

LSD: LIBRARY SERVICE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

Sunday, January 30, 1977	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Shoreham Hotel Parlor E-430
Wednesday, February 2, 1977	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Shoreham Hotel Parlor E-130

Agenda

1. Report by C. Metoyer
 - a) Newsletter
 - b) ILSTAC week with
 - a. States
 - b. Chicago
 - c. NIEA conference
2. Mathews & Townley
 - a) White House Conference
 - b) BIA - development of libraries
3. Other Business
 - a) Future projects from LSD Subcommittee
 - b) Finances needed for future projects

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LIBRARY SERVICE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

1977 MIDWINTER MEETING
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FIRST SESSION

The meeting of the LSD Advisory Committee Library Service to American Indian People Subcommittee was held from 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. in the Shoreham Americana Hotel on Sunday, January 30, 1977.

Dr. Cheryl A. Metoyer gave her report on the Newsletter American Indian Libraries. It is very successful and the new issue will be out in the spring. The purpose is very acceptable by both ALA and NIEA. ALA is very satisfied with the attributions of the Newsletter and NIEA is receiving much information and feedback concerning the Newsletter. The Newsletter is being sent to people on the list for BIA, NIEA, and others.

It was suggested that the newsletter include not only what we are good at, but also innovations, and new things done with Indian Libraries.

The feedback received from the people were two. They are as follows:

1. Many people are asking to be on the mailing list.
2. Those who received a newsletter are asking for more so they can distribute to others. Many are asking for more and were turned down due to the limited number of the newsletter printed. 3,000 were printed and 2,500 will be sent out.

Charles Townley suggested having a picture of a male. Virginia Matthews suggested having a picture of Bill Demmert with his article. He is the Director of BIA Education Programs.

Question was asked whether the newsletter was distributed at NIEA. No, due to the fact that it was not ready yet.

Virginia Matthews suggested that the title should be bigger and bolder so that it would fill out the space on top of the newsletter. It can be rearranged and will do whatever possible.

Another suggestion was that letters from readers be put into the newsletter.

ALA has not asked for the report. Money will be budgeted for it next year. All ALA members are to receive one.

Make an effort to get in touch with Cheryl Metoyer when something new happens.

Cheryl Metoyer did the article on Indian Libraries for the American Library Association's Yearbook.

Cheryl Metoyer continued by giving her report on ILSTAC which is a program which assists in developing and implementing the state plans. The states with which she is working with are North Carolina, New Mexico, Washington, Minnesota, plus others.

North Carolina's plan is developed and is being typed. Will go to the Governor of the state for signature. This increases the chance for funding from the state.

New Mexico is getting their state plan together. They are exploring where Indian communities fit into the plan.

Washington is in the negotiating process.

Minnesota is developing an awareness of library service in the state. They go out on sites and talk about libraries and library service.

Other states are assisted as much as possible although they are not budgeted. Other state libraries are becoming interested.

When the project ends in June, North Carolina will have a document to show. New Mexico may have a state plan although it is doubtful for Washington and Minnesota since it takes a year to develop one.

The meeting in Chicago, Illinois consisted of people from ALA, Newbery Libraries and Chicago Public Library. The main focus was the needs of Indian communities in Chicago. There were many people at the meeting. The first meeting is to get everything out on the table. The meeting is to decide on what priorities is wanted and are important. The priorities are materials, access, agencies of funding sources, and proposal writing.

There were positive responses to the meeting. First is the response to Title IV and the interpretation of the paraprofessional training in library work. Both Chicago Public Library and Newbery made offers. First to paraprofessionals and then to others.

The people attending the meeting wanted to stay in contact to find solutions to problems and also in terms of recruitment of Indians and promoting the profession.

The National Indian Education Association was held from September 25 to September 27, 1976. Project ILSTAC had workshops at the conference on the development of Library Services to Indian communities. Some communities expressed needing more technical assistance for example, New Mexico. The next National Indian Education Association conference will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota in November, 1977. Presently, it is in the process of being set up.

A discussion on the filmstrips was held. The list of people who have the filmstrips loaned by NIEA cannot be located. The filmstrips could be reproduced but needs to be up-dated. All the slides from

which the filmstrips were produced were sent back to the funding source. Virginia Matthews does have the master copies. But it would be better to take the script and make a whole new slide show. The original cost was approximately \$800-\$1,000 for the master and fifty copies. The committee was in favor of developing a new filmstrip with updating. The possibilities will be looked into on development of new filmstrip.

The BIA Development Plan was discussed by Mary Hoffer and Charles Townley. BIA showed an interest about seven years ago. The BIA was asked to respond to the charges made at the hearings on Services to Indian people. The need to do something about the services was expressed. Now, a planning team is bringing together all the information during the past two years and presenting it to the commissioner. The budget is set up and Charles Townley was asked to be the coordinator. The Department of Interior's charge is to develop long range plan for the improvement of BIA library/media information programs serving American Indians and other Native peoples through schools and other community agencies. BIA is interested in libraries and information programs and those aspects of media. The charge is very broad including schools and also communities where BIA has mandate to serve.

It does not include areas that BIA does not serve. The development of libraries will go by the definition of BIA of on or near in definition of Indian communities. It eliminates New York, Ann Arbor, etc.

The Planning Committee will have an open planning process. It will ask for comments on the planning process so will not present an unacceptable plan. The committee will try to receive input from all.

NCLIC (National Commission on Library and Information Service) has been involved in dates and money for the White House Conference. Nothing has been appropriated for the White House Conference. The National Conference would like states to participate. Memos are sent to governors and planning people asking for participation.

The new appointments to the LSD Library Service for American Indians begin in September and continue for two years.

A. P. Marshall's interest is in higher education, therefore, he is speaking on behalf of Indian students and people. He sees prospects for guidance in two areas:

1. Provision of information on materials requested. Expose to Indian students on what things are happening in libraries plus recruiting Native Americans into the profession.
2. Libraries do not know what kinds of Indian materials to acquire. This might interest other organizations and

people. For example, the blacks have a list of Black material, evaluate them, and publish them. It was suggested that Project Media is performing this job. Project Media has evaluated 3500 from Native American viewpoint. It was also suggested that RASD has a bibliography.

As far as recruitment of minorities, it is useful to expose Indian under-graduates and guidance people to professional Indian library work. A way to expose them would be to send the Newsletter to them, particularly to sizeable members of Indian people.

Cheryl Metoyer suggested that American Indians who are close to the library recruit to both ALA accredited and non-ALA accredited.

The report of LSD-Subcommittee on American Indians should be distributed through ERIC. Also, send copies to members of committee.

Project Media has sets of evaluated materials.

A charge to the committee was suggested to develop user aids for Indian people aimed at Indian students.

Also suggested was the buddy system. The system would include matching a library person to work with students.

A remainder of the next meeting was made which is a Wednesday, February 2, 1977 from 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. at the Shoreham Hotel Parlor E-130.

Meeting was adjourned.

L.S.D. LIBRARY SERVICE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

The second meeting of the LSD Library Service for American Indians was held on Wednesday, February 2, 1977 from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. in the Shoreham Hotel.

Introduction was made of everyone attending the meeting.

Summation of the earlier meeting was made. This meeting's purpose is to have a free-wheeling discussion of projects suggested at the close of the last meeting.

An abbreviated report of the newsletter, BIA Library Development, at the last meeting was made.

A. P. Marshall continued on his challenge to the committee about what it could be doing in a college community, as well as other projects.

There are many colleges which have organizations of Indian students. There is very little help and direction given to them. This also applies to recruitments of Native Americans.

Folders could be sent out. The first one for recruitment purposes and another to guidance people and counselors.

Dr. Cheryl Metoyer again mentioned the importance of person to person contact. For instance, a person of the same ethnic group seeking out the person and give him/her encouragement.

Question was asked if a group of higher education counselors meet in an organized body? University of Minnesota has a Native American Studies Department. There are counselors for low income persons, not entirely minority students. The counselors have direct contact with students. A report of group of counselors who assist Indian students should be reported on in June ALA summer meeting by Mary Alice Tsosie.

Discussion was held on how to make the library profession more visible. This includes scholarships and placement. Suggestion was made on designating some money through Title IV for library scholarship. Another suggestion is to see about opportunities for outreach services, not the traditional kind and later projecting that to others.

Discussion then went to the updating of the Guide to Funding Sources for American Indian Library and Information Services. There were two divisions of people that the document should serve.

1. Students seeking funds
2. Librarians seeking funds.

It was suggested maybe that the document could be divided into parts and give the part to the people who want that certain portion.

Discussion was held on the inclusion of foundations. It was suggested to list only those foundations that are specifically interested.

Another suggestion was to write to library schools and request a teaching assistantship or a fellowship to be designated. Cheryl Metoyer will explore whether the schools now have assistantships or fellowships. If not, are they willing to make a commitment to give assistantships, fellowships, etc.

There are three things that need to be done.

1. Send libraries the newsletter
2. Find out about federal grants
3. Identify the schools

Question was asked where a directory of office of Native American Ethnic Studies program could be found. It was suggested that the U. S. Office of Education National Center for Higher Education Management Systems Statistics would have the information on Native American Studies program.

Decision was made to divide the document, Guide to Funding Sources for American Indian Library and Information Services into two parts:

1. Individual needs
2. Organizational needs.

It would also be two separate booklets for the following reasons:

1. less cumbersome
2. less waste
3. less postage
4. can send both booklets if requested.

Meeting was adjourned. See you all in June.