

# WASHINGTON HOTLINE



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HEA II-D funding. I think it's safe to say that there WILL be funding for the new Higher Education Act title II-D College Library Technology and Cooperation Grants for the 1988-89 academic year. The House has passed \$5 million; the Senate, \$2.5 million.

The remaining uncertainties at this writing include: What level will Congress finally agree upon? Will the final funding level receive an automatic cut of up to 8.5% under the newly revised Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit control law? When will proposed regulations governing administration of II-D be published? News on those developments will be reported in future issues.

Both House and Senate provide \$6 million for HEA II-C research library grants, but no funds for II-A college library grants. For II-B library training and research, the House has \$1 million; the Senate, only \$500,000, a 50% cut from current funding.

FBI'S "library awareness" program. ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee issued an advisory October 1 alerting librarians to the "unwarranted government intrusions upon personal privacy" that threaten "the First Amendment right to receive information" which are the result of an ongoing "library awareness" program undertaken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Over the past year the FBI has approached at least several academic libraries to alert them to the "possibility of members of hostile countries or their agents attempting to gain access to information that could be potentially harmful to our national security" and to "request assistance," such as disclosing the names of foreign national student users and the subject of their searches.

Librarians are urged to contact ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom with any information on approaches by federal agents, and on any institutional actions taken. The full text of the IFC Advisory Statement is included in an October Extraordinary Memo from OIF, in the November Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, and in an October ALA press release.

FCC proposal. The House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee held a hearing in Boston October 2 on the Federal Communications Commission proposal to impose access charges on enhanced service providers (value-added networks such as Telenet and Tymnet). Jacqueline Bastille, Director of the Health Science Library at the Massachusetts General Hospital, testified in opposition to the proposal for both ALA and the Medical Library Association. FCC Chairman Dennis Patrick defended the proposal, but admitted he had received thousands of letters on the subject.

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and literature required; one or more additional Western European languages desirable. Minimum of 3 years experience in academic library, knowledge of AACR2, Library of Congress classification, and MARC format. Experience using RLIN desirable. Rank and salary negotiable depending on experience. Minimum salary \$28,500, plus benefits. Contact Carolyn J. Henderson, Director of Personnel and Organizational Development, Doheny Memorial Library, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0182. Refer to Position #108CRL. AA/EOE.

USER SERVICES LIBRARIAN. Three Positions Available. The University of Southern California Libraries is seeking three librarians for dynamic positions in its Library Satellite Operations Unit of Doheny Memorial Library. Librarians report to Head, Information Processing. Unit is responsible for operation of Library Satellite Program which provides computer access to numerous automated services offered and developed by library. Responsible for activities in unit, participates in Library's modification of traditional information retrieval services and integration of computer programs to assist users in activities related to research, learning and teaching activities in academic community. MLS from ALA-accredited institution; experience with microcomputers in instructional setting, and database searching; familiarity with online catalog and full text data files; knowledge of latest models for course integrated bibliographic instruction. Experience preferred in software evaluation, and interest in developing grant proposals for future program development. Rank and salary negotiable depending on experience. Minimum salary \$25,800, plus benefits. Contact: Carolyn J. Henderson, Director of Personnel and Organizational Development, Doheny Memorial Library, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0182. Application deadline December 15, 1987. Refer to Positions #102-104CRL. AA/EOE.

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Chairman Edward Markey (D-MA) said the subcommittee, in an effort to be fair, had tried to find a witness in support of the FCC plan, but could not. One telephone company representative was equivocal, and felt the proposal should be deferred; other witnesses from industry, higher education (North-eastern University), and computer user groups all opposed it. The ALA testimony, as well as ALA's formal comments to the FCC, included an attachment consisting of excerpts from letters detailing the impact on libraries. Many thanks to those librarians who shared such information with the ALA Washington Office. The FCC has not yet announced its decision.