

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES

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JULY ALA IN CHICAGO - "Assessment: Women in ALA"

The annual SRRT Task Force on Women program at ALA will take place on Sunday, July 18, at the Eleanor Association, 16 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 1814. The day's schedule is as follows:

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 - 12:00 | General Session which includes:
Task Force Report
Task Force position within ALA
Standing Committee Report
Strategy Session |
| 12:30 - 2:00 | Lunch with interest groups which include:
children's services, young adult services,
reference and bibliography, adult services,
technical services, administration, service
to minority groups, services to institutions,
services to special groups, special collectio |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Group reports |
| 3:00 - 4:30 | Small group discussions on Task Force direction
and summary |

The registration fee for the day's program including lunch is \$10. Space limits registrants to 100. However, all interested persons are invited to the Tuesday Task Force meeting for a summary of Sunday's meeting and to view the materials exchange. The materials exchange will also be available at the Wednesday picnic-in-the-park.

REGISTRATION FORM AND A MAP TO THE ELEANOR ASSOCIATION ARE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE.

OTHER ALA MEETINGS

The Task Force on Women's Committee on Sexist Subject Headings will meet on Tuesday, July 20 from 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. and on Thursday, July 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Task Force business meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

A discussion group for women administrators will meet on Thursday, July 22, at 2 p.m. Women administrators and women interested in administration are invited to attend.

WOMEN LIBRARY WORKERS - CHICAGO MEETINGS

Women Library Workers will meet at the Eleanor Association on Thursday, July 22. Two meetings are scheduled.

- 4 - 6 p.m. WLW - First year report
Chair - Helen Josephine
Carole Leita will report on her cross-country organizing efforts and representatives from local chapters will report on chapter activities.
- 8 -10 p.m. Film, Salt of the Earth, a feature film suppressed for many years and now available on 16 mm. film from Macmillan.
It's hard to believe that this compelling drama of women learning to use their strengths in the union movement was filmed in the 1950s, the struggle seems so contemporary. The film was made by actors, a director and a producer black-listed from Hollywood during the McCarthy era witch hunts with the union organizer and members playing themselves. The plot is based on an actual strike in New Mexico by Mexican American miners seeking equal conditions with Anglo miners.

CENSORSHIP: A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

Trudy Berger, School of Education, Brooklyn College, raised the following issue with a few of the Brooklyn College Library faculty. Ms. Berger is a member of the Committee on Censorship of the National Council of Teachers of English and is considering bringing the issue before them, but she would like to have input from other interested groups.

"Needed: an exchange of ideas on the topic: CENSORSHIP: A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE. Consider the following: 1. No woman ever participated in a Supreme Court decision on obscenity. 2. All criteria for the definition of obscenity, "What is prurient according to contemporary community standards," have been determined by males. 3. How do females define "obscenity" or "prurience"? 4. Issues which are significant for females of elementary and secondary school age to consider, in schools and libraries, are going to arouse censorship by parents and school boards; i.e. sexual mores, contraception, venereal disease, family planning, pregnancy, rape, abortion, single parenthood, etc.

What other issues need to be considered?

What are the implications of a feminist view of censorship?"

If there is sufficient interest in the topic, perhaps we can organize a rap session in the SRPT suite (or someone's room) during the Annual Convention. Please send comments to either Trudy Berger, Brooklyn College School of Education, or Joan Marshall Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210.

-from Joan Marshall

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WOMEN'S BUREAU PUBLICATIONS

The Women's Bureau has a number of new publications which all libraries will want to acquire.

State Labor Laws in Transition: From Protection to Equal Status for Women provides a summary of labor laws of interest to women such as overtime pay, maximum hours, nightwork limitations, weightlifting limitations and maternity leave. The price is 35¢.

Statistical information is provided by Highlights of Women's Employment and Education, Twenty Facts on Women Workers, Why Women Work and Women Workers Today. Single copies of these publications are free.

A revised edition of A Working Woman's Guide to Her Job Rights is now available. It discusses laws protecting women both during job hunting as well as on the job. The cost is 65¢.

Day Care Services: Industry's Involvement explores the whole field of day care services - current programs, alternative roles for industry involvement, costs of establishing and operating day care centers, tax allowances and exemptions for day care, etc. The cost is 25¢.

Child Care Services Provided by Hospitals is a report on all aspects of these services - staffing, hours of operation, financing, services provided, etc. 25¢ is the price.

Facts About Women's Absenteeism and Labor Turnover summarizes the information on absenteeism, labor turnover, job tenure and labor mobility which emphasizes the importance of judging work performance on the basis of individual achievement rather than of sex. A single copy is free.

Continuing Education for Women: Current Developments is based on a workshop at the 1973 Adult Education Association conference. A single copy is free.

A new edition of the Handbook on Women Workers is now available. This is an invaluable publication providing a detailed picture of the status of women workers today. The price is \$4.70.

The Changing Economic Role of Women is a reprint from the 1975 Manpower Report of the President. A single copy is free.

A Guide to Sources of Data on Women and Women Workers for the United States and for Regions, States and Local Areas mentions publications in the areas of population, education, the civilian force, employment and unemployment, occupation and industry and labor force reserve. A single copy is free.

Free single copies of Women's Bureau publications can be ordered from the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20240. Those with a price may be purchased the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

"PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN" CONFERENCE

Boulder, Colorado will be the site of the third "Perspectives on Women" conference to be held from August 2 - 13 at the University of Colorado Campus in Boulder. With special action-oriented workshops, lectures, small group discussions, films and presentations, the conference will bring together women from around the country, from all walks of life, to explore the roles that women play in our world. The conference aims to bring women new insights in ways which will be meaningful and useful in their own lives, whether they are employed as professional women or artists, workers, or homemakers. The themes are "Redefining Ourselves" and "Redefining Our World." Registration for the two-week conference is \$115 and college credit is available. Also available is a one-week registration for \$60. For further information, write Bureau of Conferences and Institutes, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80309.

WOMEN'S ACTION ALLIANCE PUBLICATIONS

Women's Agenda is a new publication of the Women's Action Alliance (370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017). Each issue will deal with one or two issues such as politics, economics, health, education, etc. A column, "From Our Shelves", reviews new materials on women. Subscriptions to Women's Agenda are \$10/individuals and \$20/organizations.

The Forgotten Five Million: Women in Public Employment (A Guide to Eliminating Sex Discrimination) by Catherine Samuels is a workbook, a handbook and a detailed manual for all those interested in eliminating discrimination. It details how to document and expose sex discrimination, legal avenues and how they work, affirmative action and how to build a strong organization representing women. It's available for \$5 from Women's Action Alliance.

PUBLICATIONS WORTH NOTING

The Citizen's Advisory Council on the Status of Women has issued its annual report, Women in 1975, which cites recommendations in the areas of the media, social security, female offenders, flexible hours and vocational education. It's an excellent source of up-to-date information on women's issues. Copies are available from the Council, New Department of Labor Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Room of One's Own, a Feminist Journal of Literature and Criticism, includes poetry, short stories, reviews of books by women, graphics from Canadian women. Published quarterly by the Growing Room Collective. Room of One's Own, 1918 Waterloo St., Vancouver, BC V6R-3G6. Subscriptions \$5/year; outside Canada \$6/yr., \$1.75/issue. Institutions, \$8/yr.

From Alice James Books, 138 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138 come two books of poetry:

Raw Honey by Marie Harris, whose poems focusing on nature, country living and the conflicts of finding a place called "home," flow thoughtfully round their subject. (\$3.00)

Falling Off the Roof by Karen Lindsey whose feminism permeates her poetry as she works out her ambivalence towards men, the Revolution or eulogizes the acts of brave women. (\$3.00)

Moving to Antartica (1975), an anthology of women's prose and poetry celebrates the fifth anniversary of Moving Out, a feminist literary and arts magazine from Detroit, by publishing poetry, short stories, novel excerpts, plays, interviews which first appeared in it by Midwestern women as well as such national voices as Marge Piercy, Joan Larkin, Alta, Margaret Atwood, Robin Morgan, Anais Nin. Moving... is available for \$7.95/cloth, \$3.95/paper from Dustbooks, P.O. Box 1056, Paradise, CA 95969.

Lesbian Herstory Archives Newsletter No. 2. March 1976 (P.O. Box 1258, New York, N.Y. 10001) begins their bibliographic service providing a bibliography of bibliographies covering Lesbiana, homosexuality - On. About and For Women. The archives has been open since early 1976 at the apartment of Joan Nestle, 215 W. 92nd St., Apt. 13A, New York City (TR3-9443 or 874-7232). No price given. Irregular.

Lesbian Connection, vol. II, Issue 1, March 1976 (from Ambitious Amazons, P.O. Box 811, E. Lansing, Mich. 48823, \$8/yr.) contains a national directory of lesbian publications followed by substantial reviews of materials listed. Connection includes news and letters from women across the country; a "Contact Dykes" listing of lesbians who can be contacted for information about their areas; and What Lesbians Are Doing Around the Continent (e.g. Masters Degree in Lesbian Culture offered by Goddard-Cambridge School for Social Change).

Women's Studies Newsletter (v. 4, no. 2, Spring 1976) has an interesting bibliographic essay on "Doing Research on Black American Women" by Barbara Smith of Emerson College. (WSN, The Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, N.Y. 11568).

The Business and Professional Women's Foundation has published a packet of information on women's history that includes 3 reprints of articles and a bibliography of basic works on women's history. Write for the "Women's History Packet" from the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Help Wanted: Sexism in Career Education Materials (Women on Words and Images, P.O. Box 2163, Princeton 08540. 1975. Paper, \$2.50). Offers examples of the many ways career materials channel choices and enforce sex roles, and also warns that lip-service to changing roles may be ambiguous and qualified. Suggests ways counselors can examine their own practices and attitudes.

A free booklet "Child Care and Disabled Dependent Care" is available from your local Internal Revenue Service office.

Womanpower is a monthly report on equal employment opportunity for women. \$18.50 for 12 issues from Womanpower, 222 Rawson Rd., Brookline, Mass. 02146.

The Transitional Woman, dedicated to "the woman facing change," discusses career opportunities, recommends books and career counseling services. \$5 for 10 issues from the Center for the Transitional Person, 18340 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, Calif. 91456.

Cragsmoor Books, Cragsmoor, N.Y. 12420 specializes in rare, scholarly out-of-print books in women's studies, all languages. Write Leni Kroul, care of the bookstore.

Comment is a newsletter devoted to research about wo/men. It is published by the Office of Women in Higher Education, American Council on Education, 1 Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036. Subscriptions are \$6 for individuals and \$10 for institutions Quarterly.

Worldwatch Institute (1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036) is an independent, non-profit research organization, created to identify and to focus attention on global problems. In Worldwatch Paper 3 entitled Women in Politics: A Global Review, author Kathleen Newland analyzes the changing role of women in politics, the successes and the short-comings. Single copies are available for \$2.00.

SLIDE SERIES ON JOBS FOR WOMEN

The Women's Bureau has completed a slide and tape series on nontraditional jobs for women, the legal rights of women workers and the legal responsibilities of employers. The three part series is now for sale by the National AudioVisual Center of the General Services Administration (Washington, D.C. 20409). The sets are as follows: Increasing Job Options for Women (NAC #007846 - \$13.50, 9 min. 45 sec.), Legal Responsibilities - Affirmative Action and Equal Employment (NAC #007848 - \$13.75, 12 min.) and Legal Rights of Women Workers (NAC #007847 - \$12.00, 6 min. 5 sec.).

A BOOK REVIEW

Eagan, Andrea Boroff, Why I Am so Miserable If These Are the Best Years of My Life. Lippincott, 1976 \$6.95.

This is a thoroughly practical guide for the teenage woman attempting to deal with her sexuality and the social, parental and peer pressures acting upon her. The author stresses throughout the necessity for the teenager to make decisions based on her own values and needs, and supplies the information necessary to carry them out. Her feminism is evident in her insistence that the young woman has a right to make choices concerning her life, in her (continued on p. 8)

REGISTRATION FOR THE SRRT TASK FORCE ON WOMEN MEETING, SUNDAY, JULY 18

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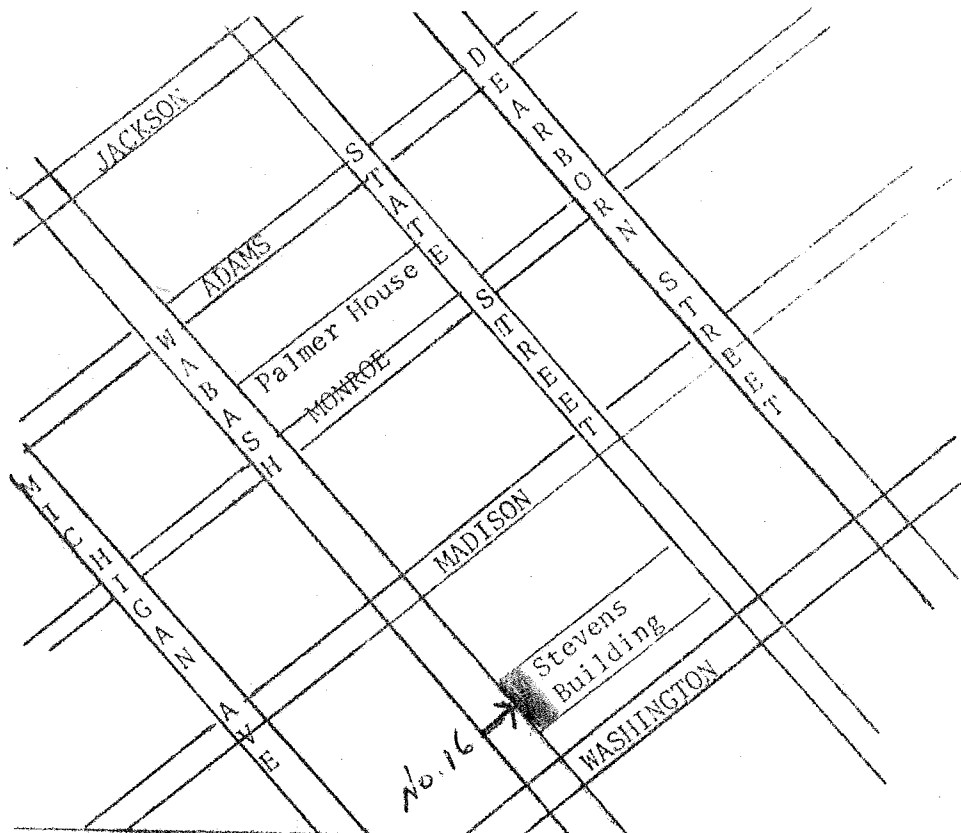
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Registration fee is \$10 (includes lunch)

Send registration fee to:
Sandy Whitely
1311 Oak St.
Evanston, Ill. 60201

Checks should be made payable to the SRRT Task Force on Women

MAP TO ELEANOR ASSOCIATION



BOOK REVIEW CONTINUED

attitude toward fashion, and the value she places on friendships between girls.

The sections on sex and sexual health are remarkable--a distillation of Our Bodies, Ourselves for the younger reader... The author has attempted to cover a very wide range, making the last two sections, on parents and on legal rights (except for the part on rape) rather superficial, but what is included is well-chosen. The tone throughout is like that of a knowledgeable, hard-nosed and loving older married sister or neighbor--not parental, preachy or patronizing.

A remarkable and necessary book; why wasn't it around when I was a kid?

--Margaret Hagen
Yonkers Public Library (N.Y.)

TFW COMMITTEE ON SEXIST SUBJECT HEADINGS

The second draft of the Committee's subject heading list has been completed and will be mailed out to critics on June 14th. The Committee will meet twice during the ALA Convention (see meeting schedule on p. 1). A limited number of copies of the draft will be available.

WOMEN AND FILMMAKING

New Day Films is a distribution cooperative for films about women formed by a group of independent filmmakers. They both sell and rent films. For a list of their films, write them at P.O. Box 315, Franklin Lakes, N.J. 07417.

The Women's Film Co-op Catalog and Supplement describes over 200 women's films and distributors, articles on how to put together a film festival, politics, video and filmmaking. It may be obtained for \$1.50 (\$2 to institutions) from The Women's Film Co-op, 200 Main Street, Northampton, Mass. 01060.

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