

# ORALL NEWSLETTER



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## NEWSLETTER Staff

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tion), Jan Wardlaw and Andy Brann (Univ. of Cincinnati) will be available at the business meeting in Toledo to update ORALL members on the progress of the autumn event and answer questions pertaining thereto.

## \*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING MEETINGS

Local Arrangements for the 1979 Spring Meeting, May 10-12 in Toledo, Ohio, would like to inform ORALL members that they will each receive a packet of information the beginning of April pertaining to program, accommodations, transportation, and entertainment. Be prepared to make plans to attend!

The program will examine government information: Washington---Its free and inexpensive sources; Federal documents---The depository status, selecting materials for the law library, attending the collection; State documents---techniques of obtaining materials (information resources, agency sources, procedures for securing documents) and the subsequent handling of them. The faculty for the program comes from divergent backgrounds and will bring refreshing insight into an area about which all law librarians are concerned.

Plans are well underway for holding the 1979 Fall Meeting at Kings Island Inn, just north of Cincinnati, O. ORALL intends that this convocation be "something special", quite out-of-the-ordinary. The Local Arrangements group, Carol Bratton (Cincinnati Bar Associa-

## \*\*\*\*\* Recent Items of Interest:

Julius Pomerantz, Librarian, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, New York City, has published a survey article in the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York NEWSLETTER entitled "Looseleafs". (Dec., 1978, p.4-6.) It examines the importance of looseleaf services, circulation of supplementary material and its handling, and using the services. The article is especially geared to the "novice or newer librarian joining the ranks of corporate and private law firm law librarians". The ORALL NEWSLETTER has a copy of Pomerantz's article on file for any interested part.

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The Tarleton Law Library, U. of Texas, announces two publications which will be of interest to ORALL librarians:

Now available are materials distributed to participants at a conference entitled Computers and the Law, sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law and the State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Committee. Evidential and procedural problems associated with computer systems were considered as well as the application of computer technology to complex litigation, law firm

management and legal research. An introduction by Professor Roy M. Mersky, Chairman of the Texas State Bar Committee on Computerized Legal Research has been included. The format of materials varies from essay to outline, and includes citations to pertinent statutes and cases. Price: \$10.00.

And,

The newest in the Tarlton Law Library Bibliographic Series, Law Firm Libraries: A Selective, Annotated Bibliography, 1959-1978, by Carol W.

Christensen is directed at the private law firm. It was compiled primarily to give the law firm librarian ready subject access to literature on today's private law library, although it will be useful to attorneys and law officer managers as well. Since the bibliography is selective, annotations tend to be descriptive rather than evaluative. The books, articles, and chapters are organized under such topics as acquisitions, cataloging, and circulation control. This is a useful guide in a field in which lawyers and their firms are finding a great need. Price: \$15.00.

Please make checks payable to the University of Texas Law School Foundation. Send to Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas, School of Law, 2500 Red River, Austin, Texas 78705.

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## ***JOBS, too***

Cornell U. Law Library:

Title: Head of Technical Services.  
Responsibilities: Plans departmental activities, formulates policies, supervises staff, trains new staff, plans individual assignments, catalogs complex titles and supplements the cataloging staff as needed.  
Qualifications: MLS plus 4 years experience in technical services and a social science background; knowledge of AACR, LC cataloging, OCLC; reading knowledge of French, German or Spanish; experience or knowledge of CONSER.  
Available: April 2, 1979.  
Salary: Commensurate with background and qualifications.

Deadline: March 15, 1979.

Apply: Paul W. Eldridge  
Personnel Officer  
201 Olin Library  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York 14853

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U. of Missouri - Columbia:

Title: Assistant Law Librarian  
Responsibilities: Assists Law Librarian in planning and implementing projects and services; supervises ILL and circulation; coordinates technical processing; supervises support staff; reference duties; responsible for library operation in absence of Law Librarian.  
Qualifications: MLS plus JD or second masters plus one year law library exp.  
Available: June 1, 1979.  
Salary: \$18,000 minimum.  
Deadline: April 1, 1979.  
Apply to: Associate Director of Libraries  
104 Ellis Library  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri 65201

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Cornell University Law Library:

Title: Assistant/Associate Librarian.  
Responsibilities: Public services; some instruction in legal research; some coordination of Law Library services.  
Qualifications: MLS plus JD plus two years related experience.  
Available: August 15, 1979.  
Salary: Commensurate with experience.  
Deadline: May 15, 1979.  
Apply: Paul W. Eldridge  
(address above)

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DePaul University:

Title: Director, Law Library.  
Responsibilities: Supervising, managing, with some teaching. Faculty rank and status.  
Qualifications: MLS, JD plus experience in library administration.  
Available: Immediately.  
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications.  
Apply: Professor Jeffrey M. Shaman  
DePaul U. College of Law  
25 E. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

AALL and CONTINUING EDUCATION  
of LAW LIBRARIANS:

Future Perspective

By M. Beth Gwynn

What is the future role of AALL in the continuing education of law librarians? Shall it coordinate the educational efforts of the SIS groups and the chapters? Shall it "package" outstanding and/or much needed educational programs to circulate through the chapters? Shall it award continuing education (c.e.) units to participants of certain educational programs? Shall it link continuing education to certification? To recertification?

The AALL Education Committee hosted a meeting to air these issues on January 5, 1979, Palmer House, Chicago. ORALL was well represented by President Barbara Rennolet and Treasurer Kathy Welker. The Education Committee hoped the meeting would result in a list of specific recommendations to the Executive Board concerning the role of AALL in the continuing education of law librarians.

Several people helped guide the group through its deliberations: Robert A. Berk, Director of Education, Medical Library Association; Margaret Myers, Director of the Office of Personnel Resources, American Library Association; Peter Kempel, Associate Professor and Director of Research Facilities, the Thomas M. Cooley Law School; and Charles B. Wolfe, Michigan State Law Librarian.

Dr. Berk described MLA's continuing education program. Over forty MLA approved courses are available to members; these courses are taught by MLA approved (and paid) faculty who are working health sciences librarians. MLA members also receive honorariums for substantially revising and/or creating new curricula. Participants of the courses receive c.e. units which apply to MLA's recertification requirements.

Margaret Myers described ALA's role in continuing education (essentially a supportive one) and the problems it faces if it expands its involvement with c.e. activities. One of the chief problems concerns lack of association staff to plan and coordinate an organized c.e. program. Ms. Myers is the ALA staff person responsible for continuing education, but she is able to spend only 5% of her time on that activity. As the Director of the Office for Personnel Resources she is responsible for the whole gamut of issues affecting staff welfare. In contrast, MLA has had a full time Director of Education since 1972. ALA does not award c.e. units itself, like MLA, but cooperates with CLENE.

With the benefit of both Berk's and Myer's perspective and a succinct orientation to the problems of law librarian continuing education by Anita Morse, Director of the meeting, the group addressed itself to pertinent questions: What is the desirable role of AALL in continuing education? What are the educational needs of its members?

Peter Kempel and Charlie Wolfe conducted an educational needs assessment using a group interview technique to help the group address the issues efficiently. This brainstorming/clarifying process resulted in a list of specific recommendations for Sally Wiant, Chairperson for the AALL Education Committee, to present to the Executive Board. A full list of these recommendations will be published later.

One important recommendation that must be mentioned here concerns a change in the membership of the Education Committee to include a representative from each Chapter and SIS groups. It was recommended that the Committee be charged with making decisions about programing at annual meetings, coordination of educational programs by SIS groups and Chapters, possible packaging of education programs, and awarding of c.e. units.

What is ORALL's position on these possible developments? What is ORALL's role in continuing education? It was suggested that the Chapters concentrate on providing c.e. programs for those unlikely to attend national meetings. Another question that needs to be answered is to whom should the AALL and its chapters address their c.e. programs? Certainly the educational needs of beginning law school librarians are different from those of seasoned directors of law school libraries; and the needs of one-person law libraries differ from those that have staffs of a half dozen or more.

ORALL President Barbara Rennolet will bring up these questions in the next Executive Board meeting.

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# AALL n'About

## WORKSHOP ON LEGAL MEMORANDA

The Education Committee of AALL is pleased to be able to re-offer the workshop on memoranda of law originally held in Rochester on June 29, 1978. The workshop, co-sponsored by the Southern California Association of Law Libraries and the Western Pacific Chapter, will be held in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 21, 1979, at the Biltmore Hotel. Like the Rochester workshop this one day program will focus on indexing and abstracting techniques, selection and usage of subject headings, accessioning, security methods and binding. Manual, automated and commercial systems will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on practical problems and on step-by-step processing of actual memoranda. The fee is \$50.00 which will include coffee and lunch and program materials. The workshop will be limited to 55 participants. The committee expects to reach that number of participants early in the registration. Applications will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. No applications can be accepted after April 1. Confirmations will be sent to all accepted registrants. Workshop and hotel registration forms are available by contacting the ORALL NEWSLETTER.

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## PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES SURVEY

Private law libraries (firms, corporations, foundations) will get an opportunity to describe their preferences and expectations for bibliographic standards and controls in the proposed LAWNET system. A short survey was mailed in January. If you have received the survey, please complete it promptly and contribute to this fact finding effort. If you have not received the survey and would like to make your opinions known, contact the AALL Bibliographic Standards Subcommittee Advisor, Paul B. Gloeckner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, 345 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

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## SLA JOINS BOYCOTT

69% of the voting members of the

Special Libraries Association have recently approved by mail ballot a motion:

"That the Special Libraries Association shall hold no Winter Meetings after 1980 and no Annual Conferences after 1984 in states of the United States that have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, or passed their own statewide equal rights legislation, or until such time as the ratification of the present proposed Equal Rights Amendment has occurred; and further that this action not extend beyond June 30, 1982, the terminal date of the E.R.A. Extension Resolution (HJS 638)."

Directly affected are states to be considered by SLA as Winter Meeting sites for the years 1981-1985 and Annual Conference sites for the years 1985-1988. The Association will select sites for these meetings before June, 1982.

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## DUPLICATE EXCHANGE

AALL Committee on Exchange of Duplicates reminds you that it's not too late to join its current program and receive and contribute to six lists of law and law-related materials. Last year's membership totalled 189 libraries and over 9,700 items were offered.

Questionnaire responses once again indicate the legal periodical lists to be of greatest value to participants. Other categories to be listed this year: General compilations of federal court reports, West's regional reporters, and State reports of highest and intermediate level appellate courts.

Subscription cost is \$15.00 payable to AALL Exchange of Duplicates Committee. Anyone can join!

Contact: Gayle S. Edelman  
AALL Committee on Exchange of Duplicates  
DePaul Law Library  
25 E. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, ILL. 60604

## PRACTICAL PAPERBACK PRESERVATION

In these days of escalating prices and ever diminishing book budgets, librarians are forced to come to grips with the publishing trades "ideal solution" to the problem, the paperback edition. It's hard to resist the lure of the publishers' notice that offers you a \$14.95 cloth edition at \$4.95 paper.

The original idea of paperback publication was to produce an inexpensive edition of a work which would be of interest for a relatively short time or to only a small number of people, making it difficult to justify paying full price. We have discovered that by buying everything available in paperback, with the knowledge that most of the material will be superseded within the life of the inferior grade of paper, we can greatly expand our inventory of current material.

Having made the decision that the savings in price offsets the limited life of the paper, we are faced with a very serious tactical problem; how do we make the outside of the book last even as long as the inside? At The University of Toledo Law School Library, we examined the available methods and arrived at what we feel is the best compromise for both aesthetic and budgetary considerations.

There are binderies that will mount the paper cover on hardboard, laminate the cover, and reinforce the binding. But by the time you have paid the cost of this transformation, you have sacrificed most of the savings for which you purchased the paperback in the first place. Beautiful - but expensive! At the other extreme are pamphlet binders. For a minimal cost per book you can encase the paperback between two sheets of hardboard secured to the book by staples. Any artistic merit or reader appeal incorporated into the cover design are lost. Cheap - but plain!

We have found that the best of both can be combined by using posterboard, a drymount press (a large hot iron will do) and some Mystic tape. With a little practice you can turn out a finished product almost as attractive as the "permabound" model at a fraction of the cost. Here is your "how-to":

Cut a piece of posterboard the same size as the front and back covers. Photocopy the inside of the cover if there is material that should be saved. Place the cardboard inside the cover with a piece of drymount tissue the same size between the cardboard and the cover. Place another piece of tissue on the other side of the cardboard if you have a photocopied page to add, and cover with the photocopy. Place the whole thing in the press or under the iron for long enough to melt the tissue but not to melt the glue in the binding. A few trial and error sessions with your press or iron will give you the right amount of time. We usually give three minutes or less. Remove the book, turn it over and repeat the process for the back cover.

After the covers have been mounted and any excess trimmed away, we reinforce the inner margin of the cover with a piece of Mystic tape as a hinge from the cardboard to the first page down the entire length of the inner spine. This covers any rough edge and keeps the cardboard from separating in heavy use. For further reinforcement if the book is to get very heavy use (such as Index to Legal Periodicals) we use cloth tape on the edges and spine as well.

With a little care and practice you can stretch your book budget and expand your collection with durable, attractive paperback books.

Member libraries are invited to share ways in which they have "beat the crunch" by sending an outline of their procedures to Pat Anderson, The University of Toledo Law Library, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, Ohio 43606.

PAT ANDERSON\*  
Toledo Law Library

\*PAT ANDERSON is currently Head of Circulation at the University of Toledo College of Law Library. She received both her B.A. (in writing and English) and M.S. (Library Science) at the University of Illinois. She is presently pursuing her J.D. at Toledo. Pat was in public library work for about five and one-half years before joining the University of Toledo. She has had a broad range of experience in librarianship: general administrative, acquisitions, processing, circulation. Pat informs the NEWSLETTER that she has been "incurably bitten by the horse bug." (She is currently helping a friend train a sixteen hand quarter horse/thoroughbred mare for dressage and hunt competition.) Pat is presently serving ORALL as the Features/Membership Editor. (Remember, if you've got a written offering send it to her!)

## membership...

...Peter Kempel, prominent ORALL member, will speak on "Sources of Michigan Legislative Histories" at the April 24, 1979, Mich/ALL meeting, Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan. The program will also include: "Significance and use of Michigan Legislative Histories: The Attorney's Perspective," by Tom Downs, Lansing attorney; "The Legislative Process in Michigan: An Overview," by Lynn Johndahl, State Representative; "The Drafting Process," by Arnold Rich, Legislative Service Bureau; "National Survey of What Other States are doing about Legislative Histories," by Marcia Koslov, Wisconsin State Law Librarian. If MICCLE approval is granted participants will qualify for  $\frac{1}{2}$  CEU...

...Henry Tseng has just published a new book entitled New Copyright U.S.A.: A Guide for Teachers and Librarians. The book was published by AMCO Internaitonal, Inc., P.O. Box 09302, Columbus, Ohio 43209. It should prove to be a useful handbook for all librarians...

...Oscar Trelles and Jim Bailey have recently co-authored two works: A 17 volume set, Immigration and Nationality Acts, Legislative Histories, and Related Materials (Buffalo: Hein, 1979); and an article, "Autonomy, Librarian Status, and Librarian Tenure in Law School Libraries: The State of the Art, 1978" (LLJ, v.71, pp. 425-462, Aug., 1978)...

...Oscar Trelles has personally published three other articles: "International Law and Aircraft Hijacking" (New Zealand Law Journal, issue 6, p.118- ); "Cuba and the United States: A Review of Immigration Laws Between Two Countries, Before and During the Castro Government" (Immigration and Nationality Law Review, v.3, lead article); "Double Taxation/Fiscal Evasion and International Law" (Indiana Law Review, v.11)...

...Oscar Trelles participated in the Second Comparative Legal Conference, which took place in Cali, Colombia (South America) on November 6-7, 1978. This Conference was sponsored by the Inter-American Bar Association and Nova University Law School...

... Susan D. Taylor and Kathy Welker prepared a 1978 Model Bibliography of Indiana Legal Materials, which the Indiana Supreme Court has recently published. The ten page work includes a listing of Statutes, Opinions, Encyclopedias, Citators, Periodicals, Reference works, General Practice books and treatises for Indiana county and municipal law libraries. Publishers, addresses and prices are provided...

...kudos

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## ~~~~~ Around ORALL

A hearty welcome to new ORALL NEWSLETTER recipients: Mary Clark (Dayton, O.); Sandra Johnson (Lawrence Co., O.); Betty Schuler (Wayne Co., O.); Martha Cox (Stark Co., O.); Reta Johnson (Lincoln, Neb.); Marilyn Wright, Betty Loy, Marian McNew, Carol Everett, Carol Lough, Janice Watson (all of I.U., Indianapolis); Frances Wu (U. of Dayton, O.); Michele Sumara (I.U., Bloomington); Charles Geron (Greene Co., O.); Neta Spaulding (Athens, O.); Margaret Latch (Banks-Baldwin, Cleveland); Linda Bunyan (Akron, O.); Claire Vaubel (Ohio Northern).

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## MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

NEWS RELEASE...

MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE HISTORY is the program for the Michigan Association of Law Libraries Spring Meeting. It will be presented Tuesday, April 24, 1979, at the Cooley Law School Auditorium which is located in Lansing at 217 South Capitol Avenue. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

The program is open to anyone concerned with legislative histories in Michigan. The \$15 fee covers expenses for the program, coffee and lunch. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.** For a brochure and application, call Mrs. Peggy Fisher at (313) 459-0565.

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The University of Cincinnati College of Law is planning an expansion and renovation of their present structure scheduled to begin the summer of 1979. The first part of the multi-phase operation will be the construction of a new 250,000 volume library facility.

Jorge L. Carro, Acting Dean of the U.C. College of Law and ORALL member, has been the catalyst for the ambitious program which is soon to be underway.

Construction will start in June of this year. The first phase of the operation is expected to reach completion early in the autumn of 1980.

Experts have acclaimed the pre-construction design of the prospective facility. The E.A. Glendening firm of Cincinnati is the architect. Mr. Glendening advises that everything is going pretty much according to schedule thusfar.

Dean Carro invites ORALL members who happen to be in the vicinity to stop by and take a look at the architectural model and photographs.

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## AACR 2d...

### Now Available!

On December 7, 1978, the American Library Association published the long awaited "Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, Second Edition." All libraries will be affected in varying degrees, by this revision. Law libraries will be particularly affected by the rule eliminating form subheadings (e.g., Laws, statutes, etc.; Treaties) after a jurisdiction. To order a copy of the rules, write to Order Department, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. \$10.00 paperback; \$15.00 hardbound.

(Lifted from the SCALL NEWSLETTER)

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## ORALL Executive Board

### [news & events]

President: Barbara Rennolet (Ind.)  
Vice Pres.: Andrew Brann (O.)  
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Treasurer: Kathy Welker (Ind.)  
Past Pres.: Richard Beer (Mich.)  
Exec. Bd.: Carol Bratton (O.)  
Exec. Bd.: Bernice Frank (Mich.)

The NEWSLETTER has been the recipient of many letters from members who are

having membership difficulties. Such inquiries should be directed to the Membership Committee Chairperson, Cathy Gillette. Ms. Gillette and Ms. Kathy Welker, keeper of ORALL's royal purse, account and compile the association membership records. The NEWSLETTER receives its mailing list from Ms. Welker.

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The ORALL Executive Board will meet Friday, March 30, 1979, in Van Wert, O. (Part of Greater Lima) It has accepted Kathy Welker's generous offer of the use of her family's farm in that small burg. (It's a good central location for Board members.)

On tap for discussion is the recent Education Meeting of the AALL. (Note Beth Gwynn's article elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER.) The Board hopes to formulate priorities of continuing library education as they relate to ORALL, as well as examine possible ways of implementing programs of continuing education in our region.

The Board will again take up the issue of future meeting scheduling. It hopes to present possible resolutions to the membership at the Spring Meeting in Toledo concerning: Whether we want to maintain two meetings per year; whether we want to continue meetin in conjunction with the Ohio Bar in the spring of each year. Input will be needed and expected from the membership concerning these issues. Be prepared to contribute.

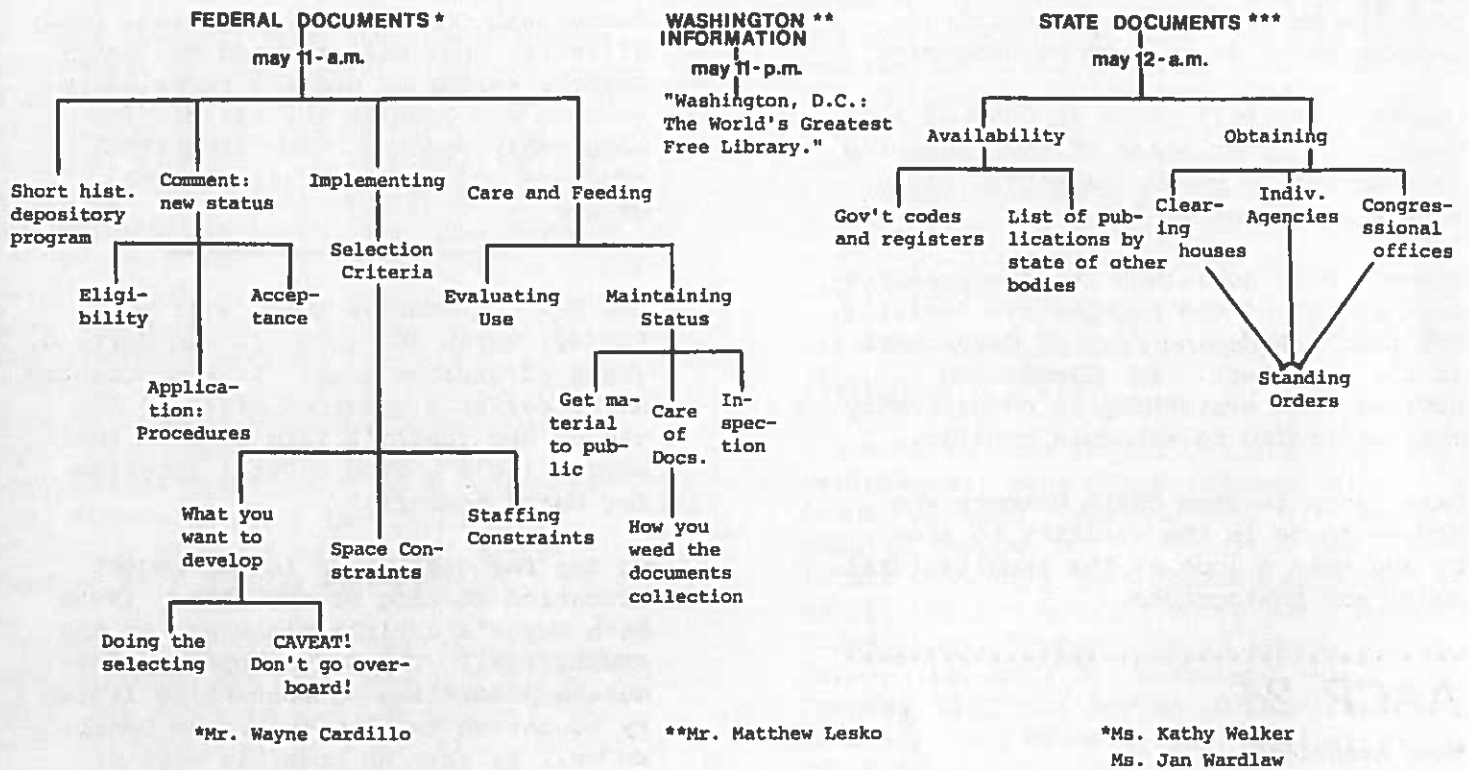
A few minor (at this point) considerations will be taken up. They will be reported in due course.

The NEWSLETTER shutter bug will be on hand at the meeting. It may bring back some interesting pastoral prints so that the members can see their Executive Board in action!

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On the back page of this issue of the NEWSLETTER you will find a diagram of what the Activities Committee foresees as the content of the 1979 Spring Meeting in Toledo, O. We include this for the benefit of the prospective meeting participant...

# GOVERNMENT INFORMATION



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