ACRL Emphasizes Ethnicity Theme at Chicago Conference

Ethnicity is ACRL's principal program theme for the 1976 ALA Centennial Conference. Julian Bond, Georgia State representative, will address the general topic at ACRL's program meeting, Monday, July 19. Edwin Wolf II, librarian, Library Company of Philadelphia will discuss the development of Black History Collections, and Nettie Lee Benson, librarian emeritus of the Latin American Collections, University of Texas at Austin, will speak on the development of Mexican-American Collections at the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section program, Sunday, July 18. Several other ALA units will emphasize ethnic programs during the week. The Reference and Adult Services Division of ALA will cosponsor with ACRL tours of ethnic collections in the Chicago area.

The College Libraries Section will hear Grady Morein describe the Academic Library Development Program. The project, funded by the Council on Library Resources and being conducted at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, is modeled upon the Management Review and Analysis Program of the Association of Research Libraries. The objective is to design a program that could be applied to smaller college and university libraries.

A review of the state of the art in community and junior college learning resources centers will be sponsored by the Community and Junior College Libraries Section on Sunday, July 18. Trends and projections for future LRC programs will be considered.

On Monday morning, July 19, the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section will present a program on the security of library materials. Addressing the topic of "Stealing the American Heritage: The Theft of Manuscripts from Libraries and Archives" will be William J. Riley, agent in the General Investigation Division, FBI; Tim Walch, associate director, Archival Security Program, Society of American Archivists; and Alex Ladenson, legal advisor to the SAA Archival Security Program.

The Art Section will meet with the Music Library Association on Wednesday, July 21, to consider common problems in art and music libraries. The Art Section also will sponsor a panel discussion on modern art and its documentation at the Art Institute of Chicago and a boat ride on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan with a review of the Chicago architecture.

Members of the Law and Political Science Section will tour the Public Administration Service Joint Reference Library on Tuesday, July 20.

Two meetings are being planned by the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section. Small discussion groups will consider various topics of interest on Sunday, July 18. On Tuesday, July 20, a panel of experts from the Library of Congress, the H. W. Wilson Company, and ERIC will discuss "Subject Access to Education Literature."

Members of the Chicago Library Anthropology Research Group will be among the speakers at the membership meeting of the Anthropology Section, scheduled for Tuesday, July 20. The section also is planning tours of collections in Chicago of special interest to anthropology librarians.

Various sections of ACRL are participating in the program on the International Flow of Books being sponsored by the Resources and Technical Services Division of ALA.

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section preconference will be held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, July 14-17, 1976. The theme is "Maps and Atlases: A New World in Rare Book and Manuscript Collections. Norman J. W. Thrower, University of California, Los Angeles, is the keynote speaker. Other speakers are Paul Banks, Newberry Library; Ralph E. Ehrenberg, National Archives and Records Service; Robert Karrow, Newberry Library; Andrew McNally III, Rand McNally and Company; Douglas Marshall, University of Michigan; Coolie Verner, University of British Columbia; Joan Winearls, University of Toronto; John A. Wolter, Library of Congress; and David Woodward, Newberry Library. For more information on the preconference, contact The University of Michigan Extension Service, Conferences & Institutes, 412 Maynard St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

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