

# WOMEN IN LIBRARIES

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## ALA 1978 - MIDWINTER WOMEN'S MEETINGS

Sunday, January 7:  
2 - 4 p.m.

2 - 5:30 p.m.

SRRT Task Force on Women  
( Shoreham - Tudor Room )  
YASD Sexism in Adolescent  
Materials Committee  
( Shoreham - Parlor E - 730 )

Monday, January 8:  
2 - 4 p.m.

2 - 5:30 p.m.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

LAMA Women Administrators  
Discussion Group  
( Shoreham - Forum Room )  
YASD Sexism in Adolescent  
Materials Committee  
( Shoreham - Room F - 154 )  
SRRT Task Force on Women  
( Sheraton Park - Wilmington Room )

Tuesday, January 9:

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2 - 5:30 p.m.

8 - 10 p.m.

YASD Sexism in Adolescent  
Materials Committee  
( Sheraton Park - F - 145 )  
Status of Women in Librar-  
ianship Committee  
( Wahington Hilton - Cabinet Room )  
YASD Sexism in Adolescent  
Materials Committee  
( Sheraton Park - Marshall Room )

Wednesday, January 10:

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

2 - 4 p.m.

SRRT Task Force on Women  
( Sheraton Park - Dover Room )  
LAMA PAS Racism and Sexism  
Awareness Training Committee  
( Shoreham - Room F 150 )

RTSD CCS Subject Analysis Com-  
mittee : Racism and Sexism in  
Subject Analysis Subcommittee  
( Shoreham - Parlor E - 730 )

2 - 5:30 p.m.

Status of Women in Librarian-  
ianship Committee  
(Washington Hilton - Jefferson Room)  
YASD Sexism in Adolescent  
Materials Committee  
(Shoreham - Parlor E - 430)

2 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11  
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Status of Women in Librarian-  
ianship Committee  
(Sheraton Park - Warren Room)

### SRRT Task Force Meetings

Among the agenda items for the ALA Midwinter Task Force meetings are:

- 1) planning for a pre-conference when ALA meets in New York City,
- 2) a possible debate and question period with the two ALA Presidential candidates,
- 3) plans for continued support of the ERA.

### ALA Supported the ERA Extension

"On behalf of the American Library Association, a nonprofit educational association of some 35,000 members, I am writing to urge you to vote in support of HJ Res 638, the resolution to extend the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Although women constitute over 80% of the library profession, statistics compiled in a number of surveys of library personnel indicate consistently that compensation for women is lower than for men and that women are significantly under-represented in management roles. Equal employment and opportunity in the profession require support of equal rights for women. Accordingly the Association has taken action to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex, in the form of internal policies and programs, over the past several years. Nonetheless, in recognition of the fact that efforts in support of equal rights for women must be on the national scale to be effective, and in recognition of the fact that pursuit of equal rights can have no deadlines, we call upon you for support in allowing the legislators of the fifty states time to arrive at a just decision."

(Letter to Congress dated August 10, 1978 by Eileen D. Cooke, Director, ALA Washington Office)

### FTU Grievance Report

The twelve Florida Technological University librarians who filed a grievance against the State University System in August of last year had their claim denied and dismissed in an arbitration decision rendered September 1, 1978. The arbitrator's ruling was based purely on procedural grounds and refused to deal with a much broader question based on violation of the article in the contract which prohibits discrimination against any employee based upon sex and another one which provides for correction of salary inequities based upon sex. However, the librarians have been encouraged by state and national interest in the whole issue of comparable pay for comparable work and plans to carry on the battle for sex equity salary adjustments for academic librarians in Florida.

### Career Development for Women Librarians

The need for a center concerned with all aspects of career development for women librarians has been identified in a project co-sponsored by the University of Washington's Library. The goal of the project is to provide women librarians with equal opportunities to attain higher levels of management/administrative positions. For more information on this project, contact: Ruth Hamilton

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### Feminist Gift Store

Feminist Horizons, a feminist gift store in Los Angeles, has published a mail order catalog which includes jewelry, t-shirts, buttons, posters, records, cards etc. Send for their catalog at: 10586½ West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90064

### Feminist Writers' Guild Formed

The Feminist Writers' Guild was formed in late 1977 and will include members with various feminist points of view and will avoid factualism. A feminist writer need not make their living solely by writing to be eligible for membership. Supporting, non-participatory memberships of \$10 are available to women who are not writers. The Guild publishes a newsletter three times a year. Their address is:

Feminist Writers' Guild  
P. O. Box 9396  
Berkeley, Ca. 94709

### Oral History Project Conducted by Radcliffe College

With the aid of a \$98,700 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in 1976, Radcliffe has been conducting an oral history project to document and preserve the life histories of black women and their contributions to the improvement of life for black Americans. Over 500 hours of interviews have been taped with women 70 years of age or over. Most were professionals in medicine, law, education, politics and arts. Copies of the bound transcripts will be available to institutions at cost. For more information contact: Ruth E. Hill, Radcliffe College, Schlesinger Library, 3 James Street, Cambridge, MA. 02138

### Displaced Homemakers Network Established

As a result of the program, PROGRAM OPTIONS, a national training conference on displaced homemakers, a national network of displaced homemakers, themselves, has been established along with current and prospective service providers, supportive individuals and organizations. The Network has set up an office in Washington, D. C. housed temporarily at the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. Regional organizations have been created in each of the 10 federal regions, with a regional contact person and advisory group to reach others in each region who are interested but were not in attendance at the conference.

The Network is currently working to gather seed funding to staff the Washington office. It is hoped that by January, 1, 1979 a small staff will be in operation, a newsletter started and plans for data collection and a speaker/trainer bureau begun. Address for Displaced Homemakers Network is: c/o Business and Professional Women's Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

### Ruth Strang Research Award

The Ruth Strang Award is given to encourage excellence in research among individuals early in their careers. They especially encourage women involved in student personnel services to compete. The award is sponsored by the National Association for Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors. The award is judged on the basis of a manuscript not longer than fifty pages, on any subject deemed timely and of professional importance to NAWDAC. Deadline for submission is January 1. For further details, contact: Ann Bromley, Santa Fe College, P. O. Box 1530, 3000 N. W. 83 Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

### Annual " Research on Women in Education " Award

Published or unpublished research on any aspect of women in education that was conducted and/or written during 1977-78 is eligible for the " Research on Women in Education " award . Deadline for submission is January 10, 1979. Three copies ( on two of which, the author is not identified ) of the entry and a short ( 200 - 250 word ) abstract should be sent to: Dr. Maija S. Blaubergs, Co-ordinator - Elect, Women Educators, 325 Aderhold, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 30602

### New Magazines

Conditions; A magazine of writings by women with an emphasis on writings by lesbians, is a noteworthy addition to any periodical collection. In its first three issues, it has included poetry, fiction, essays, interviews and book reviews by many well known writers including Marilyn Hacker, Jane Rule , Alice Walker, Jan Clausen, Irena Klepfisz and others. The book reviews are mainly of small press books. Published three times a year, subscription rates are 6.50/individuals and \$15/institutions and are available by writing Conditions , P. O. Box 56, Van Brunt Station, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

Primavera is a women's literary magazine based in Chicago. They publish short stories, essays, poetry and graphics. They hope to encourage new writers and artists by publishing their work. This University of Chicago - based magazine received the Outstanding Book of the Year Award granted by Chicago Women in Publishing. Primavera is available for \$3.90 an issue by writing, % University of Chicago, Feminist Organization, 1212 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Back issues are also available.

Motherroot Journal is a new quarterly journal of reviews of women's publications from the small presses. Eight Pittsburgh women form the editorial board of Motherroot publications which will be publishing the works of women writers. Their first publication was Adrienne Rich's Women and Honor: Some Notes on Lying. For more information contact: Anne Pride, Motherroot Publications, 214 Dewey Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15218.

AEGIS, Magazine on Organizing to Stop Violence Against Women is a newsletter produced by three organizations, the Feminist Alliance Against Rape, the Alliance Against Sexual Coercion and the National Communication Network. To subscribe, make check payable to: Feminist Alliance Against Rape and mail to: FAAR, P. O. Box 21033, Washington, D. C. 20009 Rates are \$8.75/individual and \$20/institutions.

New Magazines cont.

Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER): Created in 1974 PEER is a project of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund supported by grants from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. PEER issues a free quarterly newsletter providing information on Title IX and other issues related to sex bias in the schools. To get PEER's newsletter, PEER Perspective and information on other publications available from PEER, write: Project on Equal Education Rights, 1029 Vermont Avenue, N. W., Suite 800, Washington, D. C. 20005.

Audio-Visual Notes

Write for a list of films available from Iris Films, Box 5353, Berkeley, California 94705. Their latest film is In The Best Interest of the Children, a documentary dealing with the issue of child custody problems for lesbians. ( sale \$550, rental \$60 ) 53 minutes -- color.

Ladyslipper Music is a distributor of records and tapes by women. If you would like to be on their mailing list, write them at P. O. Box 3124, Durham, N. C. 27705.

Women Make Movies have several new films available including Being a Prisoner on women in prisons ( 28 minutes color, rental \$40, sale \$400 ) and The Yellow Wallpaper based on Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short story ( 14 minutes -- color rental \$22, sale \$200 ) For more information write: Women Make Movies, 257 W. 19th Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10011.

\*\*\* NEW SLIDE SHOWS ON SEXISM \*\*\*

Women on Words and Images ( dept. N, P. O. Box 2163, Princeton, N. J. 08540 ) has produced two new slide shows on sexism. Sexism in Foreign Language Textbooks examines twenty-five texts by 16 publishers and Help Wanted is based on the content analysis of 100 sets of career education materials. The price per package is \$35 for rental ( plus 5% for handling ) and \$300 for sale.

Non-Print Resources in Women's Educational Equity is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402. Order # 017 - 808 - 01836 - 5. This catalog deals with purchasing information and abstracts of films, audiotapes, videotapes, records and other informational materials affiliated with women's educational equity. The cost of this catalog is \$4.25 pre-paid.

Book Time: Books about Women

Women in America: A Guide to Books, 1963 - 1975 by Barbara Haber, curator of the Printed Books at Radcliffe College's Schlesinger Library, describes 450 significant books that have appeared since Friedan's The Feminine Mystique in 1973.

Book Time cont.

The books are arranged in chapters by subject; abortion, health history, marriage etc. Published by G. K. Hall \$18.

Hearth and Home: Images of Women in the Mass Media edited by Gaye Tuchman, Arlene Kaplan Daniels and James Benet, is a collection of papers concerned with the depiction of sex roles in the mass media and the effect of that portrayal on American girls and women. Published by Oxford University Press 200 Madison Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10016 \$15.95 cloth bound, \$3.50 paperback.

Sex Role Stereotyping in the Mass Media: an Annotated Bibliography by Leslie J. Friedman covers all aspects of media including Saturday morning cartoon shows and popular culture science fiction with sections on particular subjects such as minority group women. Listings include published and unpublished articles, speeches, lectures and other media in print and non-print format. Published by Garland Publishing Inc. 545 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021 \$25 ( from Media Report to Women, April 1, 1978 )

Women of Prarie State History by Bernita Aldersen is a guide of women active in Illinois History arranged by area of activity, i.e. pioneer women, women settlers, cultural growth, development of government, schools, and newspapers, suffrage and education, music and drama etc. A biographical sketch of each women is included beginning with Sacajawea and including Frances E. Willard, Mary Lincoln, Jane Adams and Bessie Smith. This book is available for \$6 from the bookstore, Brown's Career College, 1228 S. 7th St. Springfield, Illinois 62703

Cassandra Editions, a division of Academy Press Ltd. is devoted to reprinting the neglected works of important women writers. Some of their publications to date are several of the works of George Sand including Winter in Majorca ( \$9.95 cloth and \$5 paperback ) Indiana ( \$9.95 cloth & \$5 in paper ) Fanchon the Cricket ( \$9.95 & \$4.95 cloth and paper respectively ) and the Bagpipers ( \$9.95 in cloth; \$5 in paper ), Olive Schreiner's The Story of an African Farm ( \$7.95 for hardbound and \$4.00 for paper ), Amelia Earhart's The Fun of IT ( \$9.95 and \$5.00 ) plus many others. For a catalog, write Academy Press Ltd. 360 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60601

Women Speak Out About Abortion is a collection of more than 85 testimonials from women who experienced legal and illegal abortions.... The book is available from Rose Smeraldi Soma, Publisher/editor, P.O. Box AW, Miller Place, N.Y. 11764 for \$2.50

Book Time cont.

These Modern Women: Autobiographical Essays from the Twenties, edited with an introduction by Elaine Showalter, is a collection of seventeen essays reprinted from the liberal magazine The Nation in 1926 and 1927. The essays are by seventeen women who were invited by The Nation " to explore the personal sources of their feminism and to show how their feminist ideals had stood up to the realities and pressures of the female life cycle. " The editors of The Nation stated: " Our objective is to discover the origin of their modern point of view toward men, marriage, children, and jobs. " It's a fascinating book that I couldn't put down. Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, N.Y. 11568 \$4.95

Jan Clausen's After Touch has just been reprinted. Clausen divides her poems into seasons - winter, spring, summer. Most of her poems are beautifully written, lesbian poems of love. Her sparse use of words evokes fantastic arrays of imagery. Clausen, one of the editors of Conditions , is a talented writer you'll want to read. Order After Touch from Jan Clausen P.O.Box 56, Van Brunt Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215 for \$2.00 plus \$.35 postage.

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