IBM MATCHING GRANTS MAY BENEFIT LIBRARIES

Troubled libraries can hope for a measure of corporate support from the giant IBM Corporation which has established a two-for-one matching grants program to help cultural organizations such as libraries. Matching grants will be considered for contributions up to $5,000 a year from qualified IBM employees, retirees, board members and their spouses. For information on the formality of the contribution and criteria on fulfilling the provisions of the grants program, contact Corporate Support Programs, IBM Corporation, Armonk, N.Y. 10504.

STATE LIBRARY AND OCLC SIGN SERIALS UNION LIST AGREEMENT

The State Library, SUNY/OCLC and OCLC have signed an agreement to work in close cooperation for the completion of OCLC-based union list projects in New York State. The State Library will be an OCLC union listing agent in New York and, starting in the Fall, SUNY/OCLC will provide technical data and expertise on magnetic tape products from OCLC's union listing system. Holdings from OCLC tapes will be used with serials information from other systems to facilitate resource sharing in New York.

COOPERATION IN ALBANY

Two of the largest research libraries in upstate New York—the State Library and the University Libraries of SUNY/Albany—have agreed to share resources to improve service to users. The availability of on-line bibliographic systems at both libraries and a courier service provided by the Capitol District Library Council will provide easy access to the collections of both institutions. The first step will be the exchange of terminals. Recent fiscal restraints and the ravages of inflation have encouraged both institutions to seek a cooperative agreement in order to meet user demands.

VELMA K. MOORE AWARD

Nominations are solicited for the prestigious Velma K. Moore Memorial Award, established 20 years ago by the now New York State Association of Library Boards. The award is presented annually at the NYLA Conference to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to the development of library services in New York State. The co-recipients last year were Sen. Warren Anderson and Whitney North Seymour. Previous winners have included Dan Casey, Harold Hacker, Sen. Warren Anderson and Whitney North Seymour. Nomination should be sent by May 15 to Marian Waswo, Award Committee Chair, 2484 Beltagh Ave., Bellmore, N.Y. 11710.

ISLAND TREES CASE REACHES SUPREME COURT

The celebrated Island Trees censorship case has reached the Supreme Court, six years from the time an "Objectionable Books" list was first circulated by an upstate parents' group. Oral arguments were heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2nd. NYLA member David Cohen, involved in the case from the beginning, was an official observer from the New York Civil Liberties Union. The NYCLU calls the case "a classic First Amendment confrontation between a transient majority that seeks to deploy the force of government to censor unpopular expressions and those who seek to express—or be exposed to—differing perspectives."

The Supreme Court has taken the case on the issue of whether it should be redirected to the Federal District Court in Nassau County for trial, as directed by the Federal Court of Appeals. The Court's decision is expected before the summer recess.

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Chairperson, Legislative Committee

Another successful NYLA Library Day in Albany is a part of history. Many people worked very hard to see that things went smoothly. In particular the co-chairs Richard Halsey, Richard Panz, and Ann Simon are to be congratulated on organizing the briefing session and giving us ample handouts, help and encouragement.

One of the prime jobs of this year's Legislative Committee is to involve as many NYLA members as possible in the planning for our 1983 program. I have really felt the need for more input before the program goes to Council for its approval. So this year I have put a different process in motion. I have asked the members of the Legislative Committee, especially those officially representing Sections or associations, to ask their groups to prepare a report on their concerns for 1983. These written reports will be given to me by June 1st, 1982. In June I will meet with the Executive Board (Jane Wechin, Barbara Donovan and Richard Panz). We will review these documents and from them prepare the first draft of our program. This will be reviewed at the June 29th Legislative Committee meeting. The recommended programs will then go to Council for its approval at its July 30th meeting. A side element could also be suggestions on the processes of the Committee. What can be done to be more effective? I am sure you have ideas on this aspect as well as on the actual program.

This plan will, I hope, give more of you the opportunity to be heard and to become a part of our planning process.

There is no way we can have a legislative program that includes everything that everyone wants in the form they want it. It is, however, very important that everyone be listened to with an open mind. Once decisions are made—and the majority has to rule in this case—it is imperative that we all support the same program. Remember, our successes are in direct proportion to our unity of effort. Each voice, each letter, each effort is important. Be sure yours is among those counted.