

The San Antonio group is the second large Texas consortium to develop an OCLC union list. The Association for Higher Education located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area has already completed a union list for its region. CORAL and AHE repre-

sent two of the three most populous urban areas in Texas, and it is expected that their OCLC union lists will form the nucleus of a statewide union list to be developed in coming years. ■■

1985 RBMS Preconference

The 1985 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Preconference will explore the theme, "Changing Concepts of Value and Rarity." The event will take place at the Holiday Inn-Mart Plaza, Chicago, on July 2-5, 1985, prior to ALA Annual Conference. Speakers will examine various aspects of the question of how contemporary culture has evolved, its perception of what constitutes "rarity," and how society relates "rarity" to value.

The range of discussion will involve such questions as the historical evolution of the idea of rarity, the influence on the concept of various social and cultural factors, such as the development of the modern university system, and the political statements that a rare book collection can make.

Speakers will include Paul Mosher, of Stanford University; Thomas F. Wright, of William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, UCLA; Kenneth Rendell, of Kenneth Rendell, Inc., Newton, Mas-

sachusetts; Arthur Freeman, of Bernard Quaritch, Inc., London, England; James Wells, formerly of the Newberry Library; and Robert Rosenthal, of the University of Chicago.

In addition to the plenary session, a series of seminars on a variety of topics of interest to rare book librarians, curators, and manuscript librarians, will be presented by the RBMS Continuing Education Committee.

Since the Preconference encompasses Independence Day, celebratory events are being planned for the afternoon and evening of July 4.

A brochure describing the Preconference will be sent to all RBMS members by mid-March. Others who are interested in attending may write to Sandy Whiteley, Associate Executive Director, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795. ■■



CALENDAR

January

22—Baconiana: Bacon Birthday Celebration, Francis Bacon Library, Claremont, California. Ian Box, Mt. Allison University, New Brunswick, will speak on "Power/Knowledge in Bacon's Natural Philosophy." A reception to toast the 424th anniversary of Francis Bacon's birth will be held after the talk. Contact: Elizabeth S. Wrigley, Director, Francis Bacon Library, 655 N. Dartmouth Ave., Claremont, CA 91711; (714) 624-6305.

February

1-3—Special Libraries: SLA Winter Education Conference, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia. A "Marketing and Public Relations" program will be offered as one of the five segments

of the Middle Management Institute. A special workshop for paraprofessionals and support staff will be given on February 1, as well as workshops on interpersonal communication skills and library automation; other topics will be presented on February 2-3. Contact: SLA, 235 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10003; (212) 477-9250.

8-March 8—Drexel Workshops: Winter workshops, College of Information Studies, Drexel University, Philadelphia. February 8, "The World of Rare Books," Howell Heaney and Marie Korey, \$75. February 15, "On-line Literature Searching," Jerry Saye, \$110. February 22, "Library Automation: A Seminar on the State of the Art," Rob McGee, \$115. March 8, "Midstream Career Changes," Jane Spivack, \$80. Contact: Janet Goldwater, Office of Continuing Professional Education, College of In-

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March

4-5—**Preservation:** Librarians' Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 9th annual Spring Conference. Theme: Preservation in the 80s. Speakers will include Carolyn Morrow, Library of Congress; Carolyn Harris, Columbia University; Paul Koda, Catholic University; John Finzi, Library of Congress; and Margaret Child, Smithsonian Libraries. Fee: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for retired librarians and students. Contact: Carson Holloway, BA/SS, Davis Library 080A, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; (919) 962-1151.

6-8—**Library History:** "Libraries, Books and Culture," Library Seminar VII at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The conference will explore the historical role and significance of graphic records in society. Speakers addressing plenary sessions include: John P. Feather, Loughborough University; David D. Hall, American Antiquarian Society; David Kaser, Indiana University; and Margaret W. Rossiter, Harvard University. Twenty-four other selected papers will be presented. No registration fee, courtesy of an NEH grant. Those wishing to attend the two luncheons should include a \$30 reservation fee. Sponsored by the *Journal of Library History*, the University of Texas Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and the UNC at Chapel Hill School of Library Science. Contact: Donald G. Davis Jr., LHS VII Coordinator, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas at Austin, Education Building 564, Austin, TX 78712-1276.

April

8-11—**Catholic Libraries:** 64th Annual Convention, Catholic Library Association, Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis. Theme: "The Library: Gateway to Global Understanding." Tours of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Archives and the Concordia Seminary Archives are planned. Contact: CLA, 461 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, PA 19041; (215) 649-5251.

12—**User Instruction:** "Library Instruction and the Computer," a conference co-sponsored by the CUNY Library Association's Library Instruction Committee and the Greater New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRL, at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. Speakers include Pat Arnott (University of Delaware), Katherine Klemperer (Berkeley), Deanna Nipp (Mansfield University), and Pat Walsh (University of Bridgeport). Fee: \$10 for members, \$15 for others. Contact: Elysabeth Kleinhans, John Jay College Library, 445 W. 59th St., New York, NY 10019; (212) 489-5167.

18-19—**Extended services:** "Off-Campus Library Services Conference II," sponsored by the Central Michigan University Libraries, at the Knoxville Hilton, Tennessee. Fee: \$175. Contact: Barton M. Lessin, Assistant Director of Libraries, 206 Park Library, CMU, Mt. Pleasant, MI 58859; (517) 74-3500.

18-20—**Africana:** Archives-Libraries Committee (African Studies Association), Spring Meeting, University of Illinois at Urbana. The meeting agenda will appear in *Africana Libraries Newsletter*. Contact: Yvette Scheven, University of Illinois Library, 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 333-6519; or Joseph Lauer, University Research Library, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (213) 825-1518.

May

5-17—**Management:** 19th Annual Session, Library Administrators Development Program, sponsored by the College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland. Participants will include senior administrative personnel of large library systems from North America and abroad. Seminar sessions will concentrate on principal administrative issues. The program will be held at the Donaldson Brown Center, Port Deposit, Maryland. Contact: Marcia Hayleck, Library Administrators Development Program, CLIS, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; (301) 454-6080.

19-June 7—**England:** "English Libraries and Librarianship," a seminar at Oxford University, sponsored by the University of Oklahoma in conjunction with Oxford University's Bodleian Library. The seminar is designed for librarians interested in the social role and present practices of libraries with special emphasis on cross-cultural comparisons and the relationships of libraries to a national system. Contact: University of Oklahoma, CLS-Library, 1700 Asp, Norman, OK 73037; (405) 325-1061.

June

8-13—**Special Libraries:** 76th Annual Conference, Special Libraries Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Theme: "The Information Specialist: A Bridge to the New Communications." Contact: Richard D. Battaglia, Director of Program Services, SLA, 235 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10003; (212) 477-9250.

19-23—**SALALM:** "Masses and Minorities: Their Images and Realities," the 30th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, at the Woodrow Wilson School and Forbes College on the Princeton University campus. Emphasis will be on subcategories of popular culture and mass organization and assertion. Contact: Suzanne Hodgman, SALALM Executive Secretary, Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706; (608) 262-3240. ■■