

Clinton budget and HEA Library programs

The Clinton Administration's FY 1994 budget request of April 8, 1993, would eliminate all Higher Education Act library programs (\$18.4 million). The rationale unfortunately repeats tired old Bush and Reagan Administration rhetoric which claims libraries can use their own or their institution's budgets to share resources beyond their own campuses or localities, and claims there is no demonstrated need for training of library personnel.

The largest Library Services and Construction Act program for improvement of public library services would be increased by 14 percent or almost \$12 million. However, the increase in one important LSCA program is more than offset by the proposed elimination of other

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The recent reauthorization of the HEA library programs tied them in to the Clinton/Gore emphasis on electronic networking; many Internet/NREN projects at libraries are already being supported by these programs. The II-A technology program alone currently has 260 applications pending for \$35 million worth of assistance, but only \$3.8 million in funding.

The II-B library education program was just expanded in FY92 to support doctoral candidates to alleviate faculty shortages, and to develop youth services and science reference librarians—emphases badly needed and geared specifically to the education goals. Zero funds would leave many doctoral candidates stranded with no funds to continue their programs.

Clinton Budget Request for HEA and LSCA Library Programs

Library program (amounts in thousands)	FY 1993 Approp.	FY94 Admin. Request
Higher Education Act	\$18,425	0
Title II-A, college library tech.	3,873	0
II-B, library education	4,960	0
II-B, research & demonstrations	2,802	0
II-C, research libraries	5,808	0
VI sec 607, foreign research materials	982	0
Library Services & Construction Act	\$128,626	\$114,700
Title I, public library services	83,227	95,000
II, pub. lib. construction	16,584	0
III, interlibrary cooperation	19,749	19,749
IV, Indian library services	*	*
V, foreign language materials	968	0
VI, library literacy programs	8,098	0
*2% of LSCA I, II, & III		

LSCA titles for construction/renovation, foreign language materials, and library literacy programs. The LSCA total would drop by \$14 million or almost 11 percent. Of the 24 programs proposed for elimination in the Department of Education budget, about one-fourth are library programs—a heavier hit than any other area of the budget.

The Clinton technology initiative recommends pilot projects to connect schools, libraries, and hospitals to networks like the Internet. This initiative assumes that already

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sports journals of its day. Brilliant, vain, and pompous, Apperley peppered his personal letters with juicy gossip, details about his hunting tours, complaints about other writers' work and the casually dropped names of prominent members of royalty, nobility, and the sporting world. The 11-volume archive, containing some 1,200 of Apperley's letters, papers, and manuscripts, was purchased from a New York rare book and manuscript dealer with funds from the Scott endowment.

The Sol Eisen Collection of Canadiana has been acquired by the **University of Waterloo** Library. The collection contains 170 rare volumes, including one of the few books published in the Montagnais dialect, *Nebiro-Iriniui Aiamibe Massinabigan*, printed by William Brown in 1767. Also included in the collection are several imprints of great rarity not listed in Patricia Fleming's *Upper Canadian Imprints, 1801-1841; A Bibliography*. Included in this category are a children's book, *First Book for Children*, printed in 1826; an 1839 edition of

Wilson's Border Tales; and two almanacs which were previously unknown: *The Upper Canada Almanac and Directory of 1831* and *The Toronto Farmer's and Mechanic's Almanac* (1838). The collection also contains the only known extant copies of *Suiff's York Country Almanac* and the *Upper Canada Almanac* for 1837.

Over 200 letters and documents written by and to Sam Houston (1793-1863) have been acquired by **Rice University**. Included in the acquisition are correspondence from would-be Texas colonizers, Henri Castro and Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels, and documents and letters pertaining to Indian affairs, including correspondence with Houston's Cherokee foster father John Jolly and with Bowles, chief of Texas's Cherokee Nation. Another portion of the collection focuses on Sam Houston's term as President of the independent Republic of Texas and his administrations' relations with the U.S. government, including letters and documents to and from Daniel Webster, Zachary Taylor, John C. Calhoun, and James Buchanan. ■

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Selected other library and related programs	FY 1993 Approp.	FY94 Admin. Request
GPO Superintendent of Documents	29,082	33,707
Natl. Center for Educ. Statistics	77,850	125,000
NCLIS 889 904 Library of Congress	334,316	364,352
National Agricultural Library	17,715	17,915
National Archives	160,045	189,182
Natl. Endowment for the Arts	174,460	174,593
Natl. Endowment for the Humanities	177,413	177,491
Natl. Hist. Pubs. & Records Com.	5,000	4,000
National Library of Medicine (incl. Medical Lib. Asst. Act)	116,743	116,979
Postal revenue forgone	121,912	91,434

connected college and research libraries will share resources electronically with schools and public libraries. HEA library programs are needed to help these libraries put their resources on the network for access beyond their own campuses.

Strong Congressional Support Shown

Library Legislative Day participants on April 20 helped library champion Representative Dale Kildee (D-Mich.) solicit cosigners on a letter Kildee spearheaded to support restoration of

HEA and LSCA programs proposed for elimination to FY93 levels of funding. At this writing, Kildee's office was putting the letter in final form with signatures of 76 House members. The letter was addressed to Chairman William Natcher (D-Ky.) of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over library program funding. Academic and research librarians who have not yet contacted their legislators to urge restoration of the zeroed out library programs could still do so. ■