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Gossip that is repeatable:

Our Director, Lanny Greaves is going to receive the Essa M. Culver award in March, 1995. The award is "to honor a librarian whose professional service and achievements, whose leadership in Louisiana association work, and whose accomplishments in a field of librarianship within the state merit recognition of particular value to librarianship." ****Congratulations**** from the staff at Poynter Library and we hope that they don't try to "steal" you back!!

Barbara Stites will be leaving TBLC sometime in April. She is getting married to a Ft. Myers business man and will be relocating to that area. Barbara is looking forward to some time off, well, she will be doing some teaching, writing and correspondence and just "getting a personal life." She knows of professional organizations in the Ft. Myers area and will keep active in the profession but at a slower pace. If you know Barbara but did not know this, you may want to touch base with her over the next couple of months.

There is a new librarian in town, Peggy Bridges. She is doing free lance now but interested in work. If anyone knows of any positions opening up, we can probably funnel info to her through Barb Stites at TBLC.

Brad Ward was promoted to Associate Director of TBLC and no, I don't know if he will apply for Barb's job but I would guess he would.

USF Library School

There will be a meeting of the External Review Panel of the ALA Committee on Accreditation, 3/5/95 at USF - Tampa, 4-6 PM in CIS 2046. Refreshments will be provided. Anyone who is a graduate of the USF program or has supervised USF library school graduate students are invited to attend to give feedback on the program. See Deb Henry for the flyer that was distributed at the 2/13 SIS meeting.

TBLC Internet Project:

JJ and Deb attended the TBLC Internet Wrap-up seminar a couple of weeks ago. Five very different libraries participated in the project. They were given full internet accounts via TBLC/SURAnet, had to keep the PC/workstation they were given at the Reference desk and use it to answer questions. It sounded like they spent more time training folks to search the Internet than they did using Internet for answering reference questions. Usage really depended on the size and resources available at the different libraries. Those larger institutions with lots of in-house resources relied on Internet less than smaller ones. But all participants said it is the "wave of the future." The follow-up report "Internet Access for Florida's Public Libraries" is available and Deb has a copy for anyone interested in looking at it.

Reference news:

Update - The WINDOWS version of SilverPlatter software, WinSPIRS, is now running on the 486 workstation #5. #5 is where ASFA is mounted. It has a different look but operates the same. Enhancements are not being made to the DOS SPIRS software anymore although they will continue to support it. Since no objections were heard the switch was made. Some of the features that you need to be aware of:

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2-when downloading to disk - although the A drive has been designated the default, where the filename is entered, you still have to indicate path e.g. a:filename

3-the system automatically prints the search history and then form feeds a page. Deb is checking with SilverPlatter to see if that can be changed. Or, if the staff thinks it is easier, we can set it up to ****not**** print search history automatically.

Workstation #5 (ASFA) will be switched with workstation #4. It is used more heavily and sometimes interferes with patrons trying to access ERIC document files.

Your newsletter editor is a bit slow these days but in case anyone else doesn't know, the electronic address for renewing books and instructions are located in the rolodex at the Reference Desk under R (for renew). BDIFD!

The Marine Biological Laboratory/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is going to both contribute and supply documents for UNCOVER, Spring 1995. MBL/WHOI is a major oceanographic research center. Deb has a flyer if anyone wants any more details.

Bibliographic Instruction

Just so you know.... Deb will be teaching the Summer LIS 2001 class on Thursday nights.

Reserves

At JJ request, David made a very nice sign for the Reserves Desk which clearly instructs patrons *****not***** to leave reserve materials at the desk when it is unattended. This has been a real problem in the past. The sign reminds them to return materials either to Circulation or Reference to be discharged. Let's hope it helps!

Circulation

There was an interesting tidbit in C&RL News, January 1995, p.8 concerning saving money & time by cutting back on the number of overdue notices sent out to patrons. The University of Oklahoma went from 3 to 2 notices before fines are sent to billing and they reduced the spacing (# of days inbetween) of notices. The drift seemed to be that if folks were going to be delinquent, the third notice did not improve returns but just made a lot more work for the staff. It was an interesting little piece. Something to think about if we still send out 3 notices?..?

Internet Junk

Bob Henry is donating the magazine entitled "Internet World" to the library staff. (Actually he was throwing it in the O-file til his significant other made the suggestion) It has some interesting stuff. If you like to browse, Deb will either put it at reference or the workroom (suggestions???) for anyone to peruse.

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