

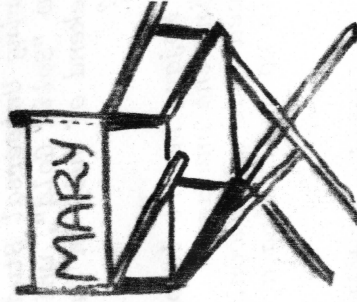
FERRIS STATE COLLEGE LIBRARY

INSIDER

picked up with the dust!

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from the
director...

I. We have approval to spend some equipment money for replacement typewriters and chairs. Does anyone have any specific types or models of either in mind? The Purchasing office says the college has been buying I.B.M. Wheelwriter III typewriters and one may be inspected in their office. Big Rapids Business Machines has the Juki Sierra, which is a very good I.B.M. Selectric clone. Would two or three people like to volunteer for a committee to investigate typewriters and chairs?

II. If, for whatever reason, you're not happy with the shape you're in, our library staff exercise class is now meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Faculty Lounge.

III. A member of the committee on Library Policies and Procedures reminded me that this committee was not included in the last Insider issue. This committee was established at a meeting of the non-professional staff last year. Its function will be to review and clarify library staff policies and procedures. Volunteers were DeGeorge, Gallagher, Mourer, and Peacock. We need a professional staff member for this committee. If interested, let me know.

IV. Other action on the committee "front": The Library Automation Committee has (finally) met and is working on a list of assumptions, concerns, questions and "thoughts" relative to automation. Sally will chair this committee.

The "Staff Morale Committee" will meet Monday, July 22 at 10 a.m. in my office. A chair will be elected/appointed at that time.

V. There was nothing new in the suggestion box today!!

Welcome! Three new adult part-timers!

Circulation:

Dayna Gemzer - who was born in Lansing, MI, has lived in Big Rapids most of her life and graduated in June of "81" Now married, she has one 14 month old girl, Wendy. Dayna says she will enjoy working at the library. We hope so!

I.S.:

Beth Carroll - born and raised in Big Rapids, she attended St. Peters Lutheran School and Big Rapids H.S. She entered into active duty in the Air Force in 1977 and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone till honorably discharged in Dec. of 1981. Her job description was Cryogenic Fluid Production Specialist. (Ask her about it sometime, it is really very interesting, huh, Beth!) She enjoys all sports, traveling and helping other people.

Documents: Tina Chulski is Ray Dickinson's new helper. She'll be here until she goes back to Aquinas College at the end of August. Tina is a second semester junior there, studying mathematics and economics. She is also an avid (yep!) Euchre player and a science fiction fanatic. (She saw "Star Wars" 14 times!) Her goal in life is to be important enough to have her obituary printed in Time.

ALA - Chicago 1985

Tampering with the Online Catalog

Chicago became very hot and steamy, as did the discussion at one meeting I attended which was titled "Should reference librarians tamper with the Online Catalog?"

The four panelist who addressed the topic were followed by three more librarians who reacted to the presentation. Systems librarians while pledging to ask reference librarians for input believe that users should be taught to use but not have an online catalog polluted by local cross references.

If was reported that GEAC users aren't allowed to change screen formats, that variant spellings cause problems.

Reference librarians want Borlean subject searching, prompt screens for users, additional customized cross references and expect online catalogs to be better and easier to use than card catalog with users needs.

The conclusion which was reached by the Reference and Adult Services Division Catalog Use committee is that Reference Librarians should begin by influencing the Machine Readable Bibliographic Information Committee and by joining the Resources and Technical Services Division and subverting it.

"Great Expectations: viewpoints on the Impacts of Library Automation" featured three library directors who are leaders in automating libraries, public and academic.

Kevin Hegarty of Tacoma Public Library described MARC format as the opposite of user friendly which is "user-vicious", an electorization of the card catalog which causes us to be MARC-otic, MARC-eleptic, MARC-icistic. He debunked 10 myths of library automation by saying: automation does save money, does permit better use of the resource budget, does aid in collecting on delinquencies, and increases productivity. SK

SIRS:

You might say aging starts the whole thing. Alcohol, communications, consumerism, you name it! I finished corrections and decided to go to crime. Death and dying were staring me in the face. My defense? Turn to drugs! It took energy. Ethics demanded attention as did the ethnic group. Family was passed thru. Food, habitat, health added their toll. Time was spent on human rights and our mental health. Did money go unnoticed? Pollution? Population? No! I invaded the realm of privacy, religion, and sexuality. The sports scene, technology, and presence of the third world sent me scurrying for transportation.
Note: Women, work to help educate the youth in their chosen field.

Sound zany? Oh, we were just checking to be sure the articles of "Social Issues Resource Series" (SIRS) are there in the I.S. area for the patrons use....

Abbie/NR

STAFF INGRAM ORDER . . . I need a few more items before I can send in the next order.

Please let me have them before Friday, July 26.
LM

Come on library staffers...the suggestion box is there for our USE. What better way to get direct access to the Director with bi-weekly answers!! EDS

