James G. Neal, director of Johns Hopkins University Library, joined the Board of Directors of the Community of Science, Inc. (COS), a Web publishing company in Baltimore. Neal, the 1997–98 president of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), is a leading expert in the fields of copyright law, library development, and the role of Internet technology in scholarly publishing. He was named the 1997 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. For the past four years, he has chaired the Information Policies Committee and the Copyright Working Group at the ARL. Neal also serves on the Executive Board of the ALA. COS works with more than 200 research universities, scientific societies, and publishers to create virtual communities of scientists and scholars on the Web. The company has developed advanced technology systems for database publishing, journal publishing, and secure authoring on the Internet. The Johns Hopkins University founded the company in 1988 and remains a major shareholder. For more information about COS, call (410) 563-2378 or visit the Web site at http://cos.gdb.org.

Paul Evan Peters, founding executive director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), was given posthumously CAUSE’s top individual honor—the Award for Exemplary Leadership and Information Technology Excellence (ELITE). Before his death in November 1996, Peters spent six years drawing librarians, information technologists, publishers, and leaders in the nonprint communications world into a network of CNI initiatives. Among his many leadership roles, Peters chaired the Board of Directors of the National Information Standards Organization and was an elected councilor of the ALA. He was instrumental in the development of the National Initiative for a Networked Cultural Heritage. A $5,000 scholarship stipend, which accompanies the ELITE Award, will be contributed to the Paul Evan Peters Scholarship Fund administered by CNI, at the request of his widow, Rosemarie Kozdron. For information about this fund, contact the Coalition at info@cni.org or at (202) 296-5098.

Gordon Rowley, university bibliographer and head of collection development at Davis Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is assuming editorship of the quarterly Collection Management, published by The Haworth Press, Inc. Collection Management examines the latest developments in the field of managing library collections and their implications for college, university, and research libraries of all types. From 1990 to 1997, Rowley was the assistant director for collections at Iowa State University. Prior to 1990, he served as the associate director responsible for developing and managing the libraries’ collections at Northern Illinois University for over ten years. In the 1980s, Rowley served two terms as chair of the editorial board for Choice and contributed to the development of guides on aspects of collection development and management published by the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services. He completed a Ph.D. in musicology at the University of Iowa.

Evelyn Silverman received the Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (GSLIS) Alumnus of the Year award. This award is given to a graduate of GSLIS who, “as a professional librarian, has made a significant contribution to the field and who represents the highest ideals of the profession.” Silverman (class of 1976) was recognized for her work as liaison between the Queens College Library and the GSLIS.
Appointments

Karen Adams has been appointed director of library and information services for the University of Alberta Library, Canada's second largest library system. A graduate of the Universities of Manitoba and Western Ontario, Adams background includes experience as director of public library services in Manitoba and as provincial librarian of Saskatchewan. Since 1991 she has served as the executive director of the Canadian Library Association. Adams has become one of Canada's authorities on copyright legislation as it affects libraries and library services.

Stephen Bloom, former director of university libraries at the University of the Arts (UA) in Philadelphia has been named director of University of Southern Maine (USM) Library. Bloom will oversee the libraries on the Portland, Gorham and Lewiston-Auburn campuses. Prior to his tenure at UA, Bloom served as administrative services librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and earlier as the university's architecture and art librarian. He has written on automating library catalogs, library archives, and on developing film and video collections at libraries. He has served on the committees of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the ALA, and the Art Libraries Society of North America. Bloom earned his MLS from Columbia University and a master's in history and bachelor's degree in education from the University of Vermont.

Jud Copeland has been appointed director of library services at the William Allen White Library of Emporia State University (ESU) in Emporia, Kansas. Copeland's library experiences include library residency at the University of Franche Comte Library in Besancon, France, and a research associate for the Kansas State Library and Community Analysis Research Institute. He also collected and analyzed data for the 1994 Kansas State Public Library Statistics Report and participated in the development of an automated information system for the Kansas Health Foundation. Copeland earned his bachelor's in French with a minor in foreign languages from Centenary College, a master's degree in French from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and master's and doctoral degrees in library science from ESU.

Elaine K. Didier, director of Residential and University Programs, Academic Outreach, has been appointed interim director of Academic Outreach at the University of Michigan. She continues to serve as adjunct associate professor in the School of Information, where she teaches management. Didier joined the Academic Outreach Department in 1996. Prior to that, she was associate dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan, where she served as CEO and deputy dean, overseeing budget, personnel, and administrative operations, and primary liaison to units reporting to the graduate school. Didier has been active in a number of state and national professional associations, including the Michigan Library Association, Michigan Association for Media in Education, and the ALA. She currently chairs ACRL's Leadership Development Committee. She earned her B.A., A.M.L.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan and also studied at Oxford University.

Ellen Isenstein has been named director of the library of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Prior to being named library director, she held the positions of acting director, associate li-
brarian, and reference librarian in the John F. Kennedy School of Government. She was also reference librarian in the Government Documents Department of the Boston Public Library. Isenstein has held the offices of secretary and treasurer of the Boston Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. She has a MSLS from the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science and a Certificate of Special Studies in Management and Administration from the Harvard Extension School.

Alexa T. McCray has been named director of the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communication. The Lister Hill Center supports and conducts research and development in health science communication. McCray is a recognized expert in the field of informatics and in the development of communications technologies to improve access to biomedical information by health care professionals. McCray has been with the Lister Hill Center since 1986 and was previously chief of the Center’s Cognitive Science Branch. Prior to her NLM service, McCray worked as a research affiliate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an assistant professor at Georgetown University, and as a research staff member at the computer sciences department of IBM’s Thomas J. Watson Research Center.

Deborah Bernard has been appointed reference/user education librarian (half-time) at the Govern Thomas E. Dewey Graduate Library for Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Melinda F. Brown has been appointed bibliographer/reference librarian of the Central Library at Vanderbilt University.

Rodrigo A. Bustos is now a reference librarian/computer specialist at the William Russell Pullen Library at Georgia State University.

Jane Carpenter is now rare book and manuscript cataloger at the Newberry Library.

Lauren Corbett has been appointed serials librarian at the Old Dominion University Library in Norfolk, Virginia.

Jean Cottingham has accepted a position as assistant interlibrary loan librarian at the University of South Carolina’s Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

Stefanie DuBose has been named assistant interlibrary loan librarian in the University of South Carolina’s Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

Wayne Halliday has been appointed instructor and electronic information systems librarian at Lehman College in New York City.

Julia Harvey has been named technical services librarian at the Bishop Library of Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania.

William P. Kane has been named Blackwell’s Book Services regional manager for the Midwest.

Alan Leopold is now director of the Department of Collection Services at the Newberry Library.

Yaping Liu has been appointed head of the library systems support department at the University of Delaware Library.

Erin McCaffrey has joined the staff of the Newberry Library as acquisitions librarian.

Barbara Nichols Randall has been appointed head of the Database Maintenance, Processing and Bindery Department at the University at Albany, State University of New York.

Robert Skinder has been selected as assistant science librarian at the science library of the University of South Carolina’s Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

John Brewster Smith has been appointed chief librarian at the Bronx Community College Library-Learning Center.

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William Stoneman is the new librarian of the Houghton Library at Harvard University. Karen Sitton Vaughan has been selected as the digital services coordinator for the Old Dominion University Library in Norfolk, Virginia. Shelley Warwick has joined the faculty of the graduate school of library and information studies at Queens College. Donald Waters has joined the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) as the director of the Digital Library Federation (formerly the National Digital Library Federation). James C. Watson has been appointed assistant professor and educational technology librarian at Lehman College in New York City.

Retirements

Luella Allen, head of the Media Services Department at the University of Delaware Library since 1989, retired. Prior to her service at University of Delaware, she worked in the Health Services Library at SUNY Buffalo.

James Davis, rare books librarian for the UCLA Library, has retired after 38 years of service. Davis began his tenure at UCLA in 1959 as a library school intern from the University of Washington. Then hired as a professional from 1959 to 1983 he labored to renovate the Powell Library Building, spent a year at UC Berkeley as an “interlibrary loan” to assist in designing the undergraduate library there, served as college librarian for five years, developed courses and taught in the UCLA Graduate School of Library & Information Service, and joined the Library Administrative Office to work with the Friends of the Library and to maintain the University Research Library exhibit program. In 1983 he became Rare Books Librarian in the department of special collections. During this time the Ahmanson-Murphy Aldine Collection was modified and an offshoot became the Ahmanson-Murphy Early Italian Printing Collection.

Deaths

Marjo Dobbs Arseneau, interlibrary loan librarian at the William Russell Pullen Library of Georgia State University, died of cancer in November. Prior to her appointment at Georgia State, she served in the DeKalb County, Georgia, Public Library System and at Louisiana State University Library.

Sarah Dowlin Jones, college librarian, died November 28, 1997. She received her AB (1937), AM (1939), and Ph.D. in English literature (1954) from the University of Pennsylvania and BS in Library Science from the Pratt Institute (1944). Between 1939 and 1943, she held clerical positions with the Lippincott Library of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, first as secretary to the librarian, then as acquisitions and reference assistant. After serving as assistant reference librarian at the Pratt Institute Library (1944–45), reference librarian at the American Library of the U.S. Information Service in London, England (1945–47), librarian of the Mathematics-Physics Library of the University of Pennsylvania (1947–49), and head of the reference department of the University Library, University of Pennsylvania (1949–52), she was appointed librarian with the rank of professor at Goucher College in 1952, a position she held until her retirement in 1981. After membership on several important committees of the ALA, she was elected to its national council. She served a term as representative of the College Section to the ACRL.

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