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REAL MEN SUPPORT LIBRARIES

At this time of year, we tend to reflect on past accomplishments and look forward to the new year and what it will bring. The Library Commission can cite many accomplishments during this past year, and I am confident we will continue to work together for improvements to our library system in West Virginia.

As we strive to make the most of our resources, I know that the growing reputation for excellence in library services in our state depends on the leadership of men and women, like yourselves, who have worked so hard through the Library Commission ... our local librarians ... West Virginians all across the state who serve on local library boards ... teachers who instill in their students a love for learning ... and a people whose appreciation for the joy of learning is evidenced by their commitment. Everywhere you go in this state, people of all ages ... from all walks of life ... are making better use of their local libraries.

We have actually entered the "Information Age", an era that will go down in history, just as the Industrial Revolution did, for its contributions to society.

For example, the network center established at the Library Commission provides online interchange of information accessible to all West Virginians through their local public library or their school, college or university facilities.

This is state-of-the-art technology, and we are indeed fortunate to be pioneering so many of these efforts in our state. Our libraries have become centers - intellectual, cultural centers that cross all classes. We have made inroads in other areas.

As the legislative session approaches, we must continue to work with each other ... for the benefit of all. This reflects our commitment to open the world of libraries - "the world of discovery" to every citizen in West Virginia.

I am proud of our continuing commitment to



the library system in our state ... not only for what it means to us now ... but for what it will mean for our children and their children.

It is my sincere hope that each of you enjoy a happy holiday season. God bless you.

BEST WISHES from

**West Virginia Libraries
The Future Is Now!**

(see insert)

\$3 in 83?

The West Virginia Library Commission's budget request for 1983-84 again included a request for \$3.00 per capita.

Since achievement of any increase in State Aid, particularly the \$3.00 level, depends on the Legislature's awareness of library services and programs, it will be up to all of us to utilize every opportunity to call the library to their attention.

Inasmuch as there are newly-elected delegates and senators, it is important that they be aware of library programs in your community.

Establish contact before the session, and make every effort to fill the Civic Center for the 10th Annual Library Appreciation Dinner February 2nd.

Library Dinner

Groundhog Day, 1983, will be a memorable one for West Virginia library supporters.

The tenth annual Appreciation Dinner will have as guest speaker the first woman author to be chosen for this popular event. Joyce Jillson, author, actress, TV personality has responded to "Quiche Eaters" and "Real Men" with *REAL WOMEN DON'T PUMP GAS*. She pumps for libraries, however, and will bring her unique charm and wit to the 10th dinner, which will be held at the Charleston Civic Center, Feb. 2nd.

According to Donna King Lewis, Chairman of the WVLA Legislative Committee, the Association has booked the main floor of the new coliseum for the event. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:15.

Highlighting the evening will be remarks by Governor John Rockwell IV, Senate President Warren McCraw, House Speaker Clyde See.

Tickets will be available from all libraries. For more information, contact Donna King Lewis, South Charleston Public Library, 744-6561.

REAL WOMEN PUMP FOR LIBRARIES



Featured speaker, Joyce Jillson

As an actress/writer/astrologer, Joyce Jillson is a woman of many talents. Her acting career began when, as a teenager, she landed a starring role in the television series, "Peyton Place," playing the character Jill Smith. Since then, she has been on prime time television in everything from "Lou Grant" to "BJ and the Bear." She also toured for two years in the lead of Anthony Newley's play "The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd." Jillson was featured on the original cast album, and received a Daniel Blum Award for her performance.

As an astrologer, Jillson writes a daily astrology column that is syndicated to over 100 newspapers around the country, including the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, the DETROIT FREE PRESS, the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, and the LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXAMINER.

She lectures about astrology and parapsychology, and is the author of two books: *A Year Of Good Luck*, published in 1978, and more recently, *Joyce Jillson's 1982 Astrological Forecasts*. She was the official astrologer for the Los Angeles Dodgers last year, predicting with 89% accuracy how well the team would play each day.

A regular astrology feature on many morning news/talk shows around the country, Jillson has also appeared on "Merv," the "Tonight Show," and "PM Magazine." Presently she makes frequent appearances on Cable News Network's "Mike Douglas People Now," and has signed with M.T. Television Syndication to do a daily television talk show.

Real Women Don't Pump Gas

A Guide to All That Is Divinely Feminine



by Joyce Jillson
Illustrated by Lee Lorenz

Coping With Unemployment

West Virginia's unemployment rate is now the highest in the nation. How is your library responding to this in your community?

Here are some hints on mobilizing library resources to help:

1. Display of printed material on careers and jobhunting.
2. Programs utilizing community experts:
 - * a psychologist to help people understand the emotional stress involved
 - * a finance or debt counselor for advice on bills that can't be paid
 - * a home economist on nutrition and thrifty meals
 - * experts from Employment Security, employment agencies, or personnel offices of local firms to discuss job opportunities
 - * an instructor from a vocational school with hints on retraining and building new skills

* local college faculty with information on new and growing fields and courses which prepare for them

3. Aids for persons planning to start their own businesses or make money at home
4. An information exchange for people who want to barter services or goods
5. Guidance on buying through co-ops
6. Health care at the library - blood pressure checks, eye exams, etc.

NEW SUBREGIONAL

Late in November the Ohio County Public Library in Wheeling, West Virginia joined the National Library Services network of libraries serving the blind and physically handicapped. At that time the library became a subregional library in this nationwide program. Along with the West Virginia Library Commission and four other libraries in the state, it will provide recorded library materials to qualified borrowers. Under the direction of Rosalie

Galloway these materials will be circulated to patrons in Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties.

Most material this program are circulated through the mail. The establishment of this depository collection of talking book materials in the northern panhandle will reduce the delivery time involved in providing reading material to patrons and will help insure quality library service for them.

Library Grants

From November, 1981 to June, 1982, the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia reports grants given to the following libraries:

Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston \$4,255 "Men, Women & Ideas"

Morgantown Public Library, Morgantown \$3,075, "Monongalia Women: Keepers of Our Communities"

For information on future grants for your library, as well as proposal deadlines, contact:

The Humanities Foundation of West Virginia
Box 204
Institute, West Virginia 25112

Foundation News

The following foundations in West Virginia have given money to public libraries in West Virginia. If you are seeking outside funds for specific purposes, you may want to contact these organizations:

Daywood Foundation
1200 Charleston National Plaza
Charleston, WV 25301

Fenton Foundation
310 Fourth Street
Williamstown, WV 26187

Hallowell-Ford Foundation
119 West Washington
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Jacobson (Bernard H. & Blanche E.) Foundation
c/o Kanawha Valley Bank
Trust Department
Charleston, WV 25301

McDonough (Bernard) Foundation
PO Box 8
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Parsons (Bernice Pickens) Foundation Trust
Charleston National Bank
Charleston, WV 25301

Thomas (A. S.) Memorial Fund
PO Box 2073
Charleston, WV 25327

The Reference Department at the Library Commission is compiling a list of private foundations nationwide that give to public libraries. Interested librarians may contact Jeanne Shelton, Reference Department, West Virginia Library Commission, Cultural Center, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, or call 348-2045.

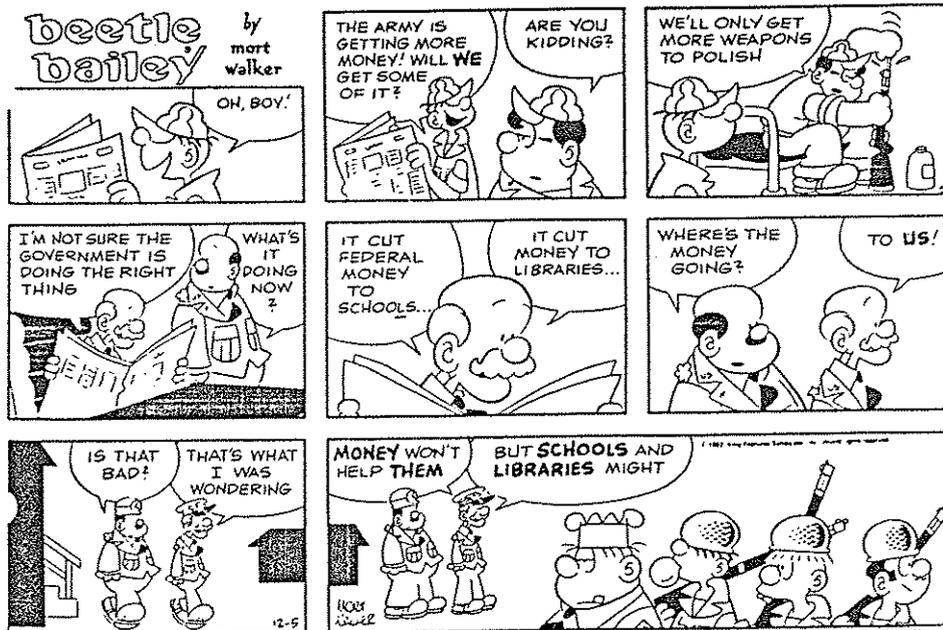
SARAH S. HOPKINS

The library community sincerely regrets the death of Mrs. William B. Hopkins on December 1, 1982.

Mrs. Hopkins served two four-year terms as a member of the West Virginia Library Commission from 1964-1972. She served as Chairman of the Commission for four years.

Her devotion, cooperativeness, foresight and guidance served West Virginia libraries in many ways during her years of service.

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