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LAMA plans programs on building design, healthy air

The Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) has planned a number of programs dealing with library design, construction and the "sick building" syndrome in conjunction with the 1993 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Environmental pollution is the focus of "Healthy Air: Preventing Sick Building Syndrome in Libraries," to be presented by the LAMA Buildings and Equipment Section (BES) Equipment Committee on Saturday, June 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. Richard Silberman of Healthy Buildings International will discuss the latest data linking modern sealed buildings with "sick building syndrome." Special emphasis will be given to the unique issues pertaining to libraries -- preservation of materials as well as people. A case study on employee concerns and management response will be discussed by Wendell A. Barbour of Christopher Newport University.

"The Denver Experience: Building(s) for the Future" will explore how the Denver Public Library is building a 21st-century urban library system from the ground up on Sunday, June 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. Rick Ashton, Denver city librarian, and Michael Graves, architect of the new Denver Central Library, will be among the speakers who will describe the political strategy, the

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international design competition, new and renovated branch libraries and future plans for operation. The program is sponsored by the LAMA BES Architecture for Public Libraries Committee and the Denver Public Library.

The LAMA BES Buildings for College and University Libraries Committee will present "Planning Academic Library Building Additions: A Seamless Approach" on Monday, June 28, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The program will address the issues associated with expanding an existing academic library building with particular focus on the challenges of existing buildings with strong architectural personalities. Participants will learn how to achieve the object of a successful renovation.

"Redesigning School Library Media Centers: Creating Space for Changing Curriculums" will be presented on Saturday, June 26, from 9 to 11 a.m., by the LAMA BES School Library/Media Facilities Committee. Experts will discuss the impact of the new literature-based curriculum on school library media facilities and will recommend design solutions to these challenges. Strategies for working with school staff and architects and a case study of a successful design project will be featured.

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