

# Women In Libraries

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TASK FORCE

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## FTF AT ALA

The Feminist Task Force will hold two programs and two business meetings at the ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia July 10-15, beginning with "Women in ALA: A Coalition-Building Program" Saturday, July 11 from 2 to 4 pm. Representatives from six women's groups within ALA will speak: Sharon Rogers, Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship; Kay Cassell, ERA Task Force; Diane Davenport, FTF; Bessie Hahn, LAMA Women Administrators Discussion Group; Gurley Turner, RASD Women's Materials and Women Library Users Discussion Group, and Linda Parker, Women's Data Base Group. Suzanne LeBarron will give a wrap up with brief information about special groups of interest to women, and wine and cheese will be served.

Joanna Featherstone will give a one-woman show of readings on the black experience, "Not Without Laughter," at the second FTF program Sunday, July 11 from 8 to 10 pm. FTF business meetings will be Monday, July 12 from 2 to 4 pm and Tuesday, July 13 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm; among the agenda items will be nominations for the FTF Steering Committee at the first business meeting and elections at the second.

## PROGRAMS OF NOTE

Noteworthy speakers will be heading programs given by other ALA women's groups. Among them:

JANE COVEY BROWN, Vice President and Director of Marketing for Goodmeasure, Inc., on "Women and Power(lessness)," Tuesday, July 13 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, dealing with why women have failed to achieve higher status in librarianship in terms of salaries and position levels, with a reactor panel of Maureen Pastine, Elizabeth F. Stroup, Linda M. Bretz, and Jane Robbins Carter. Sponsored by LAMA WADG and COSWL.

LINDA TARR-WHELAN, NEA lobbyist, on "The ERA: Where Do We Go From Here?" Sunday, July 11 from 2 to 4 pm, sponsored by ERA TF and COSWL.

ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, former chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, on "Just What Does a Librarian Do?" Saturday, July 10 from 2 to 4 pm, with a panel to discuss such issues as comparable worth and the proposed Federal Standards for librarians. Sponsored by Office for Library Personnel Resources Advisory Committee.

See page 2 for a list of meetings of interest to women at ALA.

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Sat. 7/10	9:30am - 12:30pm	Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship committee session	Holiday Inn Midtown Independence Rm B
	2 - 4pm	FTF program "Women in ALA: A Coalition-Building Program"	Warwick Grand Ballrm
	2 - 4pm	OLPR Advisory Committee program "Just What Does a Librarian Do?"	Phil. Centre Pa. Rm West
Sun. 7/11	2 - 4pm	ERA Task Force/COSWL program "The ERA: Where Do We Go From Here?"	Bellevue Stratford Clover Rm
	4:30 - 5:30pm	ERA Task Force	Bellevue Stratford Blue Rm
	4:30 - 5:30pm	LAMA Racism/Sexism Awareness Discussion Group	Hilton Franklin Rm
	8 - 10pm	FTF program - Joanna Featherstone in "Not Without Laughter"	Bellevue Stratford Clover Rm
Mon. 7/12	9:30 - 11am	RASD Women's Materials and Women Library Users Discussion Group	Civic Center Rm 214
	9:30am - 12:30pm	Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship committee session	Hilton Pa. Rm
	2 - 4pm	FTF business meeting	Holiday Inn Center City Raphael Peale Rm
Tues. 7/13	8 - 9am	Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship committee session	Phil. Centre Rm 540
	9:30am - 12:30pm	LAMA Women Administrators Discussion Group/COSWL program "Women and Power(lessness)"	Civic Center Rm 212
	11:30am -12:30pm	FTF business meeting	Civic Center Rm 230
	2 - 4pm	LAMA Racism/Sexism Awareness Discussion Group	Warwick Exec Rm B

MATERIALS DISPLAY

*Edmund Clifton Griffith*

FTF will have two tables to display materials of interest to women at the ALA conference. Materials should be sent to: FTF - SRRT, Table A2, ALA, United Expo Service Co., 1500 Tacony St., Philadelphia, PA 29137. Any group sending material also should send \$5, to help cover cartage fees, to Carole Leita, 2027 Parker St., Berkeley, CA 94704.

UPDATE

At its April 1982 meeting the ALA Publishing Committee voted to give a \$1000 grant to the RASD Women's Materials and Women Library Users Discussion Group to produce a bibliography and essay "The Legal Status of Women in the United States." Sue Searing, FTF Steering Committee member, wrote a letter on behalf of FTF supporting this project, which was proposed at the ALA Midwinter Conference.

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COUNCILOR TO CONSTITUENTS

Elizabeth Talbot, elected an ALA Councilor-at-Large last year (and endorsed by FTF), is asking colleagues and groups who supported her candidacy for feedback. She notes, "In my campaign flier, I said 'I strongly feel that the concerns of youth, intellectual freedom, women's issues in librarianship, and a commitment to political involvement all need an active voice on Council.' I retain a commitment to those issues, but certainly am receptive to your ideas and concerns."

Talbot welcomes contacts from constituents in person, by mail (home address 4008 Loma Vista Ave., Oakland, CA 94619), or by telephone (415)482-0717), and she includes a checklist of items intended to make her Council representation more meaningful to those she represents. Her suggestions include: being accessible at ALA membership meetings so individuals can discuss concerns with her; providing information on upcoming Council items at local, state, and county meetings so people unfamiliar with ALA can gain background information and ask questions; remaining in Council meeting area after sessions so observers can express their points of view; using questionnaires to seek advice on issues and summarize her positions, and using letters to library publications to indicate her willingness to talk to ALA members, with information about how she can be reached at conferences. She welcomes comments on these suggestions and is open to any others.

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FREE TIME IN PHILADELPHIA?

From Pat Case, Contemporary Culture Collection, Temple University Library, Philadelphia, PA 19122: "I am trying to organize volunteers and people for \$4 an hour who would take Women's History Library brochures around to relevant ALA meetings and programs. (The brochures describe HERSTORY (Women's Serials), the WOMEN AND LAW and WOMEN'S HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH microfilms.) If you or your students are attending such sessions or would be willing to leaflet others, please contact me as soon as possible." Case is available by telephone at (215)787-8667.

Or contact Laura X, Director, Women's History Research Center, 2325 Oak St., Berkeley, CA 94708, telephone(415)548-1770 until July 4. After July 6, Laura X may be reached in Philadelphia at(215)842-0342.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

"A NEW DAY: BEYOND ERA" will be celebrated nationally on July 1, 1982. whether or not the ERA is ratified. NEW (for New Era for Women) DAY is intended as "a national day of celebration and public awareness to begin the next phase of the challenge to achieve full equality," according to information from the National Women's Conference Center.

The one-hour event, scheduled for noon July 1, will take place on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on the steps of state capitols, and on the steps of county courthouses and city halls throughout the United States. This event is intended to show the commitment of a new national network - 35 national organizations are currently leading task forces - to the issues of the National Plan of Action developed for the International Decade for Women (1975-1985) at the 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston. Watch for local celebrations; contact Gene Boyer, National Women's Conference Center, P.O. Box 455, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, telephone (414) 887-1078.

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Registration will be open until June 27 for 9to5's Fourth Annual Summer School for Working Women at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., July 16-18, co-sponsored by 9to5, National Association of Working Women and the Working Women Education Fund. This summer school will focus on building the 9 to 5 movement, with panel discussions on the impact working women can have on corporate policies and electoral campaigns and issues workshops on such working women's concerns as affirmative action, pay equity, and the effects of technology on health and pay. The fee for the summer school is \$115. Contact 9to5, 145 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111, telephone (617) 451-9111.

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"In Support of Women's Lives," an abortion rights demonstration, is scheduled for July 17 in Cherry Hill, NJ, the site of the National Right-to-Life annual conference July 15-17. The suggested program for the abortion rights action includes an ecumenical service Friday night, July 16, a benefit concert, and a march from Philadelphia to Cherry Hill on Saturday, July 17, culminating in a rally in Cooper River Park, opposite the hotel site of the Right-to-Life meeting. Sponsoring organizations include the National Women's Health Network, Mid-Atlantic Regional NOW, National Abortion Rights Action League, Planned Parenthood, and the Reproductive Rights National Network. Contact July 1982 Committee, Box 3327, Roosevelt, NJ 08555 or the Philadelphia Reproductive Rights Organization, telephone (215) 735-8064.

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"Feminist Research in the Eighties," a conference "designed for women and men vitally interested in the direction of feminism in the new decade with an emphasis on emergent change and potential trends," will be held September 26-27, 1982 at Holmes Student Center, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Guest speakers will be Florence Howe, founder of the Feminist Press and the Clearinghouse of Women Studies and professor of humanities at the State University of New York at Old Westbury, and Catharine Stimpson, founding editor of Signs and professor of English at Rutgers University.

Fees for the conference are \$50 (\$30 for students) and include dinner Sunday, September 26 and lunch Monday, September 27, plus coffee breaks. Contact Judy Bischoff, Conference Coordinator, Department of Physical Education,

## FLA SUPPORTS ERA

There was near-unanimous approval of a resolution concluding that "the Florida Library Association strongly support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by the Florida Legislature by June 30, 1982" at the FLA Annual Conference in Kissimmee May 7, according to Phyllis Hudson, who presided at the FLA Women in Libraries Caucus which presented the resolution to the FLA membership.

Barbara Duke, Legislative Coordinator at the NOW Countdown Campaign Headquarters in Tallahassee, formerly with the Texas State Library, spoke at the Women in Libraries Caucus meeting. Caucus members decided to purchase a banner and participate in the Capitol March for ERA in Tallahassee on June 6. Kathleen Mayo was elected Caucus coordinator for 1982/83.

## "I'M NOT A WOMEN'S LIBBER, BUT..."

The Feminist Study Action Guide Project (FSAG) is looking for material to be included in an anthology of women's work which will be titled I'm Not A Women's Libber, But..., a book by and for women who don't ordinarily see themselves in feminist literature and for women who are turned off by rhetoric. The project seeks poetry, short stories, articles, essays, interviews, humor, cartoons, and artwork in the categories of economics, family, community, health, sexuality, violence, spirituality, and education.

Submissions must be received by September 1, 1982. For guidelines for contributions of original or reprinted work - "any favorite articles, poems, stories, cartoons, etc. that meant a lot to you" - contact Paula Ross, Editor, Box B, 1312 Addison St., Berkeley, CA 94702 or FSAG, telephone (415) 848-4850. Contributors will be notified by November 1, 1982 whether or not their material has been selected for publication.

## WOMEN AT WORK BROADCAST AWARDS

Submissions for the National Commission on Working Women 1982 Women at Work Broadcast Awards, sponsored by Avon Products, Inc., are due September 1, 1982. The awards program, now in its fourth year, recognizes broadcasters performing in the public interest through exceptional reporting and programming on the concerns of working women; promotes the development of news coverage and programs about working women, and encourages greater recognition of working women through an accurate portrayal of their lives.

Nominations may be made by producers, reporters, or station officials in the categories of spot news, news series, editorial, public affairs or documentary, entertainment, or portrait. Thirty-seven programs received awards last year at the ceremony hosted by NCWW Commissioner Linda Lavin of "Alice," and special awards were given to Marla Gibbs of "The Jeffersons," Linda Kelsey of "Lou Grant," and Jessics Savitch of NBC News. Contact National Commission on Working Women, 2000 P St. NW, Suite 508, Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (202) 872-1782, Sally Steenland, Broadcast Awards Director.

## LESBIAN COLLECTION

The West Coast Lesbian Collections, a community-based library and archives for women, includes diaries, journals, letters, personal papers, records of lesbian organizations and projects, and unpublished literary works and research papers, as well as books, magazines, tapes, records, and photographs. For information or for the WCLC newsletter, contact WCLC, Box 23753, Oakland, CA 94623,

WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE

The National Women's Education Fund is launching a major program to provide training in campaign techniques for women in 15 to 20 sites across the country in August and September - the most comprehensive effort ever undertaken to increase the numbers and influence of women in public life.

Two-day workshops, given by a special national corps of 25 to 35 trainers, will be held in the following areas: Baltimore, MD; Chicago, IL; Wilmington, DE; Des Moines, IA; Ann Arbor/Detroit, MI; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis, MN; Las Vegas, NV; New York, NY; Cleveland/Columbus/Cincinnati, OH; Oklahoma City, OK; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, OR; Phoenix, AZ; Seattle/Tacoma, WA; Houston/Dallas, TX; Denver, CO; and Atlanta, GA.

The first day of the workshop will cover fundraising and how to be effective in a campaign. The second day will cover individual and campaign communications, including videotaped presentation of participants' speeches and interviews, and mail, telephone, and canvassing contact. Each day will cost \$35. Persons signing up for the two-day workshop will receive a copy of the full Campaign Workbook, which normally costs \$25, in addition to the session materials each participant will receive.

The National Women's Education Fund, a national non-partisan training and information service for women and public leadership, seeks to teach women how to gain access to the public policy process, how to earn positions of influence within that process, and how to develop and use skills and resources necessary to lead effectively. Initial funding support for the fund is from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Charles H. Revson Foundation. Contact National Women's Education Fund, 1410 Q St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, telephone (202) 462-8606.

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NO LONGER FREEBIES

Two formerly-free periodicals are issuing subscription rates. IN THE RUNNING, published by SPRINT, a Project of Women's Equity Action League, now costs \$10 for four quarterly issues; however, SPRINT's toll-free hotline for questions of sports discrimination will continue to be free (800-424-5162). To encourage additional donations, to keep the hotline open and shore up Title IX, WEAL is offering a pair of white tube socks with the SPRINT logo in wine and a buff t-shirt with SPRINT logo in wine for extra tax-deductible contributions of \$10 and \$25 respectively. Contact IN THE RUNNING, Women's Equity Action League, 805 Fifteenth St. NW, Suite 822, Washington, D.C. 20005.

After more than 10 years of free distribution of ON CAMPUS WITH WOMEN, the Project on the Status and Education of Women must charge for the newsletter and other materials mailed with it, to keep up with inflation, increased postal rates, and an ever-expanding mailing list. Subscriptions to ON CAMPUS WITH WOMEN and occasional topical papers concerning women in academe will start with the Summer 1982 issue. Rates for individuals, Association of American Colleges member presidents, and women's programs are \$15 for one year and \$25 for two years; rates for institutions are \$25 for one year and \$45 for two years. Contact Project on the Status and Education of Women, Association of American Colleges, 1818 R St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009; make checks payable to AAC/PSEW.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Danky, James P. and Elliott Shore, eds. Alternative Materials in Libraries. Scarecrow Press. 1982. \$16.

Why alternative materials in libraries? Because they provide the best information, in both timeliness and content, on issues "at the cutting edge of social change." Why not alternative materials in libraries? Because they're difficult - to acquire, to access, to use. Alternative materials (those produced by non-standard, non-establishment groups or individuals, in Danky's definition) generally aren't available from major publishers or jobbers, don't fall neatly under standard subject headings, aren't included in standard indexes, and may come in less-manageable formats. So here's some help: Danky on how to get alternative materials, Sanford Berman on how to catalog them, Shore and Daniel Tsang on how to use them, all in essays reprinted here from the Alternative Acquisitions Project Handbook, 1979. Plus Don Roberts on alternative media, Patricia Case on alternative materials collections, and a handful of publishers on libraries, including Noel Peattie (SIPAPU) on claims and Celeste West (BOOKLEGGERS) with "The Library as Motherlode: A Feminist View," a short, zingy essay which cites FTF and Women Library Workers as major support groups and lists basic feminist sources. This is a book sprinkled with sources, with an excellent concluding 23-page list (WOMEN IN LIBRARIES included). An up-to-date guide to the world of alternative materials; an important book for librarians and libraries.

Hull, Gloria T., Patricia Bell Scott, and Barbara Smith, eds. But Some of Us Are Brave: Black Women's Studies. Feminist Press. 1982. \$14.95; paper, \$7.95.

"Because of white women's racism and Black men's sexism, there was no room in either area for a serious consideration of the lives of Black women," Hull and Smith note in their introduction to this landmark book. The development of black women's studies is an answer to doubly disenfranchised black women, a means to recognize, record, and analyze their life experience, and by extension to acknowledge and value those lives in themselves. This anthology provides both inspiration and example for black women's studies, from searing personal testimony (Michele Wallace on black feminism, Ellen Pence on white racism) to selected course syllabi. There are chapters on black women as slaves, black women's health, and black women in the church, higher education, and the arts, plus extensive bibliographies and resource lists. Not comprehensive - the editors regret gaps in science, history, and third world women's experience - but a strong statement and a rich resource.

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## SOURCES & RESOURCES

Two publications about the effect of state ERAs in 16 states have been produced by the ERA Impact Project, a joint undertaking of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Women's Law Project. "The ERA Impact Project Information Kit," about state ERA implementation, is free in single copies, and "The Legal Reference Guide to State ERAs," a comprehensive listing of legal resources on state ERAs, is \$4.50. From NOW LDEF, 132 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036.

WOMEN & PENSIONS, the new quarterly newsletter of the Women's Pension Project, is a good source for finding materials about, or following legislation on, pensions. A one-year subscription is \$6 and single copies \$2 each from Women's Pension Project, Pension Rights Center, 1346 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington. D.C. 20036.

ANTELOPE PUBLICATIONS, a new feminist publishing house in Denver, has a stated purpose "to publish current feminist political ideas and to disseminate them as quickly and as inexpensively as possible. We want to revive the art of political pamphleteering by printing edited versions of contemporary speeches, workshops, and lectures, which comment on and analyze the political and social lives of women from a feminist perspective." Publishers Jackie St. Joan and Sandy Pfaff are interested in receiving taped copies of speeches from conferences, seminars, and workshops, which they might consider for publication. Contact Antelope Publications, 1612 St. Paul St., Denver, CO 80206, telephone (303) 322-4400.

WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY: Where Were They? Where Are They? Where Are They Going? is a newsletter spawned by the Radcliffe College- National Endowment for the Humanities funded project of the same name. The second (April 1982) of what is intended to be a short run of newsletters has a wealth of information about programs for and about women from the 7 libraries throughout the country which won grants, as well as from other grant applicants which were not funded but still proceeded with program plans to bring women's studies information to the public. From NEH Public Library Program, The Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

A revised second edition of THE DIRECTORY OF FINANCIAL AIDS FOR WOMEN, by Gail A. Schlachter, contains more than 600 revised entries, including 200 new funding sources. The directory, a comprehensive and current guide to funding sources primarily or exclusively for women, lists scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, internships, awards, and prizes, with a profile of each program plus application details. \$26 from American Bibliographical Center - Clio Press, Riviera Campus, 2040 A.P.S., Box 4397, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - August 15, 1982

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES, newsletter of the American Library Association Social Responsibilities Round Table Feminist Task Force, is published 5 times a year from September to June. Subscriptions are \$4 for individuals, \$6 for institutions prepaid, and \$8 for institutions invoiced. Send checks, payable to WOMEN IN LIBRARIES, to Michele Leber, 4927 Gadsen Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.

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