Disaster Relief Services

This session was a compilation of websites, largely governmental, that were directly related to information about disaster relief. These sites were designed to help patrons and librarians find information that could help individuals find forms for obtaining assistance, information about specific disasters, preparing for a disaster, health information relating to disasters, and how to volunteer or make a donation toward disaster relief.

Among the highlights were:
- FEMA, helpful on the prevention of disaster related health issues
- The USA Freedom Corps, listing various volunteer opportunities
- USAID, states what nations need in the way of disaster relief
- IRS, forms for tax relief in case of disaster
- FirstGov Public Safety and Law, emergency procedures and responses
- US Small Business Administration, help for the small business owner
- Center for Disease Control, clean up issues, first response, and information for clinicians

For librarians the Disaster Plans from Stanford University outlines disaster procedures by media and various institutions.

Another highly recommended site for those researching disasters is the Australian National Disaster Management, with maps, professional resources, and the latest updates.

Dr. Majed Khader, the Government Documents Librarian at Marshall University, obliviously researched the topic. For those in the session it would have been more helpful if there had been a list of the sites as a handout. While Dr. Khader generously offered to email the sites to anyone interested, it would have been more effective to have the list in hand.

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

This session was designed to motivate the fledging writer to tackle the nonfiction market and get published. Michael Schott is a medical librarian who first got published in numerous journals and recently released his book, *Medical Library Downsizing*. Schott believes that anyone can get published as long as he learns from the mistakes he is going to make, allows a lot of time, likes pain, and can take rejection.

Schott recommends shopping publications to be sure you understand the slant of the market they represent. Send your idea and abstract to the editor and ask—continued on page 7
A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

I have good news to share. First, I just returned from Legislative Days in Charleston, and I am pleased to report that our events were impressive. More than sixty delegates and senators attended the reception in the Great Hall of the Cultural Center, and many of them posed for “READ” poster photos. What a great idea! I look forward to seeing the posters in libraries around the state during National Library Week and to the opportunity the posters offer for further contact with delegates and senators.

Another of the reception’s highlights was a visit from Governor and Mrs. Manchin, the first time we’ve hosted a governor in many years. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to thank Governor Manchin in person for his support for libraries and to hear his remarks.

The exhibits in the Rotunda today provided a wonderful showcase for our many diverse services, and the House and Senate office wings were bustling with activity, as librarians and library supporters visited senators and delegates. Thanks to Monte Maxwell and the Public Relations Committee, WVLA’s legislative agenda and our activities at the Capitol were covered by WV Public Television, spreading our message to a wider audience.

Of course, our work with the Legislature continues throughout the session. By the time you read this, we will know how our legislation fared. I have high hopes for successes on several fronts, including the creation of a position in the WV Department of Education to oversee and advocate for school libraries. As always, we did a great job of demonstrating that “libraries are wonderful in West Virginia.” Please join me in thanking Judy Rule, Myra Ziegler, Julie Spiegler, Sam Love, and all who contributed to the successful effort.

Another event that will have come and gone before you receive this issue is Spring Fling on April 7th and 8th. I’ll thank Erika Reed, Brian Raitz, and the committee that is organizing this event in advance. The program is packed with good sessions, and I know the meeting will be a grand success.

Speaking of good news, we have forty-five brand new members so far this year, and continuing members are renewing at a rate surpassing that of 2004. Welcome and thanks to you all.

Finally, please mark your calendars for October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, the dates for our annual meeting and fall conference in Shepherdstown. Planning is underway, and while it will take some doing to top last year’s conference, we’re going to give it our best effort. If you have program ideas and suggestions, please submit them through our website at www.wvla.org.

Best Regards,

Penny

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A program of the Marshall Community & Technical College is the West Virginia recipient of a 2005 Regional Innovator Award from the Southern Growth Policies Board. Marshall’s Public Library Technology (PLT) Certificate Program was chosen from more than 200 nominees from throughout the region as an exemplary initiative in rural development.

Dr. Jan I. Fox, Vice-President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer for Marshall University, nominated the program to recognize the collaborative efforts of the Marshall Community & Technical College, Marshall’s University Libraries, and the West Virginia Library Commission. The Commission coordinates the services of all public libraries in the state.

Many public libraries in WV are staffed by individuals without a professional library degree and, in some cases, no post-secondary education. These workers need additional training and skills in order to provide the kind of service their communities need. The Public Library Technology (PLT) Certificate Program meets this need.

The PLT Certificate is aimed at current and prospective library workers, especially in rural areas. The entire content of the program is delivered through the Internet using WebCT VISTA, a highly regarded course management program, and is the only one of its type in our region that is totally distance-education based. Students can work in their homes on their own schedule and not spend time and money traveling to campus or a central site.

The PLT Certificate Program requires 33-credit hours, with 15 hours of general education and 18 hours of library science courses. Graduates can continue towards an associate’s or bachelor’s degree, which make them eligible for promotion within their library. Through the WV Library Commission, public libraries can use the courses for in-service education.

Marshall’s Public Library Technology Program will be recognized at the Board’s Summit on the Rural South conference, to be held June 12-14, 2005, in Point Clear, Alabama. The fourteen initiatives recognized as Regional Innovators will be publicly honored in an awards ceremony and reception hosted by Alabama Governor Bob Riley on June 12. Each initiative was found to be unusual or unique in content or approach to issues of workforce development, technology and innovation, community development, or response to globalization.

For more information on Marshall’s Public Library Technology Certificate Program, contact Carol A. Perry, PLT Program Coordinator and Director of General Studies, Marshall Community & Technical College, at (304) 696-3018 or via e-mail at perry@marshall.edu.

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A Bright Spot in the Eastern Panhandle

By Hali Taylor, Director
Shepherdstown Public Library

At long last, in Jefferson County, we finally have a County Commission that truly understands the importance of libraries! As the county with the second largest increase in population over the past three years, our infrastructure and essential services are lagging far behind. When we made our annual request for library funding from the Commission this year, we described our libraries as an essential service, for we believe, in the words of Henry Ward Beecher, that “A library is not a luxury – it is one of the necessities of life.”

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Why be a member of WVLA?

by Olivia L. Bravo
Second Vice-President WVLA

Membership and renewals have been returning very well. The effort was made to get the new membership and renewals out before the end of 2004 – and we succeeded with many thanks to the efforts of Beth Toren, Kay McCoy, Julie Spiegler and Pam May who updated the hard copy membership form.

I made the effort to get the financial information to our Treasurer, Thelma Hutchins, on a weekly basis so people can balance their checkbooks and receive their credit card clearances quickly.

We still would like to encourage staff and non-staff alike (including the public who can be a Friend) to join WVLA. Tear out the Membership Registration page (page 6) and place it in a visible location so that staff and public may see it and consider membership with its benefits. You may also reproduce as necessary.

While looking for new and creative ways to encourage membership, I asked the WVLA-List to give me some quotes about what being a member of WVLA has done for you. Some of you gave me some wonderful reasons. I thank you for those. Some of them are complete articles in themselves.

Pam Ford, Catalog Librarian, of Marshall University, said: “Many may feel that they don’t know how to do the things involved in becoming active, but that is part of the point. I didn’t either, but through that involvement I learned so much and have been able to carry it over into my work and personal life.”

So if fear of not knowing what to do is a reason for you not joining, have no fear, WVLA is here!

Keep in mind that this is an organization that is representative of ALL who are involved in West Virginia Libraries. So if you have questions, or want something addressed by the WVLA Board, please feel free to write, call, or email me at Olivia L. Bravo • Second Vice-President WVLA • c/o Kanawha County Public Library • 123 Capitol Street • Charleston WV 25301 • 304-343-4646 • olivia.bravo@kanawha.lib.wv.us

Reasons to be a member of WVLA...

1. “My membership in WVLA is essential for keeping me informed about what is happening in libraries across the state. It keeps my up-to-date on what are new and exciting things my colleagues are undertaking.”
   ~ Linda Blake, Electronic Journals Coordinator/Science Librarian, WVU Libraries, Morgantown WV

2. “…I have learned leadership skills; the ability to organize and run meetings; to plan an annual conference from the ground up... and a great feeling of professional accomplishment, being able to contribute in a meaningful way to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia. …”
   ~ Pam Ford, Catalog Librarian, Marshall University, Huntington WV

3. “…It (membership) also provides me with training in everything from management challenges to the latest West Virginia books. In addition I get to see vendors that might never come by my library.”
   ~ Danny McMillion, Director, Raleigh County Public Libraries, Beckley WV

4. “The West Virginia Library Association has been the leading organizational supporter of WV’s many independent filmmakers. …Just a few years ago WVLA hosted the world library premiere of BOOK WARS, a major new documentary on NYC street book vendors. Anyone interested in WV and film should be a member.”
   ~ Steve Fesenmaier, Graffiti film critic (among other things), Charleston WV

5. “WVLA has helped me in so many ways. I was a very shy and timid person before I joined WVLA. I stayed inside myself, never tried anything new, never traveled alone, and NEVER would I ever strike up a conversation with people I did not know. I have grown in so many ways through this great organization of people.”
   ~ Patsy Stephenson, WVLA Marketing Chairperson, Library Associate, Marshall University, Huntington WV

Join or Renew!

Many different reasons. Many different levels. Many different people. Many different libraries.

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http://www.wvla.org
Library Media Specialists hold discussions during the Content Standards and Objectives sponsored by the School Library Division.

Katy White of WVLC relays her enthusiasm about reading to Sharon Mazure of Fairmont State College.
Descriptions of Roundtables

You may join two roundtables at no charge.
There will be a $2 fee for each additional roundtable joined.
Choose from:

**Academic Directors:** Forum for directors of academic libraries.

**Automation:** Discuss automation issues, share ideas and new technologies.

**Children’s Services:** Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas about children’s services to instill the joy of reading in children served by West Virginia libraries.

**Directors:** A forum for Library Directors to meet and discuss concerns.

**Government Documents:** Provides a forum for librarians to communicate and share ideas related to government publications, resources, and services both state and federal.

**Literacy:** The purpose of the literacy roundtable is to support libraries’ current literacy efforts, to interest more libraries in providing literacy materials and services to their patrons and to advise libraries on literacy trends and practices.

**Preservation:** Concerned affiliated people promoting the conservation, preservation, and restoration of library materials. This roundtable creates a network for exchange of information, ideas, methods, and support in everyday activities and emergency situations.

**Interlibrary Loan & Reference:** Meets to discuss issues related to interlibrary loan as well as fostering cooperation between libraries. We also work to enable every library to share information and to provide a standard of reference service. This includes, but is not limited to, school projects, income tax information, genealogical research, and interlibrary loan.

**Social Responsibilities:** To help members keep informed of social issues which impact all areas of librarianship.

**West Virginia Literature:** Formed to heighten awareness of and appreciation for West Virginia writing and to preserve and encourage our cultural and literary heritage.
questions to determine the suitability of your ideas for the publication. When you find an editor you like write and thank them for their help, even if the rejected your article. Build a relationship with a helpful editor. Some editors will offer suggestions that will improve your writing. The Maryland Writer’s Association lists publications looking for authors.

Schott was witty and encouraging. Among the guides he recommended for writers were *Snoopy’s Guide to the Writing Life* and the Capital Community College APA website http://webster.commnet.edu/apa/apa_index.htm

**Personal Leadership: Getting and Maintaining Peak Performance**

Sometimes the time allotment is inadequate for the program. This was the case with this session. Grant Stewart, owner of Performance Matrix, LLC, began the presentation with a visual demonstration of how little individuals use their creative potential. Soon the audience was actively following Stewart’s lead eager to fill in the questions asked in the handouts. But there was not enough time to follow the motivational script and cutting the program made it appear choppy and unsatisfying.

Stewart pointed out that the greatest obstacle to our success is our self. We must change our habits to achieve success. The attitudes that hold us back are habits of thought. We must learn what we do ineffectively and accept the necessary changes we must make. We must leave our comfort zone or remain the same.

Stewart likened the process of change and leaving our comfort zone to the experience of a teenage boy meeting an attractive girl. The first step is to stretch by making eye contact with her. Second is taking a risk by talking to her. Third is to “die” by asking her out.

People who are leaders take responsibility. Those who are not responsible are victims. Effective leaders develop goals and identify the rewards and consequences of those goals. Leaders look for obstacles to the goals and identify solutions. Leaders determine the actions needed to meet those solutions, create target dates, and delegate when possible. Stewart used the analogy of the big, hungry bear standing between you and the only door to escape. Look beyond the bear to the door. If you concentrate on the bear, the obstacle to success, you will never gain the freedom leadership can bring.

**Social Changes in Your Library**

*presented by Allen Johnson*

The social fabric of every library community is changing. Perhaps Pocahontas County’s libraries continue to face some of the same extreme social challenges in West Virginia. Pocahontas County is the home of the National Alliance as well as other splinter groups that espouse neo-Nazi sentiments. How does a library offer equal access as mandated by law while protecting its patrons, some of whom are children and educate the library community about hate groups? The library must also remain neutral. The challenge faced by the Pocahontas Libraries is as difficult as it is inspirational. Allen Johnson’s power-point presentation and resources are useful confronting any social issue within the library.

**EBSCO & Grolier: Look at What’s Available at Your Library**

*presented by Karen Goff and Ray Brooks*

Most librarians are familiar with the EBSCO online database. Karen Goff presented information about log-ins that can be quantified by the Library Commission as well as some new features. Our new state-wide database, Grolier’s Online Encyclopedia is somewhat of a misnomer – it is so much more than just an encyclopedia. June 15, two new exciting logins (adult and children) will be displayed. Some librarians were so enthusiastic they asked for permission to use it as their web page. Check it out! Contact Ray Brooks at Grolier’s for free staff training.


*presented by Linda Hedgindger and Terri McDougal*

How can two librarians cover so much information in one hour? Believe it or not, they did! In an easy conservational style, Linda and Terri showed their favorites, old and new, and the reference books they cannot work without. The brief but informative book-talks left the audience eagerly waiting for the promised booklist to be e-mailed. Missed the talk? Contact Linda at South Charleston or Terri at Kanawha County; they are enthusiastic to share.

**Roundtable Talk: Websites**

*presented by Linda Hedgindger and Terri McDougal*

Suppose you needed to present a story time about dragons suitable for five year olds with a bibliography, a craft and even a dragon snack. No problem! Linda and Terri showed the librarians how to mine existing information from the web. Did you know that PLA.org has PowerPoint presentations ready to —continued on page 8
modify and use? From author’s sites to educational resources, this brief but informative presentation highlighted some of the best sites from children and the librarians who serve them.

**Puppet Pandemonium**  
*presented by Christian Cox*

Children's Librarian Christian Cox demonstrates how puppets and a low tech puppet theater can transform an ordinary story hour to an extraordinary event. With a combination of librarian-made and purchased puppets, music and ingenuity, books can come alive for even the most reluctant reader. Tips for selecting music, managing the “backstage area” and purchasing puppets were shared. Remember the cootie-catcher? It can be the base of a talking puppet! Good to know for a quick summer reading program craft.

**Interactive Storytelling Fun**  
*presented by Cindy Woods*

When can a storyteller have as much fun as the audience? Interactive storytelling is the answer. With the use of motions, props, chants, drama, puppets and songs, the storyteller draws the audience into the sphere of fun and enchantment. Cindy demonstrates how fun is infectious. Keeping the listeners involved with props, chants and song is the key to audience participation and fun.
The Days Inn (above) at Flatwoods was a great location for this year’s Spring Fling. The various vendors (left) attracted a lot of attention from conference attendees.

WVLA sales table

Penny’s READ poster

Days Inn lobby area

IFC Seeks Nominations

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the West Virginia Library Association is seeking nominations for the 2005 Intellectual Freedom Award. The nominated individual should demonstrate the principles of Intellectual Freedom in thought and action.

Any WVLA member can nominate one or more individuals for this award to be presented at the Annual Fall Conference at the Clarion Conference Center in Shepherdstown, WV. Please send your nominations to Jane Levitan, IFC Chairperson, Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library, 101 W. King St., Martinsburg, WV 25401 or by e-mail at levitanj@martin.lib.wv.us
Dr. R.N. Sharma, Award Recipient

To those of us in West Virginia who have the pleasure of knowing him ACRL’s decision to name Ravi Sharma 2005 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year comes as no great surprise. The award, sponsored by YBP Library Services, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development.

Dr. Sharma has degrees from the University of Delhi, North Texas State University, and his Ph. D. in Information and Library Studies and Higher Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Since 1996 he has been director of the University Library at West Virginia State University in Institute, WV. Before that he was director at the library of the University of Evansville, Head Librarian at Penn State University-Beaver Campus, Assistant Director of Public Services and Collection Development at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and Reference librarian at Colgate University.

Like his colleagues in West Virginia the awards committee particularly admired Dr. Sharma’s work with “the United Negro College Fund and USAID to establish a partnership with the National University of Benin in West Africa. He has produced an outstanding body of research and has also applied his research in meaningful, multicultural programs such as that in Benin.”

Sharma’s involvement with international issues has been a long standing commitment. Since 1982 he has presented 25 papers at ACRL, ALA, and international conferences, and has served on more than 30 committees of ACRL and ALA. At the 2004 ALA annual conference in Orlando, Sharma was instrumental in arranging for President Kay Raseroka of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) to speak at the ACRL Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section program which he chaired. This was the first time a standing IFLA president has spoken at an ALA conference. In 1997 Sharma was awarded the Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award from ALA for his significant achievements and contributions to international librarianship.

Ravi Sharma is a gracious host, a kind colleague and an inspiration to those of us who would follow in his footsteps. He will receive the award at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2005 at a ceremony and reception during the ALA’s annual conference in Chicago, Ill. I know he would be delighted to see anybody from West Virginia who can be there.

Vicki L. Johnson, the librarian at the Buffalo Creek Memorial Library at Man in Logan County, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2005, after a long battle with cancer. She was 53. Vicki and her husband regularly attended the WVLA conferences after she became director.

The three public libraries of Jefferson County have worked together over the last decade to improve library service to all of our citizens. We believe our success with the Commission request this year was based partially on the understanding that we function as a unit, and that we are committed to seeing that each library receives what it needs in order to perform at the highest level possible. Shepherdstown and Harpers-Ferry Bolivar stood aside when South Jefferson made its bid for a new building, and they just opened their doors last spring to a beautiful new facility – a great improvement over the previous trailer! Harpers-Ferry Bolivar received funding this year towards their new addition, and Shepherdstown is planning a renovation project in the next few years.

Our Commissioners are, luckily, library users themselves, and they understand that libraries are an integral part of a healthy community. They understand the importance of reading, and the connections between reading, staying in school, and eventual success in life. Not all counties are so fortunate to have sympathetic commissioners, but persistence and a determination to educate people about the importance of libraries are essential for obtaining the appropriate funding for one of our most valuable resources.
Reading is a Picnic

Summer Library Club in Kanawha County, June 4 – July 23

Kanawha County Public Library system’s annual Summer Library Club for children begins June 4 and runs through July 23. Packed full of free programs, great reading and other rewarding activities, the club will allow children ages 12 and under to earn prizes by reading books.

“This year’s theme is ‘Reading is a Picnic,’ and our programs and activities will follow the theme,” said Terri McDougal, head of Children’s Services.

Participants will earn rewards for the books that they listen to or read. Children will be given a game sheet to track the number of titles they read, earning rewards periodically. At the end of the program, all children who have read 50 books will receive a special T-shirt, funded by the Charleston Gazette. In addition, children who read juvenile fiction books are eligible to become Star Reviewers and win extra rewards.

Five free special programs will be held at most branch libraries, including:

- **Magician Mark Wood** stresses the fun and importance of reading with an entertaining “Mark Wood Fun Show” featuring magic, games, juggling and audience participation.

- **Robin Brickman**, children’s book illustrator, brings a combination of award-winning illustration and science to her audience. Brickman demonstrates the connection between art and science. Using paper, scissors, paint and glue, she creates molded three-dimensional images that she uses in her collages, making her illustrations seem real.

- **Michael Dooling**, children’s book author and illustrator of over 50 books, presents “History Through Picture Books,” teaching children about history as he guides them through the entire process of illustrating a picture book. Learn how Michael, his family and friends often pose in costumes for various characters in his books.

- **Captain Max**, World’s First Magic Library Pirate, presents a fun-filled, interactive magic program that encourages children to “look at a book.”

- **Madcap Puppets**, a nonprofit, touring children’s theater company, combines giant puppets with actors to create a unique style of puppet theater. “Pocketful of Puppets” features the familiar stories of Rapunzel, The Gingerbread Boy and The Three Little Pigs.

In addition, branch libraries will host a variety of locally provided programs.

The Kanawha County Public Library Summer Library Club is sponsored by The Charleston Gazette, Bailey & Glasser LLP, Mary Jo Brick, United Bank, West Virginia-American Water Company, Friends of The Library Foundation of Kanawha County, Inc., and KCPL Annual Book Sale.
Thanks for making the 2005 Legislative Day successful! We tried a new format this year for the reception and Legislative Day and the participation was very good. We collected 157 tickets at the reception and counted approximately 60 Legislators there. Also, a big plus for the reception was an appearance by Governor and Mrs. Manchin. He spoke for a few minutes and was very encouraging and we greatly appreciated his taking time out of this busy schedule to stop by the reception.

Thanks to the Kanawha County Library for taking pictures of the Legislators for the READ posters. All that I spoke to certainly seemed to appreciate it very much and we believe that it will bring attention to libraries. It provided a good addition to the day. The food was delicious and the music was delightful.

Everyone did a wonderful job with the displays. We felt that West Virginia libraries were well represented. It would have been really good if all counties had been represented but some could not and some chose not to attend. All Legislators were contacted and at least received a flyer concerning our goals for libraries.

Next year Legislative Day is on Ground Hog’s Day, February 2, 2006. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We would appreciate any feedback on having the reception the evening before the Legislative Day making the event a two-day event. My e-mail is jrule@cabell.lib.wv.us or you can write me at Cabell County Public Library, 455 Ninth Street, Huntington, WV 25701 and let me know what you think. We are also interested in your concerns for our Legislative Goals for next year.

Special thanks to Legislative Day photographers

- Keith Hammersla of Martinsburg Public Library
- Steve Christo of Cabell County Public Library
Posters from the Eastern Panhandle Libraries cover many topics.

Marshall University personnel chat about library issues.

Pocahontas County celebrates Legislative Day the old fashioned way.

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A Brief Report on ESIG

EPSCoR is an NSF (National Science Foundation)-funded program to stimulate competitive research in 25 states (also Puerto Rico and the US Virgin islands) where scientific research has historically received less federal research funding. EPSCoR acts on the premise that universities, their science and engineering faculty, and their students are valuable resources that can influence a state’s development in the 21st century. To achieve this goal, NSF collaborates with state leaders in government, higher education, and business to create partnerships that can bring lasting improvements to the state’s academic research infrastructure and increase its national research and development competitiveness.

Goldenseal

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Goldenseal, the quarterly magazine of West Virginia traditional life, is published by the West Virginia Division of Culture & History. Beginning in 1975, Goldenseal has been publishing articles on labor history, folklore, music, rural life, crafts, and the towns and communities of West Virginia. The material published in the magazine is typically based on living recollections, oral histories, and interviews, and the articles are generously illustrated with photography and historical and documentary images.

Under the editorial direction of John Lilly since 1997, the magazine continues to provide unique insights into life in the Mountain State, and has proven to be a valuable historical repository of things West Virginian.

The index of subjects and authors is available at the website:

www.wvculture.org/goldenseal/index.html

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Librarians met in Bozeman, MT, in June 2001 to form a consortium of libraries in EPSCoR states. 16 states were present at the first meeting, Frances O’Brien of WVU and Barbara Winters of Marshall University among them. The group named itself the EPSCoR Science Information Group, or ESIG. Within the first year, 48 libraries from 20 EPSCoR states, plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, identified themselves as members of the ESIG initiative. The goal of ESIG is to acquire scholarly electronic information to support EPSCoR research programs. ESIG activities are overseen by a seven-member board of directors elected from the membership. Winters is Past President of the Board.

In the years since its formation, ESIG has organized five licenses to scholarly scientific, technical and medical information during its brief history. Over 50 libraries in 20 states have taken advantage of the discounted prices and expanded access to information.

Librarians from ESIG states are meeting during the National ACRL conference to continue discussions about formalizing its infrastructure and to identify new publisher packages that the group is interested in purchasing. The group originally operated through member libraries who negotiated on behalf of ESIG and managed individual licenses with publishers and information vendors. The growth of ESIG and its licenses have led the organization to change from a volunteer organization to one based on organizational fees.

More information about the ESIG organization can be found at the organization’s website at http://www.lib.montana.edu/~bmorton/esig/.

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