



# Women in Libraries

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## Midwinter Meeting Schedule Chicago, January 1991

Major meetings of the following groups are among those listed below:

**AFAS:** ACRL Afro-American Studies Librarian Section  
**BC:** Black Caucus  
**COSWL:** Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship  
**EMIERT:** Ethnic Materials & Information Exchange Round Table  
**GLTF:** SRRT Gay/Lesbian Task Force  
**LAMA:** Library Administration & Management Association  
**SRRT:** Social Responsibilities Round Table  
**WSS:** ACRL Women's Studies Section

### January 12, 1991, Saturday

9:30-11:00a.m. SRRT Action Council  
Marriott Cnf Rm #12  
9:30-12:30p.m. COSWL Palmer Parlor A  
11:30-12:30p.m. Library Services for American Indian  
People Palmer Parlor B  
2:00-4:00p.m. Pay Equity Committee Hilton Cnf 5H  
2:00-4:00p.m. FEMINIST TASK FORCE Palmer Tbl 29  
2:00-5:30p.m. Gay/Lesbian Task Force Business  
Palmer Clark 5  
4:30-5:30p.m. WSS General Business Meeting  
Congress-Congressional

### January 13, 1991, Sunday

11:30-12:30p.m. FEMINIST TASK FORCE Hilton PDR 5  
2:00-5:30p.m. COSWL Palmer Parlor C  
8:00-10:00p.m. OLOS Library Services for American  
Indian People Palmer Parlor B  
8:00-10:00p.m. BC Palmer Adams Ballroom

### January 14, 1991, Monday

8:00-9:00a.m. EMIERT Children's Services  
Palmer Parlor G  
8:00-9:00a.m. EMIERT Membership Meeting  
9:00-11:00a.m. AFAS Membership Meeting  
Congress Alcove  
11:30-12:30p.m. LAMA Women Administrators  
Discussion Group Congress Carter  
2:00-4:30p.m. SRRT Action Council Palmer PDR 7  
2:00-5:30p.m. EMIERT Jewish Librarians  
Hilton Cnf 4H  
4:30-5:30 Candidate's Forum Hilton Grand Ballroom

### January 15, 1991, Tuesday

9:00-11:00a.m. FEMINIST TASK FORCE Palmer PDR 6

## Pre-Midwinter Notes

A number of things have been going on behind the scenes since annual, most having to do with FTF plans for Atlanta.

Three people in Atlanta volunteered to help out with local arrangements. Mary Beth Souza and Elizabeth Patterson, both at Emory University, are working on a resource guide focusing on areas library and archival resources pertaining to women, particularly women of color.

Celeste Tibbits, who works at the Atlanta/Fulton County Public Library, will help with Women's Night Out and with publicity when we finalize our plans for FTF members as conference mentors for women of color who are interested in librarianship.

Sherry Thomas, from Spinster's Press, and I selected a time slot for our program, tentatively titled "Women Writing: The Imperiled Future of Multi-Cultural and Minority Publishing." All conflicts are, of course, impossible to avoid, but if anyone is aware of major problems with a Saturday, 29 June, 9:30-11:00a.m. program, please call Sherre Dryden at 615-343-6043. Annual meeting times are Saturday, 29 June 1991 from 2:00-4:00p.m.; Monday, 1 July 1991 from 2:00-4:00p.m. and Tuesday, 2 July 1991 from 9:00-11:00a.m.

## New Editor for WOMEN IN LIBRARIES

The next editor of *WOMEN IN LIBRARIES* will be by Abbie J. Basile. This abbreviated issue was produced by Sherre Dryden — Abbie will take over after Midwinter.

Abbie will graduate from the School of Information and Library Science at the State University of New York at Buffalo in Summer 1991. After graduation she plans to pursue a career as a reference librarian in an academic library. She's also interested in obtaining a master's degree in women's history with research on women's labor history.

The search for a new *WIL* editor was announced in *LIBRARY HOTLINE*, yielding an overwhelming response. Most of those who called were new to FTF, but all expressed an interest in our activities, particularly helping with *WIL*.

If you are interested in writing for *WOMEN IN LIBRARIES*, write to Abbie at 486 Ashland Avenue #3, Buffalo, NY 14222.

I've asked Ginny Daley, our Awareness coordinator, to work on something that came to my attention when we had a banned books exhibit at my library (Vanderbilt University). We were surprised to discover these and other sentences using male generic language in ALA's "The Freedom to Read" statement:

"Most such attempts rest on a denial of the fundamental premise of democracy: that the ordinary citizen, by exercising his critical judgement, will accept the good and bad." and "It is wrong that what one man can read should be confined to what another thinks proper."

Am I naive in assuming that ALA will revise the statement to use inclusive language?

Finally, Beth Lawton, now of Inkpot Designs in College Park, Maryland, produced a new FTF brochure. It incorporates the text written several years ago by Polly Thistlewaite, Leslie Kahn and others with the new FTF logo. Look for it at midwinter, annual and, if you don't renew your subscription to *WIL*, in your mail.

If you are interested in working on FTF Atlanta projects, call Sherre Dryden at 615-343-6043.



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Since 1977 Navajo Indians have been fighting removal from mineral-rich land. Energy corporations want to relocate the Indians in order to stripmine coal and uranium, a form of mining which would make it impossible to reclaim the land. The opposition has been headed by the elder women who fight for the survival not only of their people but of life on this planet. Art by Rini Templeton.