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Jo Anne Boorkman

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This may be the beginning of 1994, but it is the mid-point of our Division's year and time for me to bring you highlights of some of our committees' activities during the year. The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Renee Bush, is busy reviewing recommendations from the Nominations & Elections Committee related to the timing of our nominations and elections procedures. Any changes this committee recommends would come to the membership for a written vote.

The Nominations & Elections Committee, chaired by Janice Kemp, has completed half of its assignment with the completion of the slate for 1994/95 BSD Officers--Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. See the announcement on page 2. Please note the instructions for submitting a valid ballot and the deadline date and PLEASE VOTE!

You will also note in this issue of *Biofeedback* the announcement for our SLA Student Conference Award which has been sent to the ALA-accredited library schools and SLA chapter bulletin editors. It also appeared recently on the MEDLIB-L Discussion List on the Internet. This is a key opportunity for us to recruit new talented librarians into our Division and our area of special librarianship, so, if you know any library school students who might be interested, please encourage them to submit an essay by the March 1, 1994 deadline.

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Several committees have been busy with the planning for the Annual Conference in Atlanta. Fund Raising, chaired by Patricia Yocum, has secured sponsors for several of our programs and Open House. A recommendation from this committee to the Executive Board for targeting fund raising efforts to support ongoing programs such as the Biotechnology Roundtable was approved. The committee will look for sponsors interested in providing ongoing support for this regularly scheduled program of the Division, as well as for sponsors for our other programming efforts. Program planning efforts of the Professional Development Committee, the Biotechnology Roundtable Committee, and the Contributed Papers Committee were highlighted in the last issue, so I won't repeat them here. These committees have all done a fantastic job in lining up dynamic speakers for Atlanta. Look for these programs in the SLA Conference Preliminary Program, which you should receive soon, and mark your schedule so you won't miss our events in Atlanta.

Our Membership Committee chair, Julia Perez, has been working on a membership brochure for the Division. The membership report has Division membership at 738 members, an increase over last year. Julia reports that new members frequently ask for copies of *Biofeedback*.

I have only highlighted a few of our Division's committees and their activities. Look for highlights of the other committees in the next issue of *Biofeedback*.

As we move along into 1994, keep in mind that our Division "new year" is just around the corner and, with the election, new Division leaders will be taking office in June. We will be looking for new committee chairs and members as well as liaison's to SLA committees and programs. So, please consider becoming involved with the Division. There are lots of opportunities to make a contribution and work with a great bunch of people. Please contact me or Patricia Yocum if you are interested in any of our committees. You might also want contact the current committee chairs for further information on specific committee activities. (See the Roster in the Summer 1993 issue of *Biofeedback*).

I hope 1994 is a great year for everyone.

1994-95 BSD Elections

The following individuals have been nominated for the positions of Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer of the Biological Sciences Division:

Chair-Elect: Lucy Rowland and Larry Wright

Secretary-Treasurer: Nancy Bruce Kozlowski and Patricia Murphy

Members of the Division can nominate additional candidates by submitting a letter of acceptance written by the nominee and a petition signed by at least 20 Division members. I must receive nominations no later than February 23. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Ballots and biographical information about the candidates will be mailed about March 1. The results of the election should be available about mid-April.

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Listservs in the Biological Sciences - Part 1

Sue Kaczor

Biology listservs, or electronic discussion groups, are an important means of communication and a resource which should be evaluated for its usefulness. These groups cover a very broad spectrum of subjects ranging from camels to deep-sea biology to molecular biology, and anything in between. From this kaleidoscope, three listservs have been chosen which focus on some aspect of insects. Also included is a new listserv called CELLWALL. All lists described were monitored for two weeks at the end of the 1993, when postings may have been less frequent than normal. Use posting numbers as an indication of potential traffic only.

SOCINSCT or Social Insect Biology Research

The focus of this listserv is social insect biology, emphasizing eusocial insects, such as bees, wasps, ants and termites. Solitary bees and wasps are also covered. Meeting announcements are included, as well as an array of topics ranging from navigation to genetics. This discussion group describes itself as being restricted to university-level research. No messages were received during the monitored period.

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BEE-L or Discussion of bee biology

Unlike SOCINSCT, BEE-L is a listserv which does not focus on research. Topics covered touch on practical aspects of beekeeping as well as important national bee news. A monthly Iowa newsletter, *The Buzz*, contains regional news as well as an occasional recipe. Other messages cover such topics as diseases and requests for information. During the monitoring period, ten messages were received, with eight arriving in one day.

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DIS-L or Drosophila workers to receive DIS Newsletter

This listserv seeks to provide an outlet for informal communication among Drosophila workers. The format is a quarterly *Drosophila Information Newsletter* which is currently a trial effort. The issue dated January 1994 contains such articles as international meeting notices, and news from the Bloomington Stock Center. Requests for materials and discussions of lab techniques are also published.

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New and noteworthy: CELLWALL or Plant Cell Wall discussion group

This new electronic discussion group is aimed at anyone working in any aspect of plant and fungal cell wall research worldwide. Topics such as synthesis, structure and regulation are included with meeting announcements, laboratory techniques, and abstracts presented at recent meetings. During the year-end period that this listserv group was monitored, only two messages were received. One dealt with a specific lab technique, and the other sought interest in a potential UseNet NewsGroup.

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Call for Nominations & Volunteers

Division committee appointments will be made this Spring and at the Annual Conference. If you are interested in serving on a committee or want to nominate a colleague, please send names, addresses, phone numbers, and/or e-mail addresses to me. Below you will find brief descriptions of each Division standing committee. Appointments to the Division Nominations and Elections Committee will be made this Spring before the Annual Conference. Nominations for that committee need to reach me *as soon as possible*. Serving on a Division committee is a great way to contribute to the Division and gain valuable experience. Hope to hear from many of you soon!

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Division Bulletin (*Biofeedback*)--Collects, edits, and publishes articles and notices of interest to Division members on a quarterly basis.

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Government Relations--Liaison between Division and Headquarters Government Relations staff to alert and inform Division members about legislative matters or government decisions that are of interest to the library and information science community.

Local Arrangements--Assists the Division Chair with arrangements for the Open Houses during the annual meeting. Assists with arranging Division field trips during the Conference.

Membership--Maintains up-to-date records of Division membership; encourages recruitment of new members; welcomes new members; liaison with Headquarters regarding membership services.

Nominations and Elections--Selects and presents a slate of officers to the membership and conducts the election.

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Publications--Solicits articles for publication in *Biofeedback* and develops ideas for other Division publications or contributions to *Special Libraries*.

Spread the Word!

SLA STUDENT CONFERENCE AWARD

85th Annual Conference

June 1994

Atlanta, Georgia

Sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division, SLA

In June 1994, special librarians from all over the world will gather in Atlanta for the 85th Special Libraries Association Annual Conference. To help defray costs of attending the conference, the Biological Sciences Division of SLA is offering an award to a graduate student interested in a career in biological sciences librarianship.

Support of the sponsored student will include:

- \$1,000 award to be used to pay for travel, lodging, and meals during the conference
- Free tickets to Biological Sciences Division events
- Opportunities to network with bioscience librarians

Persons wishing to apply must:

- Be a member of SLA
- Be enrolled in a graduate program leading to a degree in library/information science at the time of application
- Submit an essay of 1,000-1,200 words discussing a problem, issue, or challenge facing biological sciences librarianship. The essay must be typed and sealed in a blank envelope for judging. Essays will be judged on the basis of good argument development and critical analysis, clear language, conciseness, and creativity. Submitted essays will not be returned.
- Include a cover letter providing the applicant's name, address, phone number, graduate program and name of school, and anticipated date of graduation.

Essays must be received by March 1, 1994. For further information, contact:

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Human Genome Project at Cincinnati Conference

Eleanor MacLean

The Division-sponsored program on the Human Genome Project held at last summer's Cincinnati conference was a great success. Patrick K. Murray of Case Western Reserve University's Center on Aging and Health gave an excellent presentation on the ethical implications of the Human Genome Project and of gene therapy. He compared the genome sequence to a musical score. What matters is not how it appears on the page but how it is performed. Gene therapy is a means of turning a flawed text into a decipherable statement. The first two patients subjected to gene therapy to correct flawed immune systems are now leading normal lives--a level of success that was not anticipated.

Murray talked about some of the consequences of the ability to detect the gene mutation responsible for Huntington's chorea. Before the gene was discovered, most people at risk said they wanted to know if they were carriers. Once a diagnostic test was available, most candidates for testing discovered they didn't want to know--probably because, as yet, there is nothing that can be done to prevent the disease. Another problem is that some people with the Huntington's chorea gene may be unable to obtain health insurance if an insurer can claim that they had a pre-existing condition. Therefore, people at risk are advised not to get tested unless they already are insured.

Murray also talked about Murphy's Law in relation to prenatal screening: *never propose ridiculous hypothetical extreme cases--they may actually be happening*. He once asked at a meeting of genetic counsellors what they would do if a couple wanted to have a screening done because they were so able to love a "defective" child that they would abort any "normal" one. A member of the audience said that he had worked with deaf parents who were unwilling to raise a hearing child.

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New Member Profiles

Ron Banks

Ron is an M.L.S. student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and will receive his degree in August of 1995. He is currently a graduate assistant in the reference department of the Library of the Health Sciences (a branch library of UI-Chicago). Upon graduation he hopes to work in a setting that provides health science information. Ron has an M.S. degree in special education from Southern Illinois University, and approximately fifteen years of work experience in service delivery to children and adults with moderate to severe disabilities in a variety of special education and rehabilitation settings.

Barbara B. Beimesch

Barbara is a manager in the Computer Applications for Research and Product Development Division of Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a chemist and attorney by training. Her responsibilities include management of a large special library, automation of P&G's libraries, and the identification and delivery of information resources directly to the workstations of P&G researchers. Barbara is particularly interested in the role of the patent literature in the research process.

Carla Lee

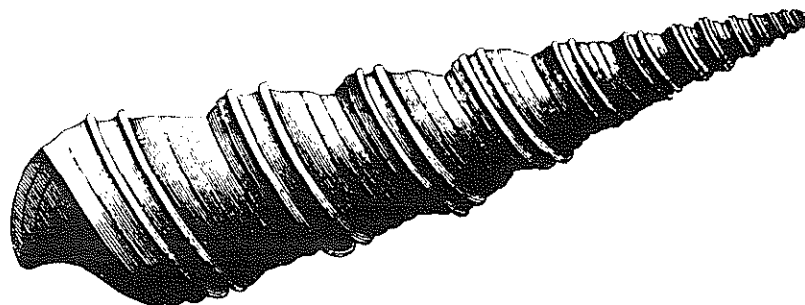
Carla is a librarian at Loyola University of Chicago's Science Library. She is the bibliographer for biology, chemistry, and nursing. She also serves as Reference and Online Services Coordinator. Carla received her M.L.S. from the University of Michigan and her B.A. from Michigan State University.

Miranda D. Scott

Miranda has been a member of SLA since 1984. In addition to the Biological Sciences Division, she is also a member of the Library Management Division and the Philadelphia and Princeton-Trenton Chapters. She has been the Library Director of the Health Sciences Library at Presbyterian Medical Center of Philadelphia since October 1992. In addition to her administrative and reference duties, she is responsible for secondary research, Internet searching, and end-user training on CD-ROM products. Miranda has an M.S. in information studies from Drexel University, as well as an M.S.W. from Temple University.

Lucy T. Virden

Lucy is the Intellectual Property & Information Services Analyst at Energy BioSystems Corporation in The Woodlands, Texas, located just north of Houston. Energy BioSystems is developing a biocatalytic desulfurization process for fossil fuels. Lucy is currently responsible for Energy BioSystems' patent administration and information acquisition services. She previously worked in the proprietary information and patent analysis/searching departments at Shell Oil Company. Lucy has an A.B. in chemistry from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.



New Library of Congress Subject Headings in Biology

Acupressure for animals	Dieffenbachia	Marine organisms
AIDS dementia complex	Drowsiness	Massage for animals
Banana slugs	Endophytes	Meiofauna
Bear trade	Entomology projects	Molecular emission cavity analysis
Biotechnology libraries	Estuarine reserves	Mucoproteins
Brackish water ecology	Exotic marine organisms	Nature films
Brain banks	Fatal familial insomnia	Nonpoint source pollution
Bronchioles	Fish watching	Noradrenergic mechanisms
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Calcium-dependent potassium channels	Fluorescent probes	Punctuated equilibrium (Evolution)
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Care of sick animals	High pressure biochemistry	Rare butterflies
Cell transplantation	High pressure biology	Rare vertebrates
Cephalopoda as laboratory animals	High pressure biotechnology	Roadkills
Chemiluminescence assay	Insect cell biotechnology	Saber-toothed tigers
Chronic diseases in pregnancy	Introduced mammals	Spider web fauna
Coral reef fishes	Intertidal fishes	Velociraptor
Coral snakes	Landscape plants	Whale sounds
	Living related donor transplantation	

DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

The State University of New York at Buffalo seeks nominations and applications for Director of the Health Sciences Library. The Director is responsible for administering all phases of library operations necessary to manage, plan, and evaluate the services of a 300,000 volume health sciences collection, including a Media Resources Center and a History of Medicine Collection, in the 61,000 square foot facility. The Director leads and supervises twenty-eight faculty and staff and participates as member of the University Libraries' management advisory team.

The Health Sciences Library is a resource library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), and serves the Schools of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Related Professions as well as eight teaching hospitals. In addition, the library is a member of the Library Consortium of Health Institutions in Buffalo and participates in the New York State Hospital Library Service Program and the NN/LM Outreach Program. HUBNET, an innovative system linking bibliographic databases, full-text journals, reference sources, electronic journals and electronic mail and bulletin boards to the Health Sciences Library and seven teaching hospital libraries, represents UB's collaborative involvement in the Western New York Health Sciences Consortium.

Qualifications: Required: An MLS from an ALA-accredited school and extensive experience in a biomedical, science or university library and/or in medical informatics with at least 5 years of progressively higher administrative positions. Strong leadership, management, and communication skills are required. Experience with current medical information technologies, medical library networks, and outreach programs are also required. Eligibility for tenure consideration preferred.

The Director reports to the Associate Vice President for University Libraries. The position carries the rank of management/professional (MP-3) with a minimum salary of \$70,000. Please send curriculum vitae, letter of application, and the names and addresses of three references to Dr. Alan Drinnan, Chair of the HSL Director Search Committee, 432 Capen Hall, University at Buffalo Libraries, Buffalo, NY 14260-1625. Review of applications will begin February 1, 1994, and continue until the position is filled.

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Cardiology

Doody's Notes: Primary Audience: Biochemists. Secondary Audience: Pharmacologists. There are 95 one-color figures, consisting predominantly of line drawings, with some micrographs. The contributors come from the U.S., Japan, Europe, and the U.K. They are biomedical scientists representing a variety of fields.

Tew, Kenneth D., PhD (Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia); **Pickett, Cecil B., PhD** (Merck Frost Centre for Therapeutic Research, Ontario); **Marrick, Timothy J., PhD** (Trinity College, Dublin); **Mannervik, Bengt, PhD** (Lippsala Univ.); **Hayes, John D., PhD** (Hennepin Hospital and Medical School)

Structure and Language: *Discharge Pharmacokinetics*
CRC Press, Inc., 1993, 1st ed. ISBN: 0-8495-4562-0, LCCN: 93-4303
NLM: OU 141 S927, LC: DP606.G59577, Congress, 26 chpt, 315 pp., 15 in., 7.45 in., 39 lb. 99 kg, 6.25" x 9.25". Hard Cover, \$179.95.

Doody's Notes: Primary Audience: Biochemists. Secondary Audience: Pharmacologists. There are 95 one-color figures, consisting predominantly of line drawings, with some micrographs. The contributors are basic scientists from the U.S., Canada, U.K., Europe, Israel, Japan, Australia, and South Africa.

Other Titles of Interest: *Labor, Thromboposidin, Molecular Biology* p 31 • *Shaner, Warren K and Vitamin K-Dependent Proteins: Analytical, Physiological, and Clinical Aspects, Laboratory Investigation* p 29

Cardiac Surgery

Pharm, Roger, MD (Loyola Univ Stritch School of Medicine)

Structure and Language: *Cardiac Surgery*
Harley & Belfus, 1992, 1st ed. Dist by: Mosby. ISBN: 1-5003-036-7, LCCN: 93-77761, Monograph, 26 chpt, 395 pp., 1320 in., 1009 in., 55 lb., 74 kg, 53 cm, 6" x 9", Hard Cover, \$45.00.

Doody's Notes: Primary Audience: Cardiovascular Surgeons. Secondary Audience: Cardiologists. There are 72 one-color figures and 2 four-color figures, consisting predominantly of line drawings, with some halftones, micrographs, and radiographs. Although the contributors come from a variety of countries (the U.S., Spain, the U.K., France, Germany, Italy, and Brazil), nearly half are affiliated with Loyola Univ in Maywood, Illinois. Most of the contributors are cardiac surgeons, but also contributing are cardiologists, perfusionists, anesthesiologists, hematologists, pathologists, and etymologists.

Reviewer's Expert Opinion: Description: This book is a comprehensive review of anticoagulation, hemostasis, and blood preservation during cardiovascular surgery. Purpose: The author intends to provide an updated review of the most important developments in blood anticoagulation and blood preservation and their application in cardiovascular surgery. Each chapter varies in quality; there was also some redundancy. Some chapters only provide experimental data from a specific laboratory. They do not seem to meet the author's objective. Audience: The book will be valuable as a reference for individuals interested in cardiovascular surgery, invasive cardiology, cardiovascular anesthesia, and cardiopulmonary bypass. The contributors are of different nationalities, but almost half work at one institution. Features: This book contains good quality black-and-white illustrations. Most of the chapters are well organized, scholarly, and contain a wealth of current information. The arrangement of chapters seems orderly at the beginning of the book, but the organization of the rest of the book appears to be arbitrary. Many aspects of hemostasis, anticoagulation, and blood preservation were discussed almost randomly.

Other Titles of Interest: *Labe, Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesia, Anesthesiology* p 3

Cardiology

Constant, Jules, MD (State Univ of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine)

Structure and Language: *Cardiology*
Little, Brown and Co., 1993, 4th ed. ISBN: 0-316-15385-0.

Cardiology

As with many multifaceted books, this book suffers from a rather excessive amount of repetition in many chapters. Assessment: This book provides an extensive body of current information on anticoagulation, hemostasis, and blood preservation in cardiovascular surgery. Although each chapter varies in quality and there was some redundancy, I would strongly recommend this book to the library of every department that deals with cardiovascular patients. Rating: 77

Reviewer: Chung-Yuan Liu, MD (Univ of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine)

Doody's Notes: Primary Audience: Cardiac Surgeons. Secondary Audience: Cardiologists. There are 53 one-color figures and 13 four-color figures, consisting predominantly of line drawings, with some halftones and radiographs. The contributors are surgeons, cardiologists, and pathologists from the Univ of Toronto.

Reviewer's Expert Opinion: Description: This book from the University of Toronto deals specifically with the mechanical complications (mitral incompetence, left ventricular aneurysm, septal and free wall myocardial rupture, and cardiogenic shock) of acute myocardial infarction. In addition to descriptions of surgical procedures, diagnosis, pathology, and electrophysiologic consequences are also covered. Purpose: The purpose of this book is to educate the surgical resident and practitioner of cardiac surgery in some of the nuances of these mechanical complications. Audience: This book is directed toward surgical residents and practitioners of cardiac surgery. Cardiologists and pathologists may also benefit. Features: An especially attractive feature of this book is the fresh description of the pathology of myocardial rupture as that leads to aneurysm, mitral incompetence, and ventricular septal defect. The book is particularly well referenced, with very current references and a large number of references for each chapter. A fresh perspective is offered in the chapters on pathology of myocardial infarction and mechanical complications. The chapters dealing with surgery and operative techniques are done by Dr. David, who is an expert in the field. However, it would seem that a book of this size could accommodate more detailed illustrations and in some cases more detailed descriptions of operative techniques, including a discussion of alternative procedures. Assessment: This book gathers together for the first time discussions related to the mechanical complications of acute myocardial infarction. In the main, each of the chapters is well done. From time to time it seems that some of the illustrations are mislabeled, however, the book is well illustrated and well referenced. Rating: 78

Reviewer: Robert B. Karp, MD (Univ of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine)

Other Titles of Interest: *Labe, Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesia, Anesthesiology* p 3

Cardiology

Constant, Jules, MD (State Univ of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine)

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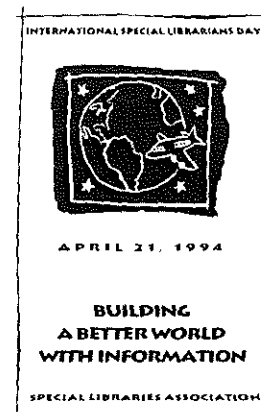
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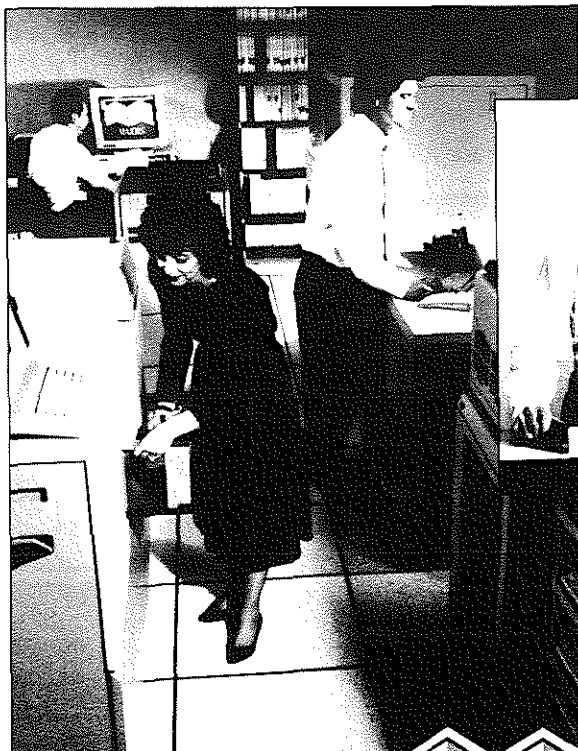
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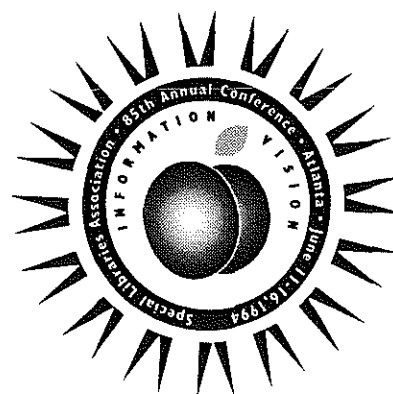
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