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Roll up your shirt sleeves and put on your walking shoes, the Buildings and Equipment Section of the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) of the American Library Association, has prepared a unique preconference library buildings institute: "BEHIND THE SCENES: Programming for Non-Public Spaces and Activities," designed to give participants a first-hand look at the seven topics discussed in the program, Wednesday through Friday, June 20-22, at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, University of Texas, Austin, prior to the ALA 1979 Annual Conference in Dallas.

Departing from previous LAMA institutes, this year's program combines extensive tutorials on seven basic subjects that will be reinforced by tours of libraries on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin and the new Central Library and branches of the Austin Public Library. There will be nearly a dozen new or recently constructed libraries on the tour including the new 500,000 square foot Perry Castaneda Library, the highly specialized Barker Texas Historical Center Archives, and the LBJ Presidential Library.

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Tutorial topics will focus on the programming and planning of: Flexible Work Space; Space for Automation; Space for Special Materials and for Exhibit Preparation and Display; Building and Collection Safety and Security; Materials Handling Methods for Library Use; Space for Library Support Functions; and Space for Operational Support Functions.

Tutorials will feature national library leaders and speakers from other appropriate fields, with time available for discussion. Preconference participants will create their own schedules by combining tutorials with special interest tours and self-guided visits to the different libraries. For this reason, those planning to attend will be asked to indicate their priorities among the various topics since no one person will be able to attend all of the tutorials. However, because several sessions will be held concurrently, some will be repeated to permit greater attendance.

The preconference is being directed by Raymond H. Holt, Library Consultant, Del Mar, California; and Nancy McAdams, Assistant Director of General Libraries, Facilities and Planning, University of Texas at Austin.

Registration, which includes tutorials, bus transportation for tours of Austin Public Library, a Texas-style barbecue to conclude the preconference on Friday evening is \$70 for LAMA members, \$85 for ALA members and \$100 for non-members of ALA. Lodging will be available at nearby motels and in one of the campus dormitories.

For registration or more information contact: Donald P. Hammer, Executive Secretary, LAMA/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 944-6780. May 28 is the closing date for registration.