George Washington University's Gelman Library received a $74,000 grant under the Department of Education's Foreign Periodicals program to add to its holdings of demographic, statistical, and current awareness publications from Poland, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine, the Transcaucasian Republics, and the Central Asian Republics. These materials are housed in the library's Information Center for the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and China.

Harvard University's Eda Kuhn Loeb Music Library has received a grant of $100,000 from Aina Swan Cutler and Henry Harrington Cutler to establish the Swan Cutler Finnish Music Fund. The intent of the fund is to promote knowledge and appreciation of Finnish music by allowing the library to develop a comprehensive collection of Finnish music scores, recordings, books, and other materials. The collection will range from classical repertory to jazz and popular music, as well as the various folk traditions of Finland, including the culture of the Lapps and the Karelia region.

The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries has been awarded $225,000 by the U.S. Office of Education from the Higher Education Act to build a statewide online library network that will allow any resident of Alabama to access library resources electronically. By adding PacLink software to their existing NOTIS systems, the collections of eight participating institutions will be available, in addition to a biomedicine database and specialized branch libraries for architecture, education, engineering, and veterinary medicine. Users will be able to browse over seven million bibliographic records including serial holdings records for over 30,000 unique serial titles.

Oklahoma State University (OSU) Libraries, Stillwater, has received a grant of $141,000 from the Mervin Bovaird Foundation of Tulsa. The funds will be used by the Oklahoma Research and Community Network to install PACLink to connect the catalogs and databases of the libraries of OSU, OSU-College of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of Tulsa, the University Center at Tulsa, and the Tulsa/City County Library System.

Oregon State University Libraries, Corvallis, has received a $330,000 three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to demonstrate the feasibility of making government information on federally issued compact disks available to remote users through dial-in access and over the Internet. The project, which will start with sources from the Department of Commerce including the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis, will increase access to federal information for users in the Pacific Northwest and will provide a model for other regions of the U.S.

Pennsylvania State University has received several contributions to its Campaign for the Library, an effort to raise $10 million to expand Pattee Library. Recent grants have included $150,000 from the Annenberg Foundation; $50,000 from Edward Anchel, president of the Penn State Alumni Association, and his wife Judith; $50,000 from Penn State alumnus Richard DeFluri, a consultant with the Pennsylvania Financial Group; and $50,000 from Penn State graduate Donald Devorris, president of the Blair Companies, and his wife Nancy. The planned improvements include a multistory addition adjoining the East Wing to house several new or expanded "libraries within the library" in the areas of education, life sciences, humanities, and business. Also included is a new Library for Special Collections, which will provide security and environmental controls for rare books, ancient manuscripts, and important archives.

The Smithsonian Institution Libraries has established the S. Dillon Ripley Library Endowment with $278,000 to honor the former Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution who founded the libraries 25 years ago. The endowment will support acquisition of library materials in 18
branch systems. A Special Collections Endowment was also established with $343,000 from the sale of duplicate books from the libraries' natural history collections to support special collections purchases.

The Universidad Adventista de las Antillas in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, has been awarded $49,964 from the U.S. Department of Education College Library Technology and Grants Program for its Networking and Communication Project to join UPRENET (the University of Puerto Rico Educational Network), SOLINET/OCLC, and to create machine-readable records for its retrospective conversion project.

The University of California-Stanford Library Consortium has received $97,000 from the Department of Education to acquire, catalog, and make available microfilm backfiles of nine rarely held newspapers from Tokyo, Taipei, Seoul, Shanghai, and Canton. The funds, which were provided through the Title VI-funded Foreign Periodical Program, will be divided between Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego campus libraries.

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has received $146,551 from the Getty Grant program to support a two-year program of visits by art librarians from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe to the library. The program, which started in August 1993, is intended to give the visitors a broad knowledge of and exposure to the theory and practice of librarianship in America. Visitors also will learn to use the advanced tools and technologies that increasingly are shaping libraries and library service throughout the world. The entire stay for each participant will range from four to six months each.

The University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, has received a grant from the Norwegian Emigration Fund of 1975. The fund was established by the Norwegian Parliament in 1975 as part of the observation of the 150th anniversary of organized Norwegian emigration to the United States. The grant of 15,000 kroner will support acquisition of contemporary and antiquarian materials in Norway on subjects dealing with Norwegian emigration history and relations between the United States and Norway.

The University of Oregon (UO) Library, Eugene, has received a grant of $768,500 from the Meyer Memorial Trust of Portland to team with four regional college libraries to provide improved library services. More than two-thirds of the grant will be used to upgrade the Knight Library's Technical Services Center to support a merged database containing bibliographic records of materials in all formats from the participating libraries. Residents throughout the state will gain access to the UO library's two million volumes plus the 650,000 volumes held by the regional colleges. The union catalog should be in operation by the summer of 1994.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Libraries have received $122,298 from the U.S. Department of Education to aid the creation of library-supported scholar's workstations to provide convenient, timely user access to information in or near the scholar's workplace. Four workstations will be installed in campus locations where students and faculty engage in study of the environmental sciences. They will serve as a prototype of an electronic version of a branch library. The grant was awarded competitively under Title IIA of the Higher Education Act.

Acquisitions

The naval history collection of Robert N. Sheridan of Ronkonkoma, New York, has been acquired by the College of Charleston's Robert Scott Small Library in South Carolina. Comprised of more than 6,000 monographs, journals, encyclopedias, and bibliographies, the donation is focused on naval history in the 20th century, but also contains works on maritime