ZERO-BASE BUDGET

The Oregon State Library is one of three state agencies chosen to redo its entire budget in Zero-Base Budget format. The usual policy in budgeting is to begin with last year's budget and justify only the increases. Zero-base budgeting proceeds from the assumption that all proposed activities and programs must be subjected to the same scrutiny normally reserved for new programs.

The first step in zero-base budgeting is to develop "decision packages" which involves analyzing and describing each discrete activity. The second step involves evaluating and ranking the decision packages.

Oregon State Library will proceed from a 100% budget (the current recommended Governor's budget) and will develop a 90% budget, a 75% budget, and a 110% budget.

We are optimistic that this budget process will give the Oregon State Library a real opportunity to demonstrate its effectiveness, increase its visibility, and, more importantly, reassess its priorities for the next several years.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

A panel of 28 persons from 24 states has been selected to plan the White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held in the fall of 1979. Names of the panel members have been announced by Dr. Frederick Burkhardt, Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The White House Conference will be preceded by state conferences throughout the nation.

Goals of the conference are to seek improvement of the nation's libraries and information centers and increased and more effective use of libraries by the public, through development of a balanced intergovernmental system of services and funding from local, state and federal sources.

COSLA POSITION ON USE OF LSCA

In its message to Congress urging extension of the Library Services and Construction Act, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies endorsed a change to increase the amount of LSCA (now ten percent) which could be used by state agencies in administering grant programs. COSLA recommended a limitation of not more than 20 percent but not less than ten percent for state administration of LSCA.

Also endorsed was a provision to insure that federal funds will not be substituted for state funds nor used as a substitute for adequate state support for the functions of the state library agency.

COSLA also reaffirmed its support for direct federal aid to needy urban libraries via passage of LSCA, Title V.
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Development Block Grants -
Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, public libraries have been eligible for "neighborhood facility" construction funds if they were a branch library, or if they were a central facility in a community under 10,000 population.

Under proposed revisions to the basic regulations published in the January 17, 1977 Federal Register, pp. 3291-94, there is no change in the branch library requirement, but the central facility rule has been broadened to include: (1) when the unit of general local government is under 10,000 population; or (2) when the unit of general local government is over 10,000 population and is locally identified as a single neighborhood, or as having no identifiable neighborhoods.

Libraries wishing to receive community development block grants must convince their local government officials to include library projects in the overall community plan, as these officials are responsible for the decisions on how block grant funds are spent.

Humanities Challenge Grants - The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced a new program of challenge grants authorized by PL 94-462. Libraries are included in the list of eligible applicants. These are matching grants - one federal dollar for every three nonfederal dollars an eligible institution can raise. Examples of possible uses are: (1) general operating expenses, (2) defraying operating deficits, (3) renovation of facilities, (4) acquisition of equipment and materials, (5) maintenance, preservation, and conservation of collections, (6) improving planning, evaluation, and automated data systems, (7) design and conducting of development and fund-raising efforts, (3) new or expanded programming and services, (9) increased community-oriented information and outreach programs, (10) establishment of inter-institutional programs for resource-sharing and joint administrative purposes, and special bicentennial projects for which the matching requirement may be waived. For more information contact: NEH Challenge Grants, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 382-5721.

Consumers' Education Grants - The U. S. Office of Education has announced March 10, 1977 as the deadline for receipt of applications for its Consumers' Education Grant Program which has a 1977 appropriation of $3,135,000. Over half the grant recipients last year were educational agencies and the rest were public or private non-profit agencies. Libraries are specifically mentioned in the law as eligible for the program.

OLA OREGON AUTHORS COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Oregon Authors Committee of OLA is currently gathering material for the 1976 list of publications by Oregon authors to be distributed at the OLA Marylhurst Conference in April. Anyone having knowledge of books published during 1976 by authors residing in Oregon, particularly works in the areas of belles lettres and local history, please send a complete bibliographical citation including price and place of author's residence to Edwin S. Budge, Chairman, Oregon Authors Committee, Josephine County Library System, 200 N.W. "C" Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526.
PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 23 - This measure, sponsored by the Oregon Library Association and the State Library Board, would provide state aid to local libraries.

ACTION: Following second reading in the Senate, the bill was referred to the Education Committee where it received a do pass with amendments recommendation; then it was referred to Ways and Means. No hearing is scheduled at this time.

Senate Bill 44 - The bill modifies terms of office, appointing authority, and appointment procedure of various public officials, boards and commissions. Included is a proposal to continue State Library Board of Trustee appointments appointive by the Governor but for four-year terms with no member serving more than three consecutive terms. Currently, members may be reappointed for one additional term but may be appointed again after an interval of one year. Also, subject to confirmation by the Senate, the Governor (instead of the State Library Board) would appoint the State Librarian for a term of four years, the appointee would be an ALA accredited library school graduate or possess equivalent training and experience, and the Governor would fix the compensation of the State Librarian.

ACTION: Following its second reading in the Senate, the bill was referred to the State and Federal Affairs/Rules Committee. No hearing is scheduled at this time.

JOBLINE MOVES TO STATE LIBRARY

The Oregon Library/Media Jobline has been transferred to the Oregon State Library, effective February 1, 1977. The new number is (503) 585-2232.

All types of Oregon library and media center professional and para-professional job opportunities may be announced on the line without charge to the employer. Announcements are being edited and tape recorded every Friday and then carried until closing date for application unless the position is filled in the interim.

Job description forms are available from OLA JOBLINE, c/o Oregon State Library, State Library Building, Salem 97310, or by calling Mrs. Lyle Slater, 378-4243. All announcements should be submitted on the Job Description form with any supplementary information listed on a separate attached sheet.

The Jobline is sponsored jointly by the Oregon Educational Media Association, the Oregon Library Association, and the University of Oregon School of Library Science.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRUSTEE NEWSLETTER

Editor Mary Salisbury is soliciting contributions to the Spring issue of the OLA Trustee Section NEWSLETTER. Send any information you have for the pre-conference Spring issue to Mary Salisbury, Trustee, Josephine County Library System, 200 N.W. "C" Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526.
CLACKAMAS HIRES

PHYLLIS DALTON

Phyllis Dalton, consultant who developed the Chemeketa Regional and Washington County Cooperative Library Systems, has been hired by Clackamas County for $10,000 to study the county library system and try to organize support for a special property tax levy to fund county library services. Mrs. Dalton has agreed to present a completed study, incorporating organizations, management, staffing, financing and legislative implications of a countywide library system, to the Steering Committee within six weeks, or sometime in late March.

The Committee has been hard at work analyzing qualities it would like to see in a new system. Among those publicized have been open access to every library by all in the county; building upon existing facilities, staffs, and collections; elimination of fees for using a city library; and equal funding from both cities and counties.

Included in a proposed list of priorities for the study are: collection of data to apply to library service needs; study of users' needs; list of needed library resources; financial and organizational plans; outlets for service; details on construction; information on planning, implementation and legislative implications; integration of plan with overall state plans; study of specialized services; and ability to finance the proposal by cities and county.

Mrs. Dalton's fee will be paid by the county and cities in the county based on population. The county will contribute about 60 percent of funds needed to complete the study, and cities will contribute 40 percent.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT

ACT PROJECTS - OREGON

Of the $29.5 million allocated to Oregon by the Public Works Employment Act, Marion County received nothing. More than $5 million went to the Portland metropolitan area of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties.

Three projects funded were Rogue Community College's $1.6 million request for a library; Forest Grove's $2.6 million application for a multi-purpose building that includes a library; and Brownsville's request for $213,853 for a library and senior center.

Unfunded were Woodburn's application for $1.2 million for construction of a library addition and renovation of the existing building, as well as several Woodburn public works projects.

Unfunded projects were given the classification "denied without prejudice" with the explanation the applications were approved but funding was not available, and should more funds become available, the money would be allocated according to the computer-established priority list, based primarily on unemployment in the area.
NOTES ON PNBC
BOARD MEETING

Some items discussed at the January 14 Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center Board of Directors' meeting and reported by Frank Rodgers, Portland State University Library Director, should be of general interest to librarians.

1. The 1976-77 operating budget has been cut from $250,000 to $227,535 in order to stay within anticipated income. The PNBC Expenditure and Balances, 1976-77, report showed $118,964 expended from July - December 1976, leaving a balance of $108,571 for the period January - July 1977.

2. Weyerhaeuser, which has hitherto wanted lots of service, has indicated its willingness to pay on a transaction basis as does Boeing, which could add several thousand dollars. The company is also interested in possibly funding an experiment with telefacsimile to expedite handling its photocopy requests and with the company paying for both ends of the line.

3. It was generally understood that Washington Library Network (WLN) is not in a position immediately to take over the work presently handled by PNBC, nor is PNBC in a position to afford the massive data input necessary before any meaningful integration can take place, but it was agreed that development of relationships with or within WLN would be a prime concern of the Board and of the new Director.

4. A subcommittee would be appointed to begin immediate recruitment for the new PNBC Director. The charge to the Sub-committee was to present to the Board a list of at least three names from which selection could be made by September 15. The Board established a budget of $3,500 for recruiting, advertising, candidates' travel, etc. The Board may have to ask the states to support costs of the interview process and expense of any overlap between present and new Director's appointment, if this is considered possible.

5. Of 36,961 requests received by PNBC from July - December 1976, 53.21% were from within Washington, and Montana was next with 20.58%. Of 20,689 requests sent by PNBC to libraries for lending, 51.44% were within Washington, Montana was next with 12.32%, and Oregon was third with 11.61%.

6. There was a 4.70% gain, or 36,555 compared to 34,915, in incoming requests for the first six months of fiscal 1977 as compared to the number for the first six months of fiscal 1976.

7. There was a 4.38% gain, or 9,898 compared to 7,926, in requests filled by photocopy for the first six months of fiscal 1977 as compared to the number for the first six months of fiscal 1976.
CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Jackson County - A $4.76 million cost estimate, prepared by architects Afseth, Jacobs and Schmitz of Medford for constructing a new central library and replacing the branch library buildings in Phoenix, Shady Cove, and Central Point, has been presented to Jackson Commissioners by system director Hardin Smith. Included in the package are plans for a 67,618-square-foot central library at a construction cost of $2,772,338, $666,250 for land acquisition, $260,000 for an automated circulation system, $277,233 for other equipment, $206,063 for consultant fees, $100,000 for the Phoenix branch, $100,000 for Shady Cove, $250,000 for Central Point, and $140,000 for a project contingency fund.

April 19 is the date set for a bond issue election to raise 30 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation to construct the new library buildings.

Lake Oswego - The City Library Board has appointed an advisory committee to determine the best use of $1.6 million in revenue expected from the sale of local library bonds. Voters approved expansion of the library in 1974, but the building is unchanged and the bonds unsold due to halting of the project. Based on determination of the advisory committee, the board will make recommendations to city agencies. A public forum held in January on the question was attended by more than 100 residents.

Multnomah County - Among capital investment maintenance projects being financed with a portion of $1.2 million in federal Public Works funds received by Multnomah County is $50,000 for preventive maintenance on the county libraries, including painting and minor repairs.

SLIDE PROGRAM ON PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Josephine County Library System has put together an extensive 35 mm slide program depicting public library buildings in Southern Oregon. Including both main library buildings and branches of all sizes, the program covers some 25 buildings in Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, and Douglas counties, as well as Salem and West Salem libraries. Both interior and exterior shots are provided for each building.

Librarians and/or Library Trustees may borrow the slide program and its accompanying statistical information sheets to conduct an armchair tour of operating Oregon libraries. For information, call or write Edwin S. Budge, Director, Josephine County Library System, 200 N.W. "C" Street, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526, 476-6856.

HALSEY LIBRARY REOPENS

The Halsey City Library at 773 First Avenue opened February 2 for the first time since July 1975. The new librarian is Mrs. Faye Ross, and open hours will be limited to five per week. The library closed almost two years ago to reorganize. The City Council has set a $2,400 annual budget for operation. Donations of paperback and hardbound books are welcome, and particularly needed are children's, adult fiction and nonfiction books.
MORE COPYRIGHT LAW INFORMATION

Highlights of the New Copyright Law, the subject of Circular R 99, published in December 1976 by the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., is enclosed for your information with this issue of WATERMARK.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Enclosed with this issue of WATERMARK is the second of a three-installment poster series prepared by the OLA National Library Week Committee for use by librarians during National Library Week - April 17-23. Still another mailing will be made with the March issue. These are to be used as is, colored, reproduced - whatever you wish.

Upstart Library Promotionals, Box 889, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, has published a catalog of materials it is selling to promote 1977 National Library Week. The catalog is available by writing the address mentioned or calling collect (301) 797-3330.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH LIBRARY EVENTS

March 2

The Multnomah County Library Children's Services invites everyone interested to a special no-host luncheon, Wednesday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m., Crystal Room, Mallory Motor Hotel, 729 S.W. 15th St. (five blocks due west on Yamhill St. from the Central Library). Spencer Shaw, immediate past president of the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association, University of Washington professor and noted storyteller, will speak about children's work in public libraries and the ALA. Luncheon will be $4.50, including gratuity, with reservations and payment due Children's Services, 801 S.W. 10th Ave., 97205, by February 28.

At 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Central Library Mr. Shaw will make an hour's presentation on the art of traditional storytelling. There is no charge for this event.

March 25

Map Cataloging Meeting - Recent Changes in Map Cataloging, University of Santa Clara, sponsored by Western Association of Map Libraries. (See January WATERMARK for details)
Ruth L. Green, Milwaukie Ledding Librarian since 1966 when that library opened, has announced she will retire in September. During her tenure the facility has grown from about 1,000 books and no record or film library to a 45,703-volume collection, a music library and listening room, a picture and film library, nine full-time employees, and a staff of volunteers.

Following graduation in theology from Warner Pacific College in Portland, Miss Green taught in a Canadian church school for a time, then returned to Portland to do substitute work in the Multnomah County Library. In 1963 she obtained her library degree from the University of Oregon. She is a member of the Milwaukie Historical Society, OLA, and ALA.

Mrs. Inga Sund, Newport Public Librarian since 1968, will retire July 31, 1977. Previous to coming to Newport her library career included three and a half years with New Mexico State Library, six years with the San Diego Public Library and six months with a demonstration Bookmobile in Clatsop County.

Born in Astoria but entirely European trained and educated, in 1942 Mrs. Sund completed a post graduate course for librarians at the State Library School in Helsinki, Finland.
SMOKE DETECTORS


NURSING HOMES


Living in a Nursing Home: A Complete Guide for Residents, their Family and Friends, by Sarah Greene Burger, R.N., and Martha D'Erasmo, R.N. Seabury Press, New York, 1976, 170 pp., hardbound, glossary of terms, $8.95. Material on shopping for a nursing home, preparation for entry to a nursing home, legal status of nursing home residents, nursing home personnel and how to get along with them, also useful appendices on agencies concerned with nursing homes.

TRICK RIDING

For the dangerous-at-heart horseback rider there is Rosemary Scott's You can be a Trick Rider: A How-To-Do-It for both Professional and Amateur Trick Riders. The Longhorn Press, Box 150, Cisco, Texas 76437. 88 pp, hardbound, $5.00, 1973. History, special equipment, selecting your horse, training your horse, tricks, bibliography.

CHAIN SAWS

If you need consumer-selection aids for chain saws, you may wish to read "Chain Saws," Changing Times, September 1976, pp. 31-33.
**HOMESTEADERS**


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**ADDENDUM:** You can order *Manual for Museums* by Ralph H. Lewis (see last month's Reference Satellite) from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.G.P.O., Washington, D.C. 20402. Stock number 024-005-00643-5. $4.70, prepay all orders.