THINKERS WANTED FOR BI THINK TANK

ACRL’s Bibliographic Instruction Section will sponsor an institute in Dallas, Texas, June 21-23, on “The Educational Roles of Academic Libraries: State-of-the-Art and an Agenda for the Future.” Ten participants will be selected to discuss the future of academic user education. Think tank members must meet the following criteria: 1) significant research on issues germane to user education in academic libraries; 2) innovation in educational services on a national or regional level; 3) publication or presentation of theoretical issues contributing to the conceptual development of user education in academic libraries. Anyone interested in participating should contact, by March 31, Betsy Baker, Northwestern University Library, Evanston, IL 60208; (312) 491-7656.

CALENDAR

March

13—Research libraries: “The Research Library: Mission and Reality,” will be the theme of this year’s Conference of the Librarians’ Association at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Speakers will include Kathleen Molz, Columbia University; Sharon Hogan, Louisiana State University; and Duane Webster, ARL. Registration fee: $30 for non-members, $15 for students, before February 21. Contact: Eileen McGrath, North Carolina Collection, Wilson Library, CB #3930, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3930; (919) 962-1172.

May

1-3—New Hampshire: The annual conference of the New Hampshire Library Association will be held at the Center of New Hampshire, Manchester. The theme will be “New Hampshire Library Association: A Centennial Celebration.” Contact: Carol West, Conference Chair, New Hampshire College, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester, NH 03104; (603) 668-2211, ext. 2159.

4-6—Archives: The Midwest Archives Conference will hold its annual spring meeting in Chicago. Archivists, historians, librarians, museum curators, manuscript curators, records managers, oral historians, and anyone interested in the preservation and use of historical materials is invited to attend. Contact: Shirley J. Burton, NARA-Chicago Branch, 7358 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629; (312) 581-7816.

24-26—Library instruction: The Eighteenth Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use will be held at Bishop’s University, Lennoxville, Quebec. Topics of interest to orientation and instruction librarians will include art and style in communication, stress management in public services, and instructing multicultural users. Speakers will also discuss teaching new technologies such as CD-ROM and CAI. Contact: Patrice Stevenson, Workshop Coordinator, Bishop’s University Library, Lennoxville, Quebec J1M 1Z7, Canada; (819) 569-9551, ext. 213.

August

17-19—Dictionary Society: The biennial meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America will be held at Cleveland State University, Ohio, where the meetings of The American Dialect Society will take place simultaneously. Bryan Garner, University of Texas, has been invited to speak on his legal lexicography project leading to the publication of the Oxford Law Dictionary on Historical Principles. Individuals involved in the Waterloo Project have been invited as discussants. Contact: Louis T. Milic, Department of English, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH 44115; (216) 687-3953.
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