Project 21 Committee seeks innovative information services projects

The American Library Association (ALA) Project 21 Committee is seeking to identify librarians and others who are providing innovative information services. The deadline for submission is March 1.

Selected projects will be showcased in special "Project Century 21" exhibitions at the 1993 and 1994 ALA Annual Conferences. Highlighted information services may also be included in a Project 21 video which is under design.

The committee hopes to publicize libraries and other information agencies who are providing services illustrative of the types that might become the mainstream of library practice in the first decade of the 21st century.

Criteria to be considered in selecting organizations to be highlighted are: innovative services based on technology that have either captured a broad base of information and/or are valuable to a broad base of users; a currently functioning service that has been in operation for at least six months; an information activity that is understood or evaluated from the standpoint of users, and services that allow for user feedback and/or other measurement/evaluation information.

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Organizations chosen to be highlighted at the 1993 Annual Conference in New Orleans must make a commitment to have representatives available for one day to provide demonstrations and answer questions in the exhibit area.

To submit a proposal, send a brief description of the project and name of the contact person to: Jane Robbins, Chair, Project 21 Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Library and Information Studies, Madison, WI 53706. Telephone: 608-263-2908, fax: 608-263-4849 or e mail: Bitnet, RobbinsJ@MACC.WISC.EDU.

The Project Century 21 Committee was established by ALA President Marilyn Miller to examine society's need for information and the human resources that will be essential to deliver services through libraries and information agencies in the future.

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