

role in the development, renewal, and funding of key library legislation, including the Library Services and Construction Act, the Higher Education Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Medical Library Assistance Act, the Copyright Revision Act, and the establishment of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Prior to ALA, Cooke worked at the Minneapolis Public Library, first as a bookmobile librarian (1957–62) and then as public relations specialist and hospital librarian (1958–63). She took a leave of absence to work as a branch librarian in the Queensborough (New York) Public Library before returning to Minneapolis. Cooke was the first female president of the Joint Council on Educational Telecommunications and served on the boards of several Washington, D.C.-based organizations. She was a member of the Women's Joint Congressional Committee and the School of Library and Information Science Board of Visitors at Catholic University.

Kenneth J. LaBudde, 80, died in March. He was briefly on the staff of the Milwaukee Public Library before enlisting in the Army during World War II. In 1950 he became director of libraries at the University of Kansas City. After 35 years, he retired from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and was appointed professor emeritus. He continued to work as a curator of collections. LaBudde was one of



the founders of the Kansas City Metropolitan Library Network, supported networking initiatives across Missouri, served as a leader in the Missouri Library Association, and played a pivotal role in the achievement of academic status for librarians at the University of Missouri. He was a life member of ALA, Organization of American Historians, American Studies Association, the Society of Architectural Historians, the Missouri Library Association, and several alumni associations.

Jack Edward Pontius, 59, communications librarian and head of the Periodicals and Microforms departments at Pennsylvania State University Libraries, died April 5. Pontius was nationally known for expertise in micropublishing and was committed to improving access to information, including the application of information technologies. Among his accomplishments, he developed Mass Media Index, a Web-based index to journals in mass media—originally created for Penn State students and faculty but now used worldwide. He was active in ALA and held a variety of committee positions and chairmanships in the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services and the Library Information and Technology Association. ■

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