

Ford Grants \$6 Million to Continue CLR Programs

The Council on Library Resources in Washington, D.C. has received a three-year \$6 million grant from the Ford Foundation, which will enable the council to continue its programs while broadening its base of financial support.

In announcing the grant, which brings to \$29 million foundation assistance to the council since 1956, McGeorge Bundy, president of the foundation, said:

"Despite the indispensable services that libraries provide, especially to scholars, there is little understanding of the public policy questions involved in the problems libraries face in handling the influx of new materials, preserv-

ing existing collections, and ensuring information services to the public. The Council on Library Resources has played a central leadership role in developing and testing solutions to these problems and in improving relations between American and foreign libraries and archives. Up to now the council has depended on the Foundation for the bulk of its support. This grant marks a new chapter in our eighteen-year relationship. Hereafter the council will increase its efforts to seek financial assistance in support of its programs from a variety of sources, including other foundations. At the same time it will augment its attempts to heighten awareness among institutions and individuals of the need for a more supportive public policy toward libraries in general and research libraries in particular. As these new efforts get under way it is essential that the council's programs on behalf of libraries be carried on. The Foundation's grant is intended to ensure that they are."

Among the council's accomplishments has been the initiation and support of machine-readable cataloging (MARC), which has set the stage for regional and national automated services to libraries of all kinds. MARC has helped libraries more toward greater standardization of bibliographic data, an essential element in creating national library services and in the transfer of cataloging information among nations. It also makes possible cooperative efforts to build national and international data bases at reasonable cost.

The council is presently supporting a consolidated serials (CONSER) program designed to produce a machine-readable file of records of all journals and periodicals held by libraries in the United States and Canada. A related goal is Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC), a worldwide system for the exchange of standardized bibliographic information on all publications issued in all countries. The council's financial support of the International Federation of Library Associations has helped create the climate for UBC, and a recent grant is supporting the long-range planning and action programs that such an integrated communications system requires.

Other council programs include mid-career fellowships and internships for librarians, efforts to broaden the role of undergraduate libraries, and the conservation and preservation of collections. ■■

Task Force on Women Job Roster

The American Library Association/Social Responsibilities Round Table/Task Force on the Status of Women roster and résumé screening service has been discontinued as of June 15, 1974 in favor of a new format. Beginning July 1, *TFW Bulletin Board*, a listing of library administrative management and specialist positions, is available by subscription to individual women *only* for \$3.00 for six months (twelve issues) through the Task Force coordinator. Checks may be made payable to the Task Force on Women Job Roster. The new format is designed to get listings of above-beginning-level, affirmative-action-oriented positions directly to interested women.

Employers are encouraged to submit position openings for listing at no charge. As an affirmative action listing, it should include the following information: institution name and address; job title and/or classification; qualifications; responsibilities; salary range (please try to be specific); filing deadline and opening date; name, address, and phone number of contact person.

For further information, subscriptions, and listings, contact the current roster coordinator: Liz Dickinson, Technical Services Division, Hennepin County Library, 7001 York Ave. South, Edina, MN 55435.