nity to utilize materials descriptive of NASA aerospace discoveries in the fields of science, engineering, and technology. Resources include video programs, slide/audiocassette programs, lesson plans, and NASA publications.

 Profiles

Susan P. Besemer, associate director of library services at the State University of New York College at Buffalo, has been named director of the library at the SUNY College at Fredonia.

Besemer had served at Buffalo since 1975, where she received the Chancellor's Award of Excellence in Librarianship. Prior to her appointment at Buffalo she was music librarian at Kentucky State University. Besemer holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from SUNY-Albany, an MLS from Indiana University (1967), and a master's degree in creative studies from Buffalo (1980). She is currently taking courses toward an advanced studies certificate at SUNY-Buffalo.

Besemer has written many articles for library and education journals, and is the author of From Museums, Galleries, and Studios: A Guide to Artists on Film and Tape, published by the Greenwood Press.

Charlene E. Renner has been named dean of libraries at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Renner previously served as associate director of libraries for bibliographic control at the University of Washington (1984–1987), as assistant director for technical services at Iowa State University (1982–1984), and held several positions at the University of Illinois (1965–1982), culminating in assistant director for central processing. She has also worked at the Free Library of Philadelphia, Ohio State University, Northwestern University and the University of Pennsylvania. While at the University of Illinois, Renner was involved in the automation process, supervising a massive transfer of materials from the main stacks to storage while a new stack addition was being constructed. At the University of Washington she was again involved in the establishment of an integrated online library system and participated in a $28 million addition to the main library. She was one of five librarians selected by the Council on Library Resources to participate in the Academic Library Management Intern Program in 1980–1981, serving at the University of California, Berkeley.

Renner has published several articles and papers, and has served on and chaired a number of ALA committees, including the editorial board of College & Research Libraries (1980–1983). She has served on the OCLC Users Council (as a delegate from Pacnet), and was the University of Washington Libraries' representative to the Western Library Network Users Group. Renner holds bachelor's (1958) and master's (1959) degrees in English literature from Northwestern University and an MLS from Drexel University (1964).

Robert Earle Skinner has been named director of the library at Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans. He had previously been a senior consultant on the staff of Robert L. Siegel & Associates, a New Orleans consulting firm.

Skinner was previously a member of the Department of Medical Bibliography at the Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans (1979–1984) and senior search analyst at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, Texas (1977–1979). Between 1970 and 1974, Skinner served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a petty officer. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Old Dominion University and an MLS from Indiana University in 1977.
Skinner is the author of numerous publications in several disciplines. In addition to several papers on the history of medicine, he has published "Searching the History of Science Online" and "Searching the History of the Social Sciences Online" in Database and "Bibliographic Instruction in the Health Sciences: An Historical Review" in the Medical Reference Services Quarterly. More recently Skinner has been working in the field of American popular culture, and is the author of The Hard-Boiled Explicator: A Guide to the Study of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler, and Ross Macdonald, published by Scarecrow Press in 1985.

**People in the News**

**Edgar C. Bailey Jr.** has been chosen to serve as an intern for the 1987 Internship in College Library Administration, sponsored by LIBRAS, Inc. Bailey is currently assistant director of the Providence College Library, Rhode Island. The four-week internship will commence in mid-July at Rosary College.

**Robert Richart**, music catalog librarian at Washington State University, Pullman, became the second recipient of the Walter Gerboth Award at the Music Library Association's annual convention in Eugene, Oregon, in February. The award, which is intended to support research, preferably leading to publication, by a member of the association in the first five years of his or her career as a librarian, was given to Richart for his research toward publication of an annotated bibliography of the Hungarian composer György Ligeti (1923– ).

**Appointments**

(Appointments are taken from library newsletters, letters from personnel offices and appointees, and other sources. To ensure that your appointment appears, write to the Editor, ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795.)

**Robert J. Bloun** has been appointed head of circulation/serials at Westfield State College, Massachusetts.

**Dana Boden** has been appointed coordinator of library instruction at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

**Pamela V. Bowden** has joined the staff of the Music Library Department at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

**Harley Brooks** has been appointed circulation services supervisor at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

**Mitchell A. Cahan** is now reference librarian in the Norris Medical Library of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

**Arevig Caprilian** has been appointed rare book cataloger for the Seligman Collection at Columbia University, New York City.

**Donna Carpenter** is now acquisitions librarian at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

**Chris Carron** is the new museum registrar and collection curator at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

**Charles E. Chamberlin** is now deputy director of libraries and head of personnel and administrative services at the University of Washington, Seattle.

**Gloria P. Colvin** has been appointed reference librarian in the East Campus Library at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

**Brian Coutts** has been appointed coordinator of collection development at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

**John Cudd** is now humanities reference librarian at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

**Nancy Bunims D'Amico** is now librarian at Cambridge Analytical Associates, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts.

**Susan Dearborn** is now Northeast/Midwest sales representative in the Medical Information Services Division of the Faxon Company, Westwood, Massachusetts.

**Linda Diane Popp Di Baise** has been appointed assistant collection development librarian (half-time) in the Collection Development and Management Office at the University of Washington, Seattle.

**Michael Ross Dodge** has been appointed business and economics subject specialist in the Reference Department at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

**Jennifer L. Edwards** has been appointed science librarian at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, California.

**Peggy Gale** has been named librarian of the Baptist College at Charleston, South Carolina.

**Joan R. Giesecke** has been appointed assistant dean of automation and technical services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Tatiana Goerner** has been appointed rare book cataloger for the Seligman Collection at Columbia University, New York City.

**John Goodin** is the new education catalog librarian at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

**Edward Goodman** has been appointed general editor of the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals at Columbia University, New York City.

**Linda Gould** has been appointed assistant director of libraries for collection development and management at the University of Washington, Seattle.

**Charlene Grass** has been appointed associate dean for collection and technical services at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

**Scott Edward Harrison** has been appointed East Asian cataloger in the Law School Library at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Susan Klingberg** has been appointed education...
and social science librarian at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Edward R. Kukla has been appointed Athenaeum librarian and head of the Special Collections Department at the Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center, Minnesota.

Mary Lou Lawson is the new university high school librarian at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Ross Ljungquist is now technical services librarian in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Barbara MacAdam has been named head of the Undergraduate Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Eileen McLavine is now head of the Reference Department, Humanities and History Division, at Columbia University, New York City.

R. Bruce Miller has been appointed assistant university librarian for technical services at the University of California, San Diego.

John Philip Mulvaney is now collection development librarian at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Susan Myerson is now head cataloger in the Fine Arts Library of Harvard University.

Gail Sue Neely has been appointed catalog librarian in the Technical Services Department at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

Rose Oniewski has been appointed government services supervisor at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

Anita Pollitt-Samuels is now general reference librarian at Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

William Rapp has been appointed assistant librarian at South Florida Community College, Avon Park.

Laura Olson Rein is the new head of the Reference Department at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

Donna R.R. Reestar is now circulation/reference librarian at Valparaiso University, Indiana.

Robert Schwarzwald is now science reference librarian at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Diane Stalker has been appointed rare book cataloger for the Seligman Collection at Columbia University, New York City.

Nancy Starke has been appointed instructional services librarian at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Mari J. Stoddard has been appointed outreach and user education librarian in the Medical Center Library at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Ju-Yen Teng is the new Oriental studies librarian at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Susan Tucker has been appointed interlibrary loan librarian at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

Karen Whisler is now reference librarian at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

Donald L. Wilcox has been appointed serials cataloger in the Technical Services Division at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Catherine Cheesser Wilt has been appointed executive coordinator of the Regional OCLC Network Directors Advisory Committee, Columbus, Ohio.

Darrow Wood has been named chief librarian and chairperson of the Library Department at New York City Technical College, Brooklyn.

Linda Wright is now reference librarian/bibliographer in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library and curator of the Herbert H. Lehman Suite and Papers at Columbia University, New York City.

Noel Young is now librarian for Resources for Developing Countries at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Retirements

Jacqueline Z. Colby, associate head of the Catalogue Department for Original Cataloguing and Catalogue Editing at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, retired at the end of March after 21 years of service.

Mae McKernan, special collections cataloger at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, retired January 30 after 23 years of service.

Yvonne B. Scott, a member of the MEDLARS Management Section at the National Library of Medicine for the past 18 years, retired recently after 30 years of service. After receiving her BS in pharmacy from Howard University, Scott joined NLM as a medical literature analyst in the Bibliographic Services Division’s Indexing Section, and later also worked closely with contractors and other NLM staff in the design and implementation of both MEDLARS I and II. After a year (1967–1968) at the National Institutes of Health Library, where she worked on establishing the MEDLARS search service, Scott returned to NLM and joined the newly formed MEDLARS Management Section (a component of the Bibliographic Services Division), assuming full responsibility for the production of NLM’s recurring bibliographies. In 1979 she was appointed head of the section, a position she held for two years.

Deaths

Tom Birrell, head of the Catalog Department at the University of California, Davis, from 1966 to 1972, died March 9 at his home in Davis. He had served previously at the California State Library and worked subsequently at UC-Irvine and Wichita State University during a 30-year career. Birrell was also an oboist and played in the
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PATRICIA H. FOLEY, head of the University of Iowa Business Administration Library since 1979, died January 28. Foley received a bachelor’s degree in International Relations and Russian, an MLS from the University of Wisconsin, and a master’s in public administration from the University of Iowa (1983). Before coming to Iowa, she was a reference librarian at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and earlier at New Mexico State University. Foley was active in the Library Administration and Management Association’s Library Organization and Management Section, and was a member of the ACRL Bibliographic Instruction Section’s Policy and Planning Committee. She served for two years as president of the Iowa Chapter of ACRL. A memorial fund has been established at the University.

ELLEN LORD, former director of the Gene EPPELEY Library at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, died September 16, 1986. Lord came to the University of Omaha in 1938 and assumed the directorship in 1944. She retired in 1969.

**NEW TECHNOLOGY**

- Carlyle Systems now offers an enhancement to its integrated library system that allows the user to input, display and print diacritical marks. The Extended Character Set (ECS) terminal permits the display of all combinations of characters and character modifiers normally used in 34 Latin alphabet languages or in the Romanized form of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and other non-Roman languages. The system also supports the musical sharp, the copyright mark, and inverted exclamation and question marks. Contact Carlyle Systems Inc., 2930 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702; (415) 843-2111.

- Dukane Corporation is now marketing a versatile microfilm reader, the MMR 16 + 35, that projects 35mm roll film and is easily adaptable for cartridge loaded film. Six interchangeable, snap-in lenses offer magnifications ranging from 15X to 48X. The reader comes in black and pewter styling, with a new generation push-button high-and-low speed film drive that provides quick film travel and a smooth screen image. Contact Dukane Corp., 2900 Dukane Dr., St. Charles, IL 60174; (312) 584-2300.

- General Research Corporation has developed a CD-ROM public catalog system that can provide users with library floor plans as well as access to holdings information. LaserGuide also offers Boolean searching and author, title, and subject searches. Contact General Research Corp., 5383 Hollister Ave., P.O. Box 6770, Santa Barbara, CA 93160-7724.

- Micro Design has introduced a microform reader/printer that prints on plain paper. The Micro Copy 1000 is only 16 inches wide and 28 inches deep, and can print one page in eight seconds. List price is $2,700. Contact Micro Design, 857 W. State St., Hartford, WI 53027-1093; (414) 673-3920.

- Online Consultants of Indiana is now offering Online Search Analyst, a diagnostic and tutorial program designed for library school students, practicing librarians, information professionals, and others who may need advice on aspects of conducting an online search. The program offers suggestions on what tactics to use if your search retrieves completely irrelevant records, no records at all, some relevant records but not enough, too many irrelevant records, or too many records to print. Online Search Analyst was written in TURBO Pascal for IBM PCs or compatibles using MS-DOS or PC-DOS 2.0 (or greater) and at least 64K memory. The cost is $40. Contact Online Consultants of Indiana, 4300 Cambridge Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401.

- The University of Guelph Library has published its catalog of 750,000 bibliographic entries on CD-ROM. The catalog replaces microfiche that has served as a backup to the library’s Geac Online Public Access Catalog. The data is accessible from PC-based workstations throughout the library and may be retrieved by title, author, LC subject heading, call number, format, and any word used in the catalog record. The database and search software were manufactured by Reteaco, Inc., of Toronto. Copies of Guelph’s CD-ROM catalog are available for $249 from the University’s Library Business Office, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1.