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**Hearing slated for Draft National Interlibrary Loan Code**

The Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Committee will host a hearing on Saturday, June 26, 1993, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Draft National Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States 199x, a revision of the 1980 National Code.

The hearing, being held in conjunction with the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans, will be held during the regular meeting of the RASD MOPSS Interlibrary Loan Committee.

Interlibrary Loan has changed since the National Interlibrary Loan Code was last revised. Such changes as the explosion in use of machine readable bibliographic databases, increases in costs of journal subscriptions, the speed with which books cycle out-of-print and the wide use of telefacsimile have made interlibrary loan an integral part of collection development in libraries.

According to RASD President James Rettig, "An efficient, well-regulated national interlibrary loan system is an essential component of the national information infrastructure."

An ILL subcommittee, representing all types of libraries, began its review in 1991. Members are: Shirley Baker, Washington University Libraries;

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Eva Calcagno, Washington County Library Cooperative, Oregon; Mary Jackson, University of Pennsylvania Library; Monica Ortale, South Texas College of Law Library; Mary Hardin, Oklahoma State Library; Tom Kilpatrick, Southern Illinois University; Kathryn Ryan-Zeugner, University of Notre Dame, and Mary Williamson, Wisconsin Interlibrary Services.

In the fall of 1992, a first draft of the Code was distributed for input and comment. It was sent to the American Association of Law Libraries, Association of Research Libraries, BLDSC/ILFA, Canadian Library Association, Medical Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Library of Congress, OCLC, RLG, WLN, all state library associations, all state library agencies, all 18 regional library networks, all units of the American Library Association and hundreds of individuals. The current draft was developed using the comments, suggestions and input received.

All interested parties are invited to submit comment this spring or at the hearing.

The Draft Code will be published in the January/March 1993 issue of RASD Update. It is also available from the RASD Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, and on Internet via FTP (contact Mary Williamson below).

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