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Field test sites have been chosen for Phase II of PLA's "Process of Standards Development for Community Library Service" project, a USOE funded effort to develop and field test a process which public library managers can use to plan and evaluate library service.

From September, 1978 through June, 1979 a set of planning process manuals developed by Gene Palmour and his associates at King Research, Inc. will be field tested by the public library in Louisville, Kentucky and by the Illinois Valley Library System (Peoria).

Library staff in Louisville will be assisted by Palmour and his associates and by Dr. William Summers, Dean of the College of Librarianship at the University of South Carolina. Staff at Illinois Valley Library System will have minimal assistance from project staff and will test the suitability of the manual to a public library/library system working without consultants.

Experience in the field test libraries will lead to revisions in the manuals which will be published by ALA in the spring of 1980. The project is being coordinated by Mary Jo Lynch, Director of ALA's Office for Research.