

# WOMEN IN LIBRARIES

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## WOMEN'S MEETINGS AT ALA IN DALLAS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM LAMA PAS Racism & Sexism Awareness Training  
Comm. - Sexism: Monitor Awareness Workshop

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM LAMA PAS Racism & Sexism Awareness Training  
Comm. - Sexism: Monitor Awareness Workshop

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Status of Women in Librarianship Comm.  
meeting - Convention Center N233

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM SRRT Task Force on Women & Status of Women  
in Librarianship Comm. Program - Alix Kate  
Shulman, speaker - Adolphus Hotel, Grand  
Ballroom

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM YASD Sexism in Adolescent Materials Comm.  
Hearing - Convention Center N215 - N217

### MONDAY, JUNE 25

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM LAMA Women Administrator's Discussion Group -  
Convention Center S413

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM SRRT Task Force on Women meeting - Convention  
Center N223

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Status of Women in Librarianship Comm. meeting -  
Convention Center E407

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM RTSD CCS SAC Racism/Sexism in Subject Analysis  
Subcom. - Hilton, Mustang Rm.

6:00 PM Reception for members of all women's groups  
in ALA - Adolphus Hotel, Century Club

### TUESDAY, JUNE 26

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM SRRT Task Force on Women and the Status of  
Women in Librarianship Comm. Program - "Are  
you paid your due?" - Adolphus, Grand Ballroom

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM SRRT Task Force on Women meeting - Adolphus,  
Florentine Room



4:30 PM - 5:30 PM RTSD CCS SAC Racism/Sexism in Subject  
Analysis Subcom. - Baker, Roman Room  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM RASD Discussion Group on Women's Materials  
and Women Library Users Program - Convention  
Center S308

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Status of Women in Librarianship Comm.  
meeting - Convention Center N225  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM RTSD CCS SAC Racism/Sexism in Subject  
Analysis Subcom. - Hilton, Blue Bonnet Room  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM SRRT Task Force on Women meeting - Convention  
Center N230 - 231

TASK FORCE ON WOMEN PLANS BUSY DALLAS SCHEDULE

The SRRT Task Force on Women has planned two programs in cooperation with the Status of Women in Librarianship Committee and three business meetings in Dallas. The first program will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 4:30 PM and will feature Alix Kate Shulman, author of BURNING QUESTIONS and MEMOIRS OF AN EX-PROM QUEEN. The second program on Tuesday, June 26, at 2:00 PM is entitled "Are You Paid Your Due?" This program is on issues relating to comparable work and on sex discrimination patterns and grievances based on the premise that librarianship and other women-dominated professions pay less than male-dominated professions.

The first meeting of the Task Force on Monday, June 25, at 2:00 PM will give those present an opportunity to nominate people for the Task Force's steering committee. It will also include a discussion of the recent mail vote on returning to Chicago and a discussion of a proposed resolution to ask ALA to contribute \$1.00 per member to ERAmerica. Plans for the first ALA membership meeting will also be discussed. At the second meeting on Tuesday, June 26, at 4:30 PM there will be a discussion of what action to take in relation to the ALA Midwinter 1980 meeting in Chicago. There will also be a report on the National Women's Studies Conference and a report on the ERA. The election of new members for the Task Force steering committee will take place at the Task Force meeting on Wednesday, June 27 at 2:00 PM.

RASD WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM

The RASD Discussion Group on Women's Materials and Women Library Users will hold a program meeting on Tuesday, June 26, from 8 - 10 PM in Room S308 of the Convention Center. The program, "Women's Collections: Where Are They Going?", will feature a panel of four people. The panelists will be Barbara Haber of the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College; James Danky of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Sarah Sherman of the Women's Collection, Northwestern University and Margaret

Child of the Research Collections Program, National Endowment for the Humanities.

LAMA WOMEN ADMINISTRATOR'S DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM

The LAMA Women Administrator's Discussion Group has planned a program for Monday, June 25, from 2 - 4 PM. Four women administrators will speak about various aspects of life-long career planning and goals. Carol Moss, Director of the Los Angeles County Public Library System, will discuss basic career planning and goals, how you devise a plan and then execute it. Barbara Weaver, New Jersey State Librarian, will share her experiences about changing directions in her career and how you can plan and adjust to changes in the direction of your own career. Mary Frances Collins, Director of Public Services, University of Illinois Library, will describe how to identify and then avoid dead-end jobs. Beverly A. Moore, Director of the University of Southern Colorado Library, will outline mid career paths and goals.

STRATEGIES RELATED TO THE ERA PLANNED

A group of librarians representing various women's groups and other activist groups within ALA met on May 19 in New York City to plan some strategies for ALA in Dallas. Those present felt it was important that the women's groups in ALA act instead of react to issues concerning women. The results of the ERA mail ballot were discussed. A resolution was presented to the group on behalf of a group of students from the Drexel University Library School. The resolution, which will be submitted to both ALA membership and Council, asks the Association to contribute \$1.00 per member to ERAmerica to support lobbying efforts for the ERA. To support this resolution and an ongoing ERA campaign within ALA, stickers for conference badges are being ordered which will say "ALA'S for ERA". Banners and signs are being prepared for the first membership meeting and those supporting the resolution are asked to wear white to the meeting.

A possible boycott of the 1980 Chicago Midwinter meeting was discussed. Petitions will be circulated at the Dallas conference for people to indicate their willingness to participate in the boycott. The possibility of canceling all women's meetings for Midwinter was discussed. More discussion will take place at the SRRT Task Force on Women meetings.



### CONFERENCES PLANNED

The United Nations will hold a Mid-Decade World Conference of Women from July 14 - 30, 1980 in Copenhagen, Denmark, to be attended by the 151 U.N. member states. This conference is being convened to review and evaluate the progress made and the obstacles encountered in attaining the objectives of the current U.N. Decade for Women (1976 - 1985) and to draw up a plan of action for the second half of the decade.

The first International Forum of Executive Women will take place in Mexico City September 30 - October 4, 1979. The theme is "A Harmonious adjustment to a changing society." For further information, write Congresoso Internacionales Cint, S.A.; Aniceto Ortega No. 624; Mexico 12, D.F.

### NEW MAGAZINES

CALYX, a journal of art and literature by women, is published three times each year. In sixty-four pages of poetry, fiction and fine art, CALYX publishes both new and established artists. Subscription rate is \$10 per year; single issues are \$3.50 each. Address all correspondence to: CALYX, Route 2, Box 118, Corvallis, OR 97330.

FARMWOMAN is "a twice-monthly report of Congressional, regulatory and women's issues; an information service of and for farm and ranch women; an agricultural advocate; and a clearinghouse of farm women's information." FARMWOMAN is available for \$28.50 per year from Room 930, National Press Building, Washington, DC 20045.

CONDITIONS: FIVE, the Black women's issue of CONDITIONS, a nationally distributed magazine of writing by women with an emphasis on writing by lesbians, will appear in late August, 1979. Entirely devoted to writing by Black women, CONDITIONS: FIVE is guest-edited by Lorraine Bethel and Barbara Smith, and will include poetry, fiction, autobiographical prose, journal excerpts, song lyrics, essays and book reviews. Price of a single issue is \$3.00; subscriptions to CONDITIONS (3 issues) are available to individuals for \$8.00 (regular rate) or \$6.00 ("hardship" rate). All orders should be directed to: CONDITIONS, P.O. Box 56, Van Brunt Station, Brooklyn, NY 12215.

### WOMEN'S ACTION ALLIANCE

The Women's Action Alliance, founded in 1971, is the national center on women's issues and programs. Firmly committed to full equality for all persons, regardless of sex, the Alliance develops, coordinates, assists and even administers programs which will achieve this goal.



The Alliance has a library with up-to-date information on all issues raised by the women's movement which will answer information requests by phone or by letter. The Non-Sexist Child Development Project includes a model program and practical manual for trainers; audio-visual materials; non-sexist, multi-racial toys and other materials. The Alliance's publications include A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT (\$2.50), THE FORGOTTEN FIVE MILLION (\$2.50) and NON-SEXIST EDUCATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, A PRACTICAL GUIDE. For more information, write Women's Action Alliance, 370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

#### PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE

Womanbooks, a bookstore for women in New York City, publishes a monthly annotated list of new books. To receive their bibliographies, send a stamped self-addressed envelope marked for the next month's bibliography. Womanbooks, 201 W. 92nd St., New York, NY 10025.

"Guidelines for Nonsexist Language in APA (American Psychological Association) Journals" discusses ways to avoid sexist terminology and includes a bibliography on sexism in language. To obtain a single copy of this publication, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Publication Manual, Change Sheet 2, American Psychological Association, 1200 Seventeenth St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

On April 29, 1979, a new amendment to the 1964 Federal Civil Rights Act went into effect which states that pregnancy-related disability must now be treated the same as any other temporary disability. Leland Publications, Inc. (Box 8125, Rochester, NY 14617) has published a brochure designed to answer questions on this issue. They are available for \$2.75 per dozen. Payments should accompany orders.

Don't miss the special double issue on parenting books (v. 9, nos. 4 and 5) of INTERRACIAL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN. There are good articles and bibliographies of recommended titles on child-rearing, black parenting, fathering, adoption and foster care, and single parenting. Copies of the double issue are \$3.00. Council on Interracial Books for Children, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.

Women's Educational Equity Communications Network (WEECN) has a number of excellent publications available including RURAL WOMEN AND EDUCATION: ANNOTATED SELECTED REFERENCES AND RESOURCES; NONSEXIST CAREER COUNSELING FOR WOMEN: ANNOTATED SELECTED REFERENCES AND RESOURCES; SEX BIAS IN TESTING: A REVIEW WITH POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS; and APPRENTICESHIP AND OTHER BLUE COLLAR JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN. Write WEECN for a complete publications list at the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development, 1855 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.



The seventh edition of WORKING ON WIFE ABUSE is now available. It includes a resource and reference directory of shelters, services and educational resources on battered women in the U.S. and an extensive bibliography of publications concerning the issue of woman abuse. Copies are \$5.00 from Directory - Betsy Warrior, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media's NEWSPAGE is a monthly publication that is available for \$10 a year (\$15 for institutions) from WAVPM, PO Box 14614, San Francisco, CA 94114. Make checks payable to Berkeley Women's Center/WAVPM.

"Part-Time Employment: Current Issues" by Barbara Jacobs is available free from the ALA Office for Personnel Resources, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. In addition to the article on current issues, there is a list of organizations and groups concerned about the part-time worker and a selected bibliography.

SING HEAVENLY MUSE! is a new magazine dedicated to publishing women's poetry and prose. This semiannual publication is available from SING HEAVENLY MUSE!, p.o. Box 14027, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

A limited number of copies of the study, WOMEN IN MIDLIFE - SECURITY AND FULFILLMENT, which contains the expert views and an annotated bibliography on midlife women's problems prepared by the Library of Congress, is available from the Retirement Income and Employment Subcommittee, Room 714, House Annex Bldg. #1, Washington, DC 20515.

SHORTCHANGED AND SLIGHTED is a report showing that women are "shortchanged and slighted" by the Labor Department's National Training and Outreach Programs. It concludes that the Dept. of Labor is doing a poor job of meeting women's employment training needs nationally. For a copy, write to: Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc., 1649 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

CONGRESSIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS - A NEWSLETTER distributed by Representative C. Rose from North Carolina, 722 House Annex Building 1, Washington, DC 20515. This free newsletter lists, by topic, legislative action having to do with women, indexes current articles pertaining to women's rights and tells where they can be found (newspapers, Federal Register, Congressional Record, etc.)

Belita Cowan's WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE provides information on patients' rights, malpractice, medical research, women in health, childbirth, menopause, etc. There is a resource list of films, health groups, and publications on the subject of women and health. \$4 from Anshen Publishing, 556 Second Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.



THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP 1876 - 1976 -- A REVIEW

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP 1876 - 1976: THE ENTRY, ADVANCEMENT, AND STRUGGLE FOR EQUALIZATION IN ONE PROFESSION by Kathleen Weibel and Kathleen M. Heim with assistance from Dianne J. Ellsworth (Oryx Press, 1979, \$15.95) is a landmark book and deserves to be read by all librarians interested in the current status of women in librarianship. The book is first of all a collection of articles on women in librarianship from 1876 to 1976. The articles are from both U.S. and British publications. They range from an article by Melvil Dewey "Women in Libraries: How They Are Handicapped" and one from THE LIBRARY, 1894, by Miss Richardson "Librarianship as a Profession for Women" to current articles by Anita R. Schiller, Dee Garrison and Patricia Layzell Ward. The early articles are particularly interesting to read and give one a much needed perspective on women in librarianship. The second part of the books is an annotated bibliography of articles on women in librarianship from 1876 - 1976 with subject, author and title indexes. The Weibel and Heim book will be an important resource for us for years to come. I hope it will inspire others to do more research in this area.

WOMEN IN CRISIS CONFERENCE

The Women in Crisis Conference was held May 17 - 19 in New York City. The conference dealt with four main issues - women and mental health, women and alcohol, women and drug abuse and women and justice. Eleanor Holmes Norton keynoted the conference. She discussed the rapid changes that have taken place in the lives of women in recent years which have resulted in the crises in women's lives which the conference was discussing. She pointed out that more women with preschool children are in the work force, that there is a rise in the number of female heads of households and that divorce has increased 700% since the turn of the century. Bella Abzug spoke about the lack of attention to women's issues even after the Houston conference. She said that women must continue to lobby for the ERA and must make government aware of their needs. Dr. Gwen Mead, a professor of political science from the University of Kentucky, stated that the women in the suffrage movement saw the vote as only the beginning. She said we must use our voting power to elect officials who will support women's issues. The conference workshop dealt with the innovative programs being tried to deal with the many problems of women in our society. They indicated that facilities for women and adolescents were not adequate and did not understand the different needs that women often had. A workshop on wholistic approaches for women pointed out the need for centers which could deal with the whole range of problems women encounter from education and jobs to health and legal needs.



NEW BOOKS

THE COLLECTED LETTERS OF MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT, edited by Ralph M. Wardle, has been published by Cornell University Press. \$25.

WOODWORKING AND PLACES NEARBY is a first collection by a new Mississippi poet, Carol Cox. Ms. Cox writes in clear, concise terms about the places she knows well and about woodworking which is her livelihood. (\$3) GHOSTS AND GRINNING SHADOWS by Helen Adam is two long witch stories by a Scottish poet. (\$4) Both books are by Hanging Loose Press, 231 Wyckoff Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

South End Press is a socialist-feminist press. Their publications to date include THEATRE FOR THE 98% by Maxine Klein (\$4.50) on people's theatre, THE CURIOUS COURTSHIP OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND SOCIALISM by Batya Weinbaum (\$4.00), and WOMEN AND REVOLUTION (forthcoming). For further information, write South End Press, Box 68, Astor Station, Boston, MA 02123.

ALONE; EMOTIONAL, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL HELP FOR THE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED WOMAN by Helen Antonial, Nancy Scott and Nancy Worcester (Les Femmes, 1979 \$6.95) is a book which is designed to help the woman who must cope with the grief and the legal and financial realities of losing a husband through death or divorce. There are chapters on money management, investments, credit, insurance and estate planning. A short annotated bibliography is also included.

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