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ALANET BEGINS OPERATION; SYSTEM DEMONSTRATIONS AT ALA MIDWINTER

ALANET is now online. The new ALA electronic mail and information service has begun operation, linking subscribers via computer to ALA's Chicago and Washington, D.C. offices, and to libraries, library suppliers, library associations and other subscribers across the United States and Canada.

Subscribers now can receive information from most ALA-related files, including the 1984 Preconference Meeting schedule and the ALA News Bulletin.

ALA headquarters librarian Joel Lee, who serves as ALANET system manager, reports that interest in ALANET is growing among libraries, associations and library suppliers. Early subscribers now using the system include Quality Books, Turner Subscriptions, the Illinois Library Association, the New Jersey State Library, the University of Washington Libraries and the Hutchinson (Kansas) Public Library. Among ALA units using the system are ALA Publishing Services, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the ALA Executive Board and the Public Information Office.

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Various ALANET features will be demonstrated at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C. The system includes electronic mail, ALA information like the Washington Newsline and the Intellectual Freedom Alert, and access to external databases such as UPI and the Official Airlines Guide. ALANET may be viewed at the ALA Publishing exhibit at the following times:

Saturday, January 7	5 - 7 pm
Sunday, January 8	11 am - 1 pm
Monday, January 9	1 - 5 pm
Tuesday, January 10	1 - 5 pm

More information on ALANET is available from the ALA Headquarters Library, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, 312/944-6780.