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In April 1972, West Virginia Library Commission’s Reference Department was housed in its own building in Kanawha City, and Karen Lord, this year’s recipient of the Dora Ruth Parks Award, was hired as Head of the Reference Department.

Karen was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and raised in Creighton. She received her BA in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh and a MLS from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences.

Hired straight from her job as a student assistant in the Undergraduate Library of the University of Pittsburgh, she didn’t remain a Lord for long. Her lifelong fascination with horses enabled her to meet her husband, Russell Goff, at a horse show. They are parents to one daughter, Megan, who is a student at Marshall University.

Horses have played an integral part in her life, whether they have been the dead horse issues before the West Virginia Library Association’s executive board meetings, the dead horses at home, or the live horses that have given her pleasure and pain in her pursuit of blue ribbons. Horses even appear in her recreational reading, as she is an ardent fan of mysteries, especially those of Dick Francis.

In over 25 years as a WVLA member, she has sat in nearly every chair on the Executive Board and seen many changes. She has been President, First and Second Vice-President, Secretary, SELA representative, and served on many committees including elections and constitution and by-laws. As co-editor of WV Libraries, she provided information to members in a timely and humorous fashion. Although she has never officially been treasurer, she has the power to sign checks and has been known to fill in when Dave was unavailable. She is also known as the official keeper of the stationery and checker of the post office box.

Now the Director of Library Services for the West Virginia Library Commission, Karen is described as “a great listener fair and consistent,” by those who work for her. Others who have worked with her say, “She made me aware of resources which were unknown to me before Karen demonstrated and explained them,” or she “…consistently goes beyond the call of duty to find just what I need.”

Her creative writing skills have been evident in the Association and at the Commission. As Secretary of WVLA, Karen was given the responsibility of writing every award speech. Given her trouble pronouncing “S’s” she mastered entire (and sometimes long) speeches without a single “S.” Twenty-five years of unique annual reports for the WVLC Reference Department have proven to be an unlikely merging of statistics, creative writing and humor. Just ask Aunt Gladys. (For those of you who don’t know who Aunt Gladys is, refer to the 1996 WVLC annual report.)

In her spare-time or perhaps instead of sleeping, Karen is active in her church where she is the treasurer, a member of the OCLC Users Council, and the bookkeeper and file clerk for her husband’s business. She is not only a mediator for library issues but also for ongoing neighborhood disputes.

Although both life and horses have tossed Karen around, she handles work, health, home, and WVLA with a sense of humor and uncommon good grace. Now equipped to answer the ultimate reference question, “What is the meaning of life?” she is an example of professionalism that we should all strive to emulate.

It is an honor to award Karen Goff the 1999 Dora Ruth Parks Award.

Karen Goff accepts the Dora Ruth Parks Award from an admirer.

J.D. Waggoner shows the 1972 photo of Karen Lord Goff as he discusses his favorite “munchkin.”
President’s Column

“West Virginia Libraries: Unlocking the Future” is my theme for the coming year.

Librarians unlock the future for their patrons regardless of the type of library. However, the keys to a successful library can be hard to acquire, either because of poor economic conditions or a lack of understanding of the library’s importance to its community.

The most important keys are: a well-trained and enthusiastic staff, adequate and stable funding and a safe and spacious building. The Association’s mission should be to assist the local librarian in obtaining these keys. Libraries must not be just a place with Internet access, but also the place to which the community turns for information, recreation, and assistance.

I am looking forward to working with librarians from all types of libraries, refocusing our energies into programs and continuing education opportunities that will benefit all of our members.

By working together, we can develop programs that will train our staff and prevent burnout by developing networks of support. We can lobby effectively for more funding and we can plan strategies for local levies. We can visit other libraries and determine the best way to fix older buildings and how to comply with ADA requirements without sacrificing our budgets.

The first of several activities that will require the Association’s participation as a whole is Library Day at the Legislature. On February 15, 2000, we will be showcasing all of our libraries, not only to the legislators but also to the general public. Assess your local area, discover your strengths, and bring a display to Charleston. Involve your Friends, if you have an organized group, and/or your patrons. Use pictures of your library events, and/or anecdotal testimonies from patrons on the display board to illustrate how important your library is to its local community. We hope that all divisions will be integrally involved in this day’s activities.

Membership forms will be mailed in January; renew your membership promptly and encourage members of your staff, your Board members and your patrons to join. Every voice counts.

Pamela Coyle
President

Just a reminder that now is the time that you should be making appointments to meet with your legislators on a one-to-one basis. Invite them to breakfast or lunch.

Literary Merit Award

For outstanding publication of West Virginia or for outstanding work as a West Virginia or Appalachian author

Homer Hadley Hickam Jr. was born on February 19, 1943 in Coalwood, West Virginia. He graduated from Big Creek High School in 1960 and from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) in 1964 with a BS degree in Industrial Engineering. A U.S. Army veteran, Hickam served as a First Lieutenant in the Fourth Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1967-1968 where he won the Army Commendation and Bronze Star medals. He served six years on active duty, leaving the service with the rank of Captain. Mr. Hickam was employed as an engineer for the U.S. Army Missile Command from 1971 to 1981 assigned to Huntsville, Alabama, and Germany. He began employment with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Marshall Space Flight Center in 1981 as an aerospace engineer.

During his long NASA career, won many awards including the Astronaut Office’s coveted “Silver Snoopy” award for his outstanding support of the astronaut corps, and a special commendation for overall excellence from the Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center. His specialties at NASA included training astronauts on science payloads, and extravehicular activities (EVA). He also trained astronaut crews for many Spacelab and Space Shuttle missions, including the Hubble Space Telescope deployment mission, the first two Hubble repair missions, Spacelab/J (the first Japanese astronauts), and the Solar Max repair mission.

In June, 1996, Mr. Hickam was honored by the United States Olympic Committee which selected him to carry the Olympic Torch through Huntsville, Alabama, on its way to Atlanta. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Alabama in 1984 for heroism shown during a rescue effort of personnel aboard a sunken paddleboat in the Tennessee River. In 1999, the governor of the state of West Virginia issued a proclamation in honor of Mr. Hickam for his support of his home state and his distinguished career as both an engineer and author.

Mr. Hickam’s first book was Torpedo Junction, a military history best-seller published in 1989 by the Naval Institute Press. In September 1998, Delacorte published Mr. Hickam’s second book, Rocket Boys: A Memoir, the story of his life in the little town of Coalwood, West Virginia. Rocket Boys has since been translated into eight languages and also released as an audio book and as an electronic book. It was also selected by the New York Times as one of its Great — continued on page 5

Emily Sue Buckberry accepts the Literary Merit Award for Homer H. Hickam Jr.
Certificate of Merit
For outstanding service to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia

The Certificate of Merit is presented by the West Virginia Library Association to an individual, group or association who through their actions or deeds has made a significant contribution to the advancement of librarianship locally, regionally or statewide. Since 1979, the Friends of the Summers County Public Library have played an integral role in the funding and operation of the Summers County Public Library. When, in 1982, the Library was given an elegant old bank building, it was the Friends, under the leadership of then President Cleo Mathews, who raised the first dollars necessary to renovate and restore; the Friends who organized the move from the old place to the new one and the Friends who hosted the dedication ceremonies.

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But like the sorcerer’s apprentice they refused to stop! When the Walker Foundation of Beckley offered to donate $25,000 to the Library’s endowment fund if the Friends could raise $50,000 between July 1 and January 31, 1998, they accepted the challenge.

Led by their third and current President, Barbara Farmer, they formed an endowment fund committee which included people from every community in the County. They enlisted the aid of every club and organization, and planned and executed at least one fundraiser per month beginning with a picnic on July 4th. By December the Friends had met the challenge. The Walker Foundation check for $25,000 arrived on January 2, 1998 — well ahead of schedule.

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But the Friends did not stop! By January 31st, the official end to the endowment drive, they had raised a total of $68,133.86 which, with the Walker Foundation’s $25,000, meant that a total of $93,133.86 was added to the Library’s endowment fund.

It is for this special effort that the Friends of the Summers County Public Library are to receive the 1999 Certificate of Merit.
R. David Childers Honored by WVLA

By Sue Eichelberger

Dave Childers says that he knew he was getting old when he told a co-worker that he had served as Treasurer of the West Virginia Library Association for 27 years and they expressed awe that he had been serving in that office longer than they had been alive.

He may have aged even more during a serenade by J.D. Waggoner who sang a special rendition of “My Way” as WVLA prepared to honor a longtime friend upon his retirement.

Dave was honored by other members of the Association with a certificate presented by President Betty Gunnoe that read:

“In recognition of 27 years of faithful service, the West Virginia Library Association hereby names R. David Childers Treasurer Emeritus of the WVLA, given in grateful appreciation October 5, 1999.”

After receiving a standing ovation, Dave told those attending the Awards Banquet during the WVLA Annual Conference in Shepherdstown, that he would pass his institutional memory over to Judy Rule and JoAnn Cooke.

“There comes a time to move on and let others do the job.” Childers said. He also thanked the Library Commission Directors, Commissioners, staff and colleagues he has worked with over the years, and his family who did without him while he traveled and attended to Association duties.

Dave was awarded a lifetime membership in WVLA. Betty Gunnoe, commenting “he couldn’t have done all of this without his wife, Mary, who has also been a member of the Association for a long time,” and awarded Mary a lifetime membership in WVLA as well.

Dave, who is retiring October 29th from the West Virginia Library Commission after 33 years as Assistant Director said, “I’ve had fun and I’ve met a lot of interesting people from all types of libraries and all walks of life. I think the Association can be a good vehicle to help the Library Commission because it can lobby in ways for issues that the Commission cannot. The two organizations need to work together just like Friends groups work for public libraries. I wish the Association well and I think it should remain a strong and viable organization.”

Dave and Mary will be cruising the Caribbean and enjoying Florida during the first months of their retirement.
David Wisniewski
A quiet man with a “sharp” wit

By Sue Eichelberger

Put a Caldecott Award winning illustrator and author of books consistently chosen to grace the American Bookseller's Pick of the Lists on the WVLA conference program three separate times, and be prepared for standing room only. In fact, a random drawing was held to fill the 30 seat limit for “Making Shadow Puppets With David Wisniewski.”

A quiet man who packs a powerful punch through his writing and his art, Wisniewski said, “All of my books have a moral point to them but I learned early on that you don’t preach it, you let the story demonstrate it. If you don’t do that, you end up just writing a preachy book kids won’t read even though their parents will buy it for them.”

His books are filled with illustrations of cut-paper collages that render a unique 3-D appearance to the pictures.

When Wisniewski first started in children’s books, he didn’t have much money so he sent a copy of the first book he published, “The Warrior and the Wise Man” to the Xacto Knife Company, with a letter explaining that he had used 800 Exacto blades to produce the illustrations. The company promptly sent him 800 blades so he could get started on his next book.

The latest books by Wisniewski, “The Secret Knowledge of Grown-ups” and “Tough Cookie” are humorous, a different direction for Wisniewski, even though he is a graduate of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College. Wisniewski, who clowned with Ringling for two seasons, also performed with Circus Vargas, a three ring show, for one season. He looked very serious as he explained why it had taken him this long to turn to comedy for children, “I had a horror of doing anything trivial for children because there is already so much of that out there. I came to realize that a good laugh is not a trivial thing.”

Caldecott Medal recipient David Wisniewski read from his books and explained his cut-paper method of illustration to a full house.

Literary Merit Award
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Books of 1998 and was an alternate Book-of-the-Month selection for both the Literary Guild and Doubleday book clubs. Rocket Boys was also nominated by the National Book Critics Circle as best Biography of 1998. In February, 1999, Universal Studios released its critically-acclaimed film October Sky, based on Rocket Boys. On July 8, 1999, October Sky took the 1999 Humanities Prize for Feature Film Category, winning over other nominees Saving Private Ryan and A Civil Action. Delacorte subsequently released a mass market paperback of Rocket Boys, re-titled October Sky. October Sky stayed on the New York Times best-seller list for 16 weeks, and was number one for three weeks. Mr. Hickam's latest book, released on June 15, 1999, is a novel titled Back to the Moon which was also simultaneously released as a hardcover, audio book and electronic book.

Mr. Hickam is married to Linda Terry Hickam, an artist and his first editor and assistant. They have four cats and live in Huntsville, Alabama, Rocket City USA.

The West Virginia Library Association is honored to award Homer H. Hickam Jr. the Literary Merit Award for outstanding publication of West Virginia and for outstanding work as a West Virginia author.
Shepherdstown - West Virginia’s oldest town, lined with quaint 18th and 19th-century buildings, was the gathering site for the 1999 West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference October 3-6.

Anne Royall, a One-Woman Show.

David Price delivers the annual “State of Public Libraries in West Virginia” address.

The WVLA marketing booth was a busy place throughout the conference.

Gordon Simmons talks with Judy Gunsaulis and Nancy Moore in the exhibit area.

On to the next session!

The Clarion Conference Center looked like a quiet secluded retreat, but inside was hopping during the recent WVLA Conference.

West Virginia author Denise Giardina shared what inspires her work.

College and University Division members met on Monday morning.

Conference photography by Mark Lanham
Outgoing President Betty Gunnoe passes the gavel to incoming President Pam Coyle.

Immediately after receiving the gavel, Pam Coyle stresses the importance of participating in Library Day at the Legislature activities.

Shepherdstown Librarian Margaret Didden graciously gave tours of her library to all comers.

Bestselling author Nora Roberts was a humorous and entertaining speaker at the Awards Banquet.

Monica Brooks, Interim Director at Drinko Library at Marshall University, Dany McMillion, Director of Raleigh County Public Library, and Carolyn Buchanan, President of Dora B. Woodyard Library Board in Wirt County, compete for the “yo-yo” award.

President, Sissonville Public Library Advisory Council, Karney Tinny was the winner in the 50-50 drawing.

A large group learned how to write a Public Relations Policy.

Jeanne Mozier delighted conference attendees with stories from her book Way Out in West Virginia.

Sometimes a quiet corner with a view is the best session of all.

And then... sometimes you need a tavern!
WVLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 1999
Flatwoods Days Inn • 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:
Betty Gunnene, President
Dottie Thomas, 2nd Vice-President
Linda Lindsey, Secretary
David Childers, Treasurer
Joe Barnes, ALA Councilor
Judy Duncan, Past President
Ann Henrikson, College
and University Division
Matt Marsteller, Special Libraries Division
Charles Hively, Roundtable Representative
Judy Rule, SELA Representative
David Price, Executive Secretary
West Virginia Library Commission
Suzette Lowe, Public Library Division
Sue Eichelberger, Co-editor WV Libraries
Denise Ash, Co-editor WV Libraries
David B. Dalzell Jr, Trustees
JoAnn Calzonetti, Legislative Committee

1. Call to order
President Betty Gunnene called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introduced David B. Dalzell Jr. the new friends Chairman.

2. Approval of the Minutes
David Childers made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, with the following correction: Pam Coyle was not in attendance. Dottie Thomas seconded, motion carried.

3. President’s Report
Dav Childers presented the financial report. Suzette Lowe made the motion to accept the financial Report, seconded by Ann Henrikson, motion carried.

Judy Duncan made the motion to approve payment of checks #5823-5859, Charley Hively seconded, motion carried.

Division Chairmen were asked to submit budget requests to Denise Ash and hearings will be held on Thursday at the North Bend meeting.

David reported that the signature card and new checking account will be taken care of at the next Board meeting.

5. Membership:
Dottie Thomas - Exhibit I
Dottie reported 576 paid members, 13 Lifetime, 85 new or returning members. Dottie also reported the membership list had been sold twice at $.25 per record.

6. Division Reports
College and University - Ann Henrikson reported they are working on the program for the conference.
Public Library - Suzette Lowe reported the survey on the Himmel & Wilson Report has gone out in the mail. She is hoping for a statement to be made when the results are compiled.
School Libraries - No report
Special Libraries - Matt Marsteller reported he is working on the Conference program.
Trustees - David B. Dalzell Jr - No report
Roundtable Reports - Charley Hively reported they are working on Conference program and the ILL.

8. ALA Councilor - Joe Barnes reported on the Annual ALA conference. He said that censorship of the Internet is becoming a major problem with city government getting into this. There will be a program on this at the Conference and all Trustees should be encouraged to attend.

Federal Relations Coordinator - Betty Gunnene reported that the dates for federal legislative Day in Washington will be announced later.

Board of Directors: - Judy Rule - No report
WV Libraries Audience: - Sue Eichelberger and Denise Ash reported that the next issue will go to press next week. The special issue with the Himmel & Wilson report was well received. Subscription prices and possibilities of new advertisers were discussed.

David Childers made the motion to pay Sue and Denise the honorarium for this issue. Joe Barnes seconded, motion carried.

12. West Virginia Library Commission - David Price reported the highlights of the WVLC budget package for next fiscal year. They will meet with the Governor on September 30th, and then no comments can be made until the Governor's budget comes out in January.

Mr. Price also reported that several libraries are working on getting their status defined.

The Commission is sending information to the Legislators about the libraries in their districts. Dottie Thomas asked for clarification on these letters and Sue Eichelberger explained that the information was taken from information sent by the individual libraries to the Commission. Judy Rule suggested the letter go to the library first to be checked for accuracy. The target date for these is November.

A statewide discount has been negotiated with Brodart and Baker & Taylor for books.

The first “Get Caught Reading” poster is out. Governor Underwood is on this poster. The Commission is taking nominations for upcoming posters.

13. Committee Reports
Auditing - David Childers reported that the audit has been done up to his year and the one for this fiscal year will be done at the North Bend meeting.

Conference - Exhibit III - Betty Gunnene presented the tentative conference schedule and reported that author, Nora Roberts will be the banquet speaker and 31 of the 36 vendor booths have been sold.
Constitution and Bylaws - Exhibit IV - Betty Gunnene read a letter from Josephine Fidler on the issue of replacing a member of the Executive Board who fails to fulfill his/her obligations as a board member. The recommendation was a procedural proposal rather than a WVLA Bylaws change and should be included in the WVLA Handbook of Organization. The change is spelled out in the attached Exhibit IV. Charley Hively made the motion to make the Handbook change. Pam Coyle seconded, motion carried.

Continuing Education - No report
Elections - Pam Coyle reported that Susan Riley is tallying the results.
Finance - No report
Handbook - No report - Judy Rule will forward Handbook changes to Steve Christo.
Intellectual Freedom - No report
Legislative - No report
Legislative Library Appreciation Day Dinner - JoAnn Calzonetti reported the Legislative Day will be February 15th, the Governor will speak, and it will be held in the Capitol Rotunda.
Marketing - Judy Duncan reported a new item for marketing will be a coffee mug with authors on it. They also have some saigns left for sale.
Membership - No report
Nominating - No report
Public Relations - No report
Resolutions and Awards - Linda Lindsey reported that nominees have been received for the annual awards. The committee will meet to discuss these.
Scholarship - Judy Duncan reported that the USC students received the information about scholarships through their Listserv and she had received two inquiries and more to come.
Site Selection - No report
Web Page - No report
14. Old Business
15. New Business
Three libraries in the state where among the top ones listed in American Libraries, Bridgeport was listed #7 in the top ten.
16. Correspondence
17. Announcements
Judy Rule invited everyone to Cabell County Public Library on September 21 to hear author Deborah Layton and she gave Board Members a copy of the library's newsletter.

Betty Gunnene thanked everyone for their help this year said that she has enjoyed her Presidency.

18. Adjournment
Next meeting will be October 6, 1999 at the Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown following the Conference. The December meeting will be at North Bend State Park on December 2nd and 3rd.
Automation Roundtable Business Meeting

WVLA Conference
October 5, 1999 • 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Christo who had been asked to moderate. Roundtable chair Jane Hughes was unable to attend the WVLA conference. Twenty-three people were in attendance.

Thanks was given to Jane for her work during the year and it was noted that work on the Z39.50 implementation should continue.

The first order of business was to elect a chair for the coming year. Monica Brooks nominated Ron Titus, electronic reference librarian at Marshall University. There were no other nominations and Ron was elected unanimously. Monica mentioned that Ron had several ideas for programs for the coming year and would like to receive input from the members for additional programs.

The floor was opened for discussion on any topic. Among some of the topics mentioned:

- The Gale database trial was noted and the people in attendance would like to see more LSTA funds used for statewide databases. URL: http://lindex.gale.com/trials/wvirginia/index
- With Cabell and Kanawha going to SIRSI, questions were raised about how other libraries would be able to copy MARC records. Suggestions were given about using products such as EasyCat, the Infomine Z39.50 client and BookWhere as well as simple cut-and-paste.
- The WVLC and the subhubs have small HP E-class UNIX boxes. Most subhubs have upgraded their OS and are on version 10.2 of HP-UX. The WVLC is on version 9.x and has decided to upgrade to LINUX instead. Concerns were raised that the subhubs would be forced to go to LINUX or that these boxes would be phased out. This situation will be monitored.
- To solve the patron problem of extraneous print jobs on the Gates computers, Cabell has routed all print jobs to a non-Gates computer on the desk before going to the Gates printer. In this manner, staff can select and/or delete jobs from the print queue and save paper and unnecessary printing. For information on how to do this, contact Ted Grisafi at the Cabell library. The main library at Cabell has also replaced some of their hubs with switches and has greatly increased the flow of network traffic in the building.
- It seems that there are finally enough IP addresses statewide and that all Gates computers were being connected to the network.
- As time ran out, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50. Respectfully submitted, Steve Christo

Library Day at the Legislature really matters!
Tuesday, February 15, 2000
Capitol Rotunda, Charleston

Add your voice to those of your colleagues from around the state who care enough to SPEAK UP FOR WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES!
- Because public policy decisions are shaped by organized citizens networking at the grass roots level.
- Because West Virginia librarians must represent the public interest in maintaining the quality of all libraries.
- Because personal advocacy and local success stories put a “face” on library issues for Legislators.
- Because our combined voices will make a difference!

Make a special effort to attend Library Day at the Legislature 2000! Bring a display representing your library!

WVLA has continuing education scholarships available for members
Contact: Judy Duncan, St. Albans Public Library, 602 4th Ave., St. Albans, WV 25177-2820; (304) 722-4244; E-mail duncan/kcpl-11@kanawha.lib.wv.us

Future WVLA Conferences

April 6-7, 2000 • Spring Fling
Days Inn, Flatwoods, W.Va.
“Preserving the Past and Exploring the Future”

Nov. 1-4, 2000 • Annual Conference
Holiday Inn, Charleston House
Charleston, W.Va.

1999-2000 WVLA Executive Board

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See Calendar on back page for 1999-2000 WVLA meeting dates.

October 1999
A note from the editors

West Virginia Libraries welcomes suggestions for articles from librarians, support staff, trustees and friends.

Articles may be submitted in writing, typewritten, by e-mail or on computer disk. If submitting material on computer disk, please use 3-1/2″ disk and save your file to disk as an ASCII file and submit a hard copy (printout) of the material on the disk.

Article Submission Schedule:
January 15 for February issue
March 15 for April issue
May 15 for June issue
July 15 for August issue
September 15 for October issue
November 15 for December issue

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Calendar

1999
November
1 National Family Literacy Day
2 Deadline for registration at North Bend for Exec.Bd.
15-21 National Children’s Book Week
16 Deadline for proposed WVLA budgets (send to Pam Coyle)
December
2 North Bend Executive Board Meeting

2000
January
12 WV Legislative Session begins
19-19 ALA Midwinter at San Antonio, TX
15 Deadline for mailing WVLA membership renewal forms
February
15 Library Day at the Legislature • Capitol Rotunda

NEXT ISSUE: Division Reports

March
3 Executive Board Meeting • Bridgeport Public Library
12 WV Legislative Session ends
28-April 1 PLA 2000 Conference • Charlotte, NC
April
6-7 Spring Fling • Days Inn - Flatwoods,WV "Preserving the Past and Exploring the Future"
9-15 National Library Week

NOTE: West Virginia Library Commission meetings are set monthly and dates will vary. Please check the WVLC web site for the exact date, time, agenda and minutes each month at http://www/wvlc/wvnet/edu

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