

1980 MIDWINTER MEETING
Office for Library Service to the Disadvantaged
Subcommittee on Library Service to American Indian People

The Subcommittee held the following meetings at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, IL:

Saturday, January 19, 1980 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 20, 1980 - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, January 21, 1980 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Virginia Mathews, Chair, Mary Huffer, Velma S. Salabiye.

ABSENT: James May, Mary Alice Reszetar, Cheryl Metoyer-Duran, Lotsee Smith, Sally Roggia, Eileen Shimizu, Mary Nieball, Edith Hart.

GUESTS: Bessie Moore, Helen Crouch, Tamieye Trejo, Patricia Taren.

Three Midwinter Meetings were scheduled in order to facilitate the organization of the American Indian Libraries Association. However, only Velma Salabiye attended in order to present a draft of the constitution and bylaws for the American Indian Libraries Association.

Although three meetings were held, no formal minutes were taken.

Ms. Mathews reviewed the major activities of the group during 1979. The primary accomplishment was the adoption of the National Indian Omnibus Library Bill.

Other topics discussed:

1. Site visits made to Denver, Colorado, and Flagstaff, Arizona, by committee members. Ms. Mathews reviewed rationale for the project and the growing interest of some public library administrators in developing programs to serve American Indians in their communities.
2. Virginia Mathews' invitation to appear before the ALA Legislation Committee with an implementation time table and projected cost figures related to the National Indian Omnibus Library Bill.
3. Review and revision of draft of the American Indian Libraries Association.
4. Virginia Mathews read letters from:
 - o Gary Tom
 - o Ralph Staiger - IRA
 - o Elaine Roanhorse Benally
5. Visitors from the Chicago Public Library and the Los Angeles County Library System briefly described their respective Native American programs and discussed the difficulty in recruiting American Indian librarians for their programs.