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The Library Education Division's (LED) programs for the ALA annual conference in Detroit, June 17 - 23, include the following:

"Testing or Training"--a panel will consider the pros and cons of using examinations in lieu of formal education as a means of qualifying for professional appointment in libraries. The issue should be of interest to people in all kinds of libraries and at many different levels of responsibility, since it could effect equal employment opportunity, professional status, quality of service and the job market.

Speakers are: Harold D. Martelle, Jr. (Sacramento City-County Library, California); Jane Flener (University of Michigan Libraries) and Jonathan Smilansky (University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago). The panel discussion will be followed by discussion from the floor. (Monday, June 20, 10 - noon).

"Cost Considerations in Continuing Education and Staff Development"--sponsored by the LED Continuing Education Committee, speakers at this program will consider the obvious as well as the hidden costs to institutions and staff of offering educational activities.

Speakers are: Richard M. Dougherty (University of California, Berkeley); Pat Emerson (U.S. Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Training); Julie Blume (Medical Library Association); Jim Nelson (University of Kentucky). Attendance

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is limited to 100. Register prior to conference by writing J. Nelson, College of Library Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506. (Tuesday, June 21, 2 - 6 p.m.)

"Training Programs and Classification Plans for Library Supportive Staff"-- sponsored by the LED Training of Library Supportive Staff Committee, speakers will present pro and con views on rigid classification plans and structured, recognized two and four year programs for training of library supportive staff.

Speakers will be Stefan B. Moses (California Library Association); W. Bernard Lukenbill (University of Texas - Austin School of Library Science); Glen A. Zimmerman (Library of Congress); Joe Kimbrough (Minneapolis Public Library); and Bernard Schlessinger (University of South Carolina College of Librarianship), moderator. (Monday, June 20, 2 - 6 p.m.)

"Education of Librarians for Serials Management Positions"--the RTSD/LED Committee on Education for Resources and Technical Services will hold a hearing on this subject. The hearing is a follow-up to discussions held at the Chicago conference. The goal is to reach a consensus on education requirements for a professional serials librarian which could then be used as guidelines in the development of courses and continuing education programs. Nancy Williamson (University of Toronto Faculty of Library Science) is chairperson of the committee.