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Four Committee Lists (House Appropriations, Senate Appropriations,  
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### Appropriations, FY 1979

On March 16, the director of the ALA Washington Office, Eileen Cooke, testified before the Senate Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee in support of FY 1979 funding for library programs. Of particular concern this year are the college library and training programs which were zero budgeted by the administration, and the Library Services and Construction Act. The amount budgeted for LSCA Title I is not enough to implement the new urban library provision enacted by Congress last fall (PL 95-123) which requires funding of over \$60 million. Once again no funds were recommended for LSCA Title II, public library construction, last funded in FY 1973.

The ALA recommendations for the major library programs are shown below, compared with last year's appropriation and the Carter budget figures:

	FY 1978 <u>Appropriation</u>	FY 1979 <u>Budget</u>	FY 1979 ALA <u>Appropriation Request</u>
LSCA I, Public Lib. Services	\$ 56,900,000	\$ 56,900,000	\$140,000,000
II, Construction	-0-	-0-	97,000,000
III, Interlibrary Coop.	3,337,000	3,337,000	20,000,000
ESEA IV-B, School Libraries	167,600,000*	167,600,000*	197,500,000*
HEA II-A, College Libraries	9,975,000	-0-	21,000,000
II-B, Training	2,000,000	-0-	6,000,000
II-B, Demonstrations	1,000,000	-0-	3,000,000
II-C, Research Libraries	5,000,000	5,000,000	15,000,000
VI-A, Undergrad. Equip.	7,500,000	-0-	15,000,000
Medical Lib. Assistance Act	7,987,000	7,987,000	15,000,000
National Commission on Libraries & Information Science	563,000	683,000	683,000

\*Advance funded program

During the January ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, Council approved a resolution on President Carter's FY 1979 budget directing ALA to convey to the President and to Congress the importance of restoring and increasing funds for library programs to ensure high quality library and information services for all citizens (see attachment). The ALA Washington Office needs your help in doing this. See the ACTION NEEDED item on p. 2.

Appropriations, FY 1978 Supplemental

ALA appropriations testimony also requested additional funding in a fiscal 1978 supplemental appropriations bill for the Library Services and Construction Act as follows:

<u>Library Services &amp; Construction Act</u>	<u>Authorized Level</u>	<u>FY 1978 Appropriation To Date</u>	<u>FY 1978 ALA Supplemental Request</u>
Title I, Public Library Services	\$110,000,000	\$56,900,000	\$53,100,000
II, Construction	such sums	-0-	97,000,000
III, Interlibrary Cooperation	15,000,000	3,337,000	11,663,000

A second supplemental appropriations bill for FY 1978 is now being developed by House and Senate Appropriations Committees. It will not automatically include LSCA funding. The library community must provide compelling reasons why the additional amounts are needed this year. The amounts requested for LSCA in the supplemental would bring that act up to full funding for FY 1978, thus activating the urban library provision of LSCA I and providing additional funds as well for libraries in suburbs, small towns and rural areas. Funding for LSCA II would help reduce the backlog of public library construction projects and help fund two new priorities added in the LSCA Amendments of 1977 (PL 95-123)--renovation to provide access for the handicapped, and remodeling to conserve energy.

ACTION NEEDED

Now is the time to write to your Representatives and Senators about the federal library program that most concerns you, urging that funding be restored and increased. It is important that Appropriations Committee members, and especially Labor-HEW Subcommittee members (see attached lists), hear from their library constituents in the next few weeks. Senate subcommittee hearings will be completed this month, in the House by mid-April. Both subcommittees will make their funding recommendations for FY 1979 to the full committees in late April. The second supplemental for FY 1978 is scheduled on about the same timetable. This is the most opportune time to influence the appropriations process--as the subcommittees deliberate. There will be no bill numbers for some time; simply refer to the FY 1979 Labor-HEW appropriations bill or the FY 1978 second supplemental. Send the ALA Washington Office copies of your letters. Make a special effort to see your legislators while they are at home during the Easter recess--March 24 to April 3.

ESEA Extension

After a period of relative quiet, there is a sudden flurry of education-related legislative activity. President Carter sent his message on elementary and secondary education (H. Doc. 95-296) to Congress on February 28, emphasizing improvement of basic skills and involvement of parents in the education of their children. In early March Carter's proposals were introduced in bill form by Rep. Carl Perkins (HR 11282) and Sen. Claiborne Pell (S. 2675).

Perkins' Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education is now in the process of marking up extension of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, using HR 15, a bill introduced by Perkins last year, as the vehicle for subcommittee amendments. In ESEA Title IV-B, school libraries and learning resources, a subcommittee amendment would move guidance, counseling and testing from IV-B to a new IV-D, leaving IV-B a combination of school library resources and instructional equipment. Exact language is not yet available. The administration's bill would remove guidance and counseling from IV-B, but calls for "acquisition of material for testing programs, particularly those to diagnose learning problems and to assess achievement in basic skills." It would also add "acquisition of instructional materials for use in the home in order to encourage greater parental participation in the education of their children." These provisions were not adopted by the subcommittee.

The House subcommittee hopes to complete the markup process and make its recommendations to the full committee before the Easter recess. In the Senate, Pell's Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and the Humanities expects to take up ESEA extension after Easter. On March 15 Sen. Jacob Javits (R-NY) introduced a bill (S. 2748) which would move the guidance, counseling and testing part of ESEA IV-B to a new Part E of Title IV. (Another Javits bill, S. 2749, would move the program for gifted and talented children to a new ESEA IV-D.) Full details on the Javits bills are not yet available.

House and Senate subcommittee members working on ESEA extension are identified on the lists of the House Education and Labor Committee and the Senate Human Resources Committee attached to this issue for future reference.

#### Depository Libraries

On March 6 the Senate passed the bill (HR 8358) allowing libraries of accredited law schools to become depository libraries. The Senate version differs slightly from the bill passed by the House last October. Libraries accredited by the highest appellate court of the state in which the law school is located would be eligible under the Senate bill, in addition to law schools accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association approved by the Commissioner of Education for that purpose, as provided by the House bill. Libraries would be required to comply with all requirements of the depository laws in both versions. The Senate measure includes an effective date of October 1, 1978; the House bill does not specify a date. The House must now either approve the Senate amendments or request a conference with the Senate to resolve the differences.

#### Age Discrimination

Legislation (HR 5383) amending the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 was passed by both House and Senate last year, but has been held up in a protracted House-Senate conference until March 14, when conferees issued their report (H. Rept. 95-950). The measure raises the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70 and extends protection against all forms of age discrimination prohibited by the Age Discrimination in Employment Act to older workers in the expanded age group.

The Senate version contained an exemption for tenured college and university faculty, allowing mandatory retirement at age 65 for faculty serving under unlimited tenure agreements. The House bill did not contain such a provision. The conference agreement allows the exemption temporarily. The exemption for tenured college and university faculty would be repealed on July 1, 1982. House and Senate must now vote on the conference agreement.

#### Arts and Humanities White House Conferences

The House passed on February 21 by a vote of 341-65 a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 649) authorizing the president to call a White House Conference on the Arts and a White House Conference on the Humanities, both to be held no later than December 31, 1979. The joint resolution was introduced by Rep. John Brademas (D-IN) whose Select Education Subcommittee held field hearings on the conferences a few months ago. Senate action on the measure is expected to follow shortly.

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\* Grants - NSF Science for Citizens Planning Studies \*

\* The Science for Citizens (SFC) program of the National Science Foundation  
\* is currently inviting the submission of proposals for planning studies  
\* addressed to the problem of providing scientific expertise to the public  
\* promptly and where it is most needed. Proposals may be submitted by any non-  
\* profit organization or group of organizations that is engaged in meeting the  
\* needs of citizens for information and other services related to their daily  
\* lives as consumers, workers, family members, and community residents. SFC is  
\* particularly interested in hearing from libraries.

\* The primary goal of the SFC program is to increase the knowledgeable  
\* participation of scientists and nonscientists in the resolution of public  
\* policy issues involving science and technology. This need can be met by the  
\* development of stable organizational structures and processes that will be  
\* responsive to citizen needs for timely, understandable, and objective  
\* scientific and technical information and expertise. The planning studies  
\* are intended to be a first step toward this goal. Proposals should have the  
\* following characteristics:

\* . They should increase the knowledgeable participation of citizens and  
\* scientists in discussions and actions aimed at the resolution of issues of  
\* public policy that involve science and technology. They must reach out to  
\* all citizens, especially those lacking access to scientific and technical  
\* information.

\* . They must have adequate access to scientific and technical information  
\* and expertise at an appropriate level, and be prepared to show citizens how  
\* such information can be of use to them.

\* . They must be able to respond to the changing needs of the communities  
\* they serve and involve the community in the planning and execution of ac-  
\* tivities.

\* . They must provide balanced and objective explorations of the issues  
\* with which they deal.

\* The SFC program expects to make up to 15 awards, averaging \$25,000, for  
\* these planning studies. The deadline for submission of informal preliminary  
\* proposals is April 24. The deadline for formal proposals, which must have  
\* been preceded by a preliminary proposal, is June 15. Requests for further  
\* information, and for copies of NSF publication SE 78-64, describing the  
\* activity in greater detail, should be directed to Science for Citizens,  
\* Office of Science and Society, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.  
\* 20550 (202/282-7770).

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RESOLUTION ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S FY 1979 BUDGET

- WHEREAS, one of the nation's most important resources is its libraries; and
- WHEREAS, the strength of this resource lies in a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding of public, academic, and school libraries; and
- WHEREAS, the President's proposed FY 1979 budget reflects a reduction in funding for United States libraries and related programs; and
- WHEREAS, this budget does not include funds for library training and demonstration programs that are needed to increase the numbers of minority librarians, and to provide trained personnel to serve the handicapped, illiterate, elderly, bilingual, and institutionalized, and to demonstrate library uses of new technology; and
- WHEREAS, this budget does not include funds for college library programs, although college libraries are faced with spiraling costs, tightened institutional budgets, and changing curricular demands; and
- WHEREAS, only level funding is recommended for school libraries and learning resources, although many schools have an urgent need for up-to-date instructional materials to improve the basic skills and abilities of their students; and
- WHEREAS, although funding for public libraries is budgeted at the same level as the previous few years, many library users are still without convenient access to public libraries, and libraries are unable to meet the increased informational demands of the unemployed, the disadvantaged, and adult learners; and
- WHEREAS, Congress recently added a new urban library provision to the Library Services and Construction Act, the need for which has been recognized by the National League of Cities, but not provided for in the FY 1979 budget; and
- WHEREAS, the above named services are vital services which cannot be totally funded by state and local governmental entities and institutions;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association convey to the President and to the Congress the importance of restoring and increasing funds for library programs to ensure high quality library and information services for all citizens.

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