

Seattle '84

Spring is the season when Seattle is at its best. The entire city seems to blossom. Visitors to the ACRL Third National Conference will not only have the opportunity to attend an exciting conference, but will see Seattle at its loveliest. Those who live in cold, snowy climates will especially appreciate the fresh green, mild climate, blue water, and variety of color that characterizes Seattle in April.

Temperatures in Seattle in the spring can vary a great deal, even in one day. A cool, rainy morning may be warm and sunny by noon, and cool in the evening. Most Seattlites are masters at layered dressing, a practice visitors may want to adopt to remain comfortable throughout their stay. An umbrella is an essential layer on a spring day. Plan for temperatures ranging from 40–70 degrees in a day. Since the boat trip to Kiana is in the evening, the ride back will be cold, unless one stays inside the boat. Anyone planning to go out on deck to watch the skyline on the return trip should be warmly dressed.

The arrival point for many conference attendees will be the Henry M. Jackson International Airport (SeaTac). The Grayline downtown airporter buses provide service between the airport and major downtown hotels, including the Sheraton, the Crown Plaza, the Four Seasons Olympic, and the Westin Hotels. These buses leave from the baggage claim level of the main terminal at the airport.

The Airporter buses depart every 30 minutes from 6:10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Using the special discount coupon reprinted on p.133 of this issue, conference attendees will receive a \$4.00 rate for the Airporter. Anyone staying at the YMCA or the Pacific Plaza will need to get off of the Airporter at the Four Seasons Olympic; those staying at the Vance or the Mayflower Park should get off at the Westin.

After checking into the hotel, the next step will be to get to the Seattle Center to register. The Monorail is the fastest and easiest way to get to the Seattle Center from downtown. The Monorail runs every 15 minutes. The ninety second ride costs 50¢;

a cashier will make change if needed. The downtown monorail terminal is a short walk from the Sheraton and other conference hotels. Check the map of downtown Seattle published in this issue for the exact locations. Registration at the Seattle Center Opera House will open at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

Another easy way to get around in Seattle is to take the bus. The Metro Transit system has a "Magic Carpet" or Free Ride zone around downtown where all of the buses are free. Outside of the free ride zone, within the city limits, fares are 60¢ during peak hours (6:00–8:30 a.m. and 2:30–5:30 p.m.) weekdays, and 50¢ at other times. The Hospitality desks will have selected bus schedules and transit maps for consultation. Exact change is needed for the bus. Taxis are also available, but are not regulated in Seattle, so fares vary from cab to cab. Generally, the most reliable and lowest cost taxis are Yellow, Graytop and Far West.

Even on foot, Seattle is a compact city offering lots to see and do within a small geographic area. The Pike Place Market, the Waterfront, the Aquarium, and Pioneer Square are all special sights within walking distance of downtown. The more adventurous may want to walk to the ferry terminal and take a trip across Puget Sound on a Washington State ferry. Five specially printed guides will help conference attendees find their way around. These guides are: Fitness and Recreation; Restaurants; Shopping; Libraries, Bookstores, and Museums; and 20 Things to do in Seattle. The guides, along with other informational material on Seattle will be available at the Hospitality desks.

For assistance in getting around during the conference, ask at the Hospitality desks, or look for someone with a volunteer ribbon attached to their badge. If the volunteer can't answer a question directly, they will know where to go to get the information needed.

One way to prepare for a visit to Seattle is to consult some of the previous Seattle '84 columns. The columns have appeared in *C&RL News* since March 1983. The May column focused on Seattle, the June column on vacationing in the Pacific Northwest, the October column on readings about the Pacific Northwest, the December column on

Ferry to Kiana

Shuttle buses will be available to take conferees to and from the Sheraton and the ferry pier, Pier 56 on the accompanying map. Boarding time for the buses leaving the Sheraton to the pier will be 4:45 p.m. on Friday, April 6. Ferries will leave promptly at 5:45. For those who wish to walk down to the pier, it is located between University and Seneca Streets, about a 20-minute walk from the Sheraton. The return trip will be signaled by the ferries' whistles, the first one leaving at 10:00 p.m. Buses will be at Pier 56 for the return trip to the Sheraton.

Column Contributors

The following people have written for the Seattle '84 column in *C&RL News*: Eleanor Chase, David Fraley, Sandra Kroupa, Carolyn Mateer, Gary Menges, and Carla Rickerson (all from the University of Washington); John Backes (Shoreline Community College); and Phyllis Reeve (University of British Columbia).

Vancouver, British Columbia, and the January 1984 issue described the Conference program and Seattle.

Come to Seattle and enjoy an exciting conference program and beautiful Seattle spring! ■■

BI Liaison Update

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It is gratifying at this time to report on a number of potential opportunities for librarians' involvement with other associations and their meetings.

Valdosta State College recently issued a call for papers for its Fourth Annual Conference on the Improvement of Freshman-Level Instruction. Librarians might want to think about potential appropriate opportunities for involvement at the Fifth Annual meeting. These conferences present suggestions and models for practical classroom techniques to address common teaching problems in English Composition and other courses. Presentations are based on informal papers designed to convey practical information for use in the classroom—papers of abstract theories and philosophies are excluded.

Steve Marquardt, director of libraries at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, contacted the ACRL BI Liaison Project to suggest that a good opportunity to carry our message to another audience of interested classroom faculty might be to look at the regional meetings of the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus foreign student advisor spoke on "Designing a Successful Orientation Program for International Students." Librarians who have considered involvement in this area are encouraged to contact me.

At the August 1984 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Antonio, a two-hour workshop on Library User Skills has been scheduled. The workshop is free. Leaders include Richard Werking, library director at Trinity University, Vaughan Grisham, sociologist at the University of Mississippi, and Mark Sandler of the University of Michigan's School of Library Science.

An informal, walk-in information clinic will be held in March at the Academy of Criminal Justice meeting in Chicago. Several criminal justice librarians will be in attendance to offer help on specific research problems that participants might have. Other librarians who have sponsored a similar session at discipline organizations' conferences should send details to the ACRL BI Liaison Project Program Officer.

"Is the Cost of Your Library Justified?" is the title of a session proposed by our Project for the Denver 1984 meeting of the American Council on Education. Participants include Alan Guskin,

chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Patricia Breivik, director of Auraria Libraries, and Colonel Carl W. Reddel, professor and head of the Department of History at the United States Air Force Academy. If accepted, the panel will address problems of campuses utilizing library services to their greatest potential. We're hoping this important opportunity for academic librarians to broaden an awareness of our services will become a reality.

Discussion and cooperation with the American Political Science Association continues. While our Project was not successful in locating a librarian who was willing to prepare a formal paper for the 1984 APSA meeting, we are continuing to investigate the possibility of our Project coordinating a column on using appropriate library materials in the APSA newsletter, *News for Teachers of Political Science*, with Terry Link of Michigan State University editing the articles. Work also continues in arranging a jointly-sponsored meeting, with Terry and Jane Rosenberg currently investigating this option.

Our Project is not able to repeat last year's display at the American Association of Higher Education's annual meeting, as this Idea Exchange exhibit format has been cancelled. Librarians attending the March AAHE meeting from the Chicago area are encouraged to report back on the presentations relating to school/college partnerships, to ways information technology can increase the effectiveness of instruction, and the March 15 Position-Based Roundtable session scheduled for deans and directors of libraries.

Last November's issue of the *English Journal* published an announcement that the March 1984 Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, to be held in New York City, includes a number of sessions dealing with the concerns of high school teachers: writing programs for non-traditional students, ways of working with unskilled "basic" writers, and helping students to bridge the gap between high school and college. The announcement says that "the new interest" in fostering cooperation across levels of education to improve teaching and learning makes it important for all teachers to seek opportunities to talk with their counterparts at other levels of education." Certainly librarians involved in user education could qualify as counterparts! Please let me know if any of you will be attending any of these CCCC sessions.