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## NATIONALLY IMPORTANT INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT STATE LIBRARY

Twelve outstanding students, who are currently involved in accredited library schools, will arrive at the Wyoming State Library next April 5, 1976, to begin what is expected to be a history making Institute.

The innovative program, titled "Education of Prospective State Library Agency Personnel" is unique, and is funded by the U.S. Office of Education under the Higher Education Act, Title II-B for training library personnel.

Wyoming State Library Director Bill Williams, in announcing the Institute said, "As far as we know, it is the first of its kind, and should make a definite impact on library training in the future."

Dr. Jane Robbins, who conceived the idea of the Institute, and who will direct it, stated that, "This is an attempt to capture the imagination of students in library schools who might choose state library work as a career." Dr. Robbins, who has taught extensively in several library schools in the United States, said that her involvement in library education had led her to the conclusion that there has not been any attempt by the schools to train people specifically in state library work. "There are courses in librarianship for all other types of libraries," she said, "and because state agencies are becoming more and more central to the practice of librarianship, and they are looked to for leadership in various states, including in finance as money becomes available, it seems that the time has come when some real attention to training should be done."

Dr. Robbins also stated that a part of the goal of the Institute is to prepare a curriculum model which will be sent to all of the accredited library schools throughout the nation. "In this way," she said, "some of the basic work that has to be done for a new course would already be done."

Upon presentation of the original proposal in February, 1975, deans of various accredited library schools were notified. "We wrote to the deans telling them what we intended to do, and received letters from several saying that they were enthusiastic about this," Dr. Robbins stated. "From probably 26 recommended people, we hope to get 12 very good students."

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Schools from the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah and Washington will be represented, and the students will receive twelve weeks of intensive training in state library agency work and in related areas. Each will receive a weekly stipend from the fellowships, as well as travel assistance to the training areas.

"We chose the particular nine states involved," Dr. Robbins said, "because the Institute will take place in Wyoming, and there may be some aspects of state librarianship which are peculiarly Western, and the students will have more they can relate to in that way." She gave a second reason.....Wyoming is similar to other state libraries, so that knowledge gleaned here can apply to any state library, and at the same time is an uncomplicated state so some real in-roads into understanding can be made. "For instance," she said, "there is a service to the American Indian at the Wind River Reservation...there is not service to twelve different reservations so it's not quite so difficult to choose. The libraries in the State are not so large as those in some other states, and some understanding can be given in a few weeks without things getting so complicated."

The twelve students selected will begin instruction at the Wyoming State Library on April 5, 1976. They will receive instruction in state library history, state library law and the responsibilities of a state library agency for librarianship in its state, which includes leadership, planning and legislative reference services. Services to state institutional libraries with consulting and planning techniques will also be stressed. Later the students will go in pairs to training sites around the State, such as the Wyoming Pioneer Home and other locations. After a month of this practical experience, they will return to Cheyenne for two additional weeks of instruction, and share their experiences with the other students and members of the Wyoming State Library staff.

Instruction for the Institute will be given by a large number of people in addition to Dr. Robbins, who will be the principle instructor and contact person throughout the period. Wyoming State Library personnel will do some of the instruction, and there will be visiting instructors, among them William Summers, who is now with the University of South Carolina, and who was previously the State Librarian of Florida.

Other instructors will include Elaine Sloan who is Research and Development Officer for the Smithsonian Institution, and who has been involved with the study of management, presenting the course component on personnel management; and Dr. Ruth Katz of the Center for Communication and Information Research at the University of Denver, who will talk about research techniques for state libraries.

Two field trips, to the Wind River Indian Reservation, and to the Colorado State Library, will be included.

Dr. Robbins, 35, of Cheyenne, was originally from Chicago, and received a BA degree in Sociology from Wells College in 1961, an MLS from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in 1966, and a PhD in librarianship from the University of Maryland in 1971. She has taught librarianship at the University of Washington, Seattle; the University of Pittsburgh, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; the University of Denver and the University of California, Berkeley.

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## ALA SAN FRANCISCO DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE, SEVERAL FROM WYOMING

Several from Wyoming were in attendance when more than 12,000 librarians, trustees, information scientists, authors and publishers converged in San Francisco June 29-July 5 for the 94th Annual Conference of the American Library Association. Among them were Bill Williams, Wyoming State Library director and member of the ALA Council; Al Whitelock, Wyoming Library Association president and John Carter, WLA Representative to ALA. Carter was elected to the Association of State Library Agencies (ASLA).

Among those receiving special awards was the Laramie County Library which was given a coveted John Cotton Dana award for utilization of all media in its publicity program.

Among the 1400 sessions scheduled by ALA divisions and units for conference week are panel discussions, lectures and debates on such topics as intellectual freedom and consorship; sexism and young adults; computers and invasion of privacy; freedom of access to information; the economic survival of libraries; women in unions and library service to the business community.

Some 550 special exhibits and displays comprised the greatest library trade show in the world. Included were an international book exhibit and special appearances by noted illustrators, authors, designers and editors.

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## STATE LIBRARY FAIR BOOTH TO FEATURE BICENTENNIAL THEME

Bicentennial information, and its availability through local libraries will be the theme of this year's State Library booth at the Wyoming State Fair August 25 through 30 in Douglas. The booth will again be located in the Agricultural Industrial building just inside the main entrance of the fairgrounds, and patrons who visit the booth will again receive free gifts and information. One of the most popular at the Fair in recent years, the booth last year drew more than 2,000 persons of all ages.

Information about bicentennial materials which can be used by libraries will be published in the August Outrider. Anyone wishing assistance in this may also contact Ruth Aubuchon, public information officer, State Library, Cheyenne 82002.

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## STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES ADDS LIZ FULLER

Liz Fuller, of the Natrona County Library in Casper, is the most recent appointee to the Wyoming State Advisory Council on Libraries.

The Council, made up of school and county librarians, library trustees and patrons from throughout the State, is funded by a Federal grant, and assists the State Library in statewide standards and other areas. It was established by Federal law in 1971.

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## SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ACQUIRES TEACHING MATERIALS

A new teaching machine, which will allow students to learn vocabulary from pictures, will be installed at the Wyoming School for the Deaf in Casper when school opens this fall, according to Norman Anderson, director.

The system called PAL, for program assisted learning, is already in operation at the school, Anderson said, but a newer, more modern machine and multiple materials kits have been made possible through a Federal grant awarded by the Wyoming State Library, Archives and Historical Board at its last meeting.

The machine, according to Marge DeVore, will be used within the library on a "one to one" basis, either by the students themselves or with a teacher.

The grant, for \$2,032.50, was one of several awarded by the Board statewide, with about \$1,600 allocated for the PAL system and the balance for a toy lending library for educational toys which help deaf children learn new concepts.

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## CLARA JONES NEXT ALA PRESIDENT

Clara Jones, director of the Detroit Public Library, will be the new American Library Association president, taking office in 1976. She follows President Allie Beth Martin of the Tulsa City-County Library.

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## RUTH AHL ACTING UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ruth E. Ahl, Paul Cors, and Alice E. Marris have been appointed by University of Wyoming President William D. Carlson to the Search Committee whose purpose is the selection of a Director for the University Libraries. Dr. Colin Kaltenbach of the Division of Animal Sciences is the Chairman of the Committee.

Dr. James Ranz, the present acting director of the U. W. Libraries as of July 1st assumed the post of Dean of Libraries at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Until the appointment of a permanent director, Ruth Ahl will serve as acting director.

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## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING STAFFERS ATTEND SEMINAR

The revision of Chapter 6 of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules was the focus of a seminar held on June 22nd and 23rd at Brigham Young University. The seminar was sponsored by the Library School of that institution. Jean Johnson, Carol Hughes, Carol White, Pearl Estes, and Martha Whittaker, all staff members at the University of Wyoming Library, attended this seminar.

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## RAYMOND CURTIN NATRONA COUNTY LIBRARIAN

A 29 year old New Yorker, Raymond Curtin, will assume the directorship of the Natrona County Library in mid-summer. Curtin has been the director of the Danville, New York Public Library for three years, and formerly was a teacher and library assistant at the University of Florida. He holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan.

Curtin succeeds Ken Dowlin, who resigned to become director of the Pikes Peak Regional Library District in Colorado Springs, Colorado on March 1.

Liz Fuller has been acting-director for the library in the interim period.

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## NEW CARBON COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR -

### MARGARET BAKER RETIRES

Margaret Baker, who headed the Carbon County Library for many years, retired June 30.

Bess Sheller, who has been with the Library 25 years -- since July 1, 1951, was named by the Carbon County Library Board of Trustees to succeed Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Sheller, whose husband, Bob, is a conductor with the Union Pacific Railroad, has two sons and a daughter. She has been assistant Carbon County librarian for some time.

Mrs. Baker and her husband Francis, who is also retired, plan to remain in Rawlins, "and do some traveling."

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## LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM'S CABLE TV PROGRAM GIVEN ASSISTANCE

One of several grants made by the Wyoming State Library, Archives and Historical Board recently, was \$1,650 to the Laramie County Library to assist in the new CIT-CAT cable television programs.

Mrs. June Casey of Cheyenne, a member of the Board, presented the check to Al Whitelock, Laramie County Library System director, in late June. CIT-CAT was formerly the Wyoming State Library's Community Access cable research project, which was transferred at the completion of the research.

Several other special project grants were awarded by the Board (see May Outrider) at the same time.

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## SECOND LCL AUTHORS' DAY PLANNED

Laramie County Library's authors' day is planned for July 25, Louise Underhill, public relations coordinator announced.

For the second year, the Library is inviting authors who have written about Wyoming, or authors from Wyoming to participate in the annual Frontier Days program, when they meet and talk with visitors.

Clyde Brundy, Greeley, Colorado, author of High Empire, and Virginia Trenholm, Cheyenne, author of well known books on Wyoming Indians, and editor of the Wyoming Blue Books, will be among several authors scheduled to participate.

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## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS ANNOUNCED

Folklore and art will be highlighted at the seventh annual Festival of Children's Books, to be presented by The University of Iowa School of Library Science on Saturday, November 1. Sessions will be held in the Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.

The principal morning speaker will be Marcia Brown, well-known author and illustrator of children's books, who will give a lecture-demonstration on materials and techniques for book illustration.

Louane L. Newsome, professor emeritus in the School of Library Science, will share children's stories at the luncheon.

The afternoon program will feature small-group sessions relating to various types of literature and modes of presentation. During the day opportunities will be provided for previewing and examining new materials.

Librarians, teachers and any others interested in children's literature are invited to attend. Co-directors of the Festival are Professors Virginia Witucke and Mildred Laughlin of the Library School faculty. For a program brochure and registration form write Ethel Bloesch, School of Library Science, 3087 Library, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

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## WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN TO INCLUDE WHITELOCK ARTICLE

Wyoming Library Association President Al Whitelock, director of the Laramie County Library System in Cheyenne, is the author of an article to appear in the fall issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin. The article, Pioneer State, Laramie County Library First in U.S. tells about the establishment of the country's first county library.

Al's book Jack of All Trades, Master of Some is scheduled for publishing soon, and he will be included in the forthcoming 39th issue of Who's Who in America.

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## BIB CENTER BOARD ADOPTS EXPANDED BUDGET

The adoption of a 1975-76 operating budget in excess of \$205,000, which allows for staff expansion and implementation of two new major service programs, highlighted the June 14, 1975 meeting of the Bibliographical Center for Research Board of Trustees, held in Denver.

An Assistant Director and an Information Specialist are to be added to the Center staff, which currently numbers 11 professionals and assistants.

Leading the list of new service programs is the Mountain-Plains Regional Information Retrieval Network, an outgrowth of the Metro Information Retrieval Network being established in Colorado through a Library Service and Construction Act Title III grant of \$25,936 from the Colorado State Library. The Center serves as the project director and administering agency. The regional network will provide access to major computerized information data bases to improve reference services throughout the Center's service area.

In other business, the Center Executive Director, Donald B. Simpson, reported on the sound financial position of the Center, stating, "The excess of revenues over expenditures for this year is providing the resources to develop the new service programs for the membership." Simpson also announced that an outside consultant had been engaged to perform a major technical audit of all the Center's financial, statistical and communication systems.

The Board of Trustees received a progress report on the development of the Regional Bibliographic System, including the status of contract negotiations with the Ohio College Library Center and the establishment of contact with representatives from the Washington Library Network and Stanford University's BALLOTS.

Donald K. Nelson, Director of Libraries at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, is the President of the Board. Wyoming members are Bill Williams, Wyoming State Library director and Kelly Patterson, interlibrary loan librarian for the University of Wyoming.

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## GRANTS GIVEN WYOMING COLLEGES

The U.S. Office of Education has awarded \$31,344 to institutions of higher education in Wyoming to provide college library resources.

Grants of \$3,918 each went to the University of Wyoming, Casper College, Central Wyoming, Eastern Wyoming, Laramie County Community College, Northwest Community College, Sheridan College and Western Wyoming.

The grants from the U.S. Health Education and Welfare Title II-A funds, were given to all academic libraries in the United States who applied, and are to be spent only on library books and materials.

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## CHECKLIST OF STATE OF WYOMING PUBLICATIONS

The following Wyoming State publications have been deposited with the State Library for inclusion in the Wyoming State Documents collection.

Limited copies are available for loan through interlibrary loan from the State Library, additional copies may be available from the issuing agency.

--Jerry Frobom, Documents Librarian, Wyoming State Library

Materials deposited May 10 through June 10, 1975.

### GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

Commercial fisheries evaluation and development annual progress report on projects in the 1974 schedule. 1975. 10p.

Fisheries management annual progress report on projects in the 1974 work schedule. April, 1975. 262p.

High mountain lake and stream survey: Bridger Wilderness area, progress report of field activities, 1974. 1975. 20p.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Annual maintenance report, fiscal 1974. 1975. 26p.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. Highway safety branch.

Truck accident facts, 1972-1974. 1975. 33p.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. Planning division.

Wyoming traffic. 1975. 281p.

### SECRETARY OF STATE.

Constitution of the State of Wyoming including all amendments adopted to November 2, 1976. 1975. 56p.

1975 Wyoming official directory and 1974 election returns. 1975.

Election code of the State of Wyoming, 1975, including all amendments enacted by 1975 Legislature. 1975. 127p.

### STATE EXAMINER.

Bonded indebtedness, State of Wyoming, December 31, 1974: counties, municipalities, school districts, state departments, irrigation and drainage districts, special districts. 1975. 33p.

STATE EXAMINER. Division of banks.

Annual report, for year ending December 31, 1974. 1975. 50p.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING. College of commerce and industry.

Common stock portfolio policy during a period of significant inflation. 1975. 23p. (Research paper no. 57)

An exploratory nationwide mail survey of married adult leisure-time behavior patterns and the satisfactions derived from leisure-time pursuits: a summary report on results to date. 1974. 56p. (Research paper no. 56)

Users and attitudes toward consumer credit as a means of financing leisure-time products and pursuits. 1975. 22p. (Research paper no. 65)

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## NADER ORGANIZATIONS

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Organizations within the Nader Network receive some or all of their funding from the Nader parent organization. The three organizations listed separately still work closely with the Nader groups, but have different funding.

### The Nader Network:

(All are located in Washington, DC)  
Aviation Consumer Action Project; 1346  
Conn Av., NW; 20036  
Capitol Hill News Service; 529 14th St.,  
NW; 20004.  
Center for the Study of Responsive Law;  
PO Box 1937; 20036  
Citizen Action Group; 133 C St., SE;  
20003.  
Clean Water Action Project; 1910 K St.,  
NW; 20006.  
Congress Watch; 133 C St., SE; 20003.  
Consumer Complaint Study; PO Box 1937;  
20036.  
Corporate Accountability Research  
Group; 1832 M St., NW; 20036.  
Health Research Group; 2000 P St., NW;  
20036.  
Public Citizens, Inc.; 1346 Conn Av., NW;  
20036  
Public Citizens Litigation Unit; 2000  
P St., NW; 20036.  
Public Citizens Visitors' Center; 1200 15th St.,  
NW; 20005.

Public Interest Research Group;  
2000 P St., NW; 20036.  
Tax Reform Research Group; 133 C St.,  
SE; 20003.

The following are organizations which  
formerly were affiliated with the  
Nader Network, but now are autonomous:

Center for Concerned Engineering;  
1346 Conn Av., NW; 20036.

Center for Auto Safety; 1346 Conn  
Av., NW; 20036.

Center for Women's Policy Studies;  
2000 P St., NW; 20036.

-- T. Wright, District of Columbia  
Public Library, 901 G St., NW  
Washington, DC 20001

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An index to the Library of Congress  
Cataloging Service Bulletins, no. 1-107,  
June 1945-December 1973, has been  
compiled at Mankato State College,  
Mankato, MN, by Nancy B. Olson. The  
index is available for \$5 from Mrs.  
Nancy Olson, Box 567, Lake Crystal,  
MN 56055.

--from College and Research  
Libraries News (10/74).

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## P.R. IDEAS

August 1 - National Clown Week

August 3 - National Smile Week

August 26 - Women's Equality Day

November 17-23 - Children's Book Week

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