



LIBRARY NEWS FOR YOU!

This first issue begins a library staff newsletter that will be published every other Friday (payday, so you won't forget). We want to include a variety of items with interest for everyone. Here are some of the things we have in mind:

- * new materials or services
- * brief reports of meetings attended by staff
- * staff activities (parties, etc.)
- * news of former staff
- * getting to know new staff members
- * vital statistics (birthdays, etc.)
- * vacation reports
- * recipe of the month
- * the Director answers your questions (taken from the Suggestion Box)
- * promotions or special honors
- * classified ads (buy, sell, swap)
- * library humor, trivia questions

Any more??? That's up to you! We would like to have one interested person from each area of the library gather the "news" from that area and give it to EN by the Monday of the week in which the next issue is due (for next issue 5 p.m. Oct. 22). It should be written out--typed is even better. REMEMBER, THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR ALL OF US! The more feedback and "news" we have, the more interesting and informative it will be for everyone. LM



FROM THE DIRECTOR....

No, this is not the Fact Sheet in disguise. This is a brand new publication with a talented and dedicated editorial staff (that would be LM and EN), strongly supported by Management (that's me) and committed to the proposition that a staff newsletter really can provide a valuable means of communication for all Library staff members (that's everybody who works here).

I have always believed that a staff newsletter can be one of the most effective means of providing information, addressing questions and concerns of general interest, announcing meetings, conferences, workshops, etc., keeping staff informed of policy and procedural changes, reporting staff activities and improving communications generally. It can even be interesting! Entertaining, even! To be successful, however, a staff newsletter needs a strong supportive commitment, not only from Management and the Editors, but from everyone. People with responsibility for areas and functions should be certain to inform the editors of changes in policy and procedure and, in general, "what's new in circulation, ILC, etc" or "what's going on in....: Everyone is encouraged to forward to the editors suggestions for items or features you would like to see included in the newsletter. We really want this to be your newsletter, not just a device for "Now hear this!" pronouncements. In order to make it your newsletter, the editors need and will be asking for your suggestions and contributions.

I want to express my appreciation to Linda and Elaine for assuming the responsibility of co-editing our newsletter. To everyone else: Let's make this one work! MB

WANTED: Clothes dryer...will consider gas or electric. Contact Linda Podehl.

GIVE AWAY: Tiger kittens (better than free)--\$2.00 each if you'll take one or more. Contact EN

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Documents:

Ray is currently producing a monthly newsletter about new U.S. and Michigan government publications. The newsletter, titled Documents Digest, gives (1) a brief description of new, interesting and useful publications, (2) gives short, informative news items about the documents collection in general, and (3) gives a short list of new congressional hearing reports. The newsletter is free and is distributed to various offices on and off campus. Our copy is kept at the I.S. desk with extras in the hand-out rack. RBD

Circulation:

Just a reminder Circulation is allowing a 4 day "grace" period on 3 week loan materials; there is no charge for the first four days, but on the fifth day, the fine is 50¢, and 10¢ per day per item is added until materials are returned.

"Geri" wishes to thank Chris Jacobs, who is making decisions about circulation in her absence, and all the clerks who are covering desk hours during her "time reduction" schedule. This allows her time to attend classes, "pull out her hair", do a "practicum" in the Reference Department and hopefully end up with a Master's degree in Library Science.

"Hats off" to Rovanne Baughan who recently became engaged to Scott Taylor with wedding chimes planned for July 13, 1985. EH



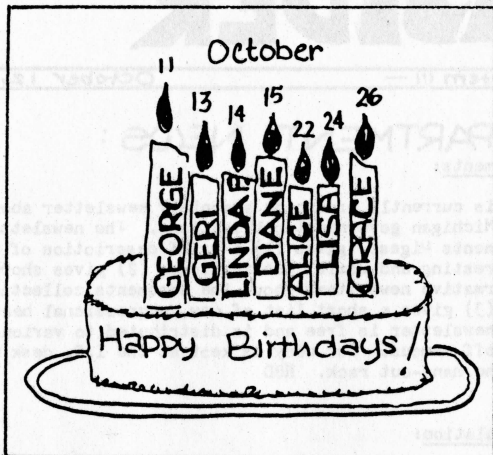
HALLOWEEN APPROACHES!!!!: Hey, all you witches and goblins, spacemen and bookworms! Wednesday, October 31, is fast approaching. Dig out those costumes and dress for work! We're planning to serve witches' brew and spooks treats in the afternoon. If anyone would like to make some goodies for this event, please contact LM. Details in next newsletter. (Part of the mystery of this newsletter is figuring out the initials. Ha!)

ON THE ROAD....

While in Atlanta for the Integrated On Line Systems Conference, Geri Hurt and I visited the Atlanta-Fulton County Library where we heard a familiar sound--checking the inside of books we saw the new model Checkpoint III labels which are roughly 2" x 2" ... Although an online catalog is soon to be implemented there, the current catalog is on Computer Output Microfilm, which is read on ROM's (same machines as our Magazine Index, etc.) There is also a special ROM attached to a printer. We would have brought back a print, but the printer was out of order.

On the second floor, we browsed in the Business, Economics, and Law Area. Here we found microfiche reader-primers in abundance--with signs saying "make your own copy" (25¢ ... pay at the desk). We tried three machines and on our fourth try found one which would print. So much for modern miracles in other libraries, or ... there is a worm in every apple. SK

At the Michigan Library Association Leadership Conference, president-elect Bob Wren of the Detroit Public Library spoke on ways to handle stress. One way is to massage between your thumb and index finger with the thumb and index finger of the other hand. This appears somewhat less obvious than wringing your hands and is not as unsanitary as biting your nails. Stress must be a real problem in the library world when incoming officers are cautioned on ways of managing stress. SK



AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU WORK HERE DEPARTMENT:

Ingram orders are sent in on the last day of the month... ordering materials are kept in the I.S. desk drawer. 40% off books, calendars (at least 100!), cassettes, videos, with turnaround time of a week isn't all bad!

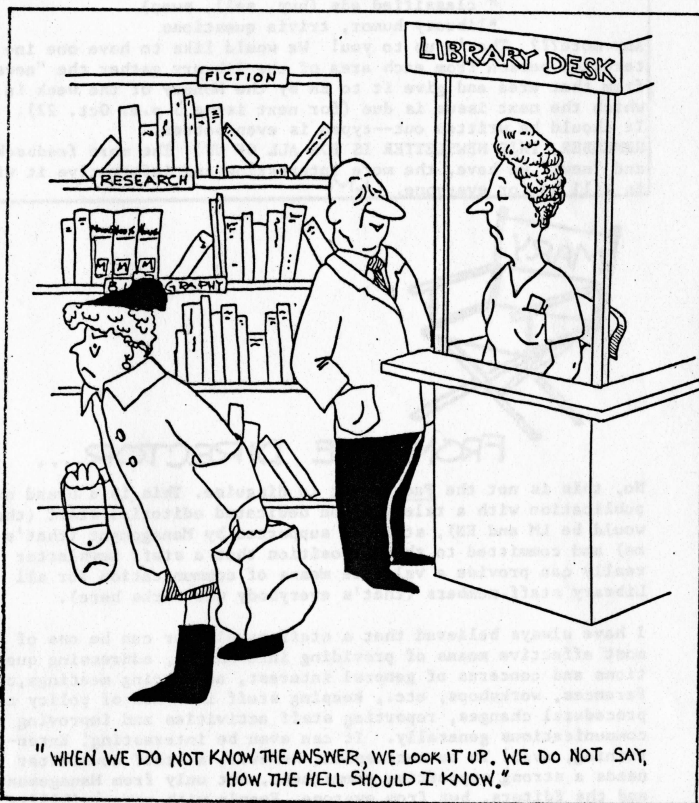
Argus Poster Catalog is making the rounds...best we can do is \$1.00/poster with an order of 50 or more...Argus has been slow in the past few years, so keep that catalog moving.

Mugs, T-shirts, tote bags: Upstart Promotions has some neat items that can give your "librarian image" a boost...no great & deals, but nice gift ideas. See EN if interested.

— SHORT TAKES —

..... a demo CROY Lettering Machine should arrive by mail any day; we may use it for a month or so with no obligation to buy...As of 10/10, there is a typing room but no typewriters. Mary says help may be on the way, but in the meantime, do not advertise our typing room...The Flower Fund is sick and could use a shot in the arm. Please be generous... United Way Chairperson Geri Hurt says "Make your pledge by Nov. 1 and get a pin."...Word has come from the east that Margene Fennell's husband Jay is now academic dean at Clinton Community College. Their address is RFD#3, Box 8, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Mary will hold open office hours as follows: Wednesdays from 10-12 and Thursdays from 2-3. Persons may visit without an appointment to offer ideas, or to discuss concerns or problems (sort of a verbal Suggestion Box)... Mary says that there are some questions about the new copy machines (wouldn't we all agree!) that "make them unacceptable as they are"...we'll know more soon, but in the meantime, report all problems to Pat and contact Lyle or Ray concerning toner, paper, etc...We have been asked by the President and the Development Office for a list of needed equipment and supplies to be bought with development funds. If you have suggestions, do include type of equipment and price range (model #'s would be nice) on your list to be given to Mary.



"WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER, WE LOOK IT UP. WE DO NOT SAY, HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW."

Rocky Road Fudge Bars Supreme

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| 1 c butter or margarine, divided | 2 1/4 t vanilla, divided |
| 2 squares (1 oz each) unsweetened chocolate, divided | 1 1/4 c chopped nuts, divided |
| 1 1/4 c sugar, divided | 1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened, divided |
| 1 c plus 2 T flour, divided | 2 c miniature marshmallows |
| 1 t baking powder | 1 lb confectioner's sugar |
| 3 eggs, divided | 1/4 c milk |

In small saucepan over very low heat, melt one square of the chocolate with 1/2 cup of the butter. Add one cup of sugar, one cup of flour and baking powder; mix well. Beat in two eggs and one teaspoon of the vanilla. Stir in one cup of nuts. Spread batter on bottom of greased 9x13-inch baking pan. Set aside.

In medium bowl, combine 3/4 of the cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, two tablespoons flour, 1/4 cup of the butter or margarine, egg, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and 1/4 cup nuts. Mix thoroughly and spread with broad spatula over batter in pan. Bake at 350 degrees 25 to 30 minutes, until puffed and batter is beginning to leave sides of pan.

Meanwhile, in small pan, melt remaining square of chocolate with re-

maining 1/4 cup butter or margarine and reserved 1/4 of cream cheese. Add remaining teaspoon vanilla. Beat in confectioner's sugar alternately with milk until frosting is smooth and creamy. Keep warm.

Remove cake mixture from oven and sprinkle evenly with marshmallow; return to oven for two minutes, until marshmallows puff and start to melt. Remove from oven and immediately spread warm frosting over top, working quickly with spatula. Work from edges toward middle. Cool completely on wire rack and refrigerate several hours for ease in cutting into bars. Makes about three dozen.

Tested by Nettie Duffield in the Free Press Tower-Kitchen.

CONTEST

Can anyone think of an appropriate, unique name for our staff newsletter?? Think hard! Submit ideas to EN or LM. Names will be listed in the next issue, and a vote taken!

THE LAST WORD----

Well, that's the first issue. It took some time and work, but if it helps us all to talk to each other seriously and in fun, it will be worth it. Please send letters to the editor, write guest editorials when you feel like it, and just get things off your chest and out in the open. Put your literary masterpieces in LM or EN's mailbox anytime and they will be treated with care.