By Dr. Katharine M. Stokes

By now you’re probably laboring over your Title II-A (Higher Education Act) applications for grants for library materials, and we’re girding ourselves to attack those mountains of papers we’ll be receiving the end of the month. The applications for Basic grants should be easy for you to prepare after three year’s experience, for there are no changes in the guidelines for them.

For the Supplemental and Special Purpose grants there are changes this year, and I’d like to have our new colleague, Frank Stevens, who is administering the Title II-A program, explain the major differences to you. He has been in our Division since last August, coming from the New York State Department of Education where he administered state library grant programs and was state supervisor of school libraries. He is an experienced school, college, and public librarian and has already completed his first encounter with the 1968/69 Title II-B (HEA) program for library institutes, fellowships, and scholarships. It is a pleasure to introduce to you the chief of the Library Training and Resources Branch, Frank A. Stevens:

Mr. Stevens

I am pleased that Dr. Stokes is able to give me some space to describe briefly some of the important changes in the Title II-A program for 1968-69. Here they are:

1. Supplemental Grants

The point scoring system will be based on a possible maximum score of twenty-five, as compared with ten last year. Each point scored will be worth a maximum of 40 cents per FTE student, compared with a maximum of $1.00 last year, if sufficient funds are available.

The most important criteria is that related to volume deficiency, which ranges from zero to twelve points (almost 50 per cent of the possible maximum point score, as compared with 40 per cent last year). The “volumes-per-student or expenditures-per-student” option has been dropped, and a single point criteria for decreased expenditure per student has been established. Two criteria remain the same—increase in expenditure per student for all library purposes and age of library (two points and one point, respectively—a reduction). The “HEA Title III or special circumstances” option has been dropped, and a new criterion has been established relating to increased doctoral program activity, with a possible maximum point score of eight. All these changes should tie in more closely with need and provide the opportunity for a more equitable distribution of grant funds.

2. Special Purpose Grants—Type A

The point scoring system will be based on a possible maximum score of twenty, as compared with fifteen last year. The first criterion will remain geared to new degree programs, but will drop the volumes available factor. The second and third criteria (new special centers and new library facilities) remain the same, scoring a maximum of five points each, as compared with a maximum of five and two, respectively, last year. A new fourth criterion, special needs, will score a maximum of five points.

3. Special Purpose Grants—Type B

The point scoring system will be based on a possible maximum score of twenty-five, as compared with thirty last year. The criterion for the availability of a special catalog remains. The criterion related to participation in national bibliographic enterprises remains, except that it will be tied in with specific bibliographic programs. Two new criteria relate to the level of interlibrary loans and the registration of non-institutional borrowers, scoring a maximum of ten and five points, respectively.

4. Special Purpose Grant—Type C

The point scoring system will remain at a possible maximum of 45, but all criteria have changed significantly. There is an eight point criterion on the extent and nature of the combination program, a ten point criterion tied in with the number of combination members, a five point criterion tied in with the quality of interlibrary loan services, a five point criterion on joint-use facilities, a five point criterion on the issuance of a printed catalog, a seven point criterion on the availability of cooperative cataloging, and a five point criterion on the age of the combination.

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APPRENTICE SURVEYORS

Names of 115 librarians who would welcome opportunities to serve as apprentice surveyors have been collected by the ACRL Committee on Library Surveys. These are persons who wrote in response to an invitation from the Committee in the November 1968 issue of *C&RL News*; they are located in 33 states and 2 Canadian provinces, and their interests and special qualifications are as diverse as the problems encountered in surveys of college and university libraries.

Collection of the names was the first step in an effort by the Committee to increase the number of well qualified surveyors by providing opportunities for experience. The Committee recommends that each survey team include an apprentice member, and invites directors of surveys to draw upon its roster. It will welcome opportunities to suggest names of prospective apprentices who seem to be particularly well prepared to contribute to any survey that is being planned. Requests for information should be addressed to Edwin E. Williams, Chairman, ACRL Committee on Library Surveys, Widener Library 183, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

ACRL/JCLS PRECONFERENCE

"New Strategies for Learning: the Impact of Instructional Technology Upon the Junior College" will be the theme of a preconference sponsored by the American Association of Junior Colleges and the Association of College and Research Libraries at Atlantic City from June 19-21. Planned to stimulate dialogue between administrators, faculty, librarians and media specialists; the two days of sessions will include demonstrations, concurrent workshops, and contact with resource persons. Major presentations will be made by Bill J. Priest, chancellor, Dallas County Junior College District, Dallas, Texas; Gabriel Ofesh, chairman, department of educational technology, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; James Zigeral, Dean, TV College, Chicago City College; and Carol Zion, assistant to the vice-president, Miami Dade Junior College.

Maurice B. Mitchell, chancellor of the University of Denver and former president and editorial director of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, will speak at the banquet to be held in connection with the preconference on Friday, June 20. Attendance is limited to 500 persons, and the registration fee, including three meals, is $50. Reservation forms may be requested from the Association of College and Research Libraries, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

SUBJECT ANALYSIS OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

An American Library Association Preconference Institute sponsored by Information Science and Automation Division, Resources and Technical Services Division's Cataloging and Classification Section, and Columbia University, June 19-21, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City.

A 1969 updating of the Conference on Subject Analysis of Library Materials, Columbia University, 1952, to provide an interpretive overview of the state of the art of subject analysis, especially as it has developed in the last twenty years.

Registration blanks will be mailed to all ALA members. Registrations to the limit of 700 will be accepted with the registration fee of $35.00 on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee includes a Banquet ticket, coffee service during the meeting breaks, and one copy of the proceedings to be published by Columbia University, School of Library Service.

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5. Applicants

Branches may now apply for Supplemental and Special Purpose Types A and B grants, as well as Basic grants, through the parent institution. Beginning in 1969-70, new institutions may apply for Basic grants one year before they open.

These five paragraphs are necessarily brief and sketchy. The new program documents for 1968-69 will provide a comprehensive treatment of the new Title II-A regulations.

You will note on the last two pages of the Instructions the addresses and phone numbers of our nine Regional Library Service program officers. Call the one in your region if you need further assistance and information about the Title II-A programs.

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association with the North Texas State University library.

Mrs. Natalie Notkin has retired after twenty years of service with the University of Washington libraries.

Mrs. Marion Stanton has retired after eleven years of service with the University of Washington libraries.

Naomi Street, a member of the staff of the New York Public library's art and architecture division for the past eighteen years, retired on December 31, 1968.