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## Kurt Vonnegut to Speak at ACRL Conference

A special feature of the forthcoming ACRL conference will be the dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Boston Hotel on Thursday evening, November 9, when the American author, Kurt Vonnegut, will address the group.

Kurt Vonnegut needs no introduction to librarians because of the importance and popularity of his writings in libraries throughout the world. He is the author of eight novels: *Player Piano*; *The Sirens of Titan*; *Mother Night*; *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*; *Cat's Cradle*; *Slaughterhouse-Five*; *Breakfast of Champions*; and *Slapstick*. He has also written two plays, *Happy Birthday, Wanda June* and *Between Time and Timbuktu*; and two collections of his shorter works have been published, *Welcome to the Monkey House* and *Wampeters, Foma & Granfalloon*.

The ACRL 1978 National Conference, November 8-11 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, has as its theme, "New Horizons for Academic Libraries." A series of theme addresses and contributed papers sessions will address a variety of subjects of current and continuing interest to academic and research librarians.

Other special features of the conference include an opening night reception on November 8, beginning at 9:30 p.m., in the Boston Public Library, jointly sponsored by the Boston Public Library Trustees and the Boston Library Consortium. There will also be a reception on Friday evening, November 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, sponsored by G. K. Hall & Co. Conference participants attending this reception will have the opportunity to view the exhibit, *Treasures of Early Irish Art, 1500 B.C.-1500 A.D.*

The Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair will be held at the nearby Coply Plaza Hotel, November 10-12, and ACRL conference participants will be able to attend the fair free of charge.

ACRL members have received a brochure on the conference, offering special preregistration rates (through October 8) and including a hotel reservation form. Those members who may not have received this information and others interested in the conference may request the brochure from the ACRL office (American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago IL 60611). ■■



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