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Preconference at Minneapolis

"The Next Decade: Issues, Strategies, and Opportunities for Special Collections in the 1990s" is the topic of the 1990 RBMS Preconference and the setting will be the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis/St. Paul. The beginning of the last decade of the twentieth century provides librarians and others associated with rare books and manuscripts an opportunity to review the past and speculate on the future of special collections and rare book librarianship. Both philosophical and practical concerns will be addressed by seven outstanding speakers and in a series of seminars. The dates are June 19-22, 1990. A special invitation is extended to members of the Western European Specialists Section (WESS) to participate in this Preconference.

The speakers will address such issues as the status of special collections at the turn of the century, access to rare books and manuscripts, strategic alliances, and ethics. The seminars will offer discussions of a wide variety of related subjects, such as deaccessioning, security and design for exhibitions, research use of children's literature collections, MARC cataloging of medieval manuscripts, the proposed revisions of *BDRB*, full-text databases, preservation of collections in original format, and the acquisition and servicing of controversial materials. **Please note:** The first seminar will be held on **Tuesday, June 19** at 4:00 PM, so make sure your travel arrangements get you situated in Minneapolis prior to that time in order to attend.

Other activities will include a day-trip to St. John's University and Abbey in Collegeville, which will include a tour of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library and other portions of the campus, including buildings designed by Marcel Breuer; tours of the Twin Cities various special collections; and receptions at the Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota (sponsored by the University Libraries and the Midwest Chapter of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America), the Minnesota Center for Book Arts (sponsored by the Minneapolis Public Library and the Minneapolis Athenaeum), and the

James J. Hill House (sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society and the Twin Cities Archives Round Table).

The Preconference begins on Tuesday, June 19. From 3:00-7:00 PM there will be registration at the Radisson University Hotel (the Preconference hotel). From 4:00-5:30 the first set of seminars will be held; from 5:30-6:00 there will be an orientation to RBMS, WESS, and the Twin Cities Collections; from 6:00-8:00 the reception at the Wilson Library will be held.

The cost of the Preconference is \$125 for ACRL members and \$175. for non-members. This cost includes entry to all papers and seminars, the receptions, the bus trip to and lunch at St. Johns, and two lunches and a dinner. Registration is limited to the first 250 applications. A brochure includes more details on the Preconference, a schedule of events, and travel information. A housing form will be sent upon receipt of registration. For more information and a registration form write RBMS Preconference, ACRL/ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 (800-545-2433). Applications should be received by May 15; late registration is available on a space-available basis for an additional cost of \$25. per-person.

The Chair of the Preconference Planning Committee is **Sally Leach** (Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, UT, Austin). The co-Chairs of the local Arrangements Committee are **Martha Brogan** and **Alan Lathrop** (both of the University of Minnesota).

In 1991, (that's 1991 now) RBMS will travel to **Chapel Hill, NC** for a Preconference there. Theme and program to be announced.

RBMS at Chicago -- June 1990

The RBMS Program at ALA's Annual Conference will be special collections and retrospective conversion in preparation for an online catalog. It will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 2:00 PM. For more information contact the Chair of the Program Planning Committee, Rosemary Cullen at the John Hay Library, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; 401-863-1514.

Information Exchange

At Annual Conference, the informal Information Exchange to which everyone is welcome will meet Saturday evening, June 24 from 8 to 10. This is the place and time to make committee reports that do not need Executive Committee action. It is asked that you keep your reports as brief as possible because time is limited. 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)

Chicago • RBMS - 23-26 June (tentative)

Saturday, June 23

9-11 am:

Bibliographic Standards
Security
Guidelines on Archives/ Mss Review
Exhibition Catalogues Awards (Open)
Gifts and Appraisals

11:30-12:30:

GODORT/MAGERT/RBMS
MARC for Special Collections
Manuscripts and Other Formats
Orientation Manual

2:00-4:00 pm:

Bibliographic Standards II
Education and Prof. Development
RBML
Curators/ Conservators Discussion Grp.

Sunday, June 24

9-11 am:

Bibliographic Standards III
Publications
Literary Rights
Interlibrary Loan
1991 Preconference Planning

11:30-12:30

Executive Committee I

2-5:30 pm:

RBMS Program (plus Awards for
Exhibition Catalogues)

8-10 pm:

Information Exchange

Monday, June 25

9:30 am to 12:30 pm:

Executive Committee II

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. If the activities appeal, people are encouraged to contact the chair of that committee and/or attend that committee's meetings.

The Executive Committee passed a memorial resolution at Midwinter for Robert Rosenthal of the University of Chicago, who died unexpectedly in December. This resolution was also approved by the ACRL Board of Directors and printed in the March, 1990 issue of *C&RL News*. The Executive Committee also created two new Ad-hoc committees. The **Ad-hoc Committee on Internships** (Chair: Phil Metzger, Lehigh University) will be investigating the feasibility of establishing an externally funded internship/fellowship program as a means of providing post M.L.S. training opportunities for new professionals. The **Ad-hoc Committee on Conference Planning** has been created to consider the establishment of a new standing committee whose charge it would be to help in long-range planning of preconference, conferences, and programs. Kathleen Reed, of the **Education and Professional Development Committee** (Chair: Barbara Paulson, Columbia University), is preparing a questionnaire to be sent to a random sample of the RBMS membership in the fall; the purpose of the survey is to give RBMS a clear idea of the educational backgrounds of its members and their perceptions of future professional development needs. The **Curators/Conservators Discussion Group** (Chair: Cathy Henderson, HRC/University of Texas, Austin), at this summer's Annual Conference, will discuss "A National Agenda for Preservation of Books and Documents in Original Form." This will be an extension of an RBMS Preconference workshop on the same subject. Discussion will revolve around a rationale for a national agenda, funding a national agenda, and the role of the conservation profession in the national agenda. The **Security Committee** (Chair: Gary Menges, University of Washington) is sending out letters to Library directors urging them to appoint Library Security Officers as recommended in the RBMS *Theft Guidelines* and to report the names of these officers to the Committee. The Committee is continuing its liaison activities with the ABAA Security Committee, which reports that the first "pink sheets," listing items reported stolen from book dealers and libraries, were distributed in November and have resulted in two recoveries. The **Publications Committee** (Chair: Sam Streit, Brown University) is working to create a program for awarding outstanding articles on the subject of rare book and manuscripts librarianship. The **Ad-hoc Ethical Standards Review Committee** (Chair: Beverly Lynch,

UCLA) is undertaking a significant revision effort which includes the examining of the apparent widespread lack of understanding of ethics, "ideals" of professional behavior, and the implications of such recent criminal incidents as insider thefts and forgeries. The final report of the **Statistical Survey Feasibility Committee** (Chair: Janet Gertz, Columbia University) has been completed; it was the unanimous opinion of that committee that a survey of rare book and manuscript repositories should be done but that such a project would be enormous. The committee was discharged and Robert Martin (Louisiana State University) is further investigating the possibility of such a survey with ACRL, ARL, and other potentially interested parties. The **1991 Preconference Planning Committee** (Chair: David Zeidberg, UCLA) has announced that Chapel Hill, North Carolina will be the location for that preconference and that a local arrangements committee has been established. The **Exhibition Catalogs Awards Committee** (Chair: Pat Bozeman, University of Houston) would like to publish a fifth anniversary brochure that would list all entries and winners to date and is looking for ways to arrange this. The **Orientation Manual Committee** (Chair: Donald Farren, University of Maryland) will soon be distributing a draft for review and comment to the Section leadership. The **Bibliographic Standards Committee** (Chair: Jackie Dooley, UC/San Diego) continues to encourage rare book catalogers and other interested persons to participate in the revision of the Library of Congress' *Bibliographic Description of Rare Books*. A timetable has been established for those revisions which will result in a final manuscript for the second edition of BDRB by late 1990. Should you be interested in making comments write to Belinda Urquiza, Rare Book and Special Collections Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (202-707-2024) or contact Jackie Dooley at 619-534-1273. IFLA liaison Michael Ryan (Stanford University) reports that IFLA's former Rare and Precious Books and Documents Section has been renamed the Rare Books and Documents Section. Also, Howell Heaney will no longer prepare the US entries for the *Annual Bibliography of the History of the Printed Book and Libraries* and is looking for a volunteer to replace him.

April 1990 Elections

The following RBMS members are nominees in the 1990 elections:

For Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: **Cathy Henderson** (Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas, Austin); **Sidney Huttner** (University of Tulsa).

For Member-at-Large, 1990-1993: **Robert S. Martin** (Louisiana State University); **Suzy Taraba** (Duke

University).

1990 Exhibition Catalogue Awards Winners

The Katharine Keys Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Catalogue Awards for 1990 were recently chosen by the *Exhibition Catalogue Awards Committee* (Chair: Pat Bozeman, University of Houston). **The winners are:**

Division I (Expensive): Two awards to *The Medieval Book* (Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale) and *Poetry and Revolution in Russia, 1905-1930* (Stanford University Libraries).

Division II (Moderate): *Motoring Tourists & the Scenic West, 1903 to 1948* (DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University)

Division III (Inexpensive): *Sixty-five Years of Fine Printing at Carnegie* (Hunt Library, Carnegie Mellon University).

Honorable Mentions are:

Division II: *Athanasius Kircher (1602-1680), Jesuit Scholar* (Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University)

Division III: *The Spinelli Family: Florence in the Renaissance, 1430-1535* (Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library).

Special Award of Merit: The Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto for 23 distinguished catalogues issued over the past five years, distributed free to the public, which show a consistently impressive scholarly achievement with permanent reference value.

The awards will be presented just prior to the RBMS Program at the ALA Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 24, 1990 at 2:00 PM.

Entries for the 1991 awards are now being accepted; they must be catalogues produced between September 1, 1989 and August 31, 1990. For more information on guidelines and entry forms are available from Pat Bozeman, c/o Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-2091; 713-749-2726.

RBML

At its Midwinter meeting, the RBML Editorial Board developed a list of topics on which a call for papers would be issued (see list in this issue of the *Newsletter*). The Board also discussed the forthcoming series on theory and practice of exhibitions and an occasional series on history of individual collections. RBML subscriptions and advertising are healthy; the Board seeks to encourage the submission of manuscripts.

The current (Fall, 1989) issue of *RBML* covers the

incunabula collections at LC, the 1989 Leab Awards, and a timely article on *what* information must pass between curator and conservator if intelligent decisions about conservation are to be made.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship invites articles on the following topics relating to theory and practice of special collections librarianship:

- Planning and implementing retrospective conversion projects.
- Concepts of public service and specialized reference.
- Education for special collections librarianship.
- Photocopying and commercial reproduction policies.
- Staffing special collections operations, including the use of paraprofessional staff.
- Friends' groups: support, activities, management.
- Grants.
- Inter-institutional cooperative projects.
- Sale of rare duplicates.
- Impact of history of book approaches on use of special collections.
- Impact of automated catalogs and online manuscript records on use of special collections.
- Implementing the RBMS thesauri in an online environment.
- Working with library subject bibliographers in developing special collections.
- History of individual library collections that suggest broad trends in private collecting and institutional development.
- Special collections cataloging: bibliographic description or descriptive cataloging?

Please submit manuscripts to Alice Schreyer, Editor, RBML, University of Delaware Library, Newark, Delaware, 19717-5267.

If you are developing a topic and wish to discuss the work in progress, calls to the Editor are welcome at (302) 451-2231.

Publications

The *ACRL Guidelines for the Security of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Other Special Collections*, prepared by RBMS's Security Committee, were published in the March 1990 issue of *C&RL News*. (Both the *Guidelines for Security* and the *Guidelines of Borrowing Special Collections Materials for Exhibitions* were approved by the ACRL Board at Midwinter.)

The *Rare Books Newsletter* (Number 35, February 1990), published by the Library Association Rare Books Group, contains a five-page analysis of the current cross-Atlantic discussions over cataloging standards. It reports on meetings held in Cambridge during September's conference and future considerations. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the newsletter can write Katherine Swift, *Rare Books Newsletter*, The Dower House, Morville Hall, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 5NB Tel: (74) 631 407. (U.S. subscriptions £10.)

The *Bibliography Newsletter* (*BiN* to you) is being issued again, with information and comments on the history of books and printing, descriptive bibliography, fine printing, rare books librarianship and the like. Subscriptions available from the Walrus Press, 102 Preston Forest Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060 for \$20.

A *Canadian Guide to Rare Books*, by Daniel Gauvin has recently been published. It is essentially a Canadian equivalent of the *American Rare Books 1983-84*, with a great deal of overlapping - but usefully updated - listings. In both French and English, it includes lists of the names and addresses of Canadian, European and American booksellers, appraisers, and auctioneers, and narrative sections on such subjects as "Bibliophilism," "The Canadian Antiquarian Book Trade," "The Art of Collection" [sic], and "Reference Works." It is available for \$40. Canadian from Daniel Gauvin Editeur Inc., C.P. 603, Succ. D.-D.-N., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2V3. (217 pp.)

The *Archives Law Report* is published by Hill, Van Santen, Steadman & Simpson, 70th floor, Sears Tower, Chicago, Ill. 60606. The Spring 1989 Special Edition covered the doctrine of fair use and in particular the *Salinger v. Random House* and *Hamilton* case. "To receive further information on topics discussed in this publication, please contact Scott W. Petersen at our Chicago office."

In the Winter 1990 issue of *The RLG News* will appear Ellen Dunlap's article on AMIS, RLG's Archives and Museum Information System. One aspect of AMIS is the AMIS workstation, at which, it appears, a user ought to be able "to describe and entity (e.g. an artifact); to schedule it into a time dimension; to search and report on the information in endless ways; and to link the descriptions, scheduling, searching, and

reporting tasks into scripts and chains of events which replicate [users'] operating procedures."

Questioned Imprints is a 17 page illustrated report published by the Southern California Chapter, ABAA, for the XXIII California International Antiquarian Book Fair, Feb. 2-4, 1990. It is the first public document issued by the new ABAA Committee on Questioned Imprints which is charged with compiling and disseminating information on "facsimile reprints and fabrications...accepted as genuine in the marketplace and in institutional and private collections." The report gives details about the following classes of questioned imprints: American Colonial imprints; Texas broadsides; Mark Hofmann documents; Miscellaneous imprints; Newspapers; Facsimiles of manuscripts; Deceptive books. The Committee is interested in news of other such items not yet listed in this report, since they intend to issue updated lists in the future. For a copy of the report, send \$2 and a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Antiquarian Booksellers Assoc. of Am., 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

Word has also arrived of some forthcoming publications on the subject of questionable imprints. To be published by the Book Club of Texas is Thomas Taylor's study of early Texas imprints now known in multiple spurious copies, titled *Glorious News! An Enquiry into the Nature of Certain Nineteenth-Century Texas Broadsides*. And, regarding the Mark Hofmann fakery, two studies are to appear. One is a history of the Latter Day Saints Church's involvement in the Hofmann case by Richard E. Turley of the LDS Church Historical Department. The other is James Gilreath's *The Judgement of Experts: Essays and Documents about the Forgery of the Oath of the Freeman*, soon to be published by the American Antiquarian Society. In addition, plans are underway to publish the papers presented at the November, 1989 Houston Conference on Forged Documents.

ISTC

The Incunable Short Title Catalogue is a database of books and other printed materials from the fifteenth century which is being compiled at the British Library. The records were derived in the first instance from Goff's *Incunabula in American Libraries* and its supplement, to which have been added *en bloc* the Belgian, Dutch and Italian union catalogues, as well as the British Library's own holdings and those of other European collections. We expect to have recorded by the end of 1989 about 23,000 editions, something over three-quarters of the estimated total of incunable printing; all items are given locations where these have been verified, the ultimate aim being to offer a comprehensive register of surviving copies. The various

elements of the MARC database can be searched directly and in combination, to provide for example all quarto books printed in Latin in Italy before, or on, a certain date, with or without woodcuts. Such operations can be performed by way of the BL's BLAISE-LINE subscription service, and it should be possible in the future to supply libraries with the file on disk for use on microcomputers, once software development for the West German incunable census is complete. Meanwhile all the records are being incorporated in the General Books file of RLIN, and it is hoped that ISTC's becoming available in this way early in 1990 will aid the accurate recording of copies in the US.

It has been recognized for some time that the locations and even the editions taken over from Goff are becoming increasingly out of date as a record of what is held where in the United States, though a number of important American libraries have regularly contributed news of their acquisitions. More active steps to bring the information of the *Census* up to date have now been taken with the appointment of Martin Davies to act as editor for the North American data; the post is sponsored jointly by the BL and the Bibliographical Society of America, which administers a generous benefaction made for the purpose. Dr. Davies will be making regular trips to the US to talk to interested groups and persons about ISTC and demonstrate its uses on-line, the first such visit, from Boston to Washington DC, having taken place in October. Rare book librarians and collectors are invited to communicate information on acquisitions and movements of incunables directly to him at the British Library (Incunabula), Great Russell Street, London WC1 3DG. The easiest and most digestible way of supplying the information is simply to send a list of Goff numbers or of editions otherwise securely identified by reference to some modern incunable bibliography (with a note of any imperfections). The ISTC team, working under the direction of Lotte Hellinga, will be happy to help in cases of doubtful identification, and to send further information on any aspect of the database. The proceedings of a conference held to mark ISTC's going on-line is available from British Library Publications, 41 Russell Square, London WC1B 3DG: *Bibliography and the Study of 15th-Century Civilisation*, ed. L. Hellinga and J. Goldfinch, London 1987 (price £23.50).

News from Riverside, Calif.

As many of the readers of this newsletter are well aware, the ESTC canvass in North America has been thorough - even unrelenting. In recent years, ESTC/NA has spread its net overseas to capture the Oxford and Cambridge college libraries and the Public Record Office. The British Library, of course, continues to be

responsible for gathering reports from all the other libraries in England, Scotland, and Wales. However, although the importance of the eighteenth-century Irish book trade is becoming increasingly apparent, the Irish contribution to the ESTC has been irregular and incomplete. While reporting is underway at the National Library, the Royal Irish Academy, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and both Trinity College and University College in Dublin, significant collections such as Archbishop Marsh's Library and that of King's Inn in Dublin, Queen's University in Belfast, and the major diocesan libraries have been untouched by our canvass. But with support and encouragement from ESTC/NA a group of Irish librarians met last spring to discuss plans for a survey of the entire island. A steering committee headed by Dr. Patricia Donlan, Director of the National Library of Ireland, will raise the necessary funds and oversee a team which will tour the relevant collections and record not only their eighteenth-century holdings, but all of their pre-1801 British and English-language holdings for inclusion in the English Short Title Catalogue. ESTC staff on both sides of the Atlantic are breathlessly anticipating the results of the new canvass, which we predict will be rich in hitherto unrecorded examples of early Irish printing.

With the cooperation of the ESTC/British Library, the Rare Books Group of the Library Association is offering a course on eighteenth-century books at Worcester College, Oxford, September 12-14, 1990. It is intended to coincide with the publication of the enriched edition of ESTC, which is scheduled for October 1990. The course will include online demonstrations of the ESTC, which will supplement the program of lectures on various aspects of the book and book production in eighteenth-century Britain, as well as visits to Oxford college libraries with important holdings in the period. For further details, please contact David Pearson, Hon. Secretary, ESTC, British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG England, United Kingdom.

Back home in Riverside, ESTC/NA has become one of the cornerstones of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research recently established at the University of California, Riverside. UCR's Eaton Program in Science Fiction and Fantasy will also form part of the new Center. As well as supporting and broadening the existing ESTC and Eaton programs, Henry L. Snyder, director of ESTC/NA and now director of the Center, hopes to encourage bibliographical projects undertaken by faculty members at UCR and to create and sponsor new projects, perhaps in conjunction with other institutions. The expansion of the ESTC into the English Short Title Catalogue, which has been described in earlier issues of this newsletter, will be one of the innovative projects to find a new

home in the Center.

Follow-up on Standards

As reported in the last *Newsletter*, the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee hosted an informal meeting on rare book cataloguing standards at the Cambridge conference last September. It is a pleasure to report that the meeting continues to bear fruit, in that representatives of the Committee and the Library Association's Rare Books Group now communicate on a regular basis. Articles on the meeting and on the work of the Committee have appeared in the last two issues of the RBG's *Rare Books Newsletter* (detail in issue no. 35, Feb. 1990).

More substantively, RBG members have been invited to participate in the creation and revision of Standards Committee publications. British comments were received on the forthcoming *Paper Terms* thesaurus, and RBG working groups are being formed to assist in the revision of both *Bibliographic Description of Rare Books* and the *Genre Terms* thesaurus.

For its part, the RBG has undertaken a survey of rare book cataloguing practice in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. The survey was funded by a grant from the British Library Research and Development Department, and a questionnaire has been drafted which elicits information on choice of descriptive cataloguing code, the impact of automation, and the extent to which machine-readable records for early printed books are available through national networks.

Calendar of Events

- May 3-7, 1990 - *Association of Forensic Document Examiners Annual Symposium*, San Antonio. Program includes talks on "The Dilemma of the Book Dealer in Light of Recent Events," "Increasing the Credibility of the Document Examiner," and "Ink and Paper from the Conservator's Perspective." (Contact: Lynn Wilson Marks, 1990 Symposium Chairperson, PO Box 690526, San Antonio, Texas 78269; 512-755-2255; or Fax 512-755-2244.)
- June 3 - *American Institute of Conservation Annual Meeting*, Richmond. (Contact: AIC, Klingle Mansion, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008)
- June 19-22 - *RBMS Preconference*, Minneapolis / St. Paul (Contact: ALA/ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611)
- June 23-28 - *ALA Annual Conference*, Chicago (Contact: ALA at address above)
- July 9-Aug. 3 - *Columbia Rare Book School*, New York City. (For course descriptions & applications write: Rare

Book School, School of Library Service, Columbia University, 516 Butler library, New York, NY 10027; 212-854-4734)

- Aug. 5-17 - *Western Archives Institute*, Los Angeles. An intensive program offered annually, designed to offer an introduction to modern archival theory and practice for those with beginners knowledge or more experienced understanding. Sessions will include history of the profession, theory and terminology, records management, appraisal, arrangement, archives and the law, outreach programs, etc. Tuition is \$400. Application deadline is June 1, 1990. (For additional information and application contact: Laren Metzger, Administrator, Western Archives Institute, 1020 "O" Street, Room 130, Sacramento, CA 95814; 916-445-4294)
- Aug. 18-24 - *IFLA Annual Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden. IFLA, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, Netherlands)
- Aug. 18-22 - *International Association of Paper Historians Congress*, Malmedy, Belgium. (Contact: Alphonse Radermecker, Hochstrasse 87, B-4700, Eupen, Belgium)
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 - *Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting*, Seattle. (Contact: SAA, 600 Federal St., Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-922-0140)

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.

Margaret Bearse has been appointed cataloging librarian for the Department of Special Collections O'Hegarty Grant Project, University of Kansas, Lawrence. David L. Bruner has been appointed special collections cataloger at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. Nicholas C. Burckel has been appointed associate dean for collections and services at the Washington University Library, St. Louis, Missouri; he was previously the director of public services and collection development. Randall Butler has accepted the position of Coordinator/Special Collections and Archives at Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff. Amy Coddington has been appointed cataloging librarian for the Department of Special Collections O'Hegarty Grant Project, University of Kansas, Lawrence. Elaine Challacombe is now temporary curator of the Wangenstein Historical Library of Biology and Medicine at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Rachel Doggett has been named the first Andrew W. Mellon curator of books at the Folger Library, Washington, DC. Donald Eddy has retired from his post as Rare Book Librarian at Cornell. David

Ferris has been appointed rare books librarian at the Harvard Law School. James Fox is now rare books/special collections librarian at the University of Oregon, Eugene. In January, Eleanor Garvey retired from her post as Hofer Curator of Printing and Graphic Arts at the Houghton Library. Ann Gener has been appointed curatorial assistant at the Rosenbach Library, Philadelphia. Peter Graham has been appointed to a new post at Rutgers as Associate Vice President for Information Services. Martha Griffin is now records manager/archives librarian at Georgia Institute of Technology Library, Atlanta. Inger Hoby has been appointed Library Conservator at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware; in addition, she will be overseeing the construction and equipping of a new book and paper conservation lab; Ms. Hoby held previous positions at the Royal Library in Copenhagen, Denmark, the Garrison Library in Copenhagen, and the University of Copenhagen's Geographical Institute. Thomas Kemp is the new librarian at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. John LeDoux recently began serving as university archivist for Marquette University Libraries, Milwaukee, Wis. Howard P. Lowell has taken a position as Delaware State Archivist; he was formerly Administrator of the Oklahoma Resources Branch of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Jeffrey Marshall has been named university archivist and curator of manuscripts at the University of Vermont, Burlington. Alexandra Mason, Spencer Librarian at the University of Kansas, long-time member of RBMS, and 1981-82 chair, is recipient of the first Chancellor's Award for distinguished Librarianship from the University. Cinda May has been appointed rare books catalog librarian at Washington University, St. Louis. Barbara Mitchell is now periodicals and special collections librarian at the Harvard College Library. Janis Mohlenrich recently became preservation librarian and head of collection management for Marquette University Library's Technical Services Division, Milwaukee, Wis. Paul Needham has left the Pierpont Morgan Library after 18 years to join Sotheby's (New York) as Director of its Book and Manuscripts Department. Carole Prietto has been appointed university archivist at Washington University, St. Louis. Robert E. Parks is now the Robert H. Taylor Curator of Autograph Manuscripts at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City; he had previously been at the Vassar College Library, where he had been music cataloger and then senior acquisitions librarian and had served as Assistant to the President. As an ALA Library/Book Fellow for 1989-1990, Henry F. Raine, senior cataloger at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., will plan and implement retrospective conversion of the Alexander Turnbull Collection

of pre-1801 imprints (approximately 9,500 titles) for the National Library of New Zealand, Wellington. **Michael Readinger** has been appointed cataloging librarian for the Department of Special Collections O'Hegarty Grant Project, University of Kansas, Lawrence. **Daniel J. Rettberg** has been appointed rare materials catalog librarian at Duke University, Durham, NC. **Karen Robinson** has been appointed to the communication and special collections at CBN University, Virginia Beach, Virginia. **Clare Helen Slaughter** joined the Nipps/Slaughter household on January 8, 1990 and is now part of the Library Company's extended family. **Sharon Snow** is now curator of rare books and manuscripts at Wake Forest University library, Winston-Salem, N.C. **Mary L. Steinberg** is now special collections/rare books cataloger in the Bibliographic Services Department of Temple University library, Philadelphia, Pa. **Patrick Stevens** has been appointed special collections cataloger at Northwestern University, Evanston, ILL. **Michael Terry** has been named director of the Asher Library at Spertus College of Judaica, Chicago. **Rita Warnock** is the new curator of broadsides at the Brown University Library, Providence, Rhode Island. As an ALA Library/Book Fellow for 1989-1990, **Dorothy C. Woodson**, social sciences subject specialist at the State University of New York at Buffalo, will work with the special collections department at the University of Swaziland Library to identify and collect materials on Swaziland held in U.S. libraries. **Robert Young** is now special collections cataloger and bibliographer at the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology Library.

Getting involved

Both RBMS and ACRL encourage individuals who are interested to get involved actively in committees. ACRL regularly publishes a call for volunteers (most recently in the October 1989 *C&RL News*) which includes a list of all committees, editorial boards, people to contact, and a Committee Volunteer Form. Moreover, ACRL publishes a pamphlet of useful suggestions and addresses, "How to Participate in ACRL," which is available from the ACRL Office (The Association of College and Research Libraries, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795).

In addition, committee interns can be a useful mechanism for involving new (and long-standing!) members in Section activities as well as developing members expertise for complex committee work. RBMS, in accordance with ALA regulations, is encouraging the appointment of one or two interns for each of its committees. As mentioned elsewhere in the *Newsletter*, please approach committee chairs if you are interested in getting involved. The availability of these intern openings will be announced in future issues of the *Newsletter*.

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