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**Second round libraries selected for “Fast Forward” viewing/reading/discussion series**

Thirty libraries (see attached) have been selected nationwide to participate in the pilot “Fast Forward: Science, Technology and the Communications Revolution” viewing, reading and discussion series. The project is organized by National Video Resources (NVR) in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and funded by the National Science Foundation and the Albert P. Sloan Foundation.

“Fast Forward” uses documentary films to involve the public in a study of the impact of science and technology in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The project encourages participants to examine the hopes and anxieties associated with revolutions in movement, communications and knowledge.

A total of 50 libraries will host programs in fall 2000 and spring 2001. The programs will take place over the course of six weeks and will be led by local university scholars with expertise in the history of science and technology. Discussion themes will cover such subjects as television, radio, movies, the telephone, the computer and the Internet.

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**Libraries selected for “Fast Forward” viewing/reading/discussion series – add one**

Two-person teams of a library programmer and a local scholar attended the second two-day national training workshop, October 6 and 7, in Raleigh, N.C. In addition to sessions on planning and implementing the series, participants will discuss the effective use of film in public programming.

Grant funds will underwrite a package of videocassettes and related materials. In addition, participating libraries will receive the 12-volume Sloan Foundation Technology Book Series.

Project scholars are Neil Harris, Preston and Sterling Morton Professor of History, University of Chicago, and Robert Kargon, chairman of the Department of the History of Science at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. Sally Mason-Robinson, NVR director of library projects, will direct the project.

NVR, based in New York City, was established by the Rockefeller Foundation in 1990 to increase public use and awareness of independent film and video. NVR became administratively independent of the Foundation in 1992. “Fast Forward” is the latest of NVR’s library projects. In a number of successful projects, including “From Rosie to Roosevelt,” NVR has worked to enhance and augment the use of media in libraries.

For more information, visit the ALA Public Programs Office or NVR Web sites – [www.ala.org/publicprograms](http://www.ala.org/publicprograms) or [www.nvr.org](http://www.nvr.org). Contact Pamela Goodes, ALA Public Programs Office, 312-280-5055. E-mail: [pgoodes@ala.org](mailto:pgoodes@ala.org), or Sally Mason-Robinson, NVR, at 312-491-0844. E-mail: [sallymaro@aol.com](mailto:sallymaro@aol.com).

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FAST FORWARD – GROUP ONE SELECTED SITES

Athens (Ga.)-Clarke County Library  
Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham, Mich.  
Blake Library/Martin County Library System, Stuart, Fla.  
Boulder (Colo.) Public Library  
Brighton (Mich.) District Library  
Gerritsen Beach Branch, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library  
Kings Bay Branch, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library  
Central Arkansas Library System, Little Rock  
East Baton Rouge (La.) Parish Library  
Howard County Library, Columbia, Md.  
Iowa City Public Library  
Jefferson Parish Public Library System, Metairie, La.  
Kim Memorial Library, Norfolk, Va.  
R Mahopac (N.Y.) Public Library  
Maywood University Library, Scranton, Pa.  
McDonald County Library, Pineville, Mo.  
Mead Public Library, Sheboygan, Wis.  
Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, Ind.  
Museum of Broadcast Communication, Chicago  
Newport News (Va.) Public Library System  
Oak Park (Ill.) Public Library  
Oudens Memorial Library, Manchester, N.H.  
L.E. R. Schimelpfenig Library, Plano, Texas  
Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Public Library  
The Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, N.Y.  
Racine (Wis.) Public Library  
Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, N.Y.  
Santa Cruz (Calif.) Public Libraries  
Southwest Georgia Regional Library, Bainbridge, Ga.  
Wilbraham (Mass.) Public Library