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DALLAS IN JUNE

"Local History, Global Village: Regional Collecting, Regional Collections" is the theme of RBMS's thirtieth annual Preconference, set for June 22-23, on the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas. Topics to be discussed include the difficulties of collecting an ever-increasing mass of documents pertaining to local history at public, academic, and state agency levels; regional cooperation and the need to coordinate collection development; documentation strategies; and the experiences of institutions and libraries from around the country with extensive regional collections.

Registration will be at the Hughes-Trigg Student Center at SMU on Thursday, June 22, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There will be a RBMS Orientation Session from 4:00-5:00. From 5:30-7:00 there will be a reception sponsored by the DeGolyer Library. Friday will include the speakers' presentations, panel discussions, campus tours, lunch, a reception sponsored by the Southwestern Chapter of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America, and dinner.

All RBMS members should have received a more detailed announcement in the mail with registration information. Those who have not and would like to attend (you do not have to be a member to do so) should write Mary Ellen Davis, RBMS Preconference, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; 800-545-2433; in Illinois, 800-545-2444; in Canada, 800-545-2455. Once registered, applicants will receive further information on housing, dining, transportation and parking. The Chair of the Preconference Planning Committee is Sidney Huttner (University of Tulsa); the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee is David Farmer (Southern Methodist University).

The RBMS Program at ALA's Annual Confer-

ence also concerns local history. Its title is "Collecting Local History and Promoting Its Use." This Program will be co-sponsored by the Society of American Archivists. For more information contact the Chair of the 1989 Program Planning Committee: Pat Bozeman, University of Houston Libraries, Houston TX 77004.

Also at Annual Conference, the ALA/RASD (Reference and Adult Services Division) Women's Materials and Women Library Users Discussion Group will hold a program on women's archives which is co-sponsored by RBMS and ACRL's Women's Studies Section. It will be held on Tuesday, June 27, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

See PLMS section of the Newsletter for further co-sponsorships.

Each Annual Conference ACRL has an informational booth in the exhibit area -- Dallas is no exception. The ACRL Membership Committee is asking that any RBMS members interested in helping staff the booth for a few hours during the Annual Conference to please contact: Shirley A. Lowman, ACRL Booth Coordinator/Dallas, Maricopa Community Colleges, Library Technical Services, 2325 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Technical Standards for Library Automation (TESLA) is a committee of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), a division of ALA. Every two years at the Annual Conference TESLA offers a program which deals with some aspect of standards. In Dallas the topic is "The Lay of the LAN" -- that is, local area networks. Their technology is complex and the alternative paths numerous and difficult to choose from; the impact of standards on LAN has often been considerable. The program, on Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m.-noon, will be in the form of a panel discussion between

RBMS COMMITTEE MEETINGS*Tentative* Schedule for ALA Annual Conference, Dallas
June 24-26, 1989

June 24 (Saturday)	8:00-9:00 AM	1990 Chicago Preconference Program Planning Committee
	9:00-11:00	Manuscripts & Other Formats Discussion Group Exhibition Catalogues Awards Committee (CLOSED) Gifts and Appraisals Brochure Committee Ethical Standards Review Committee Records Retention Committee Standards Committee I
	11:30-12:30	Curators and Conservators Discussion Group Orientation Manual Committee MARC for Special Collections Discussion Group (MASC) 1990 Chicago Conference Program Planning Committee Security Committee (PUBLIC HEARING)
	2:00-4:00 PM	Education and Professional Development Committee RBML Editorial Board Standards Committee II Legislative Information Committee Statistical Survey Feasibility Committee Conservators' Collations Committee Guidelines on Archives and Manuscripts Review Committee
	8:00-10:00	Nominating Committee (CLOSED)
June 25 (Sunday)	9:00-11:00 AM	Publications Committee 1989 Cambridge Conference Planning Committee Literary Rights Committee Security Committee Standards Committee III Guidelines for Borrowing Special Collections Materials for Exhibitions Committee
	11:30-12:30	RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT Joint Committee Executive Committee I
	2:00-5:30 PM	Conference Program: "Collecting Local History and Promoting Its Use"
	5:30-6:30	Exhibition Catalogues Awards
	9:00-10:00	Information Exchange Committee
June 26 (Monday)	9:30 AM-12:30	Executive Committee II

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several speakers. For more information contact: David T. Buxton, Main Library, Rm A349, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721; 602-621-2101.

ENGLAND IN SEPTEMBER

"Markets for Books and Manuscripts: The Trade in Antiquarian Materials, Past and Present" is the title of a major international conference in Cambridge, England, to be hosted by RBMS from Sept. 5-8. Newnham College, with its lovely grounds, will serve as conference headquarters. We will be joined by some of our colleagues from the Library Association and from SCONUL. Announcements containing information about local arrangements, the conference program, and registration will be in the mails by early April.

A distinguished group of speakers from Britain, France, Germany, North America, and Japan will present papers and participate in panels dealing with subjects ranging from the early trade in manuscripts to current issues in the international trade. The conference will provide participants with a rich context for considering the diverse paths by which antiquarian materials have ultimately ended up in private and institutional collections. A bookfair and reception will give the participants an opportunity to meet members of the British book trade. David McKitterick and Joan Winterkorn, our local arrangements coordinators, have assembled for us a diverse and interesting array of tours and introductions to the bookish scene in and around Cambridge.

Registration for the conference will be \$150 for ACRL members, and those participants who elect to stay in college can expect to pay \$120 for their room and board. Registrants desiring to make their own arrangements for accommodations will be sent a list of local hotels and inns. Newnham College will provide bed and breakfast for those wishing to stay over Friday and/or Saturday nights (Sept. 8-9) for \$30/night.

The program committee looks forward to welcoming colleagues to what promises to be an informative and (we hope) enjoyable conference. Michael Ryan (415-723-4054) and Bill Joyce (609-452-3184) will be happy to try to answer any queries you may have.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Please note: Executive Committee meetings are excellent places to learn about the official activities of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section and are open to all

members.

The Executive Committee passed a number of motions at its three (!) Midwinter meetings. The revised guidelines of the Security Committee (Chair: Gary Menges, University of Washington) were approved; a public hearing on those guidelines is planned for Dallas. Michael Ryan (Stanford University) was nominated to become ALA's representative to IFLA; his nomination has been sent to ALA's Executive Committee for final approval. A new mechanism has been adopted for appointing Newsletter editors, which includes the creation of a post of associate Newsletter editor; Stephen Ferguson (Princeton University) has been appointed the first associate editor, beginning after the 1989 Annual Conference. The guidelines prepared by the Borrowing of Special Collections Materials for Exhibition Committee (Chair: Ellen Dunlap, Rosenbach Museum and Library) were adopted. The committee also accepted the proposal of the 1990 Preconference Planning Committee (Chair: Sally Leach, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center) that Minneapolis be the site for that conference; its dates are June 19-22, 1990.

The Standards Committee (Chair: Jackie Dooley, UC/San Diego) is in the process of reevaluating its charge, with the possibility of turning the responsibility of reviewing standards and guidelines over to a new (yet to be formed) committee. It hopes to have final drafts of the thesauri on type and paper and the revision of the Genre Terms thesaurus all published by the end of 1989. The committee is still looking for comments on the Library of Congress's Bibliographic Description of Rare Books (BDRB), as it is considering whether there is a need to update it (Please contact: Belinda Urquiza, Rare Books & Special Collections Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540; 202-707-2024). The Guidelines on Archives and Manuscripts Review Committee (Chair: Robert E. Blesse, University of Nevada/Reno) plans to have a final draft of their revisions ready for Dallas. The Publications Committee (Chair: James Green, Library Company of Philadelphia) is working on a directory of resources for teaching the history of the book. The ACRL Board of Directors has approved two proposals for the World Book/ALA Goal Award, one of which is the revision of RBMS's Standards for Ethical Conduct, the responsibility of the Ethical Standards Review Committee (Chair: Beverly Lynch, University of Illinois). The Orientation Manual Committee (Chair: Donald Farren,

University of Maryland) will have a final draft prepared for comments in Dallas. The topic of the summer meeting of the Curator/Conservators Discussion Group (Chair: Cathy Henderson, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center) will be exhibitions. Subjects to be explored are the lead time for preparation, repeated exhibition of treasured items; using exhibitions for preservation education; sound preparation techniques; in-house exhibitions vs. loan of materials for exhibition; weighing the publicity value against the stress placed on materials; and climate control.

APRIL 1989 ELECTIONS

The following RBMS members are nominees in the 1989 April elections:

For Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Daniel Traister (University of Pennsylvania); David Zeidberg (University of California/Los Angeles).

For Secretary: Romaine Ahlstrom (Los Angeles Public); Jackie Dooley (University of California/San Diego).

For 1989-1992 Member-at-large: Martin Antonetti (Mills College); Pat Bozeman (University of Houston).

1989 LEAB EXHIBITION AWARDS

The Katharine Keys Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Catalogue Awards for 1989 were recently chosen by the Exhibition Catalogue Awards Committee (Chair: Pat Bozeman, University of Houston). Winners are:

Division I: For Your Amusement & Instruction: The Elizabeth Ball Collection of Historical Children's Materials (Lilly Library, Indiana University) and Time Sanctified: The Book of Hours in Medieval Art and Life (Walters Art Gallery).

Division II: Fraktur: A Selective Guide to the Franklin and Marshall Fraktur Collection (Franklin and Marshall College).

Division III: Eccentric Books: An Exhibition (Yale University Library, Arts of the Book Collection).

Honorable Mentions are:

Division I: Legacies of Genius: A Celebration of Philadelphia Libraries (Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries).

Division II: Pushkin and His Friends: The Making of a Literature and a Myth (Houghton Library, Harvard University).

Division III: Robinson Jeffers, Poet, 1887-1987: A Centennial Exhibition (Occidental College, Book Arts Program).

Entries for catalogues produced between September 1, 1988 and August 31, 1989 must be submitted by September 30, 1989 to be considered for next year's awards. For more information and application forms contact Pat Bozeman (University of Houston Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-2091; 713-749-2727).

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

At Annual Conference, Information Exchange will meet on Sunday, June 25 from 9:00-10:00 p.m. It needs reiterating that Information Exchange -- not Executive Committee meetings -- is the forum to make reports on committee activities and other RBMS related issues. (EC meetings are for attending to matters that need Executive Committee actions.) It is asked that these reports be kept brief, about five minutes. If you have a report to make and are unable to attend, please contact Charlotte Brown, Chair of the Information Exchange Committee, and she will make your report for you (Archives and Special Collections Dept., Shadek-Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA 17604-3003; 717-291-4225).

PLMS

Michèle V. Cloonan (John Hay Library, Box A, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; 401-863-1187) writes: "As the RBMS Liaison to the Preservation of Library Materials Section of RTSD, I plan to write a biannual column for this Newsletter which will alert RBMS members about recent and/or upcoming PLMS activities. Please write to me with suggestions for this column.

PLMS was recently reorganized so that it could respond more effectively to the needs of the membership as well as to the profession. As a result of the reorganization, the charges of some committees have been refocused. Two discussion groups, Physical Quality and Treatment and Education and Outreach, have also been added and a Preservation Program Management Committee has been formed.

On June 24, 1989, at ALA's Annual Conference, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., PLMS will sponsor -- with RBMS as co-sponsor -- a program entitled "Going for the Gold: How to Plan, Research, and Write a Competitive Grant Proposal for a Preservation Project." Three of the proposed topics will be of particular interest to RBMS members: obtaining grants from the private sector, receiving grants for maintaining items in their original format (rather than preser-

vation microfilming), and when not to apply for a grant. Patricia Battin will chair the panel and lead the discussion.

Finally, in order to publicize preservation programs more widely at ALA, PLMS has decided to prepare a flyer which will be available in the conference registration area. Look for it in Dallas."

CONFERENCE ON FORGED DOCUMENTS

The recent discovery of alleged forgeries among early American (particularly Texan) documents is a matter of serious concern. The University of Houston Libraries are pursuing an active role in assisting further investigations, according to library director Robin N. Downes. Austin printer and rare book dealer W. Thomas Taylor has questioned the authenticity of certain copies of thirteen printed documents relating to the history of Texas. Taylor has identified printing irregularities in copies whose provenance cannot be established before 1972. These suspected forgeries are owned by thirteen institutions and a number of private collectors. Pat Bozeman, Head of Special Collections, states that four such documents are owned by the University of Houston Libraries.

Issues relating to forged documents will be the focus of a conference sponsored by the University of Houston. Topics will include forgery detection, scholarly considerations, institutional responsibilities, tax and legal implications, and dealer/donor/institutional relations. The two-day conference will be held November 2-4, 1989. For further information contact: Pat Bozeman, Head, Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-2091; 713-749-2727.

MORE ABOUT FORGERIES

The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA) has been increasingly concerned with the growing number of questioned imprints. For this reason they are publishing a list of such imprints—that is, any reprint, facsimile or fabrication that might be mistaken for a genuine original. A special committee has been formed to compile and monitor that list. The ABAA would greatly appreciate assistance in their work. The list is available from the ABAA at 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020. Any information regarding the source of this material should be forwarded to the Chairman of the ABAA Ethics Committee: John Curtis, The Bookpress Ltd., Box KP, Willi-

amsburg, VA 23187. All information regarding fabrication and questioned imprints should be sent to Jennifer Larson (Chair: Questioned Imprints Committee), Yerba Buena Books, 882 Bush St., San Francisco, CA 94108. There is also a report form available from the Chair to assist in reporting.

STANDARDS FOR ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION

The Working Group on Standards for Archival Description, a project funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and sponsored by Harvard University, held its first meeting in December 1988. Several concerned archivists initiated the project when they recognized an increasing desire in the archival community for standardized descriptive practices and a growing frustration over the absence of any systematic procedures for developing or evaluating such standards. Members of the group are now preparing background or informational papers on several topics raised during the first meeting before the group reconvenes in June 1989. The issues addressed in these papers will include the potential for developing guidelines or conventions, the impact of format integration on archival uses of the MARC format, and the relationship between description standards activities in the U.S. and Canada. The group expects to present a report with recommendations during a session at the SAA annual meeting in St. Louis. For more information, contact: Victoria Walch, 65 N. Westminster St., Iowa City, IA 52245; 319-338-6650.

ALISE PRESERVATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The ALA affiliated Association for Library and Information Science Education announces the establishment of a Special Interest Group concerned with preservation education in schools of library and information science. The group will focus on curriculum development, continuing education, and research; it will also act as a liaison with other professional organizations with preservation and conservation concerns, in hopes of developing educational guidelines.

The SIG will sponsor a program at the January 1990 ALISE Annual Conference in Chicago on various approaches to preservation education. The convener for this program is Michèle V. Cloonan.

To be a member of the SIG, one must be a member of ALISE. For membership informa-

tion, contact: Ilse Moon, Executive Secretary, ALISE, 5623 Palm Aire Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243-3702. For further information on the 1990 program, contact Michèle Cloonan, John Hay Library, Box A, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; 401-863-1187.

APHA

The annual awards of the American Printing History Association were presented in January at the New York Public Library. Roderick D. Stinehour of The Stinehour Press received the Individual Award. The Institutional Award was given to The Saint Bride Printing Library in London, one of the world's largest specialist collections on the historical literature of printing and the book trades.

APHA's 14th Annual Conference will be held at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1989, with an opening reception sponsored by the Houghton Library on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The location and the topic, "Colonial New England Printing," were chosen to honor the 350th anniversary of the beginning of printing in what is now the United States. Speakers will include Hugh Amory, Houghton Library, on the Bay Psalm Book and the Cambridge Press; Sidney Berger, American Antiquarian Society, on the Green family of printers in colonial New England; Margaret L. Ford, on Ann Franklin and the Franklins of Newport; and Marcus A. McCorison, American Antiquarian Society, on Isaiah Thomas. In conjunction with the conference, the Houghton Library and the Dept. of Special Collections of the Harvard Law School Library will mount a joint exhibition on the Cambridge Press and the beginning of printing in this country. For more information contact: Jennifer B. Lee, John Hay Library, Box A, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; 401-863-1511.

AAS CELEBRATES THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINTING IN THE U.S.

The American Antiquarian Society is celebrating the 350th anniversary of printing in what was to become the United States with three special events this fall. From Oct. 2-Nov. 7, it is mounting an exhibition of items drawn from its collection produced during the first century of American printing. It is also hosting two lectures. The first, on Oct. 18, will be by New Haven bookseller William Reese, relating to the exhibition. The second, on Oct. 27, is the annual James Russell Wiggins Lecture

in the History of the Book in American Culture, to be given by Robert A. Gross, Professor of American Studies and History at the College of William and Mary, entitled "Printing, Politics, and the People."

BITNET

For those of you (like myself) previously unaware, BITNET can be accessed through the mail accounts of the RLIN database. All one needs to know is the BITNET address of the addressee, which should be followed by a period and the term "BITNET" when sending a piece of mail.

Some BITNETS were incorrectly listed in the last Newsletter. They are:

Kathryn Morgan, Louisiana State University: NOTKNM@LSUVM; Don Morrison is at Louisiana State University; Faye Phillips is at Louisiana State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Volume 3, Number 2 of Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship appeared this past fall. The editorial board is currently working on a new subscription brochure, which will be available in September, in time for the Cambridge conference. Alice Schreyer, editor of RBML is welcoming suggestions for both individual articles and for special, single topic issues in the future. She would also like to encourage Discussion Group and Committee Chairs of RBMS to work toward a research agenda for the special collections profession that will eventually suggest topics for RBML articles and issues. Please contact her with your recommendations at University of Delaware Library, Office of the Director, Newark, DE 19717-5267; 302-451-2231.

David Pearson, the Secretary of the Library Association's Rare Books Group, has recently published a 44 page pamphlet, "Provenance Indexes for Early Printed Books and Manuscripts: a Guide to Present Resources." Though it solely deals with British libraries, it is still of interest to anyone working on the history of book collecting. It is available for £5.00 (\$18.00; this includes postage and handling) from Mr. Pearson at the British Library, Humanities & Social Sciences, Great Russell St., London WC1B 3DG.

NEW DATABASE SERVICE

Lawrence Costello announces a new database service for book specialists who

buy and sell antiquarian and out-of-print books. This service features per-title listing fees, long-duration listings, instant on-line searching and weekly off-line searching. For free information write: Antiquarian Databases International, P.O. Box 17094, Washington, DC 20041.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17-19 - "Preservation and Exhibition of Books and Manuscripts," workshop in New York City at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (Contact: Stella Paul, Public Programs, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Ave. at 82nd St., NYC 10028; 212-879-5500, ext. 3645).

May 31-June 4 - American Institute of Conservation Annual Conference, Cincinnati (Contact: AIC, Klinge Mansion, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, N.W., Washington, DC 20008)

June 22-23 - RBMS Preconference, Dallas (Contact: ALA/ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611)

June 24-29 - ALA Annual Conference, Dallas (Contact: ALA at address above)

July 3-28 - Columbia Rare Book School (For course descriptions & applications write: Rare Book School, School of Library Service, Columbia University, NYC, 10027; 212/854-4734)

Aug. 20-25 - IFLA Annual Meeting, Paris, France (Contact: CORI-IFLA 89, c/o ABF, 65 rue de Richelieu, 75002 Paris)

Sept. 5-8 - RBMS Cambridge Conference, Cambridge, England. (See p. 3 for description and contacts)

Oct. 25-27 - "Shared Responsibility: A Seminar for Curators and Conservators," co-hosted by the National Gallery of Canada and Canadian Conservation Institute. (Contact: Marion Barclay, Restoration and Conservation Lab, National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9N4).

Oct. 25-29 - Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, St. Louis (Contact: SAA, 600 Federal St., Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-922-0140)

Nov. 2-4 - Conference on Forged Documents (See p. 5 for details)

TRANSITIONS

Material for this column is gleaned from ALA periodicals and other available newsletters. People with knowledge of relevant transitions are encouraged to contact the editor.

Richard L. Anders, rare book cataloger at the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester,

Massachusetts, since 1968, retired at the end of January. Virginia Bartow, formerly head of a recon project in the Dartmouth College Library, is now Manager of the Master Microform Collection at the New York Public Library. Peter I. Berg has been appointed head of special collections at Michigan State University, East Lansing. Catherine T. Brody has been named director of archives at the New York City Technical College of the City University of New York. Frank G. Burke left the National Archives on Sept. 1 to join the faculty at the University of Maryland at College Park, where he will teach in the College of Library and Information Sciences. Helen S. Butz, rare book librarian at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, retired at the end of January after 25 years of service. Gwynedd Cannan recently became archives cataloger in the Cataloging Dept. of the University of Texas at Austin's Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. Ellen Cunningham has been appointed preservation officer at the University of Texas, Austin. Patricia Denham has been named head of preservation and archives at the University of Cincinnati Law Library, Ohio. William Finley is the new archivist of Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Robert A. Foley has been named director of the Fitchburg State College Library; previously he established and maintained the college archives, the manuscripts collection, the graphics collections, and the rare and historical books collection. James D. Fox, formerly rare book cataloger at Yale, is now Special Collections Librarian at the University of Oregon, Eugene. Nancy V. Gauss has been named head of the Archives and Records Management Dept. at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta. Janet Gertz has been named acting assistant director for preservation at Columbia University, New York. Ray Gesselbach has been named archivist at the Truman Library in Independence Missouri. Henry D. Grunder has been named special collections librarian at the Virginia State Library and Archives, Richmond. Daniel Holt has been appointed curator of the Liberty Memorial Museum and Archives, Kansas City, Missouri. L. Rebecca Johnson has been appointed archivist/librarian in Special Collections at the University of Delaware, Newark. Robert W. Karrow has been promoted to administrative curator of special collections at the Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois. Richard Koprowski has been appointed assistant archivist in the Archive of

Recorded Sound at Stanford University, California. Sally Leach is now Assistant to the Director at the University of Texas Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center in Austin. Seth Lerner is the new project archivist in archives and special collections at Ohio University, Athens. Mary R. McCarl recently became director of Jefferson County Medical Society/University of Alabama at Birmingham Health Sciences Archives. Sally McGill now serves as assistant curator of rare books and manuscripts at the Vassar College Library, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Brenda Marston has been appointed archivist for human sexuality at the Cornell University Libraries Dept. of Manuscripts and University Archives, Ithaca, New York. Wilbur Meneray has been appointed assistant university librarian for special collections at Tulane University, New Orleans. Patricia E. Palmer is now conservation librarian at the Washington University Libraries, St. Louis, Missouri. L. Eileen Parris has been appointed retrospective conservation archivist in the Manuscript Dept. of the Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina. Louis J. Reith is now Rare Book Cataloger at Georgetown University. Thomas C. Rick is now assistant archivist of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Michael Ryan is now director for library collections and assistant director of Stanford (Calif.) University Libraries. Victoria Steele has begun serving as head of special collections at the University of Southern California Library, Los Angeles. Cynthia Stevenson has been appointed manuscripts librarian at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California. Norma M. Thomas has become assistant director for archives and special collections and chief archivist of the

Archives of Appalachia at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City. Tyler Walters has been appointed assistant university archivist at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Ian Willison, recently retired from the Dept. of Printed Books at the British Library, is Kline Visiting Professor in the Humanities at the University of Texas, Austin, where he is teaching a graduate course (through the English Dept.) on the History of the Book in Britain. He will be in residence through May 1989. Elaine Yonitz has been appointed special collections and humanities monographs cataloger at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

RBMS member Holly Hall, Head of Special Collections at Washington University, St. Louis, has been awarded the U.K. Librarian Award from the Fulbright Commission for a work attachment at the library of the University of Reading in England. From April to August, she will be helping to catalog the archive of the London publisher, Allen and Unwin, and assist with the Samuel Beckett manuscript collection.

John Cox, formerly Head of Tech Services at Union Theological Seminary and an instructor in the rare book program of the Columbia University School of Library Service, died of complications resulting from AIDS in December, 1988. Frank Chalton Francis, former director and principal librarian of the British Museum, died September 15 at the age of 86. Edith G. Henderson, former curator of the Treasure Room in the Harvard University Law School Library, died this fall; she had worked in the Treasure Room from 1960 until 1987.

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