September


28—October 3—Management: Advanced Management Skills Institute, sponsored by ARL’s Office of Management Studies, to be held in Airlie, Virginia. The sessions focus on organizational diagnosis, problem solving and change, goal setting and planning, building management teams, executive role, and leadership. Fee: $490. Contact: ARL/OMS, 3000 N. New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036; (202) 232-8656.

30—Bibliography: Sixth Hanes Lecture, Manning Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Speaker will be Paul Needham, curator of printed books at the Pierpont Morgan Library, on “The Bradshaw Method: Henry Bradshaw’s Contribution to Bibliography.” Contact: Libby Chenault, Rare Book Collection, Wilson Library 024A, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514; (919) 962-1143.

October

3—Ohio Chapter: “Strategic Planning: Today’s Academic Library Tomorrow,” the 1986 conference of the Academic Library Association of Ohio, Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus. Featured speakers are JoAn Segal, executive director of ACRL, and Charles M. Galloway, Ohio State University Department of Education. Contact: Peri I. Switzer, Wright State University Libraries, Dayton, OH 45435; (513) 873-3020.

6—7—Grants: 31st Institute on Federal Funding, sponsored by the National Graduate University, Washington Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C. On the agenda are speakers from the National Science Foundation, the Departments of Education, Commerce, Interior, Justice, Army, Navy, Treasury, Agriculture, and Energy, NASA, the American Medical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The program will focus on current research and development, information resource management, training, and other knowledge-intensive programs currently given top priority for grants and contracts. Fee: $295 (after September 29, $325). Contact: National Graduate University, 1101 N. Highland St., Arlington, VA 22201; (703) 527-4800.


8—9—Automation: Fifth Texas Conference on Library Automation, sponsored by the University of Houston-University Park Libraries, will be held at the Stouffer Greenway Plaza Hotel, Houston. Speakers will include Raymond Nimmer, Richard Luce, John Corbin, Jennifer Cargill, Mary Ellen Clapper, and Kate Nevins. Fee: $90. Contact: Carol Hawks, University of Houston-University Park Libraries, 4800 Calhoun Blvd., Houston, TX 77004; (713) 749-7135.

8—10—Michigan Chapter: “Successful Fundraising for Academic Libraries,” will be one of three programs sponsored by ACRL’s Michigan Chapter as part of the Michigan Library Association’s Annual Conference in Flint. Featured speakers will be Eric Lewandowski, manager of sponsored programs for OCLC, and Dwight Burlingame, vice president of university relations, Bowling Green State University. A second program, “Library Surveying Techniques,” will be presented by Eileen Hitchingham, Oakland University. A third program, “The Structure of Education for Academic Librarianship,” will be co-sponsored with the MLA Library Education Caucus. Contact: Marianne Gessner, Michigan Library Association, 415 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, MI 48933; (513) 487-6868.

14—17—Management: Basic Management Skills Institute, sponsored by ARL’s Office of Management Studies, held in Lincoln, Nebraska. The sessions address problem-solving, staff motiva-
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How a modern library solved a traditional problem with easy-access microforms.

In the midst of downtown Miami's skyscrapers is a complex of low-rise stucco structures collectively known as the Metro-Dade Cultural Center. The occupant of the largest of these structures, the Miami-Dade Public Library Main Branch, just celebrated its first anniversary at the site.

When the new library was being planned, provisions were made to update everything from the card catalog — now online — to the heating and cooling system. One system, however, was carried over from the old Main Branch: storing periodicals in a remote location. "Remote storage doesn't provide the best access, but it worked well enough in the old library so we thought we'd try it here," says Head Librarian Edward Kilrov. "Within months, we discovered a problem." Kilroy explains: "Our downtown patronage grew dramatically when we moved here. More patrons put more pressure on our staff and on our periodical retrieval equipment — a conveyor-type book lift. During some busy lunch hours, the book lift broke down entirely, leaving us unable to supply people with the information they needed. That's when we began to think seriously about converting most of our periodical collection to microforms."

Business and Science Librarian Edward Oswald led the conversion drive by contacting University Microfilms International. "UMI was already supplying us with 200 subscriptions to periodicals in microform. We felt confident they could help us select and manage even more." A thoughtful purchasing program, using popular indexes as buying guides, resulted in 1600 new subscriptions; these were then installed with the library's existing microforms and frequently-used bound periodicals in an inviting, new lobby-level reading area.

Today's Miami-Dade patron enjoys improved access to a wider range of periodicals because the library staff — with UMI's help — rethought their tradi-
tion, decision making, effective use of groups, supervisory leadership, performance appraisal, and communication. Fee: $325. Contact: ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036; (202) 232-8656.

23-25—Higher education: “American Dreams: The National Debate about the Future of Education,” a symposium hosted by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania. The program will combine presentation and debate. Speakers and debaters include Phyllis Schlafly (Eagle Forum), Eleanor Smeal (NOW), Chester Finn (Department of Education), Mary Hatwood Futrell (NEA), and Stanley Aronowitz (CUNY). Contact: American Dreams, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, IUP, Indiana, PA 15705; (412) 357-2730, 357-2227.

24—Reference service: “Are We Getting Where We Are Going? Evaluating Reference Services,” a workshop conducted by Charles A. Bunge of the University of Wisconsin Library School, will be held at the University of Texas, Thompson Center, Austin. Fee: $35. Contact: Mel Boggins, Director of Placement and Continuing Education, Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712-1276; (512) 471-3821.

30—November 1—South Carolina: South Carolina Library Association Annual Convention, Radisson Hotel, Columbia. Contact: Susan Hollifield, University of South Carolina Library, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801; (803) 229-8367.


November

6-7—Technical services: “Formats: Old and New,” the Online Audiovisual Catalogers Conference ’86, hosted by OCLC, Dublin, Ohio. Shirley Lewis (Information Services) and Donald Bidd (National Film Board of Canada) will be keynote speakers. Fee: $25 for OLAC members and OCLC user group school librarians, $35 for non-members. Contact: Barbara Ritchie, Project Manager—LS/2000, OCLC, Inc., 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, OH 43017-0702.


12—Gillard Lecture: 17th Annual William A. Gillard Lecture, St. John’s University Council Hall, Jamaica, New York. Lecturer will be John N. Berry III, editor-in-chief of the Library Journal. Contact: Mildred Lowe, Division of Library and Information Science, St. John’s University, Jamaica, NY 11439; (718) 990-6200.

18-21—Management: Basic Management Skills Institute, sponsored by ARL’s Office of Management Studies, held in Scottsdale, Arizona. See October 14–17 entry.

December

1-4—Management: Library Analytical Skills Institute, sponsored by ARL’s Office of Management Studies, to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Topics covered include the problem-solving process, data gathering and analysis, creativity and analytical thought, strategy formulation, presentation, and implementation. Fee: $450. Contact: ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036; (202) 232-8656.

January


Classified ADS

Deadlines: Orders for regular classified advertisements must reach the ACRL office on or before the second of the month preceding publication of the issue (e.g., September 2 for the October issue). Late job listings will be accepted on a space-available basis after the second of the month.

Rates: Classified advertisements are $5.00 per line for ACRL members, $6.25 for others. Late job notices are $12.00 per line for members, $14.00 for others. Organizations submitting ads will be charged according to their membership status.

Telephone: All telephone orders should be confirmed by a written order mailed to ACRL headquarters as soon as possible. Orders should be accompanied by a typewritten copy of the ad to be used in proofreading. An additional $10 will be charged for ads taken over the phone (except late job notices or display ads).

Guidelines: For ads which list an application deadline, that date must be no sooner than the 20th day of the month in which the notice appears (e.g., October 20 for the October issue). All job announcements should include a salary figure. Job announcements will be edited to exclude discriminatory references. Applicants should be aware that the terms faculty rank and status vary in meaning among institutions.

JOBLINE: Call (312) 944-6795 for late-breaking job ads for academic and research library positions. A pre-recorded summary of positions listed with the service is revised weekly; each Friday a new tape includes all ads received by 1:00 p.m. the previous day. Each listing submitted will be carried on the recording for two weeks. The charge for each two-week listing is $30 for ACRL members and $35 for non-members.