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From the Chair



I am pleased to be able to greet you in a fall issue of the RBMS Newsletter. As some of you know, ACRL sections were funded for only one newsletter last year, and a Task Force on Membership Communications is investigating the feasibility of publishing section newsletters electronically as a means of reducing costs. Although many of us willingly (even eagerly) embrace electronic media for professional communication, it is not yet feasible for all RBMS members to receive their news on-line. Steve Ferguson, your Newsletter editor, is monitoring the work of the Task Force and is sure to keep us informed.

Planning is well underway for the 35th RBMS Preconference, which will be held June 22-25, 1994, at the Doral Beach Resort in Miami Beach, Florida. The conference will explore the relationship between private collectors and special collections. Jennifer Lee of Brown University is the program chair; Bill Brown and Nora Quinlan of the University of Miami are coordinating local arrangements.

In New Orleans this past June, the RBMS Executive Committee endorsed the final report of the ad hoc Planning Committee (abstract on Page 3), setting in place a new liaison structure designed to improve communication between members of Executive and other RBMS committees to facilitate Section-wide planning. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that RBMS is engaged in the kinds of activities that address your professional needs, and we would welcome the input of individual members. How can RBMS better serve you? A list of Executive Committee members can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Complete copies of the Planning Committee's report may be obtained by contacting RBMS Secretary Laura Stalker. Please let us hear from you.

—Jackie Dooley

Book Events in L.A. During ALA Midwinter

RBMS members will have the opportunity to enjoy several special events being held in connection with the upcoming midwinter ALA Conference in Los Angeles.

Heritage Book Shop

Heritage Book Shop, 8540 Melrose Ave., will host a reception at its shop on Sunday evening, February 6, for RBMS members, details of which will be contained in a mailing to be sent in January to all current RBMS members. Heritage hopes to arrange for buses to depart from the site of the Information Exchange meeting.

California International Book Fair

The biannual California International Book Fair will be held in Los Angeles on February 4-6 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton. Of the 210 expected exhibitors, about 25% will be from outside the U.S. and it is anticipated that this will be largest dealer turnout thus far for this event. Regular hours of the fair are Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Huntington Library Tour

A private tour of the Henry E. Huntington Library will take place on Monday, February 7, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person for bus only, or \$12.50 per person for bus and box lunch. Participants will tour the library and view the exhibition, "The Last Best Hope of Earth: Abraham Lincoln and the Promises of America." Members of ACRL's English and American Literature Discussion Group are also being invited to participate.

To reserve a space, send a check in the appropriate amount made out to "The Huntington Library" and mail it to RBMS Secretary Laura Stalker (address elsewhere in this newsletter). Reservations will be limited to the first 42 persons who register (late receipts will be returned). The deadline is December 10; if 42 reservations have not been received by then, the tour will be cancelled and the checks returned.

"A Century of Library Publications" Exhibition

This exhibition, conceived and organized by Phillip T. Bevis of Arundel Antiquarian Books, will open during ALA Midwinter in his Gallery at the Bookshop, 8380 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, on Saturday, February 5, at 7 p. m. All RBMS members are cordially invited to attend.

"A Century of Library Publications" Judging

The jury for the exhibition met in Providence at Brown University the day before the American Printing History Association's annual meeting. Jury members reviewed several hundred entries and are close to determining a final list of one hundred titles spanning 1893-1993.

Early in its deliberations, the jury decided upon several broad categories to help organize the process. These categories include annual reports, periodical literature, cited major bibliographies, library and institutional histories, exhibition catalogues, keepsakes, and fine printing done as part of a library program. Clearly many titles submitted fulfill more than one category, and the

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RBMS MIDWINTER MEETINGS LOS ANGELES, 5-7 FEBRUARY 1994

SATURDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

- 8:00a-11:00a Budget and Development
- 8:30a-11:00a Bibliographic Standards I
- 9:30a-11:00a Publications
Security
Manuscripts and Other Formats
Discussion Group
- 9:30a-12:30p Exhibition Catalogues Awards I (closed)
- 11:30a-12:30p Conference Program Planning, 1995
Transfer Guidelines (hearing)
- 2:00p-4:00p Education and Professional Development
RBML Editorial Board
ALA/SAA Statement on Access (hearing)
- 4:30p-5:30p Preconference Program Planning, 1995
RBMS Award (ad hoc)
- 8:00p-10:00p Seminars

SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

- 8:30a-11:00a Bibliographic Standards II
Conference Development
Curators and Conservators Discussion
Group
- 9:30a-12:30p Exhibition Catalogues Awards II (closed)
- 11:30a-12:30p MARC for Special Collections Discussion
Group
Preconference Program Planning,
Miami 1994
- 2:00p-4:00p Executive Committee I
- 4:30p-5:30p Information Exchange

MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

- 9:30a-12:30p Executive Committee II

RBML Award, Nominating, and ILL (ad hoc) Committees will not meet.

This is the schedule that RBMS has requested from ALA. Check the final conference program for possible changes.

Century (from Page 1)

selection process proved difficult due to the number of fine nominations. The over-arching criterion was that each publication had to be part of a *library* publications program.

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Besides Mr. Bevis, jury members included Kenneth E. Carpenter, Assistant Director for Research Resources, Harvard University Library (who has agreed to write the catalogue introduction); Alan Horne, Director, Development and Public Affairs, University of Toronto Library; Sally Leach, Associate Director, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin; Alice Schreyer, Curator of Special Collections, University of Chicago Library; Samuel A. Streit, Associate University Librarian for Special Collections, Brown University; and David S. Zeidberg, Head, Department of Special Collections, UCLA Research Library.

Special thanks are due to Sam Streit, Patricia Lynch, and the librarians and staff of the John Hay Library at Brown for providing the venue for the jury selection and for either providing Brown's copies or receiving and organizing the publications for selection from nominating libraries. The jurying process succeeded thanks to their great efforts and good cheer.

—David S. Zeidberg

Report of Evaluations of the 1993 RBMS Preconference

Judging from responses to the evaluation survey, the 1993 RBMS Preconference was a smashing success. Of the 217 persons who attended the conference, 132 completed the evaluation form. Of those, 113 (86%) judged the preconference to be good (55) or very good (58). 87% of respondents agreed (25) or strongly agreed (92) that the preconference theme was appropriate, and 64% thought the theme was adequately developed. In addition, 56% indicated that the plenary sessions were useful, and 73% said the same of the seminar sessions. Finally, aside from programmatic matters, 67% believed the planning committee made good use of local resources, and 81% noted that their accommodations were satisfactory.

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RBMS Section Planning Committee Report

The RBMS ad hoc Section Planning Committee has turned in its report to the RBMS Executive Committee, which has accepted it.

The Committee, formed after the 14 January 1991 RBMS Executive Council meeting, was charged "to recommend an agenda to the Executive Committee regarding the future direction of RBMS and to investigate the possibility of the need for a standing RBMS Planning Committee."

The Committee made nine recommendations:

1) Responsibility for section planning resides with the RBMS Executive Committee. The Committee should write a charge for itself that encompasses this responsibility.

2) RBMS planning efforts should take into account the goals stated in the ACRL Strategic Plan and to the extent possible initiate and maintain activity in all areas identified as goals for the division.

3) The Executive Committee should set aside a separate time to be devoted to planning the section's agenda. This time could be a third meeting or the final hour of the second Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee may decide to go into closed executive session for this purpose.

4) The Executive Committee should write position descriptions for each of its members. These descriptions are to be provided to members of the RBMS Nominating Committee and to all prospective candidates for RBMS offices.

5) The Executive Committee should assign each Member-at-Large and the Past Chair a grouping of committees for which the individual assumes the following responsibilities in consultation with committee chair: review (write) charge and/or decide whether revision is required; attend meetings, insofar as possible; assess whether committee is making appropriate progress towards goals; receive and review committee minutes; assist committee chair in

planning, monitoring, and assuring progress toward goals; act as liaison to section chair for issues relating to the committee....

6) The Executive Committee should work with existing standing committees to delegate responsibility for implementing identified section goals. For example, the Program Planning and the Educational and Professional Development committees are crucial to efforts to build participation, develop future leadership, and meet professional development needs.

7) Candidates for RBMS office must submit a statement for publication to the membership stating goals for the section during the term of office for which the candidate is standing and how the candidate intends to accomplish the stated goals, along lines suggested by the Nominating Committee.

8) To improve communication on section committee appointments and procedures, the Executive Committee should clarify the mechanism in place for ongoing revision of the section manual and publicize availability of the manual.

9) To improve communication on section activity, the Secretary should request that minutes of Information Exchange meetings be submitted to Executive Committee members and announced as available on request to section members (via *RBMS Newsletter*, Exlibris).

The Committee did not address the first part of its charge as a result of its conclusion that section planning should be conducted by the Executive Committee. The Committee consisted of Terry Belanger (University of Virginia), Lisa Browar (New York Public Library), William L. Joyce (Princeton University), Sally Leach (Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas, Austin), William Moffett (Huntington Library), (chair) Alice Schreyer (University of Chicago Library), Peter VanWingen (Library of Congress), and the RBMS Chair and Vice Chair/Chair elect, the latter two of whom served *ex officio*.

Report (from Page 2)

Several of the survey's questions were designed to provide information for planning future preconferences. Of the responses to these questions, only nine respondents expressed a wish for more plenary sessions, and only 11 respondents indicated that more discussion time should be provided after each plenary session. As to whether there should be more or fewer seminars, 61 persons indicated more, whereas only 7 indicated fewer. Last, 67 respondents noted they thought there was no need for additional tours.

Another set of the survey's questions were aimed at determining a profile of preconference registrants. In respect to professional type, 102 of the respondents were academic librarians, 8 public librarians, 15 special librarians, and 6 fell into the miscellaneous "other" category. In respect to professional responsibilities, 51 respondents declared they were accountable for more than two of the seven types of tasks listed in the survey, 37 for cataloguing, and 29 for administration. In respect to professional membership and participation, 118 respondents are members of RBMS, 12 are members of either the Preconference Committee or the Seminars Committee, 41 are members of some other RBMS committee, and 20 participated in the 1993 preconference pro-

gram. Furthermore, of the 132 respondents, 81 had attended only 1-5 preconferences, 27 had attended 6-10 preconferences, and 21 had attended more than 10 preconferences. Finally, the amount of support was fairly evenly distributed across the categories: 25 respondents received no support from their home institutions, 28 received as much as 25%, 26 received 51-75%, 34 received 76-99%, and 18 received 100%.

Comments returned with the survey ranged widely in substance, from criticism of the font used for name cards to concerns about the overall format of the preconference. A few persons noted their frustration at being unable to attend concurrent seminars and asked if either seminars might be repeated during a preconference or if abstracts of all seminars might be made available to all preconference participants. Participants expressed praise for the seminar on cataloguing of Latin materials, thanking the organizers for the copious handouts and often lamenting that more time was not allotted for the workshop. Others suggested that future preconference planning committees might think about overhauling the preconference format in a fashion that would encourage more participation by more attendees.

—Brad Westbrook

Rare Book School Reconvenes at University of Virginia

About 300 students, instructors, and staff members participated in the 1993 Rare Book School (RBS), this year held for the first time at the University of Virginia (UVa), during the four weeks of July. RBS was established at Columbia University in 1983 by Terry Belanger, who moved the institute and bibliographical teaching laboratory, the Book Arts Press, to Charlottesville upon accepting an appointment at UVa last year as University Professor and Honorary Curator of Special Collections.

There was consensus among RBS students that the move from New York City has improved the quality of this well-known summer institute. The recently published RBS 1993 *Yearbook* contains many favorable comments about the appropriateness of the facilities, in particular the strong support given to RBS by Special Collections and other divisions of UVa's Alderman Library. "UVa made it strongly apparent (at least to me) that they really want the RBS program," says RBS faculty member D. W. Krummell (University of Illinois); "intellectually, RBS remains the most stimulating week you're likely to find anywhere." Speaking for UVa (where she is Curator of Rare Books), Kathryn Morgan says, "It was a great fun having RBS here for the first time, though it was a lot of work for our staff—our statistics more than doubled during the month of July!" Morgan herself was a RBS student in a course in American historical bibliography taught by George Miles (Yale) and the antiquarian bookseller, William Reese.

At RBS 1993, students had the option of staying in rooms on the Lawn, the historic Central Grounds of the University designed by Thomas Jefferson. "Living on the Lawn is magical," reports Michael Winship (University of Texas at Austin), who has taught in every RBS since the first one in 1983. "UVa is most hospitable to the serious study of books, and I look forward to continuing to teach in future RBS sessions in Charlottesville." About a third of the students who used University housing stayed on the Lawn; the remainder opted for architecturally less interesting—but air-conditioned—rooms in a nearby dormitory complex.

A total of 23 courses were offered in RBS 1993, each of them five days long, including a new course dealing with "Electronic Texts in a Rare Book Environment," taught by a team headed by John Price-Wilkin (Information Management Coordinator, Alderman Library, UVa). Commenting on his course, Price-Wilkin says, "It was a real pleasure to work with rare book curators in grappling with ways to capture the content of documents with standardized markup." Other courses new to RBS 1993 included "Collecting Travel Literature" (John Parker), "Managing the Past" (Nicolas Barker), "The Development of Lithography" (Michael Twyman), and "European Decorative Bookbinding" (Mirjam Foot).

Repeat RBS courses in subjects ranging from codicology to publishers' cloth bindings were taught by returning RBS faculty members Christopher Clarkson (West Dean College), Albert Derolez (Free University, Ghent), James Mosley (St. Bride Printing Library), Paul Needham (Sotheby's New York), Samuel A. Streit (Brown), Peter VanWingen (Library of Congress), David Warrington (Harvard), and others. Old-timers among the RBS faculty expressed considerable enthusiasm for the new location. "It was the best year ever!" says Suzy Taraba (Duke), who has

taught rare book cataloging at RBS during its last six sessions. "Charlottesville produced an even more concentrated RBS than NYC," says Nicholas Pickwood (Harvard), who has taught binding history at RBS since 1987; "the Books Arts Press's collections now offer a comprehensive back-up for teaching the history of bookbinding after 1500, and the UVa Special Collections provide a touch of quality that amply compensates for the collections left behind in New York." About teaching his long-established RBS course in rare book librarianship in Charlottesville for the first time, Daniel Traister (Penn) says, "There was more informal interaction than ever before between instructors and students during lunches, lectures, and dinners. For a course lasting a scant five days, a setting that encourages intensive faculty-student interaction on an individual basis is exceptionally valuable." Alice Schreyer (University of Chicago), agrees. Talking about her RBS course in the history of the printed book, she says "RBS in Charlottesville was a more focused, more intense experience (if possible) than ever."

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights of each of the four weeks of RBS, there were public lectures on a wide range of bookish subjects. Among the 12 evening lecturers were Martin Antonetti (The Grolier Club) on the Club Bindery, William Joyce (Princeton) on possible futures for rare book libraries, Christopher Ridgway (Castle Howard) on Thomas Bewick, G. Thomas Tanselle (Guggenheim Foundation) on theories of copy text, and Richard Wendorf (Harvard) on Piranesi and Rossetti. On Thursday evenings, local used and antiquarian booksellers held open house for RBS students. Participating dealers included Franklin Gilliam, Vesta Lee Gordon (The Book Broker), and Sandy McAdams (Daedalus Books). "We did a lot of business because of RBS," reports Paul Collinge of Heartwood Books, "especially with the evening lecturers. Several of them must have spent their entire honorarium in my shop!"

As usual, the RBS student body was a diverse one, including rare book (31%) and other (21%) librarians, professors (9%), bookbinders and conservators (9%), and antiquarian booksellers (8%). The change in RBS's venue from New York City to Charlottesville resulted in a considerable increase in the number of attendees from the southeastern part of the United States; the percentage of Southern students rose from 9% to 26%.

RBS typically has a substantial repeat business, with first-time RBS students routinely coming back in subsequent years to take other courses; 39% of RBS 1993 students were returnees. Merrily Taylor, University Librarian at Brown, who has taught a RBS seminar in rare book library administration six times since 1986, says that she keeps coming back because "teaching in RBS gives me a chance to think about the reasons we choose certain administrative strategies, and to do some philosophizing for which the daily grind doesn't leave time. I always come away from RBS feeling that I've learned something."

As has been true in former years, most librarians were given professional leave by their institutions to attend RBS 1993; but institutional contributions toward their travel, tuition, and living expenses dropped in 1993 to about 63%, continuing a slow but steady decline in recent years of such support: it was 75% in 1989.

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Declining support has not made significant inroads in RBS's attendance; RBS 1993 was the third largest in the 11-year history of the institute, after 1991 and 1987.

"We would seem to have made a successful move," says Terry Belanger, "and the reason for that success is a simple one: wonderful support from UVa."

Copies of *The Rare Book School 1993 Yearbook* are available for \$10.00 postpaid from Rare Book School, 114 Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 22903; 804-924-8851; e-mail: books@virginia.edu. This publication contains complete course descriptions, student evaluations of each course, student listings, and various statistical information. And, of course, it contains photographs that even *Life* magazine would envy.

NUCMC May Continue In Different Format

The Library of Congress (LC) convened a Task Group on 14-15 June of this year to discuss the future of NUCMC. The group consisted of Judith Asten, Anthony Gonzalez, Steven Hansen, Lee Stout, Sarah Thomas, and Mary Wolfskill. The following changes to NUCMC were suggested by the group.

1) **Continue NUCMC as an entity.** The group acknowledged the importance of NUCMC on several levels. It is frequently consulted by the library and archival communities and provides important services in the area of authority records.

2) **Make NUCMC more comprehensive and current.** The current printed volumes are seriously behind. The NUCMC staff still has about 5,500 reports to process. The group recommended that NUCMC move towards being available electronically (e.g., Internet, CD-ROM, etc.) and recommended cooperating with OCLC, RLG, and others to create a comprehensive, current NUCMC. Users participating in the conference expressed a preference for CD-ROM, but a survey of the entire subscriber base will be undertaken in 1993 to ascertain preferences on the method of electronic distribution.

3) **Discontinue the printed NUCMC.** If the printed version is discontinued, the savings would amount to 50% of the present cost of preparing and distributing NUCMC. The last printed volume would be 29 (1993), scheduled for distribution in 1995. Records that have appeared in the 1986-87 printed volume or later have been loaded into RLIN and subsequently into OCLC. Because of lag, however, not all institutions that have submitted records between 1986-1993 have had their records loaded into a bibliographic utility or published in NUCMC, which catalogues directly into RLIN.

4) **Limit LC processing to collections held at institutions without OCLC or RLIN access.** Because so many institutions now have access to a bibliographic utility, a situation unforeseen when NUCMC began in 1959, efforts will be focused on collections in repositories without such access.

5) **Develop of strategic plan for the development of NUCMC.** LC intends to develop a cooperative project to identify repositories with appropriate collections and promote their contribution of records to an electronic NUCMC. LC will assist repositories in

developing proposals for funding these activities.

Comments may be sent to Dr. Sarah E. Thomas, Director for Cataloging, LM 642, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, (202) 707-5333; fax: (202) 707-6269; E-mail: stho@seq1.loc.gov.

Department of Amplification

The following has been received from the Director of Libraries at the University of Maryland, H. Joanne Harrar:

"I would like to correct a misimpression which appears on page four of your April, 1993, issue. You state that in 1992 '...the Special Collections Division of the Libraries of the University of Maryland at College Park (comprising the departments of Historical Manuscripts and Archives, Marylandia, and Rare Books and Literary Manuscripts and the East Asia Collection) was disbanded.'

"That is not the case. Rather, the units and the division as a whole were reorganized. The East Asia Collection was retained as a service unit; the administration of rare books was incorporated into the Marylandia Department to form the Marylandia and Rare Books Department; the administration of literary manuscripts was combined with that of historical manuscripts and archives to form a single Archives and Manuscripts Department. To these units were added the National Trust for Historic Preservation Library Collection and the resulting four entities were brought together under the leadership of the Associate Director of Libraries for Collection Management and Special Collections."

Thefts

The History and Special Collections Division, UCLA Biomedical Library, had two large reference works stolen in September from its reading room: *The Oxford English Dictionary* (1989, 20 vols) and Pauly's *Realencyclopaedie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft* (1893-1989, 68 vols). It is not known exactly how the volumes were taken. Anyone with information concerning these books can contact Katharine Donahue at the library.

The Virginia Historical Society (P.O. Box 7311, Richmond, VA 23221) has verified that twenty-seven rare medical books, dating 1547-1795, are missing from its shelves and cannot be located in the building. The volumes all bear the bookplates of Joseph Lyon Miller and the Richmond Academy of Medicine, and had been placed on deposit at the Society in 1988. Anyone with information regarding these books is asked to contact the Society's Associate Director, Robert F. Strohm (804-342-9660; fax: 804-355-2399).

The New York Office of the FBI is investigating the apparent theft of 26 books, dating from the 16th-20th centuries, from the Special Collections Department of the Frank Melville, Jr., Memorial Library at SUNY Stony Brook. The agent in charge of the case is Special Agent Catherine A. Begley, Brooklyn Queens Metropolitan Resident Agency, 95-25 Queens Boulevard, Rego Park, NY, 11374 (718-459-3140). (This is the same theft reported to Exlibris by SUNY Stony Brook's Curator of Rare Books, Evert Volkerz.) A list of the books may be obtained by sending a SASE to RBMS Security Committee Chair, Susan Allen (see address under RBMS Committee Chairs).

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Vicky Adamitis is now preservation officer at the University of Maryland at College Park Libraries. **Philip Bantin** has been named assistant librarian and director of university archives at Indiana University-Bloomington. **Robert Behra** became curator of special collections at the Redwood Library and Athenaeum, Newport, R.I. **Catherine A. Bell** is collections conservation librarian, preservation department, at the University of Texas at Austin Libraries. **Timothy Carr** has been named branch librarian of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries' new National Postal Museum Branch, Washington, D.C. **Tom Connors** has been named curator of the National Public Broadcasting Archives at the University of Maryland at College Park Libraries. **Jon G. Grennan** is now rare book catalog librarian at Washington University, St. Louis. **Dee Jones**, curator of the de Grummond Children's Literature Research Collections at the University of Southern Mississippi, received the 1992 Excellence in Librarianship Award. **William L. Joyce**, Princeton University, awaits Congressional confirmation to the Assassinations Review Board, set up by Congress to review records on the killing of President John Kennedy still being withheld by government agencies. His nomination to the five-member board was announced by the Clinton Administration on September 5. **John O. Kirkpatrick** is now curator of modern British and American manuscripts at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin. **Paul Koda** is the special collections librarian at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. **Thomas H. Kreneck** has been named special collections librarian/archivist at Corpus Christi State University, Texas. **Barbara Lilley** has been appointed head of the Statewide Conservation Preservation Program at the New York State Library. **Cinda Ann May** has been named special collections/rare book cataloger at Temple University Libraries, Philadelphia. **Myra Jo Moon**, preservation librarian at Colorado State University Libraries, died on March 15th, 1993. Moon was an active workshop presenter and consultant on preservation problems in Colorado. **Richard W. Oram** has been appointed

librarian at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas. He had been public services librarian there. **Priscilla F. Pmazal** is the new librarian at the Atlanta (GA) Historical Society. **Tim Pyatt** is now curator of Marylandia and rare books at the University of Maryland at College Park. **Rebecca J. Ryder** is head of the Preservation Department at the University of Kentucky Libraries, Lexington. **Alesandra M. Schmidt** is now Assistant Curator for Reference and Manuscripts at Watkinson Library, Trinity College, Hartford, CT. **Eric C. Shoaf** recently became head of the Preservation Department at Brown University Library, Providence, RI. **Joan M. Sibley** is now assistant department head of the Department of Manuscripts and Archives at the University of Texas at Austin. **Carol M. Spawn** has retired as Librarian of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. **Manon Theroux** is now Rare Book Cataloger at the Library Company of Philadelphia. **Jennifer Tolan** is Assistant Librarian-Cataloger at New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas. **Carol Urness** has become curator of the James Ford Bell Library at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. **Raymond Van De Moortell** is curator of printed books in the Special Collections Department at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, Philadelphia. **Sharon G. Womack**, director of the Arizona Department of Libraries, Archives and Public Records for 15 years and a past president of the Arizona State Library Association, died January 28. **Stephen J. Zietz** has been named head of Special Collections Department, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg.

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