must-read for anyone who selects YA books. "An awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of the literature thus far can aid in the evaluation of current and future young adult novels featuring gay/lesbian characters and themes." The article includes a list of the sixty titles Jenkins examined.

Youth Services in Libraries, Fall 1993, p.43-54.

Kirk Taylor, a student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, who was arrested for defacing library books (he wrote messages in the books in hopes of locating other gays), is suing campus police for $250,000. While admitting to defacing the books, "he objected to an undercover campus officer asking him if he had taken an HIV antibody test, used condoms, or knew the identities of gay men in Laramie who had AIDS."

The Advocate, 4 May 1993

The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS) is offering a minimum of two Rockefeller Residency Fellowships for the 1994-95 academic year. The theme for the second year is Self Concepts in the Lesbian and Gay World. "Fellows" receive $35,000. Deadline: 2/1/94. Applications and information available from: Martin Duberman, Director, CLAGS, CUNY Graduate Center, 33 West 42nd St. NY, NY 10035-8999. (212)642-2924

SOLGA Newsletter, v.15, no.3, p.19

In "Getting Censored", John Preston, author My Life as a Pornographer and Other Indecent Acts, describes his experience as the author of homoerotic fiction that has been censored in Canada. He notes that almost all of the books that have been seized by customs since the law went into effect have been shipments made to three lesbian and gay bookstores in Canada. In 1992, the Canadian Supreme Court adopted the Dworkin/MacKinnon theory that censorship considerations are not valid when sexually explicit expression degrades women. Canadian Customs continue to seize books destined for LGB/B bookstores, ironically including Dworkin's own Pornography, banned for the explicit quotations.

Equal Times, Dec. 2-9, p.Q-7
Censorship News, Issue 4, No. 50

Sandy Berman's article "Hot Stuff: Getting Sex in the Library" discusses Madonna's book as a part of a tradition of libraries' rejection of sexually oriented materials. Berman refutes many of the arguments that some libraries have used to justify not adding the book to their collections.

Collection Building, v.13, no.1, p.45-47

Martha Cornog's column "For SEX, See Librarian" features an article on the Lexington, Massachusetts Library Board of Trustees' rejection of a proposal to install condom dispensers in the libraries. "Condoms - Check 'Em Out" provides a look into issues such as abstinence, public right to know, sex education and AIDS.

Journal of Information Ethics, v.2 no.2 (Fall 1993), p.20-26

Library censorship of sexuality literature has risen steadily in the last 25 years. Books about homosexuality, in particular, have become the censor's favorite target. Tactics for fighting back are included in "Is Sex Safe in Your Library? How to Fight Censorship," by Martha Cornog. The author concludes that such censorship efforts are likely to continue to increase, and that "librarians haven't seen anything yet." According to one observer, "we'll see in the next few years the same type of tactics used against libraries that were used against abortion clinics."

Library Journal, August 1993
Studies on alternative media, scheduled for June, also features a foreword by P.O.-T observing organizing, censorship and media democracy. For information:

From a flyer

In “What’s Love Got to Do With It?” Matt Hanigan presents an overview of issues involved in recognition of domestic partnership. The article features four Indianapolis-Marion County Library employees, who offer their own experiences as members of committed partnerships.

Ad Lib., v.52, no.2, p.2-4

The October 2 Founder’s Dinner for the Gay and Lesbian Center of San Francisco’s New Main Library raised $726,000, bringing the total funds raised to $1.9 million. “The recent success underscores the philanthropic clout of the gay and lesbian communities in San Francisco,” said Founders’ Committee Co-chair Chuck Foreester.

Press Release

The Little Sisters Case in Canada is ongoing. To help the Vancouver lesbian and gay bookstore in its battle with Canadian Customs over impounded shipments, send a check to Little Sister’s Defense Fund, 1221 Thurlow St. Vancouver, British Columbia, CA V6E 1X4, or call (604) 687-2919 V/ME accepted.

Channel 4, Nov. 11, 1993

The Alternative Press Center is organizing a nationwide conference on alternative media, scheduled for June 10-12, 1994, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The conference will cover the impact of new technologies, funding and finances, grassroots organizing, censorship and media democracy. For information: P.O. Box 33109, Baltimore, MD 21218 (410)243-2471.

MSRRT Newsletter, v.6 no.6, p.2

The 1994 Meeting of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the AHA will feature a program on “Lesbian and Gay Studies in the Classroom” on Friday 7 January 1994, from 2:30pm - 4:30pm in the San Francisco Hilton Monterey Room.

CLGH, September 1993


From a flyer


From a flyer

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), founded in 1973, donated their historical files to Cornell University Library’s Human Sexuality Collection in June. For information about this collection, contact archivist Brenda J. Marston at (607) 253-3530.

LAGAR Newsletter, v.4, no.1, p.3

The first gay/lesbian/bisexual bookstore to open in Finland is seeking suppliers of books, posters, calendars, magazines, etc. for the shop and is eager to act as a distributor for the Finnish lesbian and gay market. Send catalogues, price lists, terms of deliveries to Oy Baffin Ltd., Hietaniemenkatu 12 A 7, 00100 Helsinki Finland.

Publishing Triangle News, June 1993, p.1

The Minneapolis City Council voted to extend health benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian city employees. The resolution takes effect in January, and provides full health benefits to registered partners of gay and lesbian employees. Earlier in civil rights commission judged the city guilty of discrimination in not offering insurance benefits to the partners of three lesbian librarians.

Twin Cities Star Tribune, Sat, 2/26/93 p.A1

In “Alternative Sex: Some "Zines, Comics, Books and Sources" Chris Dodge offers a list of "lessor known printed publications which feature writing and images about sex and sexual politics."

Collection Building, v.13, no.1, p.48-51

Lesbia Newman, author of Heather Has Two Mommies, is the subject of an article by Katie Brown in Deneuve. Newman says, "These books are not about sex, they're about families. And in the first grade, that's what kids are talking about. They talk about their families. They draw pictures of their families. For a little kid to not be able to talk about her family is a crime."

Deneuve, September/October 1993, p.38-39+

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Corporate Letter seeks to serve as the newsletter of record for evolving developments affecting LGBTQ corporate employees and the companies they work for. A recent issue featured an article on Microsoft, “E-mail and why you need it,” “What it’s Like to Be Gay at DuPont,” and “Northwest Networking.” Quarterly, $25. For information: The Corporate Letter, P.O. Box 602, Murray Hill Station, NY, NY 10156-0601.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Corporate Letter, v.2 no.1

True Colors is a newsletter that recommends resources for the counseling of gay and lesbian clients. The biennial offers an educational article concerning gay issues and a review of current gay books. The first issue listed resources for therapists, as well as books on coming out, youth, couples, health, parenting, etc. For this free newsletter: True Colors 16106 University Oaks, Suite 2, San Antonio, TX 78249 or call 800-745-0555

AGLIBIC News, v.19, no.1, p.5

"Bisexual Books of 1992," an annotated pamphlet listing over three dozen fiction and nonfiction titles, is available from the East Coast Bisexual Network: P.O. Box 639, Cambridge, MA 02140. (617) 338-9595.

MSRRT Newsletter, v.6 no.9, p.16
The September 1993 meeting of the Society of American Archivists Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable (LAGAR) coincided with the 12th Annual International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG invited SSA-goes to attend their workshops and special events. LAGAR co-chairs Brenda Marston and Brent Sverdloff presented written descriptions of various archives wishing to preserve the records of PFLAG, its locals or members. The conference also featured programs on “Research strategies: When Subject Headings Aren’t Enough,” and “Let the Record Speak: Myths and Realities in the History of Sexuality.”

LAGAR Newsletter v.4 no.1, p.1

The Lesbian Avengers sponsored an anti-persecution rally in front of the Boston Public Library on October 9, 1993. The rally followed the OutWrite Workshops.

From a flyer

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announces two new resource manuals for lesbian and gay families: Custody/Visitation Packet and Co-parents Rights Packet each contain amicus briefs, psychological articles, bibliography of law review articles, and a compilation of cases and laws in different states. Each Packet costs $15.00. LAMBDA, 666 Broadway, NY, NY 10012.

Mom’s Apple Pie, LMNDF Newsletter, Fall 1993, p.12

New York Public Library has added “Being Gay” as a section in Books for the Teen Age 1993, the 64th edition of its annual guide for teen readers. The guide includes approximately 1,250 fiction and nonfiction titles selected by young adult librarians. The booklet is available for $6 from the Office of the Branch Libraries, NYPL, 455 Fifth Ave., NY, NY 10016. The charge for mailing and handling is: 1-5 copies, $1; 6-10 copies, $1.25; bulk orders, $1.50.

Booklist, June 1 & 15, p.1798

Congratulations to Spinsters Ink, which celebrates 15 years of feminist publication. For a copy of the anniversary catalog: P.O. Box 300170 Minneapolis, MN 55403. (612) 377-0827.

Fall catalogue 1993

Censorship and Selection: Issues and Answers for Schools, a joint 1993 publication ofALA and the American Association of School Administrators features sections on Sexuality, Gay and Lesbian Literature and Sex Education. There is also a “What Do We Do If...” chapter and chapters on the law and on policies. 50 pages of appendices include sample letters, policies, guidelines and summaries of legal cases. To order, call ALA (312) 944-6780.

Censorship and Selection

The National Writers Union Queer Caucus and the Publishing Triangle sponsored two panel discussions on September 30, 1993 at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York. The panels featured Frances Goldin, Carole DiSanti, Randall Kenan, Lee BooJumera and Jeffrey Escoffier. Felice Picano moderated the panel discussion on practical and philosophical issues concerning the market for gay and lesbian fiction.

Press Release

Queer Zine Explosion #9 (Sept. 1993) offers reviews of gay, lesbian and bisexual alternative press publications. QZE also includes calls for submissions and a list of non-queer-specific zine resources. For information: Queer Zine Explosion, Larry-BooB, Box 591275, SF, CA 94159-1275. Subscriptions to the bimonthly are $2 for 4 issues. Or send in 2 29¢ stamps for the latest issue.

QZE9, p.1

“Mixed Media” by Susan Raffo explores the proliferation of gay, lesbian and bisexual periodicals. The brief article notes that not all of the publications seek mainstream status and Raffo cites several examples of periodicals that target niches of the lezbie community: Black and Gay, Bisexual, Jewish Feminists, Colorife.

Equal Time, Section Q, Oct. 14-21, 1993 P.1

The Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the College Art Association announces the publication of the Bibliography of Gay and Lesbian Art, with 200 pages of references to all periods and including Western and non-Western cultures, the book includes a topical index. For information call (212) 633-2673.

Press release

Cathy Dunn MacRae (YA librarian, Boulder Public Library) writes about the importance of gay and lesbian themed books for gay young adults in “The Young Adult Perplex”. MacRae offers some suggestions for purchases and explains how crucial books like The Mayday Rampage are for young adults today.


These colleges and universities offer health care benefits to domestic partners of employees. The list is current as of 10/25/93.

CANADA

Carleton University, McGill University, University of British Columbia, University of New Brunswick, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, University of Windsor, Wilfred Laurier University, York University

USA

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, American University (11/94), Clark University, Colby College, Columbia College (11/94), Harvard University, Middlebury College, Mills College, MIT, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Stanford University, University of Chicago, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, University of Vermont, Wellesley College (11/94), Yale University (11/94)

From a GLB-NEWS posting, compiled by Martha Ackelsberg.

Rita Kissen seeks lesbian and gay teachers or former teachers to be interviewed for a book on the lives of l/g/bi teachers, counselors and librarians in public and private schools, K-12 - especially those who were teaching in California during the Briggs Amendment campaign in the 1970's, or now teaching in Colorado, or anyone else who is or was teaching during a political campaign that involved anti-gay agendas. All interviews will be confidential. Rita Kissen, 221 Bailey Hall, Univ. of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME 04038, (207)780-5376.

E-Directory of LBG Scholars posting, 11/16/93
Many places are involved in controversies resulting from challenged materials. GLTF Newsletter spotlights these places and the questioned titles every issue. For specific details refer to local newspapers and the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom.

Fairfax County, Virginia
Montgomery Co., Maryland
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Kansas City, Missouri
Juneau, Alaska
Salisbury, Maryland
Downers Grove, Illinois
Indiana, Iowa
Lawrenceville, New Jersey
Sussex, Wisconsin
Hale Corners, Wisconsin

Readers have responded to Deb Price's column about Sam Nunn's hometown library in Perry, GA by sending in dozens of books to the Library. Houston County Library director Judy Golden says the books have come from all over the United States - California, Minnesota, Alabama, Michigan, Louisiana, Alabama. So far the Library is trying to sort the books it has received. Books that are suitable for the collection will be kept.

Kim Klauser, formerly of the staff of Outlook has complete runs (1988-1992) (except #1,4) of this magazine available for donation to anyone. Send 12.00 for P&H to her at: 1541 Alabama St., SF, CA 94110. Home phone (415) 824-6553.

Members of HQT63, the New England Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Librarians and Library Staff organization, took part in a panel discussion entitled "Archives: How to Use Them" at OutWrite '93, the 4th National Lesbian and Gay Writers Conference held in Boston over the Columbus Day weekend. Jewelle Gomez, John Preston, Crystals and Samuel Delany delivered keynote addresses. Submitted by Roberta B. Schwartz, Harvard University

The program committee of "InQueriy InTheory InDeed" invites papers, workshops, performances, and exhibits related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer studies. We are currently seeking academic papers, proposals for panel presentations, activist presentations, pedagogical roundtables, artists' presentations and exhibitions, activist and academic workshops, performance art, stage plays, readings. Papers and presentations in English, French, Spanish, American Sign Language, and other languages welcome. DEADLINE for submission of papers, proposals: 15 March 1994. Requests for equipment and presentations longer than 20 minutes must be noted in the proposal. Send papers, proposals, and "queries" about the conference to: The 1994 Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies Conference Steering Committee, c/o WRAC, 310 Madison St., University of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242.

In mid-October the Idaho Library Association met in Moscow, in North Idaho. One of the keynote speakers was Kelly Walton, Chair of Idaho Citizens Alliance. Kelly just moved here from Oregon where he was head of their OCA. The opposition speaker was Steve Shaw, a political science professor at Northwest Nazarene College. The next day the ILA passed a resolution opposing the ICA initiative that would prohibit homosexuals from obtaining minority status and keep governmental entities from spending tax money to 'promote homosexuality', and keep public schools from 'promoting homosexuality as a healthy behavior'.

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In "In the Feminist Archives" Ariel Kaminer describes various feminist archives including the Bethune Museum and Archives, the Women's Heritage Museum, the Lesbian Herstory Archives, the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women (celebrating its 50th anniversary this year), The Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College, & The Texas Women's University Women's Collection to name a few. The brief entries cover the history of each of the archives as well as notable holdings and extent of the collection.

The Bay Area Young Adult Librarians have prepared a bibliography/pathfinder dated November 1993 entitled "Young and Gay". From the pamphlet

Charles Keener, a Fairfax County Library employee has been the subject of harassment at the hands of one of the fanatics who wish to remove the Blade from the Libraries. Keener wears a pink triangle every day to work. Anti-Blade activist Karen Jo Gounaud called Library Board members and the County Personnel Dept. to complain that an openly gay man worked for the library. Gounaud also offered Keener literature on conversion to heterosexuality. Keener has the support of the branch manager and district manager.

BISEXUALITY

Why Bi: An Unofficial Preamble

Since November, 1992, conversations have taken place on the Internet about adding the word "bisexual" to the name and bylaws of the ALA/SRRT/Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Discussion has continued at GLTF meetings in Denver and New Orleans and last summer at the first meeting of the GLTF's ad hoc Bisexuality Discussion Group. It now appears that a formal vote on the resolution to amend the bylaws in such a manner will be taken in June in Miami, and with the publication of its text here it seems appropriate to summarize our reasons for proposing it:

Bisexually behavioral and bi-identified individuals have participated for decades in the movement for gay and lesbian rights and liberation, serving sometimes in positions of leadership.

The word "Bisexual" appears with "Lesbian" and "Gay" in the names of numerous Pride marches; of the 1993 March on Washington; and of over 200 local, regional, and national U.S. groups (including the Society for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Studies; the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America; Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Returned Peace Corps Volunteers; the National Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Caucus; and committees or task forces of such professional organizations as the American College Personnel Assn., the American Occupational Therapy Assn., the National Assn. of Student Personnel Administrators, and the National Orientation Directors' Assn.).

Bisexual people who acknowledge or express our homoerotic feelings are subject to the same oppressions as those that lesbians and gay men experience: e.g., prosecution for sodomy or other victimless "sex crimes," verbal harassment and physical violence by homophobes, denial or termination of employment, eviction from housing, loss of custody of children, rejection by family and friends, social ostracism, internalized homophobia, etc. Similarly, bisexual people who openly acknowledge our heterosexual feelings have sometimes been excluded or treated as outsiders within some lesbian and gay communities and groups.

Bisexuality is specified along with homosexuality as a protected sexual or affectional orientation in the anti-discrimination statutes of California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, and Wisconsin, and is specified equally with heterosexuality and homosexuality in the definitions of "sexual orientation" in the codes of Illinois, Oregon, and the District of Columbia. Moreover, Amendment 2 to the Constitution of the State of Colorado, passed November 3, 1992, denies legal protections to bis with equally gay men and lesbians.

Several bi-identified GLTF members have requested that our sexual orientation be specified within the Task Force on a basis equal to that of gay men and lesbians; for we feel that omitting "Bisexual" when enumerating "Gay" and "Lesbian" excludes bisexuality in the same way that omitting "Lesbian" when specifying "Gay" excludes lesbians. We're here, we're queer, we're service-oriented. Bis are not requesting "special rights"—simply seeking acknowledgment, inclusion & equality. We want our name on the door so we'll know beyond question that we have a home here too.

All GLTF members are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the Bisexuality Discussion Group, which is scheduled to be held 8-9am, June 27, before the GLTF General Meeting in Miami. The question-and-answer session format will foster open discussion on the proposed bylaws revision. Hope to see you there!

Mike Montgomery, Princeton Univ. Libraries
Chair, ALA/SRRT/GLTF/BDG

Resolution to Amend the Title and Articles I, II, and V of The Bylaws of the ALA Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Proposed deletions are marked in circlered type. Additions are shown in italics.

Whereas, The American Library Association's Gay and Lesbian Task Force wishes to acknowledge, include, and welcome bisexual men and women;

Be it resolved, That the ALA GLTF, By-laws be amended to read as follows:

I. Scope

The Gay & Lesbian, Lesbian, & Bisexual Task Force of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table(s) protect the improved quality, quantity, and accessibility of library materials of particular interest or relevance to lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men; protects the right to freely use all library materials; and recognizes our unique contributions to the movement for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people: work toward eliminating job discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual employees of libraries, archives, and information centers; advocate revising classification schemes, subject heading lists, indices, etc., in order to remove derogatory or the biases, activities, and contributions to culture and society of lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men; renews the membership and leadership of the Association in order to recognize that many libraries, archives, other information specialists, and library users are lesbian, bisexual, or gay men; work with groups outside the Association interested in improving the legal rights of bisexual, lesbian, and gay people; provide opportunities for gaymen-lesbian, lesbian, and heterosexual librarians, and those who work with other information specialists attending the Association conferences to meet and socialize with one another.

II. Membership

Voting Members. Anyone who subscribes to the newsletter of the Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table may fully participate in all activities of the Gay & Lesbian, Lesbian, & Bisexual Task Force.

V. Committees

Standing Committees

Coordinators of the Program, Gay & Lesbian, Lesbian & Bisexual & Bisexual Task Force, and Newsletter Committee shall be appointed or re-appointed in even-numbered years.

Program Committee

In order to facilitate arrangements (including publicity for meetings and events sponsored by the Task Force), the Program Committee is particularly responsible for assisting in creating liaisons with gay and lesbian, lesbian, and heterosexual libraries and others living in cities hosting the Association's Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting.

Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee is responsible for describing written materials to encourage the Task Force membership, for distributing at conference headquarters membership information and publicity for meetings and events (including the Gay & Lesbian, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Award) that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the Task Force during the Association's Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting.

Library Information Clearinghouse

The Library Information Clearinghouse is responsible for identifying, obtaining, and distributing written materials related to gay, lesbian, bisexual, or heterosexual materials for libraries; for identifying, obtaining, and distributing written materials helpful to individuals in becoming gay, lesbian, bisexual, or heterosexual materials from libraries or libraries in improving the quantity, quality, classification, or availability of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or heterosexual information in libraries; and for identifying, obtaining, and distributing written materials related to the unique issues faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual libraries.

The Clearinghouse Coordinator, with the help of volunteers and the guidance of the Steering Committee, is responsible for identifying, obtaining, and distributing written materials to encourage participation in the Task Force and to encourage the creation of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or heterosexual materials.

Gay & Lesbian, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Award Committee

The Gay & Lesbian, Lesbian & Bisexual Book Award Committee shall annually designate a book of particular importance and quality that promotes or describes a subject of concern to lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and heterosexuals.

Newsletter Committee

In addition to overseeing the production and distribution of the newsletter, the Newsletter Committee shall also monitor the newsletter produced by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or heterosexual tasks of other professional organizations for news of interest to Task Force members.

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Reviews are a regular feature of the GLTF Newsletter. If you would like to become a reviewer or to receive reviewer guidelines, contact the Reviews Editor.

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BOOK REVIEWS


The “Big One” hits San Francisco—8.0 on the Richter scale and more than just buildings are shaken up. This novel centers around two women, Trout and Patricia, but is not limited to them. All the characters move in and out of our view, each of their stories becoming more complex and more complete, and finally moving to (happy/satisfying) resolution, along with our heroines. The work is excellent; a solid idea, tremendous writing, characters who change and grow and who engage your sympathy. The earthquake is both the initial incident and the metaphor in Aftershocks, reminding us that very little is stable in this world beyond trust and love.

Trout, organized beyond belief, finds the aftermath of the quake curiously liberating. Patricia’s generally pessimistic view of the world is both reinforced and shattered, as she learns about giving and taking. Other women, some former lovers, Patricia’s daughter Beth, Jacob, the failed accountant, and Henry, dying of AIDS, are all part of the new face of this city after the old one dies. And amazingly, the city itself plays a very minor role—merely the stage for its own (temporary) destruction.

This book is suitable for any library which has contemporary fiction, especially lesbian and gay fiction.

Susan Lee Sills, University of California, Irvine

We wish to thank the many publishers who support the GLTF Newsletter by sending us books for review. Regrettably, we cannot review all of their fine books. This is especially true in that as a quarterly we try to review the current year of publication. In lieu of more reviews, for this issue we offer the following list of books received this year but which were published in 1992:

Alcala, Kathleen

Anderson, Lori

Anton, Linda Hunt

Barney, Natalie Clifford

Barough, Gail

Benton, Jill

Berzon, Betty

Bisty, Alan

Brown, Marie Annette

Boutiller, Nancy

Camino, Jane

Ciervo, Leon del

Cooper, Fiona

Corbine, Tee

Daly, Mary
Deans, Elizabeth

Felix, Antonio A.

Fletcher, Lynne Yamaguchi

Forster, Dan

Givens, Carol

Gonzalez, Ray

Hagan, Kay Leigh

Harrison, Lou

Hayes, Penny

Kanter, Lynn

Kettelhack, Guy


McNab, Claire

Melson, James Kenneth

Montejo, Victor

Munt, Sally

Park, Severna

Parker, Csanan

Pratt, Minnie Bruce

Rafkin, Louise

Rivers Diana

Robson, Ruthann

Savageau, Cheryl

Schmidt, Mary M.

Schneider, Dorothy

Schonnesson, Lana Nilsson

Silva, Linda Kay

Summer, Penny

Townsend, Larry

Valentine, Jean

Wydra, Frank T.
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