Trustee Workshop - The workshop on Trustee Liabilities, scheduled for October, has been postponed until next spring due to schedule conflicts by the speakers.

Summer Reading Activities - The play "LaFitte's Louisiana" began the summer reading program in LAFOURCHE. The total registration for the summer program exceeded last year's totals by 290 parish wide. Certificate earners were up 125 children. LAFOURCHE also co-sponsored "Trash or Treasure", a recycling program, with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. LAFAYETTE saw an increase in registration at the main library and all branches for their summer program and set new records in circulation. TERREBONNE had 3,130 children join their reading program, with 2,050 completing it. 99 story times were conducted for 4,394 children.

FREE!! - Well, almost. The Exhibit Materials Bulletin is a quarterly publication listing free visual and written materials suitable for library displays. The Bulletin, however, costs $32.00 a year. Contact:

PR Plus Exhibit Materials
3333 Henry Hudson Parkway
Riverdale, NY 10463

This one really IS free: a 25 minute audiocassette and handbook titled "Talking About Alcohol" for parents with pre-teen children. Commissioned by Seagram & Sons, the program was produced by Education Development Center. For a copy (limit of 5), call 1-800-SEAGRAM.

Circulation Soaring - At LSUE, circulation increased dramatically in the 1990-91 academic year, up 60%. Community residents are now eligible to receive library cards, and 150 took that opportunity. A video collection, totaling 217 tapes was also well used, with the three most popular titles being Anything I Catch... about handfishing catfish, NOVA's Miracle of Life, and Snakes, a two-tape field guide. What are the most popular titles in your library??

WHCLIS - The Second White House Conference on Library and Information Service was held July 9-13. Fred Ashy, mayor of Kinder (ALLEN) was one of the state delegates representing the southwestern part of Louisiana.

Land Donation - The ST MARTIN library received a major donation of over one and one-quarter acres of land for the new library and headquarters in St Martinville. The Olivier family gave the land where they used to operate their lumberyard. Located one block from Main Street, the property is near the primary and high schools. There will be plenty of parking spaces available as well as room for the proposed 12,000 sq. ft. building. This will be a tremendous leap from the current building, with 4,000 square feet!

National Recognition - IBERIA continues to gather honors for their
summer workshops. In 1988, the program was named the Outstanding Library Program by the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). That same year, the brochure won First Place - Best of Show in the Children's and Young Adult Service Division at SELA. This year, the brochure won the L. Percy Award from the Library Public Relations Council in the Library/Friends Special Event category, one of six categories. Kate Ferry provides the professional designs, the Friends of the Library purchased the printing equipment, and Susan Hester Edmunds provides the total coordination for the brochures and the programs.

The workshop program began in 1983 with only two workshops - computers and cross stitch. The response was terrific, and the New Iberia Optimist Club was looking for new projects to support. They selected a winner, and have enlarged their support over the years. Since funding by the Optimists began, the number of workshops has increased from 13 in 1984, to 49 in 1991. Cross stitch is still offered, along with spiders and bugs, astronomy, art, fishing, leather crafting, jewelry making, calligraphy, and many others.

Literacy Coordinator - Mrs. Flora Currie (ALLEN) has been selected to attend the National Adult Literacy Congress in Washington, D.C., Sept 6 - 9. Seminars and workshops at the Congress will focus on leadership, support groups, public speaking, lobbying and advocacy.

Literacy Grant - ST MARY received a $35,000 LSCLA literacy grant. These funds will be used for equipment, materials and tutor training.

Changing of the Guard - ST MARTIN's bookmobile must be feeling deserted. Hazel Comeaux, who rode the bookmobile for 16 years, retired in July, and Anna Rae Peltier, who has driven part-time since 1962, retired at the end of August. The new bookmobile staff will be Katherine Latiolais, driver, and Serhnia Mitchell, shotgun. But soon the bookmobile really will be deserted soon when it is replaced by a new vehicle. The bidding process has begun, and everyone is eager for the arrival of the new bookmobile.

Friends Activities - LSUE's new Friends group now totals 60. IBERIA's Friends are purchasing the textbooks for the fall LEH series on American Humor. The series will be lead by Drs. Milton and Pat Rickels, and will be open to 75 people. In ST MARY, the Friends sponsored several excellent programs for the summer, including folksinger Judy Stock and puppeteer Karen Konnerth. TERREBONNE'S Friends are planning their annual Book Fair at Southland Mall, as well as a fundraising dinner dance for the new library being planned for the Bayou Dularge community.

New Branch location - Grand opening ceremonies were held August 17 for the new, spacious, Duson Branch in LAFAYETTE. Mayor Patricia Garry, Senator Armand Brinkhaus, and Parish Council Member Lenwood Broussard joined library Board members Dr Jean Kreamer (Pres.), Mr. Billy Mouton (Vice-pres.), Mrs. Suzan Allen, and Mrs. Judith Hebert in celebrating the new branch building. Since all the shelving hadn't arrived, the extra books on the floor provided a lot of conversation among the visitors. The new building is 1,600 sq ft, a big change from the previous location with only 500 sq ft!

Video Donations - A video monitor and player have been donated to LAFOURCHE library by Lafourche Communications, as well as videotapes of classic programs from the Arts & Entertainment Network (A & E). At the gala reception for the
formal presentation, George Yelder, Regional marketing director for Louisiana Cablevision Industries, and John Hartinger, Account Manager for A & E, made the presentation to Kathleen Kilgen, director of the library.

People - NICHOLLS has several new staff members: Shelly Duet in Circulation, Cyd Toups in Documents, and Pam Antill in Serials. In ALLEN parish, ILL's Glenn Mayfield's son John got married in South Carolina, after returning from Saudi Arabia where he was part of the Desert Storm campaign. Second son Win has joined the Navy, and is stationed in Anaheim (CA), while third son Billy is a sophomore at Louisiana Tech. Clara Maynard (LAFAYETTE) received her Master's in Library Science from LSU in August. Clara is in charge of Interlibrary Loan, and works on the reference desk. Mr. Leo Drobnic has resigned from the ST MARY Library Board, and Mr. Peter Lipari of Patterson has been named as his replacement. Dr. Wridley Fontenot, asst. dir., (ALLEN) is now a member of both the Society of American Archivists and the Society of Southwest Archivists.

Baby Boom - In IBERIA, Elizabeth Migues' son Jordan was born the last week in June, while Lorita Cruz' daughter Ebony was born the first week of August.

"American Memory" - JEFF. DAVIS was selected by the Library of Congress as one of 37 schools, libraries, and research institutions nationwide to be a test site for a computer and optical disc program called "American Memory". The program provides electronic access to 267 documents of the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention; 1,000 photographs of the Civil War taken by Mathew Brady and others; 500 political cartoons about Congress from 1770 to 1981; 60 sound recordings of American leaders of the early 20th century; over 300 pamphlets written by Afro-Americans; and early motion pictures of President William McKinley.

Parking Meters Gone! - Lafayette patrons and staff celebrated in late July when the city agreed to remove the parking meters from the lot surrounding the building. It's a one year trial period, to make sure the lot really is used by library people. The library is now responsible for all of the maintenance for the grounds and lot. One meter will be returning — to be located inside the building for a place to collect donations for various library sponsored projects.

48 1/2 years at TERREBONNE - Mrs. Elsie Whipple LeJeune, branch assistant of the Bourg Branch, retired in May. She was honored at a retirement reception held by the Library Board, staff and Friends. The Parish Council also honored her and presented her with a certificate.

Note from your editor: Everyone is eligible to send information for this newsletter. I "nag" the directors for material, but that doesn't mean YOU can't contribute too.

The next issue will be the "The Year's Best and Worst", highlights (or lowlights) in each library in 1991. Help your director compile those gems, we don't want to forget any.

Those of you sending this newsletter through serials check-in procedures, beware. The next issue of this quarterly publication will be Vol. I, no. 5. Five quarters?? No, but I want to have the calendar years match the volume years from now on.

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