

TOPIC

AMERICAN INDIAN LIBRARY SERVICE IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

MEETING

JANUARY 17, 1977

*leg. for funding
book collection*

1. Introduction:

Dr. David Beaulieu, University of Illinois-Circle Campus;
Edward Miller, Chicago Public Library; Zina Reeves, Little
Big Horn High School; Louis Delgado, O-Wai-Ya-Wa School;
Mathew Pilcher and Alice Yellowback, Native American
Committee, Inc.; Frances Jennings and Mrs. Mary Wyly,
The Newberry Library; Sister Laretta McCusker, Rosary
College; Mrs. Faith Smith, Native American Education
Service; Andrew Hansen, ALA/Public Library Association;
Jean E. Coleman, ALA/Library Service to the Disadvantaged.

2. Description of work of ILSTAC by Metoyer

3. David Beaulieu -

- a) Chicago Indian population: approximately 16,000;
40 different tribes.

Indian community in Cicero/Rockford

- b) Library needs - 1. NIEA background

- 2. Native American studies programs

Information needs: difficult to pinpoint

important to keep in touch/shifting needs

may stimulate or create needs

NASP - Dept. in college: minor in American Indian
studies

counseling services - personal - financial - academic

Available in public libraries - creditable for American Indians

- a) gathering
putting together/producing

- b) no material available for Indian studies
 - relation of tribes to federal government
 - rights of Native American citizens

- c) no material available for studying
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4. Salazar: problems in recruitment

- minority recruitment subcommittee
- revision of Indian Librarian: Why?
- medical library brochure
- attending NIEA: names and addresses sent to state libraries
- materials to counselors in BIA schools
- trips to Navajo Community College
- Ad space
- Denver Counseling Service
- written to Ethnic Studies directors in specific undergraduate schools
- librarians as career option not visible
- not great amount of money for graduates
- list of librarians - N.A. - voluntary identification
- individual counseling - Arizona/Tempe - Univ. of Arizona

Pilcher: evidence in Native American community in Chicago for reading/library material

Newberry Library only available source

History courses/Adult Education/Language classes

Metoyer: responses from State Library Agencies

Salazar: \$3,000 ALA scholarship career program

Faith: NACE - network of Antioch College

B.A. degrees

where are the materials

Zina: Material on high school level

people to write on high school level

History: past and contemporary

A-V materials

5. Jennings: History of Newberry Collection - Indian
grants for writing tribal histories - chairman's fellowships
summer Inst. grants - materials for instruction in
high school
bibliographies: negotiating placement on biblio.
on microfilms
tribal archives/libraries: program for training
tribal archivists - provision of "basic package"
of tribal collection needs based on holdings of
Newberry
need evidence to justify need for -
- tribal archives
- oral history
6. Miller: Chicago Public Library will do a survey of library service
needs:
- branches
- individuals
- groups/organizations
7. Sr. Laurretta (Rosary College):
paraprofessional training: junior colleges:
- DuPage
- Triton College
- Chicago State
- Wright Junior College
8. Job Possibilities:
CPL - coop.
Newberry
- | | <u>Training</u> |
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| | Title II-B
already teacher |
| | Aide |

9. Seven Nations: recruitment

library skills training: CPL may be able to assist

- a) Little Big Horn
- b) O-Wai-Ya-Wa
- c) American Indian Studies Program

need for Indian student to learn how to use library/develop skills

Delgado: need for central location

fiction/non-fiction

media

NACE: question for Jennings

History development in Indian communities - is it possible to tape -
seminar for academic fellows

Results:

1. list of names and addresses to be circulated
2. Proposal: for Indian needs - Metoyer to meet with Chicago Indians
3. Possibility to 2 jobs as paraprofessionals:
 - Chicago Public Library
 - Newberry Library
4. Possibility of training of paraprofessionals already working in Indian organizations using Indian Education Act Point B funds (administered in Chicago by Ms. Alice Yellowback from the Native American Committee.