



# Women in Libraries

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## ALA Elections Coming Up

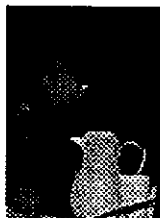
### The Presidency

Three candidates spoke at the candidate's forum for ALA Presidential candidates at the annual meeting in Los Angeles. Charles Bunge, Wisconsin, Marilyn Gell Mason, Ohio, and Betty Turock, California, addressed the meeting.



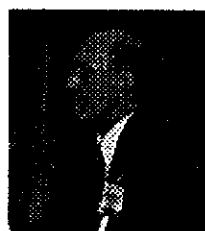
**Betty Turock** spoke at the candidate's forum and also appeared at a SRRT Action Council meeting to seek SRRT's endorsement. She told the Council, "the things that I say and the things that I believe in are the things I act on." She has been endorsed by REFORMA. She has

a long and active past in the areas of civil and human rights. She has been SRRT Treasurer as well as a member of Action Council. Turock was also Coordinator of the Feminist Task Force.



**Marilyn Gell Mason** talked about the issues of funding. She said that when public libraries got to the public, as on ballots, they do well, but that when they go to politicians, they do badly. She also said that technology increases the role of the library but does not replace it. She describes her career as "over 25 years of administrative experience," including her current position as

director of the Cleveland Public Library. She began her education in Texas, and holds a BA from the University of Dallas, an MLS from North Texas State University, and a Master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.



**Charles Bunge** is a teacher and researcher at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies. Of importance to his outlook are such issues as changes in the populations libraries serve and increasing financial pressures. He said that, to address these issues,

ALA must become more unified, with stronger divisions, a shared vision, and mutual trust.

Both SRRT and the Feminist Task Force voted to endorse Turock's candidacy.

### Other endorsements

FTF also endorsed four candidates for ALA Council. Kay Cassell, Sarah Pritchard, Susana Hinojosa, and Sarah Barbara Watstein are all running for four-year terms. Most are well known to FTF for their diligent efforts on behalf of human rights, access to information and intellectual freedom.

### Voting reminder

You may vote for many candidates for council, but remember, the fewer you vote for, the more weight your vote will carry. Choose carefully, but most of all, vote!

## Coming Up

**March 6, 1994.** For four weeks, U.S. NEWS Online, the interactive extension of *U.S. News and World Report*, is hosting an international online symposium to discuss issues facing women around the world. Participants tentatively include a broad range of experts including Jane Dobiya, Warsaw Journalism Center, Susan Faludi, USA, Betty Friedan, USA, Susan Davis, Women's Environmental Association, and others. The symposium is accessible through CompuServe. For more information, call 800-510-4247, or send an e-mail message to WOMEN at 71154.1007@compuserve.com.

**May 1-4, 1994.** Women in Library Leadership, a 3 1/2 day institute, is being offered by the ARL Office of Management Services. It is designed to provide women leaders an opportunity to explore strategies to enhance their professional lives. Participants will explore personal values, leadership challenges, developmental needs and life goals, and the similarities and differences in the ways women and men lead. The cost is \$490. For information, call Gloria Haws at 202-296-8656, or write her online at gloria@cni.org.

**June 17-21, 1994.** A conference on "Women, Information, and the Future" is scheduled to be held at Radcliffe College. Attendees from organizations and institutions around the world that collect, classify, and redistribute information on women will meet to share their ideas and expertise, discuss common problems, and establish networks for continuing communication.

Keynote speakers will address how access to information empowers women in their struggles for human rights, democracy, and development. Sessions will focus on grass-roots organizing, institution-building, women's studies, archival collecting, archival administration and information technology. One hundred speakers and panelists come from fifty nations. Registration will cost \$275. For more information, write International Conference, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Ten Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA, or fax 617-496-8340.

## Call for papers

A collection of articles on lesbian and gay language is being edited by Anna Livia and Kira Hall. Because feminist discussions of language have brought the issue of gender to recent linguistic analysis, Livia and Hall "seek to extend this analysis to include sexuality and gender identity." They hope to explore gender and language in several cultures and language groups. For more information, write Anna Livia, Department of French, 4125 Dwinelle Hall, University of California at Berkeley, 94720; e-mail livia@uclink.berkeley.edu; fax 510-642-2194; or phone 510-658-4192.

## FTF endorses Turock, others

The Feminist Task Force voted to endorse several candidates for ALA office this spring. First among them is Betty Turock, who is also endorsed by SRRT and REFORMA. She is a SRRT member of long-standing, who says, "the things that I say and the things that I believe in are the things I act on." She has been active in seeking equal access and opportunity for minorities and women for many years.

FTF also endorsed, for positions on ALA Council, Kay Cassell, Sarah Pritchard, Susana Hinojosa, and Sarah Barbara Watstein. These women are well known for their activity on behalf of women and minorities within ALA and in their lives.

Remember, when you vote for ALA Council members, the fewer votes you cast, the more your vote will count. Vote only for the candidates you feel strongly about.



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# Announcements

## WSS plans events

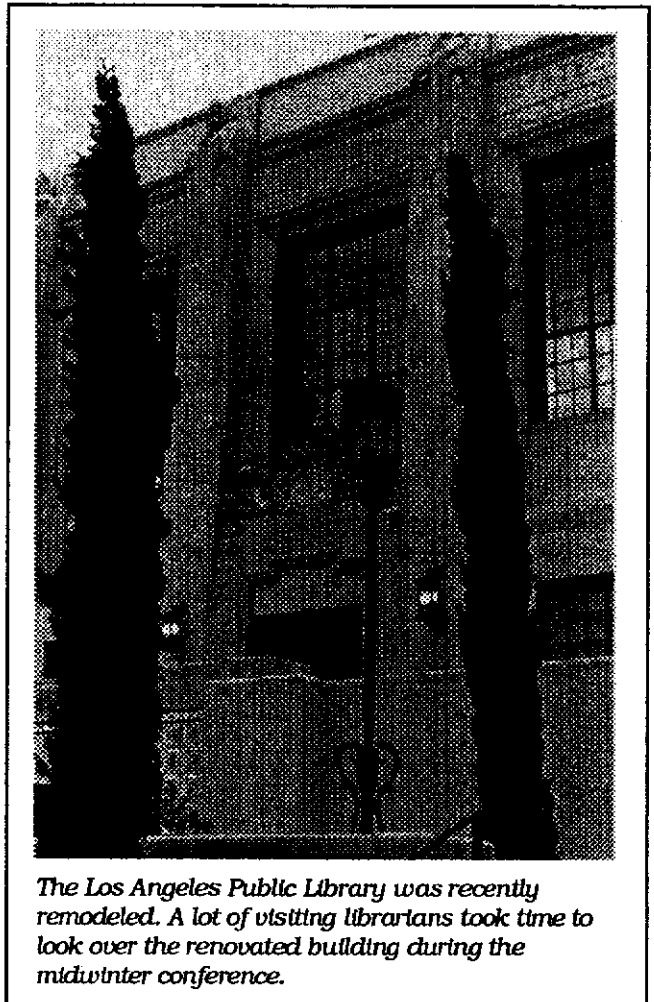
### WSS annual social

Every year at ALA's annual conference, the Women's Studies Section holds a Social, an opportunity for those interested in women's issues to get acquainted or catch up on the latest developments. This year, thankfully, is no different. On Sunday, June 26, from 6 to 7 p.m., WSS will host the Social in the lobby/bar area at the Governor Hotel, 435 21st Street in Miami Beach. Put it on your calendar today!

### Annual program

"Making the Net \*Work\*: Is there a z39.50 for gender communications?" is the promising title of the WSS program scheduled at the annual conference. Sponsored jointly by WSS and the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section, the program, set for Monday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., promises to explore the relationship between gender and communication in the electronic environment.

Guest speakers include Dr. Becky Mulvaney, Florida Atlantic University, Dr. Susan Herring, University of Texas at Arlington, and Dr. James V. Carmichael, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



*The Los Angeles Public Library was recently remodeled. A lot of visiting librarians took time to look over the renovated building during the midwinter conference.*

## NWSA conference set

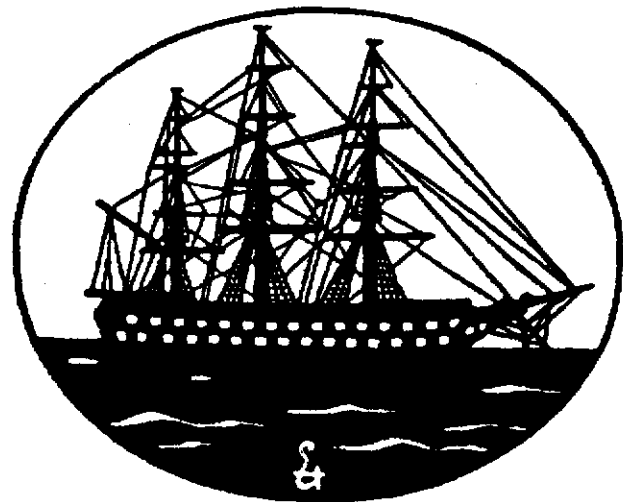
With the theme, "Teaching, theory and action: Women working in a global context," the National Women's Studies Association is set to hold its annual conference June 15-19, 1994, at Iowa State University. Nawal el Sadaawi, Egyptian novelist and doctor, is the keynote speaker. A symposium on women in science and engineering is scheduled concurrently. For information, write to Kris Anderson, NWSA Conference Office, 105 Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

## ALA gets Zappa memorial

Frank Zappa's family selected ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation to receive contributions made in Zappa's memory. As a result, the Foundation has established the "Frank Zappa Memorial Fund." ALA has not declared any special purpose for any money received.

## Authors sought

Editors of a new anthology designed to reflect various views on race and identity in the United States are seeking contributions. Writings will include poetry, fiction, essays and other forms. Writers of all ethnicities are welcome. The authors hope to stimulate discussion on how race affects identity here, as well as to give unknown writers an opportunity to be published alongside the well known. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 1994. For more information, write to Re-Cheng Tsang or Jonathan Jaffe, 301 Thomson Hall DR-05, Seattle, WA 98195; phone 206-524-6098; or e-mail either recheng@u.washington.edu or jonasan@u.washington.edu.



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